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"Judging from news reports, country editors will have the principal benefit from increased wheat prices. They seem to have taken in on subscriptions all that the farm board left."—Morning Oregonian. Jes' so, jes' so! Come to think of it, more than half of the farmer fellers up to this week carted their wheat crop to a 30c market and the editor of this blooming country weekly is banking on a sack and a half of screenings to carry his flock of Leghorns through the winter. City editors may be really honest in conjecturing that we brethren out in the "sticks" are rolling in gravy, but we call it pain.

Believing that a jury comprised of men only, would be more sympathetic, the defense attorney in the Lindsay murder case at Seattle will request that no women be drawn on the panel. For this very reason more than any other, it is to be hoped that the court will see to it that women in fair quota will serve on that jury. Lindsay goes on trial for the murder of his wife, victim of one of the most heartless and brutal crimes ever perpetrated in the Northwest. He evaded arrest for months, apprehended finally in California.

"England is hard up, there's no question about it. But they are meeting a serious situation bravely, no one is thinking of giving up and you don't hear any whining about it over there," declares Frank J. Miller, ex-member of the state public service commission, who has returned from a seven months visit in the British Empire. Miller also feels like calling Mussolini pal, for he says that Italy is prosperous and the people contented under the rule of the man whom we have been taught to believe is a hard-boiled dictator.

William Schewack, a Waterford, Conn., hunter is in a hospital a second time in two weeks as the result of being mistaken in the woods for game. He was first perforated by an over-anxious and grievously mistaken sportsman for a woodchuck—glory be! He next felt the sting of a bullet when a hunter thought that Schewack looked like a deer. He will testify in court against his second assailant if he ever leaves the hospital or some third hunter does not cop him off for a rabbit.

Doc Spears apparently took a cool, calculating way to show what he thinks of an alumni that waxes warm when you win and frigid when you don't. He expressed himself while sitting half dressed in his sleeping car berth at Portland on arrival with his team from New York. The only reception at Portland was when Doc told the reporters that he and his boys anticipated a warm welcome at Eugene and that they were in a hurry to get there!

The democratic donkey is braying with delight in its hopes of controlling the senate. With an almost assured certainty that the democrats will organize the house, the outlook facing President Hoover's administration for the next year is anything but bright. The administration's policies are as thorns in the flesh of the unwashed and by the same token, there are a few splinters that will be pricking the anatomy of the g. o. p. leaders.

The fact that the Chinese government does not seem able to control banditry in that country nor protect foreign citizens from attack, goes a long way toward giving Japan a plausible excuse for entering Manchuria with armed forces. But notwithstanding statements made by Japan in support of her occupation of territory outside her railway zone, she seems to be flirting with the edict of the league of nations.

Ramsay McDonald, British prime minister, in his first formal address since formation of the new coalition government, declared that the problems to be solved were the balancing of the budget by bringing the pound sterling back to where it belonged and a national balancing of trade. American economists will see in the latter declaration the blotting out of British free trade to make room for a protective tariff.

The democratic party lost a brainy, hardworking leader in the death of Senator Caraway of Arkansas. His home town, Jonesboro, buried with the highest honors the farm boy who grew up to become a United States senator.

The grave yard of the Pacific—Point Reyes, thirty-two miles north of San Francisco—has claimed an-

other vessel. The coastwise steamer Munleon, Portland-bound, went on the rocks in a fog and in a few hours broke up. Due to almost superhuman efforts the crew of 30 men and the skipper were saved by the Point Reyes coast guardsmen.

Declaring that the round table conference is doomed to failure, Mahatma Gandhi has taken a hitch in his loincloth, untied his goat and started for home in India. His much discussed visit to the United States will not be made, much to the disappointment of Hollywood newsreel men and movie fans.

Gloria Swanson has married again. It is doubtful if the movies will notice any material gains at the box office, for Gloria alas and anon, has been slipping as a theatrical drawing card; and when we say theatrical, in this instance we mean movie, too.

Senator Norris' proposal that the government build \$3,000,000,000 worth of new roads would mean that a whole lot of unemployed men would be given work. Besides it would be just exactly the opposite of England's \$3,000,000,000 in doles.

