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Puts us in mind of old I-way without the bli-z-zard tacked on.

Trying to make other people think they are rich keeps a great many people poor.

We haven't heard from North Dakota—suffice to say Athena plumbers are busy.

A wise young woman will not quarrel with her beau just as Christmas is approaching.

As to the national labor party, it is perfectly obvious that what is needed is more labor and less party.

Another secretary has resigned with more or less resignation, but the administration continues to administer.

Gerard has nominated himself for the high office of president, but may perform to the satisfaction of a hopeless minority.

Most country editors are able to congratulate themselves that one of the things it is a bit cheaper not to own now-a-days is an automobile.

Burns, Harney county, is bragging about its delightful winter weather; which reminds us that it is the good old summer time which Burns Harney county.

We are charitably enough disposed toward the g. o. p. not to wish it such bad luck as to have Miles Poin-dexter—or Hiram Johnson either, for that matter—as its candidate for president.

We are again approaching the joyful Yuletide season and are pondering ever suitable and pleasing gifts—sensible and not too expensive. Why not select some relative or old-time friend whom you know would enjoy a weekly visit from this paper, and order it sent to that one for the year 1920? Each week when the recipient opens and reads his "letter from home" he will bless you for having remembered him in this way.

Government is concerned over the extravagance of the people, and evidence is not wanting that the people have a right to be concerned over the extravagance of government. A budget system and big corporation efficiency are needed at Washington. The fault doesn't lie with this administration nor with any administration, but with the antiquated methods which Father Time has enveloped with a mistaken sanctity at the nation's capital.

A middle west poet implores thusly: "Backward, turn backward, O Time, in your flight! Give us the prices we once thought were right. Spuds by the bushel and eggs by the crate; milk, meat and coal at a reasonable rate. I am so weary walking the earth, paying for everything twice what it's worth; going home broke every night isn't nice—cut down the price, mister, cut down the price."

Reporter found himself unable to buy any sort of a suit of clothes in Chicago for \$24.50, the price fixed as reasonable by a board of merchants, but may not have had the \$24.50. However, Portland dealers assert that it simply can't be done, anyhow. One of them says he paid \$45 per suit wholesale for one lot of two thousand suits.

Norman Stump having married Martha Post at Green Spring Valley, Colorado, we shouldn't be surprised if in the course of time there were a few chips off the old block.

We find ourselves at one with the esteemed Oregonian when it recommends that the senate cloture rule be applied to La Follette. We would add a gag, however.

It is observed that if a debutante wants a certain man she will entice him into the hammock, but if a widow is seeking him she will see that he samples her cooking.

Colonel Hofer defends tobacco in The Oregonian—and he is not the only Oregon editor who will expectorate as its champion.

**RAISE BETTER STOCK**

With the depiction of more facilities through development of land for agricultural pursuits, the Pacific Northwest is facing the problem of meat production in the same degree that affected the Middle West fifty years ago. The Mississippi valley states made early progress in the solution of meat production without curtailing of agriculture by the introduction of science in stock breeding. The big, square-built steer took the place of the small range critter and he grew to profitable maturity in the small meadow and the barn lot. In small numbers he is found on nearly every farm of the Central states, and in the aggregate his numbers and weight total more in the yards of the Swifts, the Armours, the Cudahys and other packing concerns than do the yearly consignments of range cattle combined. The Iowa farmer for instance, finds it but a small chore to have yearly surplus of a dozen head of big, fat three year olds ready for market. And when he sells he generally gets the top price, for his stock being well bred, is prime, meaty and saleable. In comparison, the Northwest and Oregon in particular, is in its infancy in the solution of meat production, as was demonstrated at the recent stock show in Portland. However, this new enterprise displayed a solid nucleus what may be evolved later on, resulting in recognition of the merits of thoroughbred stock and careful breeding, over present slipshod methods.

With its splendid \$300,000 plant, the cost of which was borne by popular subscription throughout the state the yearly event of the live stock show will be the leading factor in building up the live stock industry by virtue of stimulating the organization of minor shows and stock associations in which pure bred stock locally owned, may be entered in competition.

These minor stock shows in time, will not only stimulate interest in the annual show at Portland, but will be a basic incentive for bringing buyer and breeder together, with the result that every herd, large or small, will have thoroughbred males at its head. Then will the real uplift of the livestock industry begin.

Worthy of note in this connection is the fact that at the Portland show Union county exhibitors took a number of prizes while Umatilla county with twice the numbers of live stock within her borders, took one second prize. The reason for this lies principally in different methods pursued by the stockraisers of the two counties. While the stockmen of Union county have been strengthening their herds by importations of pure bred stock and giving careful attention to scientific breeding, and fostering interest by maintaining annually a well patronized stock show those of Umatilla county have been content to ride in a Round-Up saddle and head their respective herds with males that will merely pass muster in state law requirements.

**The Weston Schools**

Miss Davis left for Pendleton Tuesday to take the examination for her state certificate. Mr. Fitzpatrick and Miss Hollenbeck took her classes.

The cards were given out Monday and there was a great deal of "gnashing of teeth". Once more the pupils resolved to do better work.

The school welcomes the return of Jessie, Esther and Lawrence Davis, who have been ill with the smallpox. The eighth grade welcomed their teacher, Miss Love, so enthusiastically that she came to the conclusion she had not been so "cranky" after all.

The seniors are ahead in an exciting contest for the most points for the annual. There has been a great deal of interest shown in this publication and the students have handed in a large number of contributions.

