

Classified Advertising

FOR RENT—Furnished front room. Modern Phone to Red 61 or call at 1208 Seventh and M.

WANTED—\$1250 cash will give city realty valued at \$3000. P. O. Box 207 9-30-11

FOR RENT—Three housekeeping rooms and use of kitchen. Modern. No children. \$18.00. Wood, water and light, 1518 Jefferson. 10-10-31

FOR SALE—Pair fine well bred 1400 lb. young horses. Cash, time or trade Apply Kirtley stables. 9-30-11

FOR SALE—Team horses, wagon, harness and cow for sale. Phone Black 3622.

LOST—Between city hall and Cove. Brown traveling bag, containing clothing. Leave at Observer office. 10-9-11

FOR SALE—Three milch goats, one 8x10 tent, one 10x14. Inquire at Valley creamery, or corner Fifth and G. 10-9-11

WANTED—Place for boy to work for board and room and go to school. Address Guy Spencer, or call Farm 78. 10-9-11

WANTED—A woman to do housework. Apply Snowflake bakery. 10-9-11

WILL TRADE—Good five room house and 4 lots. Will trade for horses or cattle. 10-11-11

LA GRANDE INVESTMENT CO., La Grande, Oregon.

LOST—A Pillow mink muff. Leave at Paul's cigar store and receive reward.

FOR RENT—Furnished room for light housekeeping at 1406 T. Ave. (10-1-11)

FOR SALE—Wood in any quantity. Phone 706. Waters-Stanchfield Produce company. 10-9-11

PURSE LOST

LOST—Purse containing \$50 in gold, \$15.00 in currency and some small change, part of the money consists of old coins, dates of which can be given by owner. Liberal reward. Leave information at this office. 11.

OLD ENGINEER MAY RECOVER

MAN HURT AT PENDLETON DEEMED OUT OF DANGER.

Both Feet Cut Off but Life Will Be Saved Pioneer Engineer.

(Pendleton East Oregonian.)

Jack Wright, the veteran engineer who yesterday fell beneath the wheels of a passenger coach on No. 17, is today resting easily at St. Anthony's hospital and the attending physicians express hope that he will ultimately recover although his age is against his chances. Both feet were severed, one at the ankle and the other about four inches above the ankle.

His daughter, Mrs. Herbert Barnhart of Starbuck, was notified last night and the railroad company placed a special train at her disposal to reach her father's bedside, the run of 98 miles from Starbuck to Pendleton being made in two hours and fifteen minutes, probably the fastest time ever made between the two points. Other relatives have also arrived.

The injured man was just boarding the train for The Dalles where he was to make proof on a timber claim today when he missed the step. Dudley Evans, the well known brakeman, grabbed him when he saw the engineer had missed the steps, but was unable to prevent the accident.

J. W. Copeland, of Dayton, Ohio, purchased a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for his boy who had a cold, and before the bottle was all used the boy's cold was gone. Is that not better than to pay a five dollar doctor's bill? For sale by all dealers. eod & wkly

ATHENA MAN TAKES POISON

SENDS MESSAGE TO THE WORLD OVER FATAL VIAL.

Former Pendleton Foundryman Takes Own Life at Athena Yesterday.

(Pendleton Live Wire.)

With a vial of cyanide of potassium before him while writing his farewell message to the world, William Zegger, a mechanic who formerly owned the Pendleton foundry, and for several years a resident of Tacoma, and a brother-in-law of County Judge Maloney of this city, drank poison last evening in the St. Nicholas hotel at Athena and was found dead this morning by one of the chambermaids of the hotel.

He arrived in Athena yesterday at about 4 p. m. and registered at the hotel, going to his room without casting any suspicion as to his premeditated suicide.

The letter left by the suicide was unsealed and was not addressed. It read in part as follows:

"Before you judge, stop and think. How are you to judge? I have made many mistakes, but will make no more. My request is to bury me in a rough wooden box, and if I have enough friends to lay me away do it, and I thank you for it—but if not, let the expense be borne by the county." (Signed) "WILLIAM ZEGGER."

Zegger had two small children buried in the Athena cemetery, and it is presumed that he went there to commit the deed and to be buried beside his children.

