

# ATHENA PRESS

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From the looks of our advertising columns the outside world who did not know better, would judge that Athena has only about one dozen live business men. From the looks of the PRESS not quite as favorable a showing for the town could be made from a newspaper standpoint. But you mustn't judge a town by its newspaper, dear reader.—Inland Republican.

There is some logic in the above item, for during these hard times the average country newspaper as far as the merits of the town in which it is published is concerned, is no criterion to go by. And as for the "looks of the PRESS," whenever the business men of Athena can see their way out of the present financial difficulty, and money comes into the country so that people can buy goods, then will Athena's merchants advertise their wares. As the situation now stands there is nothing to advertise for, hence no money for the printer, and in consideration of the fact, where is the man who can blame us for curtailing expenses by running "bovler" plates, or any thing else to get the paper out and run a chance of paying our just debts when the wheat moves out of the country.

We would respectfully advise our esteemed contemporary up the street that now is his time to get in and discard his patent, print his paper at home, and thereby earn the enviable reputation of publishing the "only live paper in the county." He might stand the pressure. We at present, can't do that same. Whenever the business men of Athena are justified in advertising, they will do so, and then, and not until then, will the PRESS come up to its usual standard.

When we read of the terrible cyclones and floods in the Eastern and Southeastern states of the destruction of hundreds of lives and millions of dollars worth of property, we cannot help but think that the people who inhabit the Pacific coast, and Oregon in particular, should be satisfied with their lot if wheat is only 35 cents a bushel. Just imagine, if you will, going to bed for a night's rest and being awakened suddenly by the horrible roar of a cyclone, which is upon you before you have the ghost of a show to jump into your wearing apparel, and, in nine cases out of ten, you are lifted with your house out into the night amidst flying wreckage, stones and bricks, to be either crippled for life or killed outright.

The writer was in the Grinnell, Iowa, cyclone of June 17th, 1882, and knowing whereof he speaks, has no desire whatever for such playful zephyrs. Oregon as it is, is good enough for us.

PRESIDENT CLEVELAND has signed the proclamation setting apart a large tract of land as a forest reservation, under the act of March 3, 1891. The reservation will be known as the "Cascade Forest reservation," and extends from the Columbia river 200 miles in width, taking in the Cascade range. Hereafter no settlements will be allowed within its boundaries.

At Astoria, Thursday morning Judge McBride sentenced John Hanson to death. Hanson, it will be remembered, is the fellow who brutally murdered his wife while she was engaged in picking berries last spring, by beating out her brains with a club. He confessed that he did the horrible deed in a fit of anger, because the woman would not give him some money to spend for drink.

A. W. WATERS, of Burnes, Her-

ney county, gives Hyde, the district attorney, a good slap through the columns of the Oregonian, on his biographical sketch in that paper of the 24th inst, entitled "Border Outlawry," in which Harney county came in for its share of cut-throats, black-legs, etc., with Unatilla and the rest.

## IN THE SENATE.

Senators who have been most active in trying to effect a compromise on the repeal bill do not express themselves as discouraged by the outlook. They say nothing is likely to transpire in that direction during the present week, but express the opinion that the beginning of next week will see a change in the situation by which time the senate will be more thoroughly impressed with the futility of the effort to pass the pending bill in its present shape. Extreme men of both sides are still holding out stiffly, however, and if there is any improvement of the situation it does not appear on the surface.

Carlisle has consulted again with President Cleveland on compromise terms, but with no satisfactory results, says a morning paper. It is understood the reply he has authorized Carlisle to give to the advocates of compromise, is that he will listen to no compromise until a supreme effort has been made by friends of unconditional repeal to avail themselves of their conceded strength as a majority of the senate to force a vote. If the efforts fail, then he may listen to compromise terms as the least of two evils. Silver senators assert that they are certain of support at a critical moment.

Some silver advocates who have been studying the repeal bills proposed in the senate by Voorhees and in the house by Wilson have reached the conclusion from a silver standpoint that the passage of either of these bills, instead of proving an unmixed evil may be of real benefit. They claim the enactment of either of these bills into law will have the effect of restoring free coinage of silver. Their reasoning is the following effect: Repeal leaves untouched the fifth section of the Sherman act which repeals the purchasing clause of the Bland Allison act. This they argue leaves the Bland-Allison act in full effect.

