

# Special Notice.

Our Fourth Annual Clearance Sale commences January 9 and ends January 30, 1904. This will be an opportunity for you to purchase merchandise at sacrifice prices. We want the money, you want bargains. Now is your time to get them. If you have not received a price list call or write for one. All goods marked in plain figures. Call, inspect and be your own judge.

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# Special For Saturday Only.

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Mrs. J. B. Harris, formerly Miss Gen Booth, is expected to arrive in the city Sunday from her home in Jacksonville, on a visit to her sister, Mrs. Minnie DePeatt. Mrs. Harris recently suffered the loss of her husband, from consumption, to whom she had been married but a few months.

Mrs. Frank Simpson left Wednesday to join her husband in Portland, where he has a lucrative position. Athena people are sorry to lose Mr. and Mrs. Simpson from their midst. Many friends were at the depot when Mrs. Simpson departed, and she was the recipient of well wishes from all.

Mrs. Wm. McBride returned last evening from Lookout, Idaho, bringing with her, her father, Mr. John Armstrong, who has been so seriously ill at that place. Mr. Armstrong, who is afflicted with heart trouble, is much improved at present. He will make his home permanently with his daughter.

On Saturday evening, Jan. 23, the local lodges A. O. U. W. and Degree of Honor will hold joint installation. All members are requested to be present, and especially are wives of Workmen who are not members of the Degree, with their families, invited to attend. Each member is urged to bring a friend who is eligible to become a member of the A. O. U. W. or Degree. Let all come and contribute liberally to a lunch, enjoy a short program and spend a good old fashioned social evening.

### SCHOOL NOTES.

Five new chairs have been added to the furnishings of the reading room.

The school library realized from the Schubert concert the sum of \$4.35.

The seventh grade today had very interesting rhetorical in their room.

The teacher of the fifth grade reports five new pupils this week.

The first grade has increased to such an extent that several new seats have been added.

There will be a local institute for teachers held at the school house on Saturday, January 23, at 1:30, p. m. at which all patrons of the school are especially invited to be present. The program will be presented as follows:

Song.....High School Quartette  
"Excuses and Excuse Blanks".....  
.....Principal M. L. Watts  
Discussion.  
"An Age of Disrespect," G. B. Marquis  
"Rhetoricals,".....Miss McKenzie  
Song.....High School Quartette

### GERKING FLAT "ELATS"

Frank Walter, of Walla Walla, was visiting his brother, John C. Walter, at the ranch the last of the week, and took the morning train for home Sunday.

Clark Walter came over from Walla Walla Wednesday evening for the purpose of remaining on the ranch several days.

A. McKinzie and daughter were visitors on the Flat Thursday.

Harvey Whiteman was over from Walla Walla the last of the week visiting his sons, Clarence and Otis, and looking after business interests.

"Jinks" Taylor was presented with an elk tooth a few days ago by a friend living out on the John Day.

Ernest Boetwick is visiting for a time at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Gerking.

A Mr. Combs is wintering about 100 head of cattle on Sand Hollow at the Russell place, and Wm. Switzer, Jr., is feeding 200 head on the Taylor ranch here on the Flat, Mr. Taylor having sold him hay for that purpose.

Evangelist W. A. Moore spent a part of the day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. B. Gerking Wednesday.

We had high water on the Flat Sunday which did considerable damage to the road and fencing. This was the second flood on the Flat this winter.

Chas. Gerking went to Pendleton Tuesday on business.

John Keene had business in Athena Wednesday.

### UNAFRAID AND UNBOUGHT.

Spokesman-Review's Tribute to Assessor Strain.

Umatilla county, Oregon, has an assessor whom the railroads, evidently, can not intimidate, cajole, wheedle or bribe. His name is Charles P. Strain. He raised the assessment of the O. R. & N. in his county to \$12,000 per mile, which is just about the rate of assessment throughout Washington state. Of course the railroad company protested, but when the agents came before the county court they found Assessor Strain there, "loaded for bear." He had made a thorough study of the subject and had gathered a mass of official statistics which the railroad tax agents could not refute. As a result, the court unanimously sustained Mr. Strain's assessment of \$12,000 per mile.