An Oregon sports writer refers to catfish as being lake fish. We dunno. Back in Iowa, as a kid, we used to catch catfish in bayous, sloughs and old cellars. Rolled in yellow cornmeal and fried crispy, they tasted a whole lot like fish.

What with the coming of Grandi and a whacking of the budget before congress convenes, President Hoover is so busy that he is rapidly divorcing the Rapidan camp week-end trips from his itinerary.

The Walla Walla Union expresses its jubilation by saying: "The crowning froth to the Walla Walla valley wheat farmers' cup of joy was added by a pelting rainfall Tuesday evening."

A sou'easter blew and blowed Monday, sousing the lowlands hereabouts with a cold rain and clothing the Blue Mountain summits in a mantle of snow.

**High School Notes**

**A Vacation**  
 (By Helen Barrett)  
 The general attitude of most students and of all people, I think, toward a holiday is that they have a "day-off," a day in which to sleep, have a picnic, or go to a show. It never seems to occur to them why they are having a vacation. With Armistice Day at hand let us pause and think of the cause for our "day-off." Let us remember the gallant heroes who fought for our country. Let us rejoice in the midst of our adversity that our country is free from the horrible rule of war.

**School Has Armistice Program**  
 The combined talent of the Athena grade and high schools was presented in an Armistice day program held Tuesday afternoon. Much credit is due Misses Calef and Williamson, Mrs. Milligan and Mr. Miller for training the grade children. Before the program, Mr. Bloom made a short speech in which he spoke on world peace. "If the League of Nations were given a chance they would command much more respect," he said. The program was as follows:  
 Star Spangled Banner.....Assembly  
 Rhythm Band.....1st and 2nd Grades  
 Oregon, My Oregon, Rifle Rangers, Excelsior Galop, America.....  
 High School Band  
 Battle Hymn of the Republic.....

In Flanders Field.....Joanna Lieuallen  
 The Answer.....Howard Moore  
 Young Fellow My Lad.....Hughie Steele  
 Keep the Home Fires Burning.....  
 Assembly  
 Pollywog Song.....3rd and 4th Grades  
 The Fiddle.....3rd and 4th Grades  
 Poppies in the Wheat.....  
 .....5th and 6th Grade  
 To My Country.....5th and 6th Grade  
 Patriots Song.....7th and 8th Grades  
 Describing the Flag Salute.....  
 Bobby Zerba, Robert Mayberry, Maurice Johns.  
 The Flag.....Jeanne Standage  
 Columbia, The Gem of the Ocean.....  
 Assembly

**Student Body Meets**  
 At a short student body meeting, Wednesday, November 4, at one o'clock, Leland Jenkins was appointed chairman of the Order of the "A". An assembly was held after the student body meeting. Mr. Bloom gave a short talk on conduct during the noon hour. He also stated that the football game with Weston has been cancelled. The songs that were sung were: "Oregon, My Oregon", "Smiles Song," "Crow Song" and "The Mid-Shipmate."

**Play Profits to Go to Unemployed**  
 At a meeting of the high school student body, Tuesday, it was decided that 25 per cent of the net profits made in the high school play, to be held November 19th and 20th, is to be donated for the aid of the unemployed in Athena. This plan is in keeping with the nation plan to help the needy. Well known entertainers are giving their services on

the radio, and many other activities of this kind are being carried on. It is only proper that the high school should help those who by adverse circumstances and due to the present condition of the country are unable to find work. The admission prices for the play this year are reduced to 25 cents for adults and ten cents for children. On the second night, Friday, children will be admitted free. The play, a comedy called "Second Childhood," promises to be extraordinarily fine. In addition, the glee club and the band will present a few numbers.

**Typing I Class Too Good**  
 Every member of the typing I class was dismissed from typing practice last Friday afternoon. Everyone making an average of less than three mistakes per day for a week was eligible for dismissal. Everyone earned the dismissal, therefore Mrs. Bloom has decreased the number of mistakes to an average of one.

