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ED. MANASSE

Sweeping Reductions

In all

Departments

to Make Room for Fall Goods.

ED. MANASSE

Agent for Butterick's Patterns.



Warm the Homes
Bake the Bread
and
Roast the Meats
that Make the Man.
But ONE QUALITY
and that THE BEST

Do We Sell Them?

Before buying call and see our line of
**SAMPSON WIND MILLS,
BUCKEYE PUMPS,
ECONOMY FRUIT JARS,
HARDWARE and
PLUMBING SUPPLIES.**

The Best Ever!

COX & M'EWEN

SOUTH SIDE MAIN STREET, ATHENA, OREGON

Shoes

ELY & SCOTT

Shoes

Wanted--Every man and
boy to examine our Shoes
before buying elsewhere

Shoes

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Shoes

THERE ARE TIMES

When all that is good in Groceries and Staple Provisions fail to appeal to you as appetizers. THAT TIME IS HERE, for the season of

Fruits And Vegetables

is at its zenith. Our FRUITS AND VEGETABLES COME DIRECT FROM THE RANCH and therefore are fresh and palatable.

DELL BROTHERS

CATERERS TO THE PUBLIC IN
GOOD THINGS TO EAT

Athena, Oregon.

A STEADY INCREASE

O. R. & N. BUSINESS IS THRIFTY
IN ATHENA.

Freight Traffic and Passenger Business at This Point—Office Short of Help.

Perhaps there are no two men in Umatilla county more overworked than Agent Smith of the O. R. & N. and his one assistant. It's one continual grind with them, and there appears no immediate prospect for relief, for as long as it can possibly keep from it a railroad company was never known to add a penny of expense to its payroll; not for clerical help at way stations at least.

Such are the conditions existing in the local office and have existed for some time. This, too, in face of the fact that the company's business here has been steadily on the increase, in both departments of freight and passenger traffic. Agent Smith yesterday gave a Press reporter figures that prove conclusively that Athena's business to the O. R. & N. is worth more and more each succeeding year, and ranks well, and in some instances ahead of other towns of like population along the line.

As an indication of the prominence of Athena as a commercial center and the amount of business transacted here, it only remains necessary to give the figures referred to. Taking for example, the month of August, 1904, shows an increase of business over the corresponding month of any previous year of \$1,328.83, and less than carload lots, an increase of \$291.09. The month of August 1905, over the month of August 1904, in carload lots, shows an increase of \$1,846.84, and less than carload lots, \$1,157.43. To this increase in freight business, add the increase in passenger business, as a result of the Lewis and Clark fair, and it will be seen that Athena amounts to some pumpkins to the O. R. & N. and a pretty fair slice also to the Northern Pacific.

At Tracy, California.

William Eastman, formerly O. R. & N. section foreman at Adams, writes that he is located at Tracy, California, and directs that the Press be sent to his address. Mr. Eastman is a prominent lodge man and is well known in Umatilla county. Before leaving this section, he patented a railway bicycle which promises now to become popular with railway line-men and track walkers.

IN FINANCIAL STRAITS.

Pendleton Woolen Mills Pressed for Capital and are Sued.

The Pendleton Woolen Mills, at which the famous Pendleton blankets are manufactured, are now in financial difficulty and action is being taken by H. C. Judd & Root of Hartford, Conn., creditors to the amount of about \$15,000 to throw the company into bankruptcy.

The company has been in poor condition for some time, not having capital sufficient to operate its plant to the best advantage, and matters were further complicated a few days ago when the Baker-Boyer bank of Walla Walla filed an attachment for the collection of \$3,759.62 due for money loaned. The papers in the case are now being prepared by J. H. Raley, attorney for the creditor company. The total indebtedness of the company is about \$20,000, which is said to be more than the present value of the plant.

The mills are now being operated by Charles J. Ferguson, who holds a lease for two years. It is believed by many that with plenty of capital and proper management the plant would pay a handsome profit.

Couldn't Shake It.

Louis Audette made a supreme effort to shake the dust of Athena from his feet yesterday, but made a dismal failure and right in the presence of all the people on Main street, at that. Hitting the hike for Alberta, the train about ready to pull out of the station, Louis made the race of his life—and lost. Blowing like a blacksmith bellows he was left on the platform with his eyes glued on a negro porter who tauntingly blew a kiss to the exasperated Frenchman. Mr. Audette Wednesday loaded his stock and farming implements. His family went to Alberta several weeks ago, where he has purchased a body of land and will engage in farming on a large scale.