Mr. Strain showed, for example, that in New England the railroads pay, on the average, taxes of \$603 per mile. In Massachusetts, where the highest railroad taxes are collected, they are required to pay an average of \$1366 per mile, and in Connecticut of more than \$1000 per mile.

In Umatilla county, Oregon, the O. R. & N. paid but \$149 per mile. Yet the O. R. & N. is capitalized higher per mile than the New England roads, and its net earnings are substantially as great—\$3505 per mile—as compared with \$3704 per mile for the New England road.

Addressing the board in support of his assessment, Assessor Strain said: "I am aware that to every taxpayer, resident or nonresident, I owe equal consideration."

Are the assessors of this state aware of that obligation? If they are, why do they discriminate against the general taxpayer and in favor of the railroad? Why do they assess railroad property for one-tenth of its true value and other property at from 60 to 100 per cent? —Spokane Spokesman-Review.

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### Early Closing.

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### Press Paragraphs

G. W. Bradley was in Pendleton Tuesday.

J. B. Saylor this week went down to his Echo ranch.

T. J. Kirk transacted business in Pendleton Tuesday.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Vaughn, January 11, 1904, a son.

J. W. Smith this week returned to his mines on the Imnaha.

J. A. Henry was up from Riverside this week visiting his family.

Mrs. Ben S. Burroughs, of Pendleton, visited in the city Wednesday.

Mrs. Edie Miller of Weston, visited friends in the city Monday night.

O. H. Price left this week for a tour through Southern Oregon and California.

Chas. Betts came over from Helix and assisted the Athena Mercantile Co. this week.

Wm. Thompkins went out to the ranch this week to see how things are getting on.

Uncle John Callender has been seriously afflicted with rheumatism for several days.

Tassey Stewart was in town Wednesday and took the evening train for Walla Walla.

Miss Aimee Dobson has closed a very successful term of school in the Gerwala school house.

Henry E. Dupuy, of Portland, has the position of pharmacist at McBride's Palace drugstore.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Bagley have moved into the residence on Main street, just east of the Fair store.

W. L. Zeiger, who is now a resident of Boise City, will spend several days with friends in this county.

Mrs. John Shaw, of Weston, visited Mrs. Oton and Mrs. Thompkins, in this city the first of the week.

Drs. Botkin and Stone drove down to Pendleton Saturday where they assisted Dr. Cole in a surgical operation.

Levi Trowbridge, who visited friends here for the past few weeks, returned Monday to his home at Garfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Kilgore and Miss Fawcett, of Sand Hollow, visited at the Kilgore home in this city Tuesday.

Earl Saunders, after several weeks spent in Athena, left Wednesday evening on his return to Sherman county.

A marriage license has been issued to William B. Deardorff and Mrs. Amanda M. Pruitt. Both are residents of Weston.

J. M. O'Hara, the genial resident of Pea Ridge, seven miles east of Athena, was in this city yesterday doing business.

A telegram was received in this city announcing the death recently, at Cincinnati, Ohio, of Blaise Ferris, the grandfather of Mrs. Agnes Ferguson.

Mrs. Ferguson is now at Fossil, Oregon.

Mrs. C. A. Fischer left Tuesday for Orange, California, where she will join her husband who is conducting business there.

Tharp Bros.' chop mill has been grinding this week and turned out an immense lot of chopped barley and wheat.

Gus Vollmer is down from Waitsburg, looking after his business interests in this county. He will return home tomorrow.

Milton will interest the O. R. & N. Co. in the matter of running a switch into the town from the main line at Freewater.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the First National Bank, all old officers and the board of directors were re-elected.

Mrs. Florence Alloway is prepared to do dressmaking and plain sewing. Children's clothes a specialty. Next door to A. L. Jones' residence.

Clint Holcomb was in from his ranch yesterday and reports grain looking better than he has ever before seen it at this season of the year.

The most successful radiator of the century is sold by Amasa Phillips, Weston. Sample may be seen at this office or N. A. Miller's furniture store.

