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## GOOD PRESENTATION OF YOKOHAMA MAID PLEASED AUDIENCE

Well Drilled Cast Capably Directed, Mastered a Fascinating, Tuneful Comic Operetta.

It was left for the presentation of "Yokohama Maid" to top any amateur stage production heretofore attempted in Athena. And this is saying something, for a number of good theatricals have been given here in the past with local talent in the cast.

The Etude club in this presentation of Yokohama Maid, was fortunate in that it had a very capable director in the person of Mrs. Loren H. Basler, who, familiar with lyric and score of this fascinating comic operetta, had a valuable asset in the membership of the club, from which she drew both principal female and chorus voices. And no less fortunate was the director in securing male voices, which with orchestral complement assembled by Mrs. F. D. Watts, president of the Etude club, resulted in the acquisition of talent that insured success in the undertaking.

The blending of the voices in chorus excelled anything locally ever assembled here. The cast of this chorus, with one or two exceptions comprised matrons whose vocal attainment is the result of years of application.

The principal parts were well and pleasingly taken by Mrs. D. T. Stone as O Sing-Song, and in brilliant voice, and splendidly costumed, essayed the role of the little Japanese maid with marked success. Opposite her, Mr. C. M. Eager played the part of the pompous, bombastic mayor of Kyobashi, a difficult role, but admirably acted. Mr. O. C. Hadley played the part of the Mayor's secretary.

Cast as Kinsimee, Mrs. D. S. Fisher, as the companion of O Sing-Song appeared to advantage and sang beautifully. Tung-Wang, the elderly nurse, one of the most difficult roles in the cast, and one requiring capable acting, was faultlessly interpreted by Mrs. Ralph McEwen.

As herald of the Mayor of Kyobashi, D. S. Fisher appeared to advantage and pleasingly took the part of Beryl Hodgen in good voice, made a tip-top policeman in the role of Muvon Yu. Mr. Robert Proudfit and Mrs. Lloyd Michener, as Hilda and Stella, American tourists looked their parts to perfection against the Oriental background, as did Mr. Loren Basler, in the part of the American Lawyer and successful wooer of O Sing-Song. Mr. Basler has a well trained voice and the only disappointment that may be found in the Yokohama Maid production, is that the role of Harry Cortese is all too short in song.

The surprise of the evening to many at least, came in the appearance of Roland Kretzer in the role of Ah No, Chinese Laundryman. The lad voiced in solo a splendid, rich tenor that went rippling out over an audience that applauded him vociferously. "Yokohama Maid" was presented at Helix Monday night. The operetta was well received by the people of that town. The Commercial Association was host to the players and entertained them at dinner.

High School auditorium in Athena was filled to capacity, and the receipts even were more than anticipated by members of the Etude Club. The total receipts for the two nights was \$169.

Mrs. F. D. Watts, president of the Etude club, in behalf of the organization, desires the Press to express thanks to the school board for use of the auditorium; to Mrs. Ralph Haynie, Ronald Kretzer and Beryl Hodgen; to the orchestra; to Sidney Barnes for posters; to Fred Pinkerton; to Mrs. Omer Stephens, pianist; to all those who furnished cars for the trip to Helix; to the Helix Commercial club; to the girls acting as ushers; to the men participating in the cast, and to all others who so generously aided in the success of the enterprise.

### FUNERAL OF MRS. STONE

The remains of the late Mrs. Violet Stone, granddaughter of Mrs. H. L. Kennedy of Weston, were laid to rest Friday in Olney cemetery at Pendleton. Services were held in Brown's undertaking parlors. A great profusion of flowers were presented by friends and former schoolmates of the deceased. Interment was made beside the grave of her mother, the late Mrs. Jessie Dent.