Scared by Auto.

Hugh Bell's back team ran away in Pendleton Tuesday. Hugh left his team for a moment in front of a business house, and when he returned to the street the horses were gone. Bystanders informed him that the team became scared by a passing auto. No damage was done either to team or back, which stopped in collision with a telephone pole. A dog that got mixed up in the runaway lost his life, but as it was a Pendleton dog the loss is insignificant.

Colonel Judson Is Sick.

Colonel R. C. Judson, industrial agent of the Oregon Railroad & Navigation company, is seriously ill at St. Vincent's hospital in Portland, and his condition for several days has alarmed his friends. The attending physician reported Wednesday that the outlook for ultimate recovery was decidedly better during the last two days, but that the patient's condition had been very serious and the crisis had probably not yet been passed.

Death of Mrs. Caplinger.

Mrs. S. F. Caplinger of Weston, died at that place on Sunday night from the effects of an operation which was performed on her a short time before. The deceased was the wife of Sam R. Caplinger, and was well known over the county, especially at Weston and Helix. The funeral was held at Helix Tuesday afternoon.

Must Have License.

According to an opinion rendered by Attorney General Crawford in reply to a question from Special Game and Forestry Warden Mont E. Hutchinson, an Indian should have a hunter's license when hunting off the reservation, but he does not require a license to hunt on the reservation.

Fruit Trees Injured.

The long continued drouth has materially injured young orchards in this part of the county. At the Jackson Nelson place below town it is thought many of the young trees have been killed and unless moisture comes shortly the entire orchard will be destroyed.

They Get Theirs.

George Duncan and C. A. Carter, the young men who terrorized Sumpster three months ago by firing guns and revolvers in the streets at men and women, have been sentenced at Baker City to five years in the penitentiary.

Looking After His Crop.

Mr. Victor McDonald is in town this morning from Walla Walla. Mr. McDonald owns land west of town, and is here to look after his wheat crop.

To Inspect Stock.

Frank Rack, deputy stock inspector for Umatilla county, left this morning for Athena to inspect a small shipment of work horses being sent to Alberta.—East Oregonian.

WILL SELL STATE CATTLE.

Experiment Farm Will be Kept Running in Some Branches.

According to Senator Pierce, says the E. O., the herd of fine cattle at the Union experiment station will be taken to Portland and sold at the coming livestock show to be held there. This will be done under the recent order of the Agricultural college, and the money derived from the sale of the stock will be turned into the state treasury. With the stock disposed of the station will then be conducted simply as a plant and soil experiment farm, and will be in charge of two men during the coming year.

Although the appropriation given the school by the legislature was held up by the referendum petition, there is still sufficient money on hand with which to conduct the farm until relief can be secured from the next legislature.

Moore-Gross.

At the home of the bride's brother, G. W. Gross, in this city Wednesday afternoon, Rev. Ellis united in marriage Mr. Robert Moore and Miss Inez Gross. The ceremony was witnessed by a number of relatives and friends of the contracting parties and was a very pretty home wedding. The bride was beautifully dressed in chiffon over taffeta. Miss Edyth McBride at the piano played the wedding march. The young couple was escorted by a large number of young people to the evening train, which they took for Brownsville where they will reside and where both have a large number of friends who are joined by those here in the unanimous wish for happiness and success for the newly wedded pair. Mr. Moore is engaged in the confectionery business in Brownsville, which place until recently, was the home of his bride.

Paid Off the Crew.

"Abe" Jones says he has liquidated his obligations to the neversweat club for any and all labor performed in his behalf during the present season. He divided a watermelon in equal parts and distributed it among the members. All seem to be satisfied with the settlement except "Chief" Estes, who from all accounts is hard to get along with anyway. The Chief kept choring around in the hopes of getting another slice of melon or a few cucumbers, but Abe didn't see it that way, so the old gentleman left for Portland in a huff, and a member of the club intimates that the Chief has the job of catching dogs for the Igorrotes at the exposition.

Irrigation Prospects.

O. D. Teel of Echo, states to the Pendleton Tribune that the people of Echo are pleased over the prospects of the irrigation project of the government and that they now have every assurance that the scheme will be started in the near future. Though it is hoped that the government will go ahead and complete the project, the promoters of the private irrigation scheme intend to continue pushing their work regardless of the action of the government.

Edwards Indian Agent.

