

## Press Paragraphs

Mr. and Mrs. F. S. La Grow left Wednesday for Berkeley, California, where they will visit relatives.

The Etude club chorus for the operetta, will hold a rehearsal Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock, at the Baptist church.

A general epidemic of the flu prevails in Athena and vicinity in common with other parts of the universe, including Helix and Spain.

Bryce Baker has taken over the management of the distributing station of the Continental Oil Company at Athena, succeeding Grant S. Prestby.

Mrs. Fred Gross has returned from the hospital at Pendleton, following a recent operation. Mrs. Gross is at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Dickson, where she is recovering her health.

Born, to Rev. and Mrs. Reasoner, at Colfax, Wash., January 15, 1927, a daughter. The little miss has been named Gertrude Ellen. Rev. Reasoner was formerly pastor of Athena Christian church.

Stafford Hansell, who has been seriously ill at his home north of Athena, is improving. The patient developed symptoms of diphtheria, and Dr. Cowan, the attending physician, administered anti-toxin.

As a result of the Press office force being actively engaged in the front trenches, warding off a furious attack of the flu, the best paper published in Athena is not quite up to standard this week, in the dissemination of local news.

The Bridge club was charmingly entertained at the home of Mrs. Frank Ames, when she was hostess at a one o'clock luncheon. Red carnations decked the tables and the color scheme was further carried out in the place cards and nut baskets used. The afternoon was spent play-

ing bridge, this being the seventh meeting of the winter tournament of the club. Additional guests were Mrs. Victor Hirsch and Miss Edna Pinkerton.

The heaviest snow fall of the winter covers the ground here to the depth of seven inches. Snow fell intermittently Tuesday, Tuesday night and all day Wednesday. Thursday night the temperature dropped to below zero, instruments recording as low as 21 degrees, but 15 below is said to be the average record.

A deplorable hunting accident at McKay dam Saturday, terminated in the death of Chauncey Bishop, well known Pendleton business man and Round-Up director. While crossing a ditch his gun was accidentally discharged the load of shot into the victim's abdomen, death resulting Sunday afternoon. The remains were taken to Salem for interment.

The pupils in Miss Edna Hanna's piano class will present a recital at the school auditorium next Wednesday evening January 26th at 8:00 o'clock. The program promises to be an excellent one as the pupils have been working for some time to prepare it. Miss Marguerite Mitchener, teacher of expression in the Malen Burnett School of Music at Walla Walla will be the assisting artist and will read a group of negro dialect numbers and an arrangement of the play "If I Were King" by McCarty.

The members of the Baptist Missionary society met at the home of Mrs. Charles Kirk, with the president Mrs. Emmett Lee, leading the devotions. Routine business was carried out, after which members responded to roll call with mission nursery rhymes, some of which were recited and others sung. Plans were made to serve dinner to the men's league the last of this month. Mrs. M. L. Watts and Mrs. Fred Pinkerton assisted the hostess in serving delicious refreshments. The next meeting will be held at the church when a kitchen shower will be the feature, the

gifts being used to furnish the church kitchen.

"Once in a Blue Moon" is the title of the operetta to be presented by the Etude club this year. This is a musical romance in Prologue and three acts, dramatized by Randolph B. Carter and the music by Noble Cain. The club is very fortunate in being able to obtain the services of Mrs. Loren Basler of Boise, Idaho, who has successfully directed former productions of the organization. The cast has been selected from the club and other talented people of the community, and with the large and efficient chorus the presentation bids fair to be the best in years. Rehearsals are now in progress and the names of cast and chorus will be announced shortly. Mrs. Basler will arrive January 31 and it is hoped that the operetta will be ready for presentation about February 11.

## Genius and Freedom

Genius can only breathe freely in an atmosphere of freedom. Persons of genius are more individual than other people, less capable, consequently, of fitting themselves, without hurtful compression, into any of the small number of molds society provides in order to save its members the trouble of forming their own character. If, from timidity, they consent to be forced into one of these molds, society will be little the better for their genius. If they are of strong character and break their fetters, they become a mark for the society which has not succeeded in reducing them to commonplace, to be pointed out as erratic, much as if one should complain of the Niagara for not flowing smoothly like a Dutch canal.—John Stuart Mill.

## Trees Live Long

Thomas Parr, who lived to be one hundred and fifty-two years old, is credited with a record, but all other members of the animal kingdom, is easily surpassed by those of the vegetable kingdom. The life of the great forest trees varies from 100 to as much as 5,000 years, says London Tit-Bits. Cypress trees are said to live for 350 years, ivy 450, chestnut 600, cedar 800, oak 1,000 to 1,500 years, yew 2,500 and the baobab tree 5,000 years.

## Artificial Pearls

The method used by the Buddhist priest in producing pearl images was to insert a small wooden wedge between the two shells of the mussel, when these were open, to keep them from closing. All mussels can only open their shell a little way, just enough to extend the foot by means of which they slowly plow through the mud of the river bottom, and two tubes, one bringing in water loaded with microscopic animals and plants upon which the mussel feeds, and oxygen for breathing, the other carrying away the waste water and refuse. The wedge once quickly and carefully slipped in makes it possible to work in the interior.—Nature Magazine.