Coroner Ralph Folsom went to Athena this morning to investigate the circumstances and declare it to be a premeditated suicide.

Financial reverses are supposed to have led to the act.

SCHOOLS IN CHINA

They Have Curious and Strenuous Methods of Teaching.

AMAZING FEATS OF MEMORY.

For Years the Pupils Are Kept "Getting by Heart" Books of Which They Have No Understanding. After Which Comes the Explanation.

A Chinese schoolboy sets off one fine morning when seven or eight years old to enter on his instructional course. He makes the most profound obeisance to his teacher. His parents provide the table at which and the stool on which he sits. They also supply the "four precious articles," the ink slab, the ink cake, the pen or brush for writing and the paper.

He will have no need at first of the writing materials, all his time being employed in memorizing the books given him. Perhaps a dozen boys, each a class by himself, are busy on his entry. Each is shouting his task at the top of his voice, the teacher sitting at his table in all the somnolent wakefulness of a judge. No wrong pronunciation or intonation escapes his practiced ear, and correction is frequent.

It is a simple country house, with its earthen floor, its unglazed windows and its air of utter poverty. Our young hopeful, says the National Review, in due time is introduced to the "Trimerical Classic" and the questionable statement, which forms its very threshold, that "men at birth are radically good," so set in classical form that he has no more idea of its meaning than if it were in Greek. It is not meaning, however, that is the object just now, but sound and memorizing.

Then he will be introduced to the book of surnames, 400 in number, as another exercise in "getting by heart," after which in parts of the land the "Thousand Character Classic" is set. This is a book consisting of the number of characters named, no one of which is ever used twice. Still no explanation is vouchsafed. For all the learning our youth is gaining he might with equal profit memorize a number of auction catalogues. He is given in varying order, according to the custom followed by his teacher, the four sacred books—the "Great Learning," also known as "The Door of Virtue," the "Analects" of Confucius, the "Doctrine of the Mean" and the "Book of Mencius."

As early as thirteen, it may be, he will have done the memory work of the four books and be capable of reciting off "yards, rods, furlongs or miles"

of learning. Then enlightenment in the form of explanation begins. Darkness is made visible, and education may be said to have begun. There is wearisome work in sight now.

As if the books themselves were not of sufficient difficulty, there are endless commentaries after the fashion of our own on the Bible or Shakespeare. The "Great Learning" provides illustrations of virtue, aims at the constant renewal of good and so at the attainment of the highest excellence. Its ideal is a righteous government over a tranquil and happy people. The "Doctrine of the Mean" is more strictly individualistic. Correct conduct in every stage of life is its subject.

The chief competitive examinations are three in number. The first, for the Situal, or B. A. degree, is held at the prefectural city; the second, the Ku-ju, or M. A., at the provincial capital, and the third, the Tsai-shi, or LL. D., at Peking. In one or other of these the clever youth whose career we are following may possibly find himself in a peculiar position as competitor with his own father or even his grandfather, who, with more perseverance than ink or brains, keeps "pegging away" year after year till success arrives—or death.

Many are the attempts at trickery, cribbing, bribery or whatever may bring the candidate sufficiently near the top to be one of the favored few who "pass," the percentage of these being fractionally small at times. To guard against fraud there are precautions such as could never have been suggested in the west.

Every candidate has his own little cell in which he works during the days of the examination. Not a few die under the ordeal. "An essay is good which gives a man his M. A.," says the proverb, and "if one comes out first on the dragon list there is a chance within ten years of being in the Phoenix pool," which being interpreted means that he who heads the M. A. list is likely by and by to become a Hanlin. So, indeed, it happens to our young hopeful now arrived at years of much discretion. He even becomes the Shuang Yuan of his year, the laureate or senior classic, as he might be named in the west.

Whereupon on his return to his native province he is received with the highest honors from the highest people, the viceroy leading, and then a curious thing happens. Many of the people of the province having the same surname apply for the honor of being permitted to worship at the ancestral hall of the successful genius and accompany their appeals with valuable persuasives. They thus establish a claim to relationship with the amiable desire of having a friend at court. —New York Sun.

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