A Washington special to the East Oregonian announces that Oliver C. Edwards, now in charge of the Kickapoo Indian school on the Kickapoo agency, Kansas, has been ordered to take charge of the Umatilla agency and school, relieving J. J. McKoin, who has been transferred to the Western Shoshone school. The salary of Mr. Edwards is to be \$1500 per year.

Water for Pilot Rock.

The city council of Pilot Rock, says the Record, is discussing the water works proposition, and the consensus of opinion seems to be that a majority of the council favors some kind of a water system for the city that will insure fire protection, while at the same time the surroundings of the little homes can be made to look as if occupied by a civilized people.

No Truants.

At a meeting of the Pendleton school board last night the subjects of truancy and athletics were thoroughly discussed, and it was decided to take strenuous action regarding the former, and to prevent the latter from becoming too predominating.

Fast Horses at Walla Walla.

Eight new runners have arrived at the race track in Walla Walla from Portland. They are entered in some of the fast events to take place at the race track commencing yesterday afternoon.

Jack O'Neil In Town.

Mr. J. H. O'Neil, traveling passenger agent for the O. R. & N. Co., was in town today looking after matters pertaining to the comfort and convenience of prospective visitors to the Lewis and Clark exposition.

TO SHIP MANY TONS

NEARLY THREE AND A HALF
MILLION BUSHELS.

Oregon Grain and Flour in Great Demand—Number of Ships to Handle Product.

Evidently it's the Orient vs. Liverpool this year in grain exportation, and indications would seem to make one believe that the Orient has the long end of it.

Mitsui & Co. of Portland, has chartered the British steamship Laban, 2,394 tons, to load grain and flour for the Orient. It is believed that the same firm has a number of other freighters engaged for the same purpose. San Francisco steamers representing 60,000 tons' carrying capacity have been chartered to load at Portland for the far east. The names of nine vessels are known, but the ships are not able to handle more than 50,000 tons of freight.

Sixty thousand tons of flour are equivalent to 600,000 barrels of product, and would represent 2,000,000 tons of wheat to San Francisco this fall. Including the amount that the regular coasters will handle, fully 1,000,000 bushels of grain will be taken to California from Oregon before January 1. So the total shipments to the Orient and California this fall will approximate 3,500,000 bushels, including the amount that the regular liners will carry to the far east. This will represent the heaviest shipments to those points ever known in such a limited period. A report from Portland says:

The American ship Berlin will leave up the river today to begin loading wheat for San Francisco at \$3 a ton, 25 cents less than is charged by the owners of the steam schooners. It is understood that the American bark Star of Bengal has also been engaged to take grain from this port to San Francisco. She has a carrying capacity of 2,800 tons. The steamer Eureka is en route up the coast for another cargo and will be kept in the grain trade between here and California all fall. She handles nearly 3,000 tons at a trip. In addition to these nearly all the regular coasters are taking out part cargoes of grain every trip.

A CARELESS CLERK.

Discharged Revolver He Was Showing to Customer.

Ex-Senator William Reeser, of Walla Walla, narrowly escaped being shot by the accidental discharge of an automatic revolver which was being shown him yesterday by a salesman for the Davis-Kaiser company. The hammer snapped, followed by a loud report that startled every one in the large store. At the same time Chris Hill, a Russian laborer who was passing in front, uttered a loud cry and was about to sink down when he was assisted by passing pedestrians to a store near by and an examination made. It was found that the bullet had passed through his clothing and, grazing the lower part of his stomach, had raised a blister the size of a silver dollar. He was not seriously injured.

On further investigation it was found that the ball had narrowly missed ex-Senator Reeser, after which it struck a stove in the store and then plowed its way through a \$250 plate glass before striking the man on the sidewalk. The force of the bullet was spent by striking the stove, which probably saved the latter's life.

Grading at Kenniwick.

The Northern Pacific Railroad company has just unloaded 100 wheel scrapers at Kenniwick, expecting to begin work on the North Bank railway as soon as contracts are signed and final arrangements are made for the location of the line. A large number of men and teams will be employed soon and great activity will be seen all along the new line. Preparations are being made to begin work at several places simultaneously, along the line and as many contractors as possible will be assigned.

Pendleton M. E. Church.

The Methodist church people of Pendleton are planning to build a new church edifice next spring. With this object in view, plans have been formulated for the erection of a \$20,000 stone church to be located at the corner of Webb and Johnson streets. The price agreed upon for the site is \$7,500.

Local Wheat Market.

Athena, Sept. 15.—Wheat today is quoted at 60 cents.

A delicious desert—Washington Pie. Get it at the Prendergast Bakery.