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Portland, Or., July 23, 1902.

HOME COUNTY NEWS

ABOUT ATHENA.

A Few Items From That Town and Neighborhood.

Athena, Aug. 25.—John Smith, who was hurt by being pulled over the dashboard of a rig which he was driving over from Bingham Springs, last week, receiving a couple of broken ribs, and several serious bruises, is doing as nicely as could be expected under the circumstances, and will be out and around again in a couple of weeks.

The town is still stirred up over the capture of the Touchet robbers, near here last Tuesday and local members of the posse are spinning long yarns of what they "would have done" had the miscreants shown fight.

Contractor G. W. Hansell, who has secured the contract for erecting the new Christian church at the corner of Fifth and Adams streets, is having the material got out as rapidly as possible as he is anxious to have the building completed within the next month or so and ready for occupancy before cold weather sets in.

The Press, in a spirit of exultation over the orderliness of the town this season, remarks: "That an entirely different class of men are working in the harvest fields tributary to Athena to those who worked in former years, is certainly conclusively demonstrated from the fact that the police have as yet not made one arrest of a harvester since the season opened, for being drunk or disorderly. So far, during the present harvest, Athena's famous "skookum house" has not known the presence of a harvester

with a "jag" and has contained but one bad Injun. The genus hobo stripe seems to have been eliminated from the harvest field."

Adams and Vicinity.

The Adams Advance furnishes the following:

Jesse O. Hales realized 32 bushels per acre from 320 acres.

Mrs. J. E. Stanfield visited with friends at Pendleton this week.

Frank Baxter had 76 acres of wheat which yielded 35 bushels per acre.

J. W. Peringer this season had 300 acres of wheat which gave an average between 33 and 35 bushels per acre.

W. S. Ferguson finished hauling his wheat off Mrs. Agnes Ferguson's place yesterday, which he stored at the Kerr-Gifford warehouse. The yield was good.

Albert Harala informs us that the Russian thistle is getting bad in the Little Greasewood and Fulton station neighborhoods. This pest should be attended to. The road supervisor has his duty very plainly laid before him in black and white regarding this weed. He should make an inspection at once and notify all those on whose place he finds the thistles growing to remove them at once, and if they do not do so, he should have them destroyed and charge the cost of doing so to the owner of the land. Now is a bad time for them and if their destruction is put off a few weeks longer millions of seeds will be scattered. At once is the time to rid the land of this weed, so make a thorough investigation and destroy all that is found, whether on your own land or the public highway.

RUSHING OUT OF KLONDIKE

MINERS ARE FLOCKING OUT OF GOLD COUNTRY.

Avaricious and Incompetent Administration of Affairs and Governmental Policy of Obstruction the Cause.

Seattle, Aug. 25.—From northern advices it would appear that there is now almost as great a rush out of the Yukon and Klondike districts as there was into them but a few years ago. A Skagway newspaper just received in this city contains the following regarding the outward movement:

"The vanguard of the exodus of the Klondike arrived on last night's train. They say that thousands of miners will leave the Klondike in the next 60 days for the American Yukon and the States and that there will not be over 8000 people in all the British Yukon next winter. They claim the cause of this exodus out of this northern gold land is the corrupt, vacillating and pernicious methods

adopted by the government under the management of the present minister of the interior, Clifford Sifton. The sentiment is so strong against Mr. Sifton that if he were to arrive in the Klondike tonight the population of the camp would turn out en masse tomorrow morning and burn him in effigy. There never was such a general feeling of distrust, utter want of confidence and commercial unrest as exists there at the present time.

Policy of Obstruction.

"The policy of the interior department has obstructed the business of the mining in the British Yukon to such an extent that it has cut down the gold production from \$22,000,000 to \$8,000,000 in one year. Every pledge has been violated, every rule of right and justice transgressed, and to cap the climax, the Sun, which is the official paper of the government, comes forward now with a remedy for the existing depression, the bringing in of Japanese labor.

Record of Incompetency.

"A record that is as black as the ace of spades, stands out as monumental evidence of the incompetency of the administration. It is said that when Mr. Hawkins was in the East this summer scouring the financial centers for aid to build the Klondike Mines railway, which was to be constructed to the very heart of the richest placer camp in the world, he received the following answer wherever he went: 'We have millions for investment, but not one dollar for the Klondike.' Think of it! Millions for investment, but not one dollar for the Klondike—the British Empire's richest gold camp of all the world shunned."

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Ward and James Coming.

Among the more important events on the local stage this season to appear at the Frazier will be the joint appearance of Louis James and Frederick Warde in the early part of October when they will be seen in Wagner's and Kemper's sumptuous spectacular production of "The Tempest." Although the play is a classic and acknowledged to be Shakespeare's greatest masterpiece, it does not need a studious mind to appreciate it. It is an exquisite comedy, a type of play in which the fancy of youth and age, of boy or girl, child or parent may run riot. There is no villain to annoy the sensitive, no tragedy to upset those who are nervous, but all is sunshine and frolic. It presents a constant succession of beautiful and wonderful scenes, with the charm of music and dancing, in addition to the portrayals of interesting characters by the greatest legitimate players of the present time.

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ERRONEOUS STATEMENT.

Oregonian Correspondent Gives Wrong Impression About Saturday's Fire.

The Portland Oregonian has a reporter who has stirred up a great deal of feeling in Pendleton by the story of the fire which occurred here Saturday evening and was published in that paper under a Pendleton date line.

The reporter made this assertion: "The water reservoir was empty when the fire broke out, undergoing repairs and cleaning, but the city pump house supplied ample water." This is a mistake. The statement would make it appear that there was always water on hand to cope with a fire.

In the first place, there was plenty of water in the reservoir. When the fire broke out Water Superintendent Brown said there was exactly 7 1/2 feet of water in the reservoir, lacking only two feet of being full.

In the second place the story of the Oregonian seems ridiculous on the face of it. It says the "city pump-house supplied ample water." Anyone who knows anything about the pumping plant of Pendleton knows it would not furnish "ample water." With 10 streams of water playing on the fire this pump would not have been a "drop in the bucket," as it were. The pump was kept going all during the fire and when evening came and the fire was under control, the water in the reservoir was down 2 1/2 feet, and had the fire raged for several hours longer the supply might have become short, but as it was, there was neither an empty reservoir nor any deficiency in the supply. It is true that the reservoir had been cleaned. This was done on Friday, however, and it is likely that the reporter for the Oregonian heard of this and did not know the reservoir had been refilled.

A number of Oregon racers are entered in the first annual meet of the King County (Wash.) Racing Association.

HENRY BERGIN.

Derrick Team Ran Away and the Young Man's Skull was Broken.

Henry Bergvin is at the Sisters' hospital with a broken skull and is in a serious condition. The young man was working with a threshing outfit Saturday near Adams when the derrick team ran away. He was struck on top of the head with the flying derrick fork and knocked unconscious. Upon examination the skull was found to be crushed and his life now rests on a thread. He was brought down Saturday evening on the 5:30 train, and is still unconscious.

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