It is asserted by those who were well acquainted with the life history of Mrs. Stone that she was more sinned against than sinning.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

Members of the Umatilla County Sunday School Association met at the Christian church, Wednesday evening, where the topic, "Bringing in the Kingdom Through the Sunday School" was discussed. The meeting was one of a series being held in different parts of the county, and churches of Adams, Athena and Weston, co-operated in the meeting here Wednesday evening. Ministers and Sunday School superintendents from Pendleton and the three towns attended the meeting.

## Mayor Barrett Names Friday and Saturday April 14th and 15th Cleanup Days in Athena

Mayor Barrett has named Friday and Saturday, April 14 and 15, as cleanup days in Athena, and it is expected that the debris collection of the winter months will be removed. All rubbish possible should be burned and accumulations of cans, bottles, and other material not burnable, will be hauled away at the expense of the city.

The Civic Club is actively participating in the cleanup program. The city has been divided into six districts and each of the following named club women have been allotted supervision of a district: Mrs. W. P. Littlejohn, Mrs. Lloyd Michener, Mrs. Charles Dudley, Mrs. Fred Pinkerton, Mrs. S. H. Hutt, Mrs. C. M. Eager, Mrs. F. B. Radtke.

### STUDENTS REPAIR FARM MACHINERY

Broken down and discarded farm machinery finds a "happy home" in the farm merchants department of the Oregon Agricultural college. Farmers bring in broken plows, rippers, harrows, discs, and other farm implements. The only cost to the farmer is the actual cost of repair parts.

The shop is a mighty busy place with 30 well-trained students working at different hours each day and putting the pep and interest into the work that make the present reputation. The future farmers are shown the best way to put the implements in order by an experienced foreman. At this time of year there are always 30 or more varieties of farm implements to put into repair for spring work. The farm crops department of the college uses a large amount of farm machinery on the college farm and finds the shop in the farm mechanical building a convenient place.

"I wish you would put this ripper and harrow in good condition," said a farmer recently as he untied the machinery from the rear end of a heavy work wagon.

"It is considerably cheaper for me to haul in this machinery 15 miles and pay the cost for repair parts than to order the repair parts and do the work myself."

A three month's course is offered at the college at the first of each year. A number of farmers and their sons take advantage of this opportunity to learn how to reduce the upkeep and repairing on farm machinery.

### HAS A KICK COMING

J. N. York, well known Dry creek farmer, motored to Pendleton Tuesday with a wallet containing \$1476 in bills, which amount is only sufficient to pay half his 1921 taxes. Jess hardly knows whether he is farming for the privilege of paying taxes or paying taxes for the privilege of farming. At all events, he is contributing just about double, he says, the highest amount he ever put up before, and thinks it is nearly time to turn over the ranch and walk out with the shoe string he came in with a good many years ago. The new union, high school at Milton is responsible for \$600 of his mite. Jess voted against this expensive institution, and says he knows a lot of other people in the district who are now sorry they didn't also. He likes to support education, but not to the point of confiscation.

### CONDITIONS IN DENMARK

Art Jensen, who recently returned from a visit to his old home in Denmark, says the conditions in that country are unsettled in proportion to the industrial conditions in Germany, on which country more or less the commercial and industrial status of Denmark depends. The Danes are of the opinion that America has all the money. They had great confidence in Wilson and his league of nations plan, and when this nation failed to come into the league, Denmark lost confidence in the United States. Industry in Denmark is strongly unionized, says Mr. Jensen, and labor organizations virtually control the situation. During the war high wages prevailed in Denmark as elsewhere, and a relative of Mr. Jensen, finding himself flush, purchased a piano for each of his two daughters.

### PRIZE FISHING TACKLE

Down at Watts & Rogers, Bob Proudfit has set the warblers boring by putting in an artistic window display of fishing tackle, and believe Bob knows how. His line of tackle this year includes everything that's just right for trout fishing in the streams of Umatilla county. The store offers two fishing rods as prizes this year under the following conditions: A Bristol rod to the boy under 18 years of age who catches the largest trout in Wild Horse Creek; a \$25 split bamboo trout rod for the largest trout caught in any stream in Umatilla county.

