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Pranks of the weather man:
 Oregon snow's blowing,
 California smudgepots glowing,
 Alaska welding her fan.

SNAP OUT OF IT
 Buckets of blood and needle-pointed petards! We shiver to contemplate what would have happened to Governor Pierce had Pendleton been as home town, and he had supported another town in securing the normal school. The Press has never been a very strong Pierce follower, for the reason that it considers him to be a politician and nothing much else. But this newspaper fails to see where the Governor can be successfully censured by Pendleton for remaining loyal to his home town La Grande, and, politically, using his gifted efforts to land the school there. Politically he had everything to go with, and he would have been a chump had he failed to exercise his talent for the benefit of his own bullwink, which to all intents and purposes, so far as we are aware, measures up to all requirements that comply with provisions of the normal school bill. Pendleton put up a strong, open fight for the school to be located there and lost. The sooner she snaps out of it and bows to the Governor's political wand, the sooner she will forget it, for Oregon normal schools heretofore have been political bunk anyway. Politics killed the Ashland normal school. Politics rehabilitated the Ashland school. Politics killed the Weston normal school—the best in the state at the time—and a state senator from Pendleton was at the business end of the crowbar that pried the Weston school onto the skids. Politics later placed Pendleton on the ballot as the site for a normal school. Politics defeated the measure, and right now La Grande with her normal school prospect, is facing the biggest bunch of politics she ever scrambled after.

The new reclamation project in the west end of the county, brought under cultivation possibilities by the completion of the McKay dam and reservoir, is attracting the attention of Hollanders from Minnesota. Two families of that nationality are on the project now, and others will follow. With the thrift and agricultural knowledge of the Hollander injected into the new project, you can bet your life if you want to, that they will be heard from.

Walnut and filbert growing in Oregon is presenting a strong appeal to investors and to the man with small capital, who is in search of acreage tracts suitable to diversified production in a small way. It is found that Jersey cows and Leghorne hens do well in nut orchards, seeded to grass. The three combine to produce lucrative returns on investment and labor.

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wheels and a tractive pulling power of 70,000 pounds. Some little mechanical toy.

Dependent over business affairs and domestic troubles, a Grauts Pass man has attempted suicide. They do it that way some times, rather than to stand up and hit the ball all the harder.

A Silverton corporation will spend a half million dollars in growing, buying and selling hops. Beer being taboo, we may expect a big market splurge in yeast cakes.

To take care of the growing tourist trade, Oregon has spent \$7,236,000 on hotels in the past two years, and still her auto camp grounds are liberally patronized.

Cellars that are dry and well ventilated should keep apples all winter. When cellars were wet, we have known them to do the same thing.

You had a Merry Christmas, so here's hoping that you will have a Happy New Year!

A Happy New Year to you.

Spell it 1927.



Three things to delight in—beauty, frankness and well doing.
 Three things to avoid—idleness, laziness and flippant jesting.
 Three things to cultivate—good taste, good manners and good humor.

A tasty salad is always in season and now with fresh green things in abundance one may have a variety of summer salads. Try slicing small green onions very thin, adding half of a green pepper, more or less as one likes the flavor, cover with sour cream, adding a bit of salt and cayenne. A spoonful of mayonnaise may be added to season more highly if desired. Serve on lettuce. Cottage cheese served on lettuce with a spoonful of crushed fresh currants, sweetened very sweet, is another well-liked combination. When the fruit is not in season open a can that has been crushed with sugar and canned without cooking.

Combination Salad.—Shred a small head of early cabbage and cover with cold water to crisp. Arrange tender leaves of lettuce on salad plates and heap on the following combination well mixed with good mayonnaise: one finely cubed apple, one-half of a green pepper finely shredded, one banana sliced and chopped fine; add the cabbage; a bit of pineapple will not spoil the combination.

Strawberry Whlp.—Mix one cupful of crushed strawberries with one-third of a cupful of powdered sugar. Beat the whites of three eggs, add one-third of a cupful of sugar and one-quarter of a teaspoonful of cream of tartar, beat again. Combine the mixtures and serve in sherbet cups or as a sauce on sponge cake.

Baked Beans With Sausage.—Parboil one quart of navy beans after soaking them over night. When the skins crack, place them in a bean pot, adding three tablespoonfuls of molasses and salt to taste. Bake all day. One hour before serving place link sausages over the top and allow them to bake.