The following printed circular was received by every representative, senator and public official in Washington Sunday.

"There is a time in the affairs of men when patience ceases to be a virtue. Down with the United States senate, enemies of the people."

Although no skull add cross-bones headed the circular the words were printed in large black ominous-looking type. The letters containing the circulars were post-marked New York.

The senate committee on public lands instructed Senator DuBois to report an omnibus bill for a number of bills introduced from the mineral lands, to aid the states in the establishment of schools of mines. The bill provides that out of the sale of mineral lands in California, Utah, Nevada, Idaho, Washington, Montana, South Dakota and Wyoming there shall be paid a sum not to exceed \$12,000 for a school of mines if the state will expend a like amount for the same purpose.

The foreign affairs committee has decided to report favorably the McCrea substitute for the Everett bill. As agreed on it extends the Chinese registration period to six months from the passage of the act. It strikes out the word "white" from the Geary act, so as to permit the testimony of anybody except Chinamen to be adduced to prove that Chinamen are entitled to register. It also defines a Chinese laborer. Geary declares the bill is a makeshift in keeping with the course of the administration and that he will fight it tooth and toe-nail.

## GENERAL COMMENT.

Portland Oregonian: Alas for the mossbackism of Oregon! We seem to have no conception of the possibilities of a world's fair state commission for advertising purposes. Of our \$80,000 appropriation some \$28,000 is unexpended, and the rest seems to have been frittered away in displaying our resources without having secured any notice on the board of lady managers or recriminations over the disbursements.

Salem Democrat: The newspapers of this city have heretofore deemed it their duty to have nothing but praise in their columns of the state fair and its management. No matter how poor the exhibits or how incompetent the management, they have seemed to be under the impression that it would not do for a Salem paper to point out its defects or suggest changes. But the comparative failure of the present fair should convince them that it is time to tell the truth.

The fair has not been a success in any sense.

N. Y. Times (Dem): We do not wish to alarm the business men of the country about the situation of the repeal bill in the senate, but we feel it to be our duty to arouse them. It will not do to go to sleep under a delusive sense of security. The country spoke out to the house last month and its command was obeyed. The senate is less tractable, but there may be a point beyond which it cannot or dare not resist the pressure the country can put upon it. In our opinion it is high time the business men were astir again.

Telegram: There are just two classes of idlers who ought to be lopped off, the tramp and the bondholder. Neither contributes a farthing to the wealth of the nation, both are a burden upon industry, and together they make about as useless a pair of toughs as ever looted a treasury or robbed a hen roost. When the government gets around to a policy which will give no excuse for the existence of either, things will be coming just about right.

The English laugh at our slang names for money, forgetting that their own slang is just as nonsensical. A joy is fourpence, a tanner sixpence, a bob is a shilling, a bull is five shillings, a quid is one pound, a pony twenty-five pounds, and a monkey five hundred pounds. Alongside of such terms in common use in England the greenback becomes an elegant euphemism.

"Somebody's Darling" is every vagabond or unfortunate who braves the dangers of the brake-beam. An item about a tramp recently run over and mangled near Grant's Pass reached his old home in Missouri, and this is what the town paper said: "Deceased was 18 years of age, and well known here. He had the faculty of making warm friends—and he had many such. His death will cause sadness wherever he was known. To be killed far from home, mangled beneath the cars, and buried in distant soil before the information reached the loved ones at home makes the case a peculiarly sad one."

Spokane Chronicle: Four expeditions are now out in the search of the north pole. The probable victory to lie between the hardy, venturesome Peary and the cool determined Jackson. It is a case of rivalry between Uncle Sam and John Bull again. Peary goes to Greenland and Independence bay; Jackson starts from Franz land. Dr. Nansen's expedition is the most daring ever attempted by an Arctic explorer. This Norwegian scientist has made a study of the currents of the Siberian ocean and has started to deliberately wedge his ship into the ice and drift across the north pole in the ice pack. He is provisioned for three years, but there is small chance of Nansen or any of his crew ever again being seen by mortal man. The Eliot party, the fourth on the list, follow the old Peary route.