**Order of the "A" Is Active**  
 The Order of the "A" held a meeting last Thursday. The following officers were elected for the following term: Leland Jenkins, president; Fred Singer, vice-president; and Betty Eager, secretary-treasurer. It was decided to make an active organization out of the order and to appoint various committees to see that the students are transported to all basketball games, where they will be able to root and support their team.

**An Interesting Speaker**  
 Mr. Tilley addressed the Girls' League on the subject of Japan at their monthly entertainment meeting Monday. He told of the voyage across the Pacific and showed many interesting pictures of the ship and ocean. Speaking of Japan, he stressed the fact that it is a modern country; that the new ideas are rapidly crowding out the old, and he related many interesting personal incidents which added humor to his speech. The girls were very interested in the pictures and post cards of Japanese scenes with which he illustrated his talk.

**School Scraps**  
 The glee club is working extra hard this week to complete their songs for the high school play which will be given on the 19th and 20th of this month.

Ralph Moore discarded his crutches this week.

The football season has ended for Athena and basketball is now in progress. The boys and girls are both practicing.

The first basketball game of the season has been scheduled for December 11th with Umapine at Umapine. The game will be a double-header.

In honor of Armistice Day, the schools were not opened Wednesday.

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**22 Years Ago**

The town of Adams was considerably shaken up by a real twister of cyclone proportions Tuesday afternoon. The storm came from the northwest and when directly over the little town, the clouds seemed to part and then to come together again. It was then that the hardest wind ever experienced there, struck the big wheat warehouses near the O. R. & N. depot with such force that the building owned by Balfour Guthrie Co. was completely wrecked, and the one controlled by the Kerr-Gifford people was badly damaged.

Tom Ayers was in town Tuesday and left some rich placer dirt from the Gold Coin mine with W. D. Chamberlain, who with many others in this section owns stock in the mine. Since Tom left, Billy has become somewhat of a mining expert himself, giving practical demonstrations by panning out virgin gold.

After deliberating for nearly 18 hours, the jury found Mike Ryan guilty of manslaughter for the killing of Edward Dixon, and for which Ryan was tried on the charge of murder in the first degree. The jury brought in the verdict Tuesday at 4 p. m.

Dr. R. V. Bilyeu, a dentist who has been practicing his profession in Portland was in the city for a couple of days, and has decided to locate here permanently.

Mr. Frank Sanders and Miss Emma Wagner were united in marriage on Wednesday, November 17th, in the parlors of the Golden Rule hotel in Pendleton, Rev. N. Evans officiating. The young couple were attended by Mr. Charles Brown and Miss Gertrude Luna.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Stone announce the marriage of their daughter Carrie to Mr. James Leroy Hunt. The marriage ceremony took place at Colfax, Washington yesterday.

County Judge Webster at Portland has granted the final order in the estate of the late Judge Thomas G. Hailey, allowing the final account and discharging Maud L. Hailey, the widow, as executrix. The estate consisted of \$7700 in personal property.

Over 500 people taxed the capacity of the Athena opera house Wednesday evening and witnessed what was perhaps the most successful school entertainment ever given in this city. Professor Case, master of ceremonies, assisted by his corps of teachers, di-

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rected the rendition of the program in a most pleasing manner. The program was rendered as published in last week's Press, with the addition of a piano solo by Miss Nellie Mulkey and an address by Hon. Frank K. Welles, county school superintendent.

A new building of corrugated iron to be used as an office building by the Athena Truck company, has been erected this week in the space between Miller's harness shop and the First National Bank building on Main street.

Matt Mosgrove was over from Mil-ton Wednesday.  
 Virgil Zerba has accepted a position in McEwen's hardware store.  
 A. B. McEwen attended the A. O. U. W. grand lodge session at Portland, this week.

David Taylor and son, W. R., were business visitors Wednesday at the county seat.

Fred Raymond has purchased the W. J. Furnish home in Pendleton, valued at \$14,000.  
 Dean Dudley drove to Pendleton Tuesday to join the party who are leaving to spend the winter at Long Beach, Calif.

Rev. B. E. Koontz, who is conducting revival services in Pendleton, took Thanksgiving dinner with his brother Edward, in this city.

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