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Main Street, Athena, Oregon.

Wood! Wood! Wood! 1200 cords 4 foot dry pine and mixed wood for sale at \$4.00 per cord. C. W. HOLLIS.

Miss Leola Young is visiting friends in Walla Walla this week.

Mr. Ben McAtee, of The Dalles, is missing. He was seen by Attorney Esteb at Union about the first of the month, and he told Esteb at that time that he was on his way to the Cove. He registered at the Somner house in La Grande a day or two before. He was to have been home at The Dalles, on the 5th, and his prolonged absence is a mystery that has not yet been explained. Fears are entertained that he has met with foul play.

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A pure Grape Cream of Tartar Powder. Free from Ammonia, Alum or any other adulterants.
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Dry Goods, Boots and Shoes, Hats, Caps, Furnishing Goods, etc., at the Clearance Sale, at **MATT MOSGROVE'S?**
Have you got in line yet? If not you have no time to lose before doing so, if you wish to save **BIG IRON DOLLARS.**
Also in stock an assortment of Holiday goods, Crockery, glassware, etc., that will be sold at a sacrifice. Groceries at Cost.

Local News.

Remember the Concert at the M. E. Church to-night.

J. Bloch & Co. sell groceries lower than anyone for cash.

Robt. Jameison of Weston was in the city Wednesday.

R. J. Boddy was in Pendleton on business Wednesday.

Owing to continuous rains Main street is in a very muddy condition.

"Scribbler" beams on our readers again this week. He's awful funny.

Ladies cloaks, complete assortment at manufacturers cost, at J. Bloch & Co.

See the new N. Y. Aristo photos \$3 per dozen for the next thirty days, at Watt's

Those indebted to P. M. Kirkland would confer a great favor by settling the same.

If you need clothing for yourself and boys go to J. Bloch & Co., they are selling at sacrifice.

Why suffer from dyspepsia and headache when Simmons Liver Regulator will cure you?

Parties desiring pasture for stock should call on or address, R. E. Stewart, Athena, Oregon.

Prejudice and ignorance have given away to Simmons Liver Regulator. It has stood the test.

John Gillis dropped a card from Spokane to friends here that he is getting along all O. K. on his trip home.

Parties desiring a good farm at a low price and easy terms, will do well to call at the Athena Press office for particulars.

The flour mill at Long Creek has ground up all the wheat in Northern Grant county and has closed down until next spring.

The persons hunting deer with dogs in the vicinity of Tacoma are having a little game to escape the clutches of the officers of the law.

Some one's invoice of blueing was wrecked in the Pendleton-Long Creek mail sack Tuesday. It is unnecessary to state the results, says the Eagle.

At no other place in Oregon does wheat sell for a higher price than in Northern Grant county. Merchants here these days command 90 cents per bushel.

The C. A. Barrett Co., are closing out their line of superior drills and seeders, and will sell the same at greatly reduced prices. Now is your time to buy a seeder.

Choice garden land and fruit tracts for sale, or will exchange for A. 1. wheat land. Call on or address, Smith, Armstrong, Milton, Oregon, who can suit you in place and price.

J. Bloch & Co., have just received a large stock of ladies' and Misses' cloaks and jackets, of the latest designs, and are selling them very cheap. See them before purchasing for the fall and winter.

E. O. W. O. Warren says wheat is being rapidly shipped from the station of which he is mayor. The Warren market shows a decided improvement, one man out there receiving as high as 23 cents for his crop.

Heppner Gazette: When impaneling the jury at Portland for the trial of Dunbar, charged with smuggling opium, Atty. Sears, according to the Telegram, asked E. G. Sperry, of this city, if he was a democrat. Mr. Sperry replied that he "used to be." He was at once excused.

Owing to hard times the C. A. Barrett Co., will offer a special inducement to cash customers. They still have a full line of hardware, stoves and tinware, also very low prices in Plows, Harrows, Seeders and Drills. We will not be undersold. Special prices in Wagons and Hacks.

Notwithstanding the misfortunes that our farmers have experienced during the late harvest they are still hopeful for the coming season and more wheat will be planted this year than any former one. Eastern Oregon is all right, and only meets with reverses during unusual seasons.

John Gentry, aged forty years died at Milton Thursday night from quick consumption. Mr. Gentry who was a Heppner farmer, was in Milton neighborhood buying fruit trees when seized with the sickness that soon ended in his death. He leaves a wife and family. The remains were shipped to Heppner for interment.

Times-Mountaineer: Eggs are now being shipped from Iowa to be sold in Oregon markets in carload lots. The hens in Iowa are doing their duty in drawing gold dollars away from Oregon to fill Hawkeye hen men's pockets—hen men who know how to raise and feed hens so that they will lay when eggars high. The farmers of Oregon should become hen men enough and at once to stop this importation of eggs from Iowa.

Sheep throughout the country are reported in excellent condition for the winter.

It never fails to cure dyspepsia and liver complaint. Take Simmons Liver Regulator.

Lilukalani is certainly a remarkable woman. She is allowing the men to do all of her talking.

