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## COLUMBUS DIDN'T DISCOVER AMERICA, SAYS DESCENDANT

Toronto, Ont.—Christopher Columbus did not discover America.

So says the duke of Alba, who perhaps better than anyone else alive today ought to know, for he is the eighteenth direct descendant of Columbus.

When the duke recently crossed Canada he was accompanied by Chief Buffalo Child Long Lance, a full-blooded Indian. To the chief the duke made his revelation about the false fame which, he says, attaches to the name of his distinguished ancestor. The chief tells about it in the following language:

"One night, following a dinner aboard the duke of Alba's diner in which he had bombarded me with his usual barrage of questions on western Canada, I said to him:

"I want to know something about Columbus. You have all of his personal records, and you must have something about him that no other person has."

"The only fact that I have that is not included in school histories," he replied, "is the fact that Columbus did not discover America. I am including this in my latest historical work."

"Columbus was a poor, happy-go-lucky chap, with not the least idea of becoming an explorer until he struck upon that idea by the merest accident. At the age of forty he was living among the poor in the town of Funchal, when one day while walking along the beach he saw a wrecked caravel floating in from the sea. He found a dying man. Columbus made strenuous efforts to revive the man, but he recovered only sufficiently to say that he had been captain of a crew of 16 that had gone out to sea on that caravel many months before. On the return journey some strange malady had struck them, and they had all died except himself. The man added:

"We were returning with a great secret. We found another land with strange people on it far across this sea."

"Columbus went straight to the queen of Castile and the king of Aragon—who later married and caused the unification of Spain—and asked for a commission to raise a body of men for a foreign expedition. Only to the king and the queen did he divulge what the dying captain had told him. He further asked for financial assistance. The king of Aragon made him a substantial grant, as did Martin Pinthen, a wealthy Spaniard, after whom Columbus named one of his ships, La Pinta.

"With the money he had raised Columbus bought three ships, the La Nina, La Pinta and Santa Maria, and started out on his strange voyage. Your own history tells you the rest."

"Upon his return to Spain he wrote considerable data concerning the North American aborigines. He said of them: 'The Indians are a gentle people, without knowing what evil is, without killing, without stealing.'

"Following his discovery of America, if discovery it could be called, Columbus never became wealthy nor titled. He died 14 years later (in 1506) a man of 55 years of age in moderate circumstances. No one ever knew much about him. All he ever said of himself when questioned, was: 'I am a wanderer; born in Genoa, Italy.' It is generally believed, however, that he was a Jew."

## THE GLAD NEW YEAR

Within the gates of time we stand  
Watchful, while fast the hour draws near,  
We gather there from all the land  
To welcome in the glad New Year.

The rich, the poor, the halt, the blind,  
Together tramp the road so drear,  
They fain to leave the old behind  
And welcome in the glad New Year.

With faces upturned to the sky  
While loud the chilly night wind sings,  
We watch our father time pass by  
The glad New Year he softly brings.

With heads bowed low in silent prayer,  
Although our souls within seem dead,  
We pray that Thou shalt guide us there  
Into the Valley just ahead.  
By C. McFarland —Exchange

## VACATION

The 10-day Christmas vacation was enjoyed to the fullest extent and all of the students returned refreshed and ready for another week of study on Monday, Jan. 5.

## CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

The Christmas program given by the grades and high school was well attended by parents and friends.

The grades gave an excellent program consisting of recitations, dialogues and songs. Pupils from Miss Thayer's room sang "The Star of the East."

The Girls Glee Club sang two Christmas songs, which concluded the entertainment. Afterwards, presents were distributed among the pupils by the girls of the Glee Club, and all students were treated with candy and nuts.

## EXCHANGES

A very interesting new exchange is "The Karux," published monthly by the students of the Phillipsburg, N. J., High School. This exchange is in pamphlet form and is very well edited. We think your literary department and various illustrations especially good. Come again.

Among our new exchanges also is "The School World," a very newsy little paper from Huntington High School (Indiana). This paper is published every week.

The '24 football squad of Woodburn Hi were recently entertained by the business men of that city at a reception in Bomhoff's restaurant.—W.H.S. Wireless.

Six girls are taking mechanical drawing this term in Huntington H. S.

Other exchanges are: The Hi-O-Scope, Corvallis, Oregon; The Calumet Herald, Hammond, Indiana; The Hill Top, Tallahassee, Florida; The Porpoise, Daytona, Florida; G. U. H. S. Broadcaster, Gervais, Oregon; U. H. S. Amplifier, West Linn, Oregon, and the N. H. S. Echoes, Newberg, Oregon.

## GIRLS' ATHLETICS

The girls played their third game in basketball Friday evening, Jan. 2, against the Gates girls on the local floor. The score was 52-6 in favor of Scio. With a little more practice the Gates girls will have a good team.

Last Friday evening the Scio girls played Lebanon at Lebanon, this being the same night the boys played Albany at Albany. It had been agreed between the two home teams (girls and boys) that the team losing by the largest score will give the one winning a party including a (big) feed, but if both teams win the one getting the lowest score to give the party.

The boys' team will have to give the party, for they were defeated by Albany by a score of 51-5, while the girls team of Lebanon defeated the Scio girls by a score of 24-4.

We are waiting for the date to be set, and expect a good time and feed.

## MR. PAROUNAGIAN SPEAKS

Marcus Parounagian, a man representing the Near East Relief, spoke to the Student Body Friday, Jan. 9, about the Armenian situation in the Near East. Mr. Parounagian is a native of Armenia, but now an American citizen. His talk was very interesting and instructive. He also spoke of the good work done by America and the way in which America is looked up to by the Armenians.