### THE J. T. CLUB

The J. T. Club met at the home of Mrs. Floyd Pinkerton Wednesday afternoon, April 5. Fifteen members were present and a most enjoyable afternoon was spent in music and games. Mrs. Oris Harris and Mrs. Maurice Frazier of Milton and Mrs. Fred Gross of Athena were guests of the club. Mrs. Harris sang two beautiful solos. Dainty refreshments were served at the close of the meeting by Mrs. Bert Logsdon and Mrs. Virgil Wilbush. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Archie McIntyre, April 19.

## VONDERAHE CHARGED WITH MURDER OF MATT JEPSON

A true bill charging Charles Vonderahe with the murder of Mathias Jepson, Government mountain recluse, was brought in late Friday afternoon by the grand jury which has been in session since Monday morning. Five other true bills were returned and one not true bill. The true bill in the case of Vonderahe reads as follows:

"The said Charles Vonderahe on the 31st day of July, 1921, in the county of Umatilla and the state of Oregon, then and there being, did then and there unlawfully, feloniously, purposely and deliberately and premeditatedly kill one Mathias Jepson by striking him, Mathias Jepson, on the head with an ax."

A list of 27 witnesses were examined by the grand jury during the investigation.

### CALEDONIANS WOULD FINANCE ONE DAY PICNIC IN ATHENA

Members of the Umatilla County Caledonian Society would finance a one day picnic in Athena this spring, in event the Athena City Park was put in proper condition to accommodate the Caledonians and their friends.

A party of Caledonians from Pendleton, accompanied by Archie McIntyre of Helix, was in Athena Saturday, to meet with other Caledonians here with the object of organizing for the picnic. However no meeting was held, but it is probable that Athena members of the Society will at once let it be known that they are desirous of having the picnic resumed at the same old place in the same old way.

Saturday the Press was given to understand that the Society proposes to finance the picnic, and that Athena would be expected to extend them the courtesy and privilege of using the Park with seating facilities furnished.

Alex McIntyre an old time member of the Society who was unavoidably absent from Athena last Saturday, gives assurance that he and other local members will do all in their power to assist in making the picnic a success.

### CANDIDACY WELL RECEIVED

From reports throughout Umatilla county, the Pendleton Abstract Company learns that the candidacy of J. Gwinn of Pendleton, for congress in place of Sinnott, is meeting with enthusiastic approval. Likewise over the entire congressional district, Gwinn is apparently the favorite candidate for the republican nomination. Members of the order of the Knights of Pythias are very active in the Gwinn campaign.

### ESTATE APPRAISED

The estate of the late Ann Matlock is valued at \$178,198.90, according to the statement filed by G. M. Rice, A. C. Funk and D. B. Swearingen, appraisers. Personal property was valued at \$100,733.90 and real property at \$77,465.

### HERE FROM PENDLETON

A number of Pendleton people came up Tuesday to see the comic operetta, Yokohama Maid, as presented by the Etude Club at High School auditorium.

## GWINN IS OUT AFTER SINNOTT'S PLACE IN CONGRESSIONAL RUN

Popularity of Pendleton Man in Every Section of District is Conceded By All.

James H. Gwinn, Pendleton abstractor, Friday announced his candidacy for the republican nomination for representative in congress. Gwinn has not yet prepared his platform, but indicated that his policy as a representative of the state in the national house would be to encourage the development of the west, particularly Eastern Oregon.

Gwinn has not been active in politics recently, but formerly was one of the Republican warhorses here and in Idaho, from which state he came to Pendleton. For several years he has been active in lodge work. He served one term as grand chancellor of the Knights of Pythias, and in recognition of his services was chosen supreme representative from Oregon. He was elected to this office a second time and is now supreme master at arms of the national organization.

Gwinn was born in Illinois and came to Pendleton 22 years ago. His father was the first Methodist missionary to Idaho, going to that state in 1871. Since 1900, Gwinn has been a continuous resident of Pendleton except for two years when he was secretary of the National Livestock association, with headquarters in Denver. He is president and manager of the Pendleton Abstract Company.