Mrs. Bowling returned Wednesday evening from a three weeks' visit with her daughters, Mrs. Jas. Smith and Mrs. Cynthia Davis, at Elgin.

Mrs. Lee Moorehouse was in the city Wednesday from Pendleton, on business relative to the estate of her mother, Mrs. Davenport, recently deceased.

A social dance is announced for Friday evening, Jan. 22, at the Athena opera house. Alf Johnson and Prof. Guitt will furnish music for the occasion.

Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Johns, after a six weeks' sojourn in this city, returned this morning to Walla Walla, where they will remain for the balance of the school year, at least.

Henry Schmitt has added a cream separator to the equipment of the dairy department of his fine farm west of town. Mr. Schmitt is always in the front rank of the county's most progressive farmers.

Chas. Medkey and wife, from Minneapolis, Minn., are visiting at the home of J. W. Adams. Mrs. Medkey and Mrs. Adams are sisters. They will visit Portland, Seattle and other coast points before returning east.

The old fire bell that did service for a long while at Hose house No. 1, has been placed at the new hose house of company No. 2, where it will serve the purpose of announcing meetings and clanging out fire alarms.

Mrs. Ed. Koontz has received word from her sister, Miss Anna Kirk, who is attending a school of pharmacy in Chicago, stating that Miss Kirk was in the Iroquois theatre at the time of the terrible disaster of December 30th, but managed to escape the maddened crowd without serious injury, after having once been knocked down. Miss Kirk will be congratulated by her many friends here on her lucky escape.

At the meeting of the stockholders of the Golconda Mining Co. in Pendleton Wednesday, T. G. Hailey was elected president; E. J. Sommerville, vice president; F. B. Clopton, secretary, and William Jones, treasurer.

The wedding of Mr. Frank Orville Renn and Miss Lois Lucile Ridgeway, both of Chelan, Wash. was announced in the Spokesman-Review, as taking place Dec. 30. The bride is a niece of Mrs. F. B. Boyd, of the Press.

There is some talk of reorganizing the Athena band. Athena has several first class musicians, and has the instruments, uniforms, etc., and the Press hopes soon to chronicle the news that reorganization has been perfected.

Subjects at Christian church: Tonight, "God's Son Rejected;" Saturday night, "The Brazen Serpent;" Sunday, 10 o'clock, Bible school; 11, "How to Be Faithful;" 3 p. m., Junior Endeavor; 6:30, Christian Endeavor; 7:30, Farewell Address.

Mr. George Thompson, formerly of Willamette valley, has purchased G. W. Gross' interest in the Blue Front grocery store. Inventory of the stock is being taken, after which the new firm, Worthington & Thompson, will conduct the business.

The state convention of Christian Endeavorers will be held in Pendleton, February 19-22, and the various committees appointed to take charge of the affair are now engaged in preparing the program and other matters pertaining to the meeting.

R. J. Boddy, proprietor of Boddy's meat market, has been confined to his bed the past week, a very sick man, but is reported better at this writing. His son James is over from Walla Walla conducting the market business during Mr. Boddy's illness.

The Schubert Symphony Club and Lady Quartette of Chicago gave a high class entertainment Saturday night in the opera house. The entertainment was given under the auspices of the public school and was highly appreciated by a goodly audience.

Weston Leader: John Berlin writes from Hollywood, California, that he has improved considerably in health with the exception of his lameness, which is still very troublesome. He has been pricing land in that locality, and has given up any idea of buying a quarter section. It is held at six hundred dollars an acre.

F. S. Bramwell of the beet sugar factory at La Grande, who was in the city some weeks ago, has been in the Echo neighborhood for several days, interesting land owners in the proposition of raising sugar beets. Should the propagation of beets be found successful, there is a possibility of a factory being established at Echo.

Mrs. D. H. Sanders returned this week from Arlington, where she attended a Christmas reunion of the members of the family of N. Ashpaugh, her father. Evidently, D. H. was proud of the return of his better half, for he met her at the depot, shorn of his flowing hirsute appendage, and otherwise spruced up to an astonishing degree.