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High School Notes

The senior class went to Pendleton Monday to have their pictures taken for the annual.

Superintendent Hadley returned Monday from attending the funeral of his father at Salem. Mrs. Hadley will visit relatives in the valley until after the holidays.

With the exception of Mr. and Mrs. Basler the teachers will go to various points to spend the holidays. Mr. Hadley will visit relatives at Portland and Salem, Miss Christensen will go to Newberg, Miss Morgan goes to her home in eastern Idaho, Mr. Lutrell will be in Portland as will Miss Scharmann and Miss Gries. Miss Chandler will go to Spokane.

Mr. Hadley will attend the sessions of the Oregon State Teachers Association, which will be held in Portland the 27th and 28th of December. He goes as a delegate from Umatilla county.

Miss Williams is taking the teacher's examinations at Pendleton this

week. Mrs. Basler is substituting for her.

The Christmas holidays will last till Tuesday January 2.

Christmas program was given by the grade school pupils this afternoon. After the program the eight grade girls played the Freshman girls, and the eight grade boys played the high school scrubs in a very exciting contest of basketball.

26 Years Ago

In Pendleton there lives a man named Money. Hard times should never trouble that gentleman.

Machinery is on hand at Ukiah for a creamery that will have a capacity of handling milk from 350 cows.

Mrs. William Schultz and son, of Wallace Idaho, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Johns, at their home west of town this week.

The marriage of Dr. J. E. Bingham, of Walla Walla to Miss Emma Lewis, daughter of a wealthy Portland grocer took place in Portland yesterday.

The city of Milton will contract

with D. F. Brown to furnish the power for a term of five years, at \$300 per annum, to continue the electric lights.

J. N. B. Gerking was a Pendleton visitor Saturday.

Miss Leola Young is in Union county spending the holidays with friends. C. M. Carden and wife spent Sunday with friends in Pendleton.

Miss Lulu Gates, of Adams, is reported to be in a critical condition.

Tuesday night Dolph Lodge, No. 80, A. F. & A. M., installed the following officers: Clark Walter, W. M.; A. B. McEwen S. W.; G. M. Morrison, W.; B. D. Clemons, Treasurer; R. O. Hawks, Secretary; Wm. Chamberlain, S. D.; W. D. Parker, J. D.; S. A. Maloney, Tyler.

The charity ball given for the benefit of the poor of Athena, at the opera house last Friday night, was a success, both socially and financially. The total number of tickets sold at 75 cents each, amounted to \$34.25.

The expenses, including music, caller for dance, hall rent and printing, amounted to \$20.25 leaving a balance in the hands of the committee of \$14.25.

KITTENS ALL "CAME BACK"

Man Tried to Lose Them, but Kind-hearted Woman Spoiled His Carefully Laid Plans.

A Jackson county farmer recently decided that his household possessed four nonessential cats. His children, however, did not agree with him; at least they would not consent to any fatal form of riddance. Finally a compromise was reached whereby the superfluous cats were to be banished—taken far from home and left to look out for themselves. The children, however, insisted upon a conditional banishment. They demanded that the cats be placed where they could find a new home without too discouraging a search.

So the next time the farmer had occasion to go to Kansas City the excess cats were sacked and loaded into the family "flivver." About five miles from home he observed a favorable-looking house. The most favorable feature at the moment was an apparently temporary absence of human occupants. The farmer preferred to make an unostentatious presentation. The string which bound the mouth of the sack was quickly untied. Just before the slowly moving car came opposite the house the farmer lifted the sack and, leaning over the farther side of the car, poured the contents of the sack out upon the highway. Then he "stepped on the gas."

Returning home that afternoon the farmer was seized with a feeling of misgiving as he neared the scene of parting. He saw a woman signal him to stop and he could think of no good excuse for ignoring the signal. Simulating extreme perplexity he stopped the car. The woman approached and deposited a sack in the tonneau.

"You lost your cats this morning, mister. I happened to be looking out the window when they tumbled from your car. They were a little wild, but we gathered them all up—four of 'em."

"Thank you," mumbled the owner of the cats as he drove on. He wondered how many grinning faces were watching him from the house.—Kansas City Star.

LOCOMOTIVE NOW DIGS DITCH

Work Done Is in Marked Contrast to the Old Days of Pick-and-Shovel Brigade.

The new method of digging a ditch alongside a railroad track is to hitch a kind of scoop to the front of a locomotive. By this means twenty miles of ditch can be plowed in one day at a cost of about \$6.25 per mile.

The ditch can be thus dug three feet deep and fourteen feet from the center line of the track, the amount of dirt removed being eighteen cubic feet per lineal foot of ditch. The operation of the digging machine is controlled from the deck of the locomotive by air valves.

