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ATHENA MERCANTILE COMPANY

Hot Weather Goods by the Carload Lots

Everything you want, either to be cool at home, for mountain wear or the harvest field. Our prices are the LOWEST THAT GOOD, RELIABLE GOODS CAN POSSIBLY BE SOLD FOR. Call and get some Bargains.

Specials for the Week

Ladies' Onyx Dye Fast Black Hose regular 15c quality, per pair
10 cts.

Ladies' Fancy Lace-Striped and Open Work Hose, regular 30 cent quality, per pair
19 cts.

10 dozen Children's ribbed, fast black, high apliced heels, double toe, sizes 5 to 8, regular 15c quality,
10 cts.

While they last all our 6c Lawns go at per yard
3 cts.

While they last all our 8 1/2 and 10 cent Lawns go at per yard
5 cts.

While they last all our 12 1/2 and 15 cent Lawns, Batistes and Fancy Wash Goods go at per yard
10 cts.

For Mountain Wear

Mohair Serges, all colors, 36 inches wide, made on purpose for bathing suits, per yard
35 cts.

Covert Cloths, all colors, just the thing for mountain wear, per yard
12 1/2 cts.

Ladies' Gauze Vests each
10 cts.

About 50 Shirt Waists, soiled goods, all sizes, that sold from 65 cts. to \$1.50, your choice each
19 cts.

About 150 Ladies' Wrappers, all colors, all sizes, goods that have always sold from 95 cts. to \$1.75, each
69 cts.

Ladies' Undressed Kid Gloves just received. All colors. Per pair
\$1.25

For the Harvest Field

New line of Men's Work Shirts, Cheviot, Duck, black, striped or fancy colors, each
45 cts.

Men's Derby Ribbed Under Shirts and Drawers, fancy stripes, light weight, per garment
30 cts.

Men's Heavy Ribbed Underwear, worth 75c per garment, go at 40 cts. per garment or per suit
75 cts.

100 dozen Men's Socks, ribbed tops, per pair.
5 cts.

Comforts, all sizes and prices. A large size, well made comfort, 7 lbs.,
95 cts.

Extra large 8 1/2 lb. comfort for
\$1.35

Blankets per pair from
\$1 to \$5

Men's Gloves, the best made, per pair from
25c to \$1.75

Shoes

If you want a good Work shoe for a little money ask to see the Ideal. Made congress with satin calf uppers and Oak Tan soles; well made in every respect. Per pair
\$1.40

If you have tender feet, ask for our McGinty Shoe. Viscol Oil Tan. Always soft and cool. Per pair
\$2.25

We are sole agents for the celebrated Richardson Seamless Shoes, either in congress or lace. Per pair
\$2.25.

Indian and Norwegian Mocasin in all sizes.

The first shipment of Men's fine Shoes has arrived. All the latest fash, in Vic Kid, Dongola, Calfskin and enamelled. An elegant assortment to select from.

THE UMATILLA IMPLEMENT CO.

PENDLETON, ATHENA, HELIX.



We have just received a car of Barb and Woven Wire Fencing. Get our prices before buying

The Umatilla Implement Co.

Now is the time you need lots of supplies. Come into our Grocery Department, take a look around, get our prices and if you are not already a customer, you will be. We carry anything and everything in the grocery line.

Shick & Company

THE HARVEST SEASON

Is now almost upon us, and as it draws nearer your wants in the Grocery Line are correspondingly increased. We have one of the Largest and Best Assorted Stocks of Groceries in Eastern Oregon for you to select from. All our prices are as low as the lowest. Bring in your Harvest Orders and let us save you some money.

Work Shirts

We have placed upon our counters the best Selected Stock of Men's Work Shirts ever brought to Athena. 75, 65 and 60c shirts all going at

50 cts.

Men's Fancy Shirts

Our stock of Men's Fancy Shirts is too large, as we over bought at the beginning of the season, consequently to close the stock out we are making a sweeping reduction on all Fancy Shirts of

25 per cent

Our Stock of Shoes, Hats, Gloves, Overalls, Jumpers, Socks, etc., is very complete, and a glance through our Gents' Furnishing Department will prove we are "Johnny on the Spot."