Forty pieces of a mangled sheep-herder were picked up at Rose Fork, Idaho. He was stealing a ride on a freight while drunk.

M. B. Hanford, better known as "Major," left this week on a visit to Galway, New York, where he expects to spend the winter.

Frank Jackson left the first of the week on a visit to Tennessee. He expects to return by way of San Francisco, and take in the midwinter fair.

Lo, the poor Indian, rain or shine, may be seen upon our streets idly passing the time away. He lives happily, and in his case where ignorance is bliss 'tis folly to be wise.

John Gillis and John Frasier left last Sunday for an extended visit to their old homes in Prince Edward Island. The Press will keep them informed as to what goes on in Athena.

The Portland Oregonian, says, "the live town will have a live paper." If it has any thing worth the attention of the outside world, and wants it told where it will do the most good, it will put its trust in the home paper and the home paper will do the business.

Yellow fir, such as grows in profusion in Oregon, is being tried in Paris for street paving. Before being laid, it is treated with a preparation of creosote, which is obtained from the pyroigneous acid and tarry matter distilled from the sawdust of the wood.

The Pomeroy Independent is moved to say, "If Christ were to put in an appearance in this county He would be crucified in twenty-four hours for an impostor in any place He might visit. Think of this statement those of you who claim to have a monopoly of saving souls."

Heppner Record: J. W. Vaughan and Dr. Carlisle were in the city yesterday from Lexington. The Dr. is a recent arrival from Athena where he carried on a successful practice for a number of years. He has located at Lexington.

Salem Statesman: Superintendent E. B. McElroy has been notified by Dr. Lewis, superintendent of the Oregon state commission at the late world's fair, that four prizes have been won by the Oregon state school exhibit for points of superior excellence under the following heads: 1—State and county department of public instruction; 2—primary and intermediate public schools, graded and ungraded; 3—one prize to the Willamette university exhibit.

There is no poetry in rainy weather, with clouds hanging low on the atmosphere. Not the least enthusiasm may be expected from these conditions, but only a feeling of despondency. Italian tints on landscapes, clear atmosphere and summer breezes to fan the cheek of the beauty are the great incentives to romance and picture painting. These have not been daily occurrences in The Dalles for some time, and therefore the people are discouraged.—Times-Mountaineer.

They tell this about a miner in the Greenhorn country: A preacher traveling on the trail encountered an old Irishman turning a windlass which hauled up ore out of a shaft. His hat was off and the sun poured down on his unprotected head. "Don't you know the sun will injure your brain if you expose it in that manner?" said the preacher. The Irishman wiped his forehead and looked at his royal ribs. "Do you think I'd be doin' this all day if I had any brains?" he returned, and then gave the handles another turn.

Mr. Lewis says Oregon has obtained 75 medals at the world's fair, ranking third among the states. Seventeen were in horticulture, being for apples, peaches, cherries, singly and collectively collections of nuts, dried Oregon prunes, German and Hungarian prunes; 23 in agriculture, heretofore given, 12 in fisheries, 10 in mining, 2 in forestry, 4 in education, 3 and perhaps 5 in the woman's department, 2 for herbarium. This figures up 61.

Times-Mountaineer: In view of the advantages presented by the midwinter fair in San Francisco for such a contest Company G, First regiment, Oregon National Guard, extends a challenge to any National Guard Company in the United States, especially the Chickasaw Guards of Memphis, Tennessee, to compete under the heads of drill and marksmanship, separately or combined, for the championship of the United States. Captain Farrer of the company G, has deposited a certified check for \$1000 with Adjutant General Mitchell, which any company is invited to contest with.



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AND
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Alex McKay moved in to his new residence on Adams street on day this week.

Last Monday Charley Dunn, "Cap" Lewis and Hugh Robie started on a hunting expedition to Black-Mountain.

Rev. Mr. Gray of the M. E. Church is at Spokane but will return in time for services next Sunday.

The people of Lamar Gulch have organized a literary society at the Stamper school house. The subject for discussion at the next meeting is "Resolved that the National banks are a benefit to the United States."

W. C. Gray pastor, will preach at the M. E. Church Sunday, morning and evening. The evening sermon will be addressed to young ladies. Subject: "The girls of the 19th Century."

East Oregonian: Col. W. F. Butcher passed through Pendleton on his return to Baker City from a trip below. "Butch" obtained his title by being made the colonel in the Oregon National Guard and placed on the governor's staff. He wears his honors with native grace.

Placer Mining.
Several months ago a company was formed of St Paul capitalists to operate a new mining machine, says the Kennewick Columbian. They have adopted the name of the Columbia River Placer Mining company, and elected J. M. Anderson superintendent in charge. Mr. Anderson came out here a few months ago and has completed all necessary preliminary arrangements and the machinery was set in motion last Tuesday. About \$30,000 has been expended in the new machinery and barges and they are now at work on the claim purchased from J. E. Van Gorden. Last Wednesday the company made a day's run, and cleaned up a neat sum. Of course they are not working in pay dirt, but they are more than satisfied with the result, and Mr. Anderson and other stockholders are very sanguine of the result. The company will no doubt add other plants and before many moons the river bank will be lined with these new machines. It is claimed that when the old rockers will pay a dollar a day per man, this new machine will clean up as high as \$250 to \$400 per day.