His Eastern Oregon friends believe that the Pendleton man has an excellent chance to win in the primaries over Sinnott, who will of course be a candidate for re-election to congress from this district. The present congressman has left open a mighty hole for criticism and opposition in the coming campaign, because of his ignoring civil service standards and merit in his official appointments. He is charged by his political opponents with reverting to the spoils system and machine politics in the matter of some of his federal appointments.

Sinnott has been in congress since he defeated former Congressman Ellis, and there is a growing sentiment that he has represented this district long enough, and that the time is ripe for a change, no matter whether his successor be a republican or a democrat.

Gwinn has a large following in Umatilla county and in other counties throughout this congressional district. He is popular in Athena, where he has taken much interest in the growth of the Knights of Pythias lodge here.

### FAVOR PROTESTANT HOSPITAL

Carpenter's Union No. 1776 of Pendleton, voted unanimously in favor of constructing a Protestant hospital at Pendleton, at a recent meeting of the Union. The organization also expressed a willingness to assist in financing the enterprise.

### SLOAN ENTERS CONTEST

Frank Sloan of Stanfield has entered the race for a return to the lower house of the Oregon legislature, deciding not to seek senatorial honors.

## SEPTIC SORE THROAT KILL NINE PORTLAND PERSONS

The ninth death from septic sore throat in Portland had been reported Monday with the death Friday of Mrs. Helen Lamberson, 79 years old, No. 385 10th street. One or two other deaths may be expected, said Dr. R. L. Benson, city bacteriologist, from the 100 cases now believed to exist.

State health authorities asserted that the disease is milk borne and urge emergency legislation by the city council which would require pasteurization of milk from all dairies before it is put on sale.

Two persons died Sunday—George Wolfe, who had been ill 10 days, and Armand G. Stricker Jr., 10-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Stricker.

That some of the deaths occurred on the east side shows that not all infection was from the dairy supplying milk to the Portland Heights district.

In a letter to Dr. John C. Abels, acting city health officer, Dr. F. H. Stricker, state health officer said:

"Streptococcus sore throat is now a recognized disease entity with a distinct clinical history. The cause of this disease is known to be the streptococcus hemolyticus. Most authorities agree that the disease is milk borne. The public should be informed in regard to this fact in order that they may take steps to protect themselves by boiling the milk, especially during the prevalence of an epidemic."

"Epidemic sore throat is caused by the ingestion of milk or milk products that contain the streptococcus hemolyticus. It is a known fact that this germ will maintain its virulence for several weeks in ice cream, but the germ is destroyed in sour or acid milk."

"The source of contamination is due to the contact of milk with infected milkers and milk handlers. The udder of the cow is infected by the milkers and an inflammation of the udder or mastitis takes place."

"In an epidemic of streptococcus sore throat very little good is accomplished by isolation and quarantine of patients. The one effective measure is to eradicate the source of infection. As far as is known at the present time milk is the source of infection. Pasteurization will destroy the germ."

### WET GROUNDS AND LATE START HANDICAP TEAMS

Lateness of the season and wet grounds have greatly hampered Inland Empire baseball teams from getting practice and rounding into early season form.

Not one day this season has the Athena High school team been given opportunity to stretch out and indulge in one decent workout. Last year it was different. At this stage of the practice season a year ago, every lad in the lineup was fit and straining at the leash, so to speak.

Now, only soupy muscles are beginning to toughen up a bit, and batting eyes blinking off their winter squint. But a few warm days would work miracles with a team that has gone through two seasons with only one defeat. Only the chance to work out is wanted to put zip into the baseball situation in these parts.

### REORGANIZE DEPARTMENT

Sam Haworth, late captain of Athena Home Company No. 1 will take the matter of reorganization of the fire department before the city council at its next regular meeting. Mr. Haworth is now in possession of the records of the old fire department. It is proposed to have the fire fighting equipment thoroughly overhauled and put in condition for use.