## The Portland Market.

Unchanged prices are quoted by Portland shippers, as former conditions prevail. In the local market valley wheat is worth 97½ c @ \$1 per cental, and 87½ @ 90 c is offered for Walla Walla wheat. Beerholm estimates the English crop net for consumption at only 44,000,000 bushels, and the French yield 22,000,000 bushels below last year's, making a deficiency in the United Kingdom and France of 250,000,000 bushels. The same authority estimates the American wheat in excess of domestic requirements at only 48,000,000 bushels. While there seems reason for believing this statement of foreign production approximately accurate, especially since the French yield has been fixed at less than 283,000,000 by other authorities. Dunn's agency states that the Beerholm report of the American surplus is, as usual, made without regard to old stocks, and leads men to expect a supply nearly, if not quite, 100,000,000 bushels below the actual figures.

## Oregon Wheat.

Out of twenty-one varieties of Oregon wheat exhibited at the world's fair, Superintendent W. H. Savage, of the agricultural department, says that the judges found nineteen averaged 62 pounds to the bushel, one weighed 63½ pounds and another (spring wheat) went 58 pounds. The judges said that not half the wheat exhibited by other states was holding to the standard weight—60 pounds. One sample of Oregon oats went 50 pounds and another 51½. This is a grand showing when it is remembered that the standard weight for oats is 30 pounds. Oregon barley went 51 pounds on the scales, being three pounds above the standard weight.

Louie LaBrashe, a well known farmer on the reserve, does not believe in forgetting the printer. This week he called at the Press office and paid up with wheat.

## TO THE PUBLIC!

I BEG to announce to the people of Athena and surrounding country that I still carry a full stock of Drugs and Chemicals, Patent Medicines, Jewelry, Toilet articles and Perfumery, Glass, Oils and Pain.

Also a Choice Line of Fresh Liquors and pure Wines for Medical purposes, only.

**THE PIONEER DRUG STORE.**  
P. M. KIRKLAND, PROPRIETOR, . . . Athena, Oregon.

**FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF ATHENA.** South side Main Street.  
CAPITAL STOCK, \$50,000  
SURPLUS, \$21,000  
Pays interest on time deposits. Proper attention given to collections. Deals in foreign and domestic exchange.  
L. D. LEVELY, Cashier, Athena, Oregon

**The Athena Meat Market**  
FRANK BEAL, proprietor.  
FRESH MEAT ALWAYS ON HAND

solicit the patronage of the public and in return will give you the best of fresh eats at the lowest prices.  
FRANK BEAL.

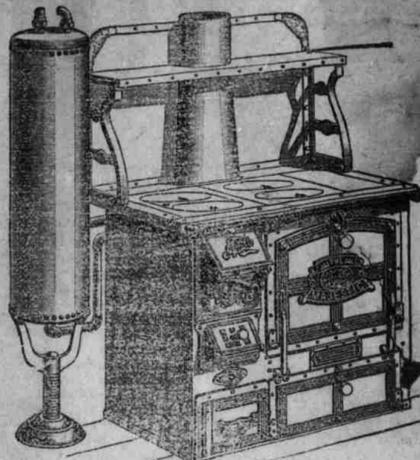
**ARE U IF SO**  
Going to buy any Household Furniture? Call on us and get our Prices before going elsewhere  
Be assured it pays to call on us

Do not be influenced by what our opponents may say to keep you from coming to see our goods. Come and see for yourselves. We carry a full and complete stock of Furniture, wall paper and underta ing goods.  
GILLIS BROS.

**50c For Wheat.** The proprietor of the Athena PRESS will give Fifty Cents per bushel for No. 1 Wheat on Subscription acts.

IF YOU WISH TO borrow money on real estate, Sell or buy farm or city property; have your life insured; have your property insured against fire in the best companies in the world; invest money at good interest and have it well secured; have Deeds, Mortgages, Contracts, Leases, etc., drawn correctly, call on W. T. GILMAN, Athena, Ore. He represents the following first-class XXX fire insurance companies: **Phoenix, Home, Royal, German, Caledonian and Northwest.** He writes his own XXX policies and guarantees correctness, and at the lowest rates at which responsible companies will take risks. He has the agency for the **Equitable Life Insurance Co.**—the best of any

## THE C. A. BARRETT CO.



DEALERS IN **SHELF and HEAVY HARDWARE.**

FARM IMPLEMENTS, THRESHERS, MOWERS, RAKES, HARROWS, GANG PLOWS, MACHINE REPAIRS

MAIN STREET, ATHENA, OREGON

**MILLER THE RUSTLER