Committee of 100.
The grand jury today indicted George B. Markle, president of the Oregon National Bank; Sid F. Sherman, cashier, and Ponumbr Kelly, sheriff of Multnomah county, for failure to pay into the county treasury about \$148,000 of county funds. Kelly had the money on deposit in the Oregon National Bank when it failed last July. The bank only remained closed one month, but the sheriff could not draw out the money immediately for fear of closing the bank again. The committee of 100 took the matter in hand and the indictments are the result of their work. The opinion is freely expressed by many that the committee has taken the wrong course to get the money in the quickest way.

Starved to Death in the Mountains.
A correspondent writes from Lapwai to the Grangeville Free Press that the bodies of a man and woman of middle age had been found recently by Indians in the Bitter Root mountains. It is not definitely known who the victims were, but it is stated by prospectors that parties answering their description left Lo Lo hot springs last summer to go on foot to Boise City in order to escape the persecutions of the woman's step-mother. They evidently did not realize the dangers of this journey and, as they were poorly provided, had to succumb to the pangs of hunger and starvation and thus made their pitiable story possible. —W. W. S.

Swamped in McKay Creek.
E. C. McKay creek boorman as it never boomed before, reports residents out there. It has even sun it banks, and is causing considerable damage. Thursday, Al-lee Rhodes tried to ford it with a six-horse team, and his wagon was swamped. Mr. Rhodes and his little son had a narrow escape from drowning. The horses floundered down stream and all managed to reach land. The wagon is still in the creek, and is a complete wreck. It contained Mr. Rhodes' entire winter supply of provisions, which were swept away and lost.

A Miserly Father's Cruelty.
A story of terrible cruelty of a father to his daughter comes from Blain, Wash. It appears that a man named Stabler, who has the reputation of being a miser, has a daughter named Annie, aged 18 years. Three years ago she was attending school and was one of the brightest scholars in her class. Suddenly the young lady disappeared from the midst of her former associates and her whereabouts were for a long time unknown. It appears that her father, desiring to prohibit her associating with young people of her age, confined her in a stone basement of her own home, where for the past three years she has been kept a close prisoner. Two weeks ago she escaped and spent the entire night in an adjoining back-yard aimlessly rolling a barrel through the rain. When found in the morning she was drenched to the skin and frothing at the mouth. The brutal treatment she had received at the hands of the father drove her insane, and the citizens of Blain rising in their indignation had the young lady placed in Stella-room, where strong hopes are entertained of her ultimate recovery.

Page Brought Back.
Tom B. Page is under arrest on a charge of larceny. Since a closing his somewhat checkered career at Pendleton, Tom has been located at Genesee, Idaho, where, he states, he has been profitably engaged in the practice of law. Sheriff Furnish went up to Genesee armed with extradition papers, and returned with Mr. Page. An attempt was made to effect the prisoner's release on habeas corpus proceedings, but the train left Genesee with the sheriff and Page on board, before service could be had of the writ.

The charge against Page arises from the Anton Moran and Abe Rolley case. These men are in jail for the larceny of some mortgaged wheat, which they took from Nelson Murry's field, claiming it to be due them for work. Page is accused of advising them to take the wheat thus coming a party to the offense. The private prosecutor is L. B. Bergovin, who is interested in reason of being one of the mortgagors of the grain.

The Festive Tramp.
Some eighty-five tramps stopped off the overland at Gran's Pass one morning last week, and the people thought it was better to feed them than to incur their enmity. So a number of citizens donated bread and other provisions, and the birds of passage pitched their camp in the company's woodpile, near the stockyards. They built a number of fires out of the company's wood, and constructed break-winds after cooking their meal and lay down to toast themselves for the night, as none of them had blankets. They were not a bad looking set, and were simply a lot of impoverished fellows whom the hard times had thrown out of employment. They were organized, had their own marshal and judge, and seemed determined to prevent any deprivation on the part of their members. One of the party had some trouble with a brakeman, in which the member was proved to be wrong, so he was tried and sentenced to thirty planks with a board, after his hands had been tied behind him.

A Moslem Mosque of New York.
The first call to prayer by the muezzin of the first society of Mohammedans took place this morning from the window of the Union Square hall, New York City. Ermin L. Vobokoff, wearing a fez, leaned far out of the second-story window, which sufficed for a minaret, and placing his thumbs behind the lobes of his ears, with the palm of his hands turned forward, he called out the formal summons to prayer. The words were in Arabic. On the sidewalk below were ranged a few of the faithful, being Musulmans from the world's fair. They drew themselves up in a straight line, although standing elbow to elbow, and bowed quite a crowd of people, and about sixty followed the Musulmans upstairs to the hall. Mohamid Nobokoff then delivered an address, stating the object of the society and the creed of Islam.

Henry Cochran Sentenced.
Henry Cochran, former weigher of the mint, was convicted of robbing the government of gold bullion to the amount of \$139,000 to-day and sentenced to the United States district court for seven years and six months in the penitentiary.