## COMMITTEE NAMED TO HELP ORGANIZE BOY SCOUT TROOP

Scoutmaster, J. M. Corneliuson, met with Athena boys at the Christian church, Wednesday evening, and explained the aims and purposes of the Boy Scout movement of America. A number of boys were present and listened with interest to the address of the scoutmaster.

George Banister, Omer Stephens and F. B. Boyd were named on a committee to make arrangements for the organization of the Athena troop. A scoutmaster will be selected by this committee and other preliminary arrangements will be under the committee's direction.

Troops of Boy Scouts are based upon patrols in point of membership. Eight boys constitute a patrol and organization may be perfected on one patrol or more. It is probable that the Athena troop will be organized on the basis of two patrols, or sixteen boys, at ages of twelve years and over.

### FINCH PURCHASES ATHENA HOME LAUNDRY BUSINESS

George W. Finch has purchased the Athena Home Laundry plant and business from Post & Christensen, and will move the laundry equipment to the building first door east of the Standard Theatre on Main street.

Mr. Finch who has been conducting a pressing and cleaning business in Athena, assisted by Mrs. Finch, will move the pressery from its present location on Main street, east of 3rd, to the new laundry location, and two lines of business will be conducted there.

Mrs. Post and Christensen have not yet decided what business they will follow in the future. However, Mr. Christensen is considering a proposition which may take him and his wife to Freewater to reside.

### SUCCESS PREDICTED FOR POOL WHEAT MOVEMENTS

The last steps in the formation of the American Wheat Grower's association will be taken soon, George C. Jewett, General manager of the North West Wheat Grower's association, said Monday while in Spokane. Jewett returned Saturday night from the East, where he was instrumental in formulating plans for a nation wide wheat pooling plan.

"When the American Wheat Growers' association is completed 100,000,000 bushels of wheat probably will be handled in a national pool," said Jewett. "Indications are at this time that the American association will be completed soon. Rapid progress is being made in Oklahoma, Nebraska and Kansas."

"The Northwest Growers' association will be part of the national association. The Northwest organization is regarded as a leader in this movement and everywhere growers are looking to the northwest association."

### PAULINE FREDERICK

Pauline Frederick has made a wonderful picture for Robinson-Cole Pictures Corporation in "The Lure of Jade," which will be shown at the Standard Theatre tomorrow evening. Miss Frederick has been seen in a number of good pictures at the Standard in the past. New comedy faces are coming tomorrow night, also, in "The Beauty Contest." Sunday night, Elliott comes in "The Witching Hour." Paramount's fine picture, directed by the late William Desmond Taylor—the first of a new booking of Paramount pictures at the Standard.

### WALLA WALLA RESEEDS

Reports from farmers in various districts of Walla Walla county indicate that considerable reseeding of fall wheat plantings has been found necessary. The long freezing period of the winter, during which the cold persisted the greatest length of time known to this section, caused not only some of the wheat in the light land districts to the winterkilled, but in the Rulo section where the land is considerably heavier. With added work of reseeding the farmers of this section are working larger crews to get their spring work finished.

### HYSLON ON THE MOUNTAIN

Professor H. R. Hyslop, head of the extension department of Oregon Agricultural College, is a welcome visitor Friday and Saturday of this week on Weston mountain, where he is making the final bin inspection of seed potatoes for certification. Professor Hyslop is being entertained by Weston Mountain Community club—which is giving a reception this (Friday) evening in his honor. There will be a program and a general good time, to be followed by refreshments.

### KEEP OUT POTATO WILT

Use no potatoes for seed that show brown discolorations near the surface when cut across the stem end. Such potatoes often have wilt, a disease that seriously reduces the yield of potatoes in many sections of Oregon—O. A. C. Experiment station.

### LIBERTY BONDS

Liberty bonds made a new high mark Tuesday. The first and second 4's were quoted at \$100.08 and Victory 4's at \$100.88.