Retiring Governor Issues 15 Pardons  
Salem, Or.—One of the last official acts of Governor Pierce before he retired from the executive department was to issue 15 pardons, conditional pardons and commutations of sentence. The lone full pardon was granted to Chester Kuhl of Jackson county, who was convicted on charges of aiding and abetting in the misapplication of funds of the defunct State Bank of Jacksonville. Kuhl was under three years penitentiary sentence.

## High School Notes

Monday morning was the beginning of the second semester. Edna De-Freece, secretary of the student body and Dale Stephens, athletic manager gave reports of the student body funds for the past semester. The reports were approved by the student body. A balance of about \$200 was shown in each account.

Janitor Pinkerton was confined to his home Tuesday on account of an attack of influenza.

The home of M. I. Miller was the scene of a birthday party Tuesday evening, when several friends gathered to remind Mr. Miller that he was a year older.

The new pupils registered in the grades. Lawrence Stamper in the fourth grade, and Francis Stamper in the second grade.

Jennamae Read registered for the second semester after an absence of three months. She is a member of the senior class.

Superintendent Hadley and Mr. Stolzheise attended the annual meeting of the State High School Athletic Association which was held in Portland during the holidays. The new officers of this association are as follows: Principal Landreth of Pendleton, president; Superintendent W. J. Mishler of Grants Pass, vice president; Principal R. E. Cannon of Gresham, secretary.

Jessiedeanne Dudley spent Saturday in Pendleton.

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Jennamae Read was in Walla Walla Friday.

Lorena, Doris and Ito Schubert have been out of school on account of influenza this week.

Oral Michener, Harold Kirk, Allen Simpson, George Gross, Dorothy Geissel, Jessiedeanne Dudley, Ethel Pittman and Helen Hansell have been absent from school on accounts of sickness.

Seven pupils have been absent from the primary room on account of sickness this week.

The high school basket ball teams went to Pilot Rock last Friday evening. Both games were rather rough and quite close. The girls lost their game by a score of 22-18. Two overtime periods were required to settle the boys game. Pilot Rock finally won on a free throw after a foul. Score was 17-16.

The directors of basket ball district number two, which includes Umatilla, Morrow, Gilliam and Wheeler counties are as follows: Superintendent J. M. Burgess of Heppner, chairman; Superintendent H. E. Inlow of Pendleton and Superintendent E. F. Goodwin of Milton.

## Coloma, City of Gold, Pathetic in Its Ruin

Coloma is an unknown name today, but three-quarters of a century ago every American able to speak had it at his tongue's end. There that New Jersey adventurer, James Wilson Marshall, discovered gold in January, 1848, and started the rush of fortune seekers from all the world to California, a writer in the New York Sun recalls. Coloma grew quickly to a town of ten thousand inhabitants and boasted of all the luxuries that a pioneer could demand. A stranger wandering among the hills of El Dorado county recently rediscovered it. He found a country store and a post office in the midst of a cluster of deserted shops and houses. The mail carrier said that in the whole community there were scarcely a hundred and fifty persons. In the graveyard on the hillside was the only reminder of Coloma's fame, a memorial to Marshall, the bronze statue surmounting it pointing to the place of California's first gold discovery.

Coloma had dreams of magnificence in the early fifties. Coloma then had a dozen hotels, a street lined with stores, a hundred saloons, as many wide-open gambling places and dance halls, an express office, three schools, four churches and a jail. The shells of the dance halls, the saloons and the gambling places remain. The churches and schools passed generations ago. The jail that had housed the bad men, the killers and crooked gamblers long ago fell into ruins.

## First Settlement in Oregon Was Astoria

The first permanent settlement in Oregon was founded at Astoria by agents of the Pacific Fur company, who arrived at the mouth of the Columbia river 115 years ago. The fur company was backed by John Jacob Astor, but the men engaged by him to invade the northwestern wilderness were Canadians, a majority being of Scotch descent.

The party left Montreal in a big canoe and made their way down the St. Lawrence, thence to the Hudson and New York, from which port they sailed on the ship *Tongue*, which doubled Cape Horn and proceeded to Hawaii, sailing thence for the Columbia river. Arrived at the mouth of that mighty stream, they built a fort, calling it Astoria, which gradually developed into the town and city of that name.

# New Years Resolution

Resolved that during the year

# 1927

we shall be untiring in our efforts to give you

## Service

and

## Value Received

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## THE STANDARD THEATRE

Saturday, January 22

## Lewis Stone

And

## Barbara Bedford

In

## Old Loves and New

International News

Admission Prices, 10c-25c-35c

Sunday, January 23

## Elinor Glyn's

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With

## Pauline Starke

And

## Antonio Moreno

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Admission Prices, 10c-25c-35c

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