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The camels are coming in 1920—let all but the wets rejoice!

Madrid grave diggers announce that they will strike for more pay—just as though the high cost of dying weren't already a grave problem.

As though one Ireland weren't a world problem enough, we see in the esteemed Lit. Dige. that they're planning to make it two.

Yuma has broken into the limelight through not having sunlight for the first time in 43 years in that hopeful Arizona burg.

The French people are reported to be making great preparations for the bleeding of tourists from the United States. Again the advice is pertinent that American sight-seers ought surely to visit the wonder places of their own land before piling up their shekels in the hands of foreigners.

"Start New Year Right—Go to Church," says the Washtucna Enterprise in big letters across its first page. But we'll bet the Washtucna editor will forget his own admonition the first nice Sunday in the fishing season.

Our own view is that the Unwashed and Unterrified are sufficiently robust without gorging themselves at a Jackson Day banquet.

McAdoo isn't seeking the democratic nomination, but it is possible the nomination may seek McAdoo.

During the past week frozen fog transformed the prosaic landscape into a realm of fairyland. Grasses, shrubs, trees and fence wires wore a

mantle of airy whiteness delightful to contemplate. Amateur photographers were busy securing pictures of attractive winter scenes upon which to gaze when the torrid days of July arrive.

We wonder what has become of the old-fashioned person who used to say: "I snum!" and "I swan to man!"

Missouri is responsible for a lot of unpleasant noise by reason of its Reed instrument.

The lower house of Congress has never been especially discriminating, but is compelled to draw the line at one Victor Berger of Milwaukee.

A recent writer says: "If I were Uncle Sam casting up my accounts, I'd write down as the chief item under Cash in Hand, the American Legion."

Sam Blythe strongly suggests a business man for president, and we in turn suggest that he find him in these parlous financial times among the devoted brigade who can make a success of running a country paper.

Standard Oil has boosted the price of gas and gasoline one cent per gallon. Wouldn't it Rockefeller!

The supreme court declares that Uncle Sam's constitution will not stand for 2.75 beer.

Berger is not without a Mann to rise in his defense—but what sort of a man is he?

THE FOOL AND HIS BONDS
Once in awhile we find ourselves in hearty accord with our esteemed contemporary, Colliers' Weekly, and feel that the estimable publication mentioned will undoubtedly view our approval with gratitude.

Colliers' lately contained an editorial on the subject of "Fools" that hits several nails on the head. It says:

"The Secretary of the Treasury or any respectable banker will tell you that there are three degrees of fools. There is the mild fool who takes his government securities out at night and when no one is looking puts them on the glowing coals and closes the stove door and goes back to bed. This is an attempt to make the loan a gift to the United States, and the foolishness stops there. A bigger fool than that one is the fool who sells his government securities to

blow the money. Of course this second-degree fool not only deprives himself of his savings, but does so in order to join the unthrifty consumers of non-essentials who are helping to raise the cost of living and to use up mankind's store of resources. But the excelsior-brand fool is the one who exchanges his government securities—savings stamps or bonds—for get-rich-quick stocks. He has in him all the foolishness of the other two. Only in his case it is a smarter man than he who blows the money."

Isn't it the truth? The fool and his securities—the best he ever owned—are soon parted. And here is Colliers' advice to all who would protect the fool from his arrant folly: "If you have a friend who is thinking of exchanging his government securities for nicely-engraved oil wells or well-printed gold mines and the like, just go with him as far as the door of the philanthropist who has offered to make the exchange and then say: 'Bill, old friend, if this fellow is willing to give you something worth more than your government securities, you ought to be ashamed of yourself for taking advantage of a crazy man. If you can't be shrewd, at least be merciful.'"

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A 2-mill tax on all the taxable property of the state to raise funds with which to conduct the schools of Oregon probably will be proposed at the special session of the legislature this month, according to the members of the Oregon County School Superintendents' association, which held its annual convention in Salem.

Statements purported to have been made by an indicted I. W. W. in Portland to the effect that 75 per cent of the men employed in road construction work in Oregon are members of the I. W. W. are emphatically denied in a letter forwarded by Roy Klein, secretary of the commission, to Governor Olcott in reply to a request for an explanation of the charges.

Nels P. Sorenson, wealthy Portland timberman, was fined \$500 and set free in that city by the six judges of the state circuit court sitting en banc, following the plea of his attorneys that to enforce a sentence of six months' imprisonment imposed by the municipal court, following Sorenson's conviction on a charge of having driven an automobile while intoxicated, would seriously jeopardize his health.