Shick & Company

Sole Agents for the Celebrated "Snow Drift" Flour

ON EQUAL FOOTING

EASTERN TEACHERS WILL BE GIVEN NO ADVANTAGE.

Candidates From Other States Must Show That They Have Passed In Examinations.

The state board of education has recently made a ruling which will prevent the graduates of Normal schools of other states from securing state papers in this state, unless they have passed state examinations the same as are now required of graduates of the Oregon Normal schools.

The reason for this is that the board will not give to certificates and diplomas of other states a higher credit than is given to similar papers in this state. This ruling is in a measure a matter of protection to the Oregon teacher, who is not required to take a state examination whatever his or her graduation may be. In announcing the ruling, the state board gave out the following brief statement:

"The State Board of Education is not authorized to indorse a state paper from another state, unless it was secured in consequence of an examination conducted by state authorities of the state issuing the paper. In other words, a state paper issued from another state in consequence of graduation from an institution of learning cannot be indorsed by the Oregon State Board of Education.

"If applicants would bear the above ruling in mind, when making application for state papers, much time would be saved and annoyance to all concerned would be avoided."

It often occurs that a teacher comes to Oregon from an Eastern state and has a state diploma secured in pursuance of graduation from a state normal school after an examination before members of the faculty of the school. Such teachers apply to the state board of education for a state paper in Oregon upon the credit of the paper they already hold. The law upon the subject authorizes the board to grant state papers upon the credit of such papers from another state, "provided the board is satisfied that said papers were secured by passing an examination equivalent to that given by the State Board of Education of this state for state papers."

Teachers who come here from the East put a liberal construction upon the word "equivalent," but the state board of education, being the state judge in the matter, holds that "equivalent" means not only that the examination must not only be upon satisfactory subjects, but that the examination must have been conducted by state authorities.

Any more liberal rule would be giving to graduates of normal schools in other states privileges which are not granted to graduates of normal schools in this state, and this the board will not do.

Franklin County-Grain. Andrew Swanson states to the Milton Eagle that conditions in Franklin coun-

ty are good and that he has been quite successful in his farming enterprises. In telling what 150 acres of wheat did near Eltopia, he says: "In March and April of 1902 I broke 150 acres of sod. I did not touch it any more till the middle of October, when I harrowed over it twice, then the first ten days in November I drilled it to blue stem wheat. This wheat had no rain on it to speak of till last January. I cut it with a header and sold it for hay. I sold \$975 worth of hay from the 150 acres. The squirrels had taken about five acres of it. The wheat, however, was of good quality and would have paid well to thresh."

LARGEST IN THE WORLD.

A Combined Harvester That Cuts 100 Acres Per Day.

In the harvest fields it becomes apparent that the combined harvester age is dawning fast. While in this section the demand is for smaller machines, down in California the idea runs to machines of larger capacity.

Last year there was in operation in the San Fernando valley of California the largest combined harvester in the world. It consisted of a traction engine capable of hauling 75 tons and which takes the place of 60 horses; a header or mowing machine which cuts a 36-foot swath and a complete threshing machine. The header and threshing machine are run by a separate 30-horse-power engine getting its steam from the same boiler as the threshing engine. The drive wheels of this monster traction engine are eight feet in diameter, with tires 48 inches wide, on which are ridges an inch and a half high. It can average three and a half miles in good grain. The thrasher has a capacity of 100 acres a day. Eight men are employed on the thrasher. The grain is threshed clean and finally carried to a bin from which it is sacked. When 12 sacks have been filled they are allowed to slide off the cart to the ground. This huge machine will work equally well on level or hilly country, having sufficient power to take a 20 per cent grade without difficulty. It is 66 feet long, half as wide, and weighs more than 100 tons. Oil is used as fuel. This harvester has been successfully used for shelling peas and beans as well as grain.

One Dollar for Wheat.