### PILOT ROCK 4; PENDLETON 3

Pilot Rock drubbed the Pendleton Blue Mountain league team in the first game of the season, Sunday, by the score of 4 to 3.

## ACTIVITY IN SURVEY FOR RAILWAY LINES IS OF INTEREST HERE

Millions of Dollars Appropriated For Improvements in Two Northwest States.

The running of survey lines in this vicinity by railroad crews has caused considerable comment as to what the result may mean to Athena. Lines have been surveyed in the vicinity of Thorn Hollow crossing on the Umatilla river, north toward Athena and Adams. North of Athena, the line extends through the Sheard, Swaggart and the old Zimmerman place, now owned by M. L. Watts. From that point it extends in a northerly direction toward Wallula.

Current reports and rumors are many and contradictory as to who is behind the surveys and what the ultimate objective point will be. Some see in the movement an extension of the Northern Pacific from Athena, southward, across the Blue Mountains, into the Grand Ronde valley, on to Klamath Falls and down into California.

Another and more reasonable version is that the O. W. R. & N., now Union Pacificized, is after an Inland Empire route through to the Sound. This claim is given credence for the reason that future development of the Umatilla Rapids project is conceded, and with its completion, the Union Pacific wants to be on the ground to receive all benefits possible accruing from electrified rail lines.

One surveying crew has been working out of Athena for two weeks. Apparently all the members of the crew are able to explain it that they are surveying, and information stops right there.

However, it is known that railroads will spend in excess of \$90,000,000 in Oregon and Washington this year for extensions, new construction work, replacements and purchase of materials. The O. W. R. & N. budget for special authorized construction, amounts to \$5,000,000 and in addition there is another budget totalling \$4,500,000 that is up for approval.

Budgets and special expenditures of the five transcontinental lines serving the Northwest have been announced and these with the budgets and special expenditures planned by three local rail lines amount to \$27,700,000.

Regular annual expenditures for purchase of supplies in the two states will be swelled to a slightly higher level than at any time during the past decade and railroad officials estimate that these supplies will cost \$38,000,000 during 1922.

The five transcontinental lines and the Pacific Fruit Express company have announced the construction of 17 054 new wooden cars, the timber for which will all be drawn from the Northwest and will cost approximately \$8,027,000.

Though these items do not include potential purchases of more supplies by Eastern lines or money to be expended in short line developments throughout the two states, they total \$90,327,000. This is the investment the railroads will make for improvements and betterments. This sum does not include wages or taxes, which annually amount to many millions of dollars.

These figures offer conclusive proof that the railroads have faith in the future development of the Northwest country. The results from these vast expenditures will be manifold and will mark a new era of development and industry in the two states.

Through the building of new terminals, new bridges and lines into vast timber tracts the railroad officials express the conviction that heavier trade will develop in this territory and through the adoption of more modern facilities, such as automatic electric control on the Oregon Electric and elimination of duplicate service, such as abandonment of one of the Deschutes river lines, a more progressive and better cooperative form of operation has been brought about.

But even more important than development of new trade, adoption of more progressive policies and formulation of a cooperative spirit is the entry of the rail lines into the Northwest lumber market with orders closely approximating \$25,000,000. Timber operators and lumber men see in this phase new prosperity for the Northwest, which is largely dependent upon the healthiness of the lumber industry for its economic advancement.

### HIGHWAY CHANGE PROTESTED

Much protest has been aroused by the proposed changing of the route of the Oregon-Washington highway from the original survey along Willow creek to a route over the hills to tap the John Day highway about three miles south of Arlington. Highway Commissioner George E. Barratt said that the state highway commission would not spend money for the Willow creek route. Moving of the road, it is believed, will cause considerable loss in property values along the originally proposed route.

### DEEP SNOW AT KAMELA

The snow is five feet deep on the summit of the Blue Mountains at Kamela. Measurements were recently taken by Roadmaster, Shannon.