Creole Soup.—Chop one small turnip, one onion and one carrot. Cook these with two tablespoonfuls of rice, a pint of tomato, two teaspoonfuls of salt and two cupfuls of water. When the vegetables are tender, rub through a colander. Add a tablespoonful of butter and serve hot.

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I. C. C. Asked to Keep Cream Rates.
 Washington, D. C.—A recommendation against any change in baggage and express rates on milk and cream moving through Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington and Wyoming was made to the interstate commerce commission by a commissioner-examiner. A complaint had been made by Utah corporations handling milk.

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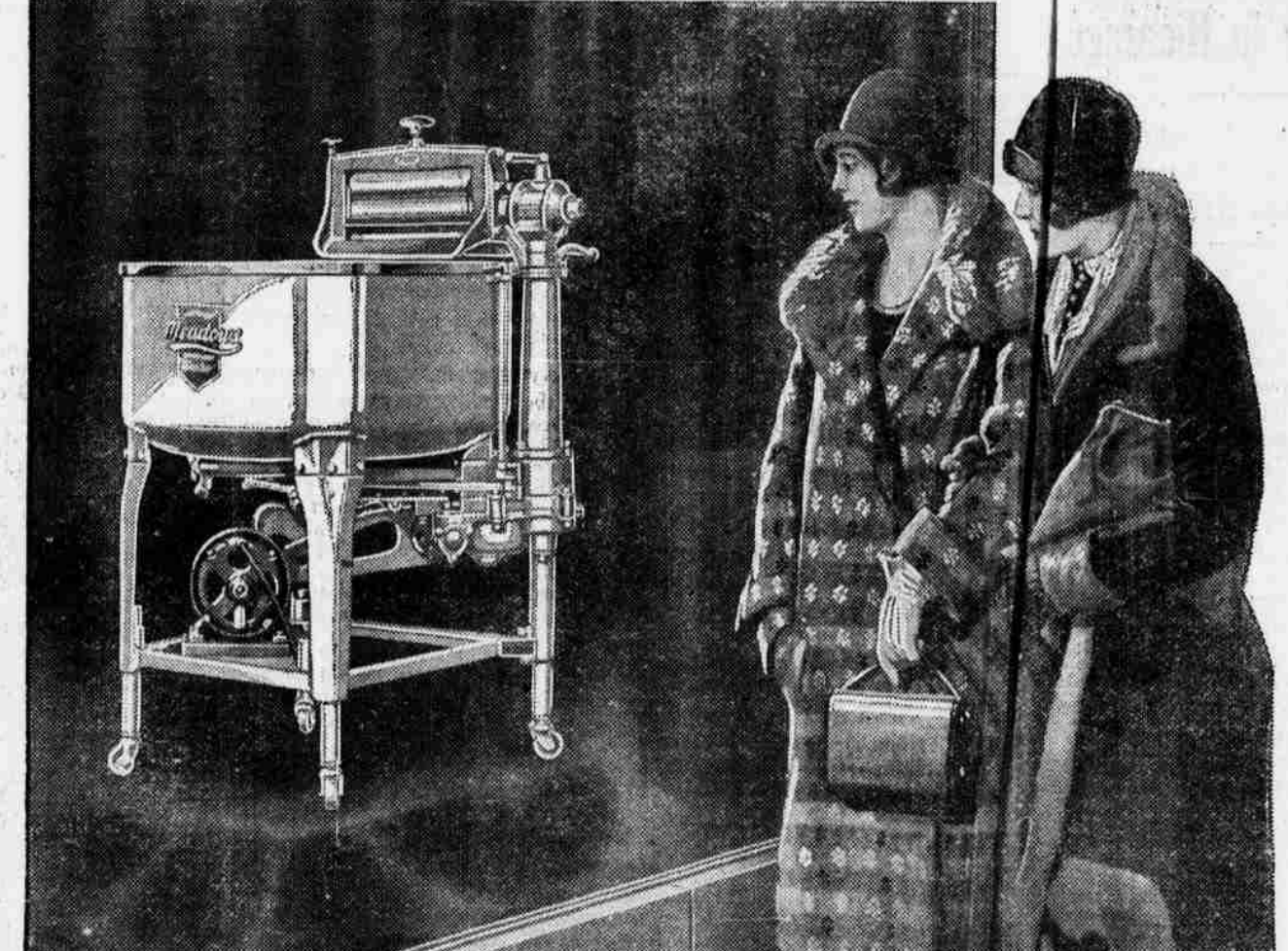
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