Another factor which is each year absorbing a steadily increasing amount of wheat in Gilliam county is the hog business. The Mayville country last year and this year turned off some very fine fields of wheat, but the greater part of it was fed to hogs, and when marketed as pork netted the growers well upward \$1 per bushel. It is a 50-mile haul from Mayville to Arlington, the nearest shipping point, and no farmer will haul wheat 50 miles and sell it for 50 cents to 65 cents per bushel, when he can feed it to a hog at \$1 per bushel, and then have the hog walk to market.

Teacher of Biology.

The reports have chosen Mrs. Clara Graves French, wife of President French, as instructor in biology and science at the Eastern Oregon State Normal school. Mrs. French has been especially prepared for this work by education and experience as teacher in these branches.

Chicago may come to the aid of Baker county in the matter of irrigation, says the Morning Democrat. Certain capitalists of the Windy City a few days ago wrote to Weather Observer McGuinness, of Baker City, inquiring as to a certain tract of 6,400 acres of land on lower Powder river, its fertility and possibility of irrigation by storage reservoir and ditch system. They stated that they would buy the land and sell it to homeseekers if the land was all right and could be irrigated.

TO RECLAIM DESERT.

Scheme on Foot to Irrigate Large Tract in Baker County.

Mr. McGuinness' report is a favorable one, as the land is good and can easily be irrigated with an abundant water supply. The scheme will be put through by private enterprise as a good speculation, but may later be associated with a government irrigation scheme, if one is established here.

Wouldn't This Shock You?

An exchange tells of a young man who has for three years corresponded with a young lady in another part of the state. He had long since made up his mind that he would marry her, but could never rate up courage to ask her. The other day he received a letter from the girl containing a picture of a baby. The letter from his "intended" stated that the youngster was hers and that she had been married two years. "My husband and I have enjoyed your letters very much," she wrote, "but I guess you'd better stop writing now as I have to spend all of my time caring for the baby." The language the young man used when he read the letter would have shocked a field of oats.

A Railroadless Empire.

"Southeastern Oregon," says Hon. Chas. J. Warner, a member of the Nebraska state legislature, "is a railroadless empire. A territory 50 times the size of Rhode Island, 20 times larger than Delaware, 10 times the size of Connecticut, six times bigger than Massachusetts, and equal in area to the entire state of New York—and yet not an inch of railway in all its wonderful domain. In the seven counties of this great empire are 31,000,000 acres of land over three fourths of which is idle, and yet the cities of the East are sweltering with idle men and crowded tenements."

Dropped Twenty Feet.

Ellis Pinkerton, a well known Weston young man met with an exciting experience last week at the Carmichael place northeast of town. While in the act of connecting the derrick hook to the header box net his glove caught in the hook and he was hoisted to the top of the derrick. Breaking loose he was flung 20 feet to the derrick table below. He sustained a fracture and dislocation of the right forearm, also a badly bruised leg.

Band In Prospect.

After having been deprived of a band for some years, says the Leader, Weston is about to be supplied with that essen-

tial musical adjunct to a well regulated community. Professor Frank Henry, whose ability as a band musician and director is too well known to need indorsement, is again a resident of Weston. He is employed here and expects to remain permanently. He is willing to direct a band and several old band men about town are willing to unite under his leadership and give the organization all the aid in their power. Enough promising new material is available to insure a good band, if some encouragement is extended by the town.

Mountain Hay Crop.

About all the timothy hay crop on Weston Mountain has been cut and baled. As compared to last year's yield about two thirds of a crop has been raised, but the price outlook is such that there is but little danger of mountain farmers being driven into bankruptcy. Instead, most of them will likely add to their nest eggs in the bank. It is understood that \$12 per ton has been offered for baled timothy hay in the growers' sheds, which price will keep the gaunt wolves of poverty from the threshold of mountain cottages. W. H. Gould reports a yield of 103 tons of hay, as against 150 tons last year, from 90 acres of timothy. Some of his neighbors will have a little more and some a little less than this proportion.—Weston Leader.

Bids Wanted.

The Board of Regents of the Eastern Oregon State Normal School will receive bids until September 2, for 120 tons of Rock Springs coal and 50 cords Red Fir and Tamarack wood to be delivered at the school buildings at Weston, Oregon, on or before October 10. The Board reserve the right to reject any or all bids. Address, B. Alexander, Pendleton Oregon, president executive committee.