Contrasted with the old pick-and-shovel method, the locomotive ditch digger has achieved what, years ago, was regarded as a physical impossibility so far as speed is concerned.—Milwaukee Sentinel.

Community Cow.

The church-by-the-side-of-the-road in Greensboro, N. C., has a community cow, rented out at \$1 a week to families who cannot afford to buy cows. The proceeds are being saved to buy other cows so that eventually there may be a community herd. The community cow was first placed with a family of six children. A. W. McAllister, one of the founders of the church-by-the-side-of-the-road, writes: "You should see how these children are blossoming forth. You can see the bloom in their cheeks, and the scales have a story to tell also. At least once a week our community nurse looks in on the community cow to see how she is and how she is being treated."—Survey.

A Little Difference.

President Ethel Enders Ellison of the Housewives' league said at a mothers' meeting in Denver:

"No marriage is complete without offspring. No young wife knows true happiness till she holds her firstborn to her breast.

"But never let maternal love usurp your marital love. A good many young wives, after baby comes, are like the one who said to me:

"Dear, dear baby! I love him so. He's learned to coo now, and he just lies and talks to me by the hour."

"Then her lip curled and she added: "Different from my husband. He just talks and lies to me by the hour."

Historic Sword Found in River.

A sword which has been recovered from the Tweed at Berwick, Scotland, in a salmon net has been identified as one presented by the city of Aberdeen to Col. Alexander Tower of Ferryhill and Logie, in recognition of his service in raising the Aberdeen pikemen, whom he commanded, in 1806. He became member of parliament for Berwick in 1806. The sword was stolen from a house in Tweedmouth 51 years ago, and the burglar afterward admitted having thrown it and other booty into the river from Berwick bridge.

Far From the Madding Crowd. "I understand you are going to take a vacation."

"A vacation is what they call it," replied Senator Sorghum. "But what I am going to do is to get to some secluded spot where I can worry about a whole lot of things without being observed."

The KITCHEN CABINET

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GOOD THINGS FOR THE FAMILY

The apple is richer in phosphorus than any other fruit or vegetable; it contains malic acid which is a great germ destroyer and the water and other mineral matters make it an effective liver and stomach tonic. "An apple a day keeps the doctor away," is an old and well-tried recipe. Fresh or cooked apples are equally wholesome, but are more digestible cooked.

Lettuce and Apple Salad.—Take six tablespoonfuls of olive oil, two tablespoonfuls of cider vinegar, a tablespoonful of salt, a few dashes of white pepper and two tablespoonfuls of grated apple. Beat the oil, vinegar and seasonings until thick. Wash and dry the lettuce. Add the grated apple to the dressing just before serving. The same amount of grated carrot may be added with the apple and a bit of onion juice, for variety.

Apple Fritters.—Take one cupful of flour, one-fourth teaspoonful of salt, one-half teaspoonful of baking powder, two eggs, one-half cupful of milk, one-half cupful of sugar and three apples. Sift the flour, salt and baking powder together. Beat the eggs and turn them and the milk into the flour. Beat these together thoroughly. Dip slices of apple into the batter and fry brown in deep fat.

Baked Apples With Nuts.—Peel and core as many apples as desired and place them in a deep pan with a heaping tablespoonful of sugar and one-half cupful of water for each apple. Place in the center of each apple a spoonful of chopped nuts and a strip of orange or lemon peel. Sprinkle with nutmeg or cinnamon and bake slowly until the juice becomes jelly-like.

Fried Apples.—Place a tablespoonful of butter in a frying pan; when hot fill the pan with apples cut into eighths. Sprinkle with sugar and flour and let them brown, then turn and let them brown again. If preferred, the apples may be cored, then sliced in rings. Leaving the skin on keeps the apple from breaking.

Apple Cake.—Make a one-egg cake batter, pour into a pan and cover the top with quarters of peeled apple. Bake and serve with a brown sugar sauce for dessert or as a cake with coffee or tea at luncheon.

Nellie Maxwell

States Divide on S. P.-C. P. Divorce.

Washington, D. C.—Railroad commissions representing two western states, California and Nevada, have asked the interstate commerce commission to continue the merger of the Southern Pacific and Central Pacific railroads, which the supreme court has ordered dissolved, while commissions of two other states, Wyoming and Idaho, have urged approval of the separation. Representative Mondell, house republican leader, made the principal argument for Wyoming in supporting the separation decree.

St. Paul Man For Supreme Court.

Washington, D. C.—Pierce Butler of St. Paul, Minn., a democrat, was nominated by President Harding as associate justice of the supreme court to take the place made vacant by the resignation of Associate Justice Day.

Irish Rebel Leader Executed.

Dublin.—Erskine Childers, chief lieutenant of Eamonn de Valera, was executed for having had an automatic pistol in his possession.

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