Bad Influences.
"I wish," said Mr. Chuggins, morosely, "that they would succeed in ridding up all the auto bandits and rum runners in the world."
"They do a great deal of harm."
"Yes. And what frets me is to find every time I surrender for violating a traffic regulation that my greater fellow criminals have utterly spoiled the dispositions of the police."

Jack Warren, brother of Bert Warren, and former resident of this city, has been at Bert's home near Helix visiting for several days. This has been Jack's first visit to Athena for fifteen years. He owns and operates a small farm near Corvallis.

Three inches of snow fell Sunday night and Monday morning. The soil not being frozen, will soak up the moisture when the snow melts, in contrast to the results of two weeks ago when a vast amount of water disappeared down gulches and streams.

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"OVER THE HILL"

Isaac Davidson violinist, has become a member of the orchestra at the Standard Theatre.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Miller have moved to Athena from the country west of town, to reside.

Mrs. J. C. Baddeley and little daughter Jekene were holiday guests of Walla Walla friends.

Blaine Dugger has sold his residence on the West Side to Lee Kinney who is a recent arrival in Athena.

The Wm. Russell home is graced by a fine new Brunswick phonograph purchased from Mrs. Lela Saling of Weston.

A car load of coal arrived at the Tom-a-lum yards Tuesday and it did not last long for the fuel supply still remains short.

Miss Carrie Sharp has returned to her government position at Bremerton, Wash., after spending some time at the home of her parents in Athena.

Grandma Stanton and Mrs. John Stanton are at Colfax this week, where they will attend the wedding of Miss Zelta Rainville, a grandchild of Grandma Stanton.

Watts & Rogers will move their tin shop from its present location in the basement, to the room vacated by Mr. Thompson's vulcanizing works. The change will give better working facilities in the shop.

Miss Mayme Sheard has returned from a visit with friends in La Grande where she was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Peterson, and while in the metropolis of the Grand Ronde, she attended the annual Firemen's ball.

Mrs. W. E. Dobson returned Saturday from a visit in Portland. She reports Mr. Dobson improving in health, but found her mother seriously ill. Mrs. Dobson has resumed her teaching in the Union school north-west of Athena.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Smith and little son were in Athena this week visiting friends. They were enroute from Ellensburg, where they had spent the holidays, to their home at Antelope. Jesse is now a prosperous farmer in that locality.

Miss Greta McIntyre returned to Forest Grove to resume her studies after spending Christmas holidays at the home of her parents. She was accompanied as far as Portland by her brother Neil, who is attending Hill's Military School.

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Mr. and Mrs. Lou Hodgen and family were guests New Years day at Umagine, where the 8th annual reunion of the Hodgen family was held. Seventy-four members were present and a bounteous feast was spread. Fletcher's orchestra of Pendleton was employed for the occasion.

Athena was some show town this week. Three unusually good programs at the Standard Theatre were supported by a road show for three nights at the Athena opera house. A good minstrel show is billed for Sunday night at the opera house, and the Standard Theatre show will start promptly at 7:30 so that its audience may have time to attend the minstrel performance, also.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Wood and son Clifford were hosts and hostess at a most pleasant watch party on New Years eve, which extended from a 7 o'clock dinner until the advent of the new year, when a midnight lunch was served. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Saling and daughter Lois of Weston; Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Tachella, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Lunsden and Mrs. J. A. Kirk.

School started Monday morning after a week's holiday vacation. Teachers who went to their homes at a distance by train had a hard time getting through on account of washouts on the railway lines. Miss Grant left Athena Wednesday evening, remained in Pendleton on the train all night and spent Christmas day on the train between Pendleton and Walla Walla, finally arriving at Portland Friday in the early morning.

Mrs. Curran McFadden entertained at her home Wednesday evening in honor of her husband's birthday anniversary. The following invited guests were present: Dr. and Mrs. C. H. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Myrick, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Proudfit, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. McConnell, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Fisk of Weston, Mr. Hallie Pierson, Mrs. Gladys Smith. Cards and games were features of entertainment and refreshments were served by the hostess.

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Mr. Neil Lieouallen and Miss Ruth Wiley surprised a host of Athena friends when they were married in Portland on Christmas day. The wedding took place at the home of the bride's parents in that city. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Lieouallen and is a thrifty young farmer. His bride taught in the Athena public schools two years ago. Mr. and Mrs. Lieouallen will reside on the Caplinger place near town.

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