There was a meeting of the senior class Monday at which matters pertaining to the annual were discussed. At the suggestion of their class advisor, Miss Brown, the seniors planned a sleighing party for some time in the near future.

The first and second grades are getting ready for Christmas and are planning a splendid time. Mrs. Fitzpatrick and Miss Colvin have united efforts and their pupils are learning Christmas songs and recitations together.

The sixth and seventh grade pupils have been contesting for the highest grades in their respective classes. This month, Miss Evelyn Sowers led the sixth grade with an average of 95%, while Norman Lukenbill and Miss Louise Porter of the seventh grade tied with an average of 95%.

Mr. Staggs, one of the directors, was visiting school this week.

The Courts Standard Tests in arithmetic have arrived. They are to be used in the third to eighth grades inclusive. Mr. Fitzpatrick states that these are splendid tests to develop accuracy. They are now required to be in every standard school.

**"OVER THE HILL"**

Chance Rogers is serving on the grand jury at Pendleton this week. The Athena library added a new book case to its equipment recently. Mr. and Mrs. F. S. LeGree will go to Seattle for the Christmas holidays to visit relatives.

The families of B. B. Richards and H. H. Hill will spend Christmas at the C. O. Whiteman home in Walla Walla.

Miss Vernita Watts, who is attending St. Helens Hall in Portland will spend the holiday vacation at her home in this city.

J. E. McDaniel was down from his mountain ranch this week, visiting Mrs. McDaniel, who is teaching in the Athena school.

Mrs. Arnfield, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Fred Radtke, for the past four months, will leave for her home in Portland on the 26th.

Clarence Gagnon reports that a large number of chickens froze to death during the extreme cold weather at the home ranch, south of Athena.

Miss Irene Hall, daughter of Principal Hall of the Athena schools, arrived Wednesday from Forest Grove where she is attending Pacific University.

Miss Ruth Proebstel was a guest over the week end of Mrs. Zeph Lockwood at her country home. Mrs. Proebstel is employed in the Warren Music house in Pendleton.

Mrs. Otis Whiteman and two children, Jack and Betty, of Walla Walla, visited over the week-end at the home of her sister, Mrs. B. B. Richards, in Athena.

Bill Pinkerton recovered a white kitten from the street in a half frozen condition, warmed it and washed it before the fire at the Pure Food grocery—and Steve has another mouth to feed.

Mrs. Seth Haworth has again been in a serious condition this week, but is reported better at present. Since the departure of the trained nurse, she has been under the efficient care of Miss Lela Stockstill and Mrs. Samuel Haworth.

Indian caysuses on the Columbia reservation, fared poorly during the weather and snow storm. He had made the stubble fields impossible for feed, and as the Indian has no winter feed for his stock, it is said numbers have perished.

Miss Catherine Froyne and Miss Hazel Saunders of Athena are two of the 13 University of Oregon women who have organized a new house of the campus, to be known as Delta Psi. They will petition the national Delta Zeta sorority for a charter.

Mrs. Warren Raymond, eldest daughter of Robert Coppock, died Tuesday in a North Yakima hospital after an illness of several weeks. The funeral occurred yesterday in Walla Walla, her home, and was attended by many friends of the deceased.

Mrs. Chester Davis, who is in a very serious condition from poison contracted while packing apples after they had been sprayed with a chemical solution, has been taken to Walla Walla by Mrs. Gerking, and is in care of a nurse. The patient is suffering from painful blisters which cover her entire body.

Mrs. D. H. Sanders leaves today for a holiday visit with her mother, Mrs. Ashbaugh, in Corvallis. She will be joined there by her daughter, Miss Hazel, who is attending U. of O., and will spend her vacation in Corvallis. Mrs. Sanders is recovering from a recent painful injury, in which the large bone in her wrist was broken.

Farmers are asked by the State Game Commission to feed the pheasants and other game birds during the severe winter weather. The birds are being destroyed to some extent on account of the deep snow and the ice in the stubble fields makes it impossible for the feathered tribe to secure food. The Commission offers to pay half the expense entailed in feeding the birds. Mr. Hunt—foreman of the Jua. N. Scott farm—has found both pheasants and quail dead as the result of no food and the cold weather.

By the close score of 23 to 24, the basket ball team of Helix High school took the first game of the season from Athena in the gymnasium last evening, before a large audience. The game was well played, and although the Helix players were heavier than the men Athena put on the floor, the affair was hotly contested and belonged to either team until the last basket was thrown. The Helix team was accompanied by about 25 loyal rooters, who came over in sleighs to the accompaniment of big merry jingle of bells. Refreshments were served by Athena High after the game and a social hour was pleasantly spent.

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CHRISTINA B. BEELER  
Administratrix.  
Peterson, Bishop & Clark,  
Attorneys for Administratrix.

**Athena Gun Club Shoot**  
On next Sunday, December 21, the Athena Gun Club will hold its first big shooting event since its organization of over a year ago, when it will have as visitors, trap shooters and rifle marksmen from all over the county at the club grounds to compete in match shooting for turkeys, beef and pork.  
The club grounds have been put in top condition for the big event and invitations have been sent to the members of the different gun clubs to be present for the occasion and a big time is anticipated.  
Besides beef and pork to be shot for arrangements were made whereby the club came into possession of a large number of turkeys. The birds were secured from flocks in different parts of the county. Forty will come from an Echo breeder dressed, ready for the bake oven. There will be lots of prizes to furnish great sport for all who may attend Athena's first big shooting match.

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