The situation of the Armenians is a pitiful one. He spoke of the invasions made by the Turks, who have driven the Armenians from their homes, and devastated their country. He asked the Student Body to help out in the Near East Relief. The cost of taking care of an orphan is sixty dollars a year. The Student Body held a meeting immediately afterwards and decided to subscribe \$50, which will take care of one orphan for six months.

## MR. MILLER TALKS

An interesting and an educational talk was given by Mr. Miller to the students on Thursday, Jan. 8.

Mr. Miller's talk was on "The U. S. Banking System." He explained many types of money and their importance, and stated that there are ten different kinds of money in circulation. Mr. Miller said that an American dollar was a silver coin used in exchange for other commodities.

His talk was enjoyed by every member of the Student Body, and we feel that we know much more about money than formerly.

## RING OUT THE OLD, RING IN THE NEW

The year 1924 is past and gone, with all its mistakes, all its failures, all its heartbreaks, and unfulfilled desires. "The year is dying out, let it die." We would not wish it back. We have had lots of fun, too. But we have failed so many, many times to do our best, to keep a high spirit and a clean life.

Now comes the beautiful year 1925. Welcome stranger! We bring all our aspirations, our hopes, our plans to you, 1925. We hope that every time the leaf of a new day is turned it will register something accomplished. Some kind act done some friendly word spoken some silent prayer sent upward, will make each day well spent.

## STUDENT BODY MEETING

A Student Body meeting was held on January 5th for the purpose of selecting three students to meet with three from the Parent-Teacher Association to plan some method of paying off the gym bonds. Three Seniors were selected: Bobby Thayer, Mildred Couey and Arnold Zysset.

## SENIOR NOTES

All the Seniors were back to school Monday morning, after enjoying their Christmas vacation.

Midge Couey, Bobbie Thayer and Arnold Zysset were elected to meet with a committee from the Parent-Teacher Association for the purpose of deciding how to pay the debt on the gymnasium.

Our class will lose two members, as Midge Couey and Grace Long will graduate this semester.

The Seniors are studying hard in order not to "pester" the teachers after this year.

English V class has finished studying Macbeth. The class has found the play very interesting, as a tragedy is unknown in the life of the members of the class.

Book reports are due soon.

## JUNIOR NOTES

We are still here studying very hard, as the first semester exams are only two weeks away.

Mary Harmon was absent from school Monday and Tuesday, finishing her vacation visiting, but now she is very busy making up her work so she may be eligible to play basketball at Lebanon the 9th.

The whole Junior Class took part in the basketball games with Gates here Friday, Jan. 2. We both helped win and lose the games.

We heard some good news yesterday— we have to have ten points of reading for English V before the first semester is over. That means work.

Buell Miller was busy attending pie socials (?) during the holidays, and he wasn't able to attend basketball practice a whole week. Watch Buell! Here's hoping our only Junior boy will try to attend practice instead of pie socials (?).

## SOPHOMORE NOTES

The Sophs, as usual, were represented on the boys' and girls' basketball teams last Friday night in the games with Gates.

The Sophomore English class is near the completion of the classic, "The Merchant of Venice." Although we have, most of us, enjoyed the study, we are glad to see the end.

Eight Girls from our class have joined the Girls' Glee Club, and are taking advantage of the opportunity to improve our voices.

One of the Freshmen girls, trying to disobey the order of the honorable Sophs, was severely punished last Friday. We hope that this will be a lesson to her and the others in the future.

## FRESHMEN NOTES

We are very sorry to lose two of our industrious members, Martha Isaak and LaVerne Merrit, but we have another new member, Melville Bruce, from Falls City, who joined our class last week.

Our English class will soon be studying "Up From Slavery," our classic for this year.

## THE SPICE BOX

### TAKING THE HINT

"Our last month's bill was frightful,"  
Said Bobby to her beau;  
He rose with smile delightful  
And turned the gas quite low.  
—Star Series.

Ida: "Doesn't that car look good?"  
Johnnie: "Uh, huh! Let's stand here  
and look at it awhile." (Ex.)

We'll never more bail out our "Swede,"  
No more we'll pay his fines,  
He hung himself with pa's cravat;  
Blest be the tie that binds.  
—Star Series.

I cough, I sneeze,  
I snort, I wheeze,  
I'm in a perfect frenzy.  
My head is dough,  
My nose went go,  
I've got the influenza.  
—Star Series.

### SLIDING DOWN THE ICING

"Will you join our party in the jam preserves?" asked the first fly.  
"No," said the second fly. "The lady of the house has baked a cake with icing on it. We're going in for winter sports."

### HARMONY

Miss Pentney: What is your impression of harmony?  
Ida: A freckled-faced girl in a polka dot dress leading a coach dog.

### BRIEF

Buck: Tell the professor all you know. It won't take very long.  
Tiny: I'll tell him all we both know. It won't take any longer.

### PUT SALT ON THEIR TAIL

Bertha: Have you read "To a Field Mouse?"  
Wilma: No, how do you get them to listen?

### PLACING THE BLAME

Glee Clubbers: What shall we do if they ask us to sing?  
Miss Pentney: Why, sing of course. It'll be their own fault.

### THIS LOOKS SERIOUS

Judge: What's that man charged with, officer?  
Cop: Careless walkin', your honor. He bumped into a truck and bent both fenders and the radiator.

### KEEPING HER TIME

"That's the terrible fast Mrs. Grass-Wideau."  
"What's the idea of two wrist watches?"  
"Oh, only one's a watch. The other's a speedometer."

Great was vacation  
In anticipation;  
But it's greater and grander  
In realization!

# Double Header Basketball

Tomorrow  
Night

Shedd Girls  
Boys  
vs. Scio Girls  
Boys

Teams are evenly matched and should be the best of the season

Game Called at 7:30

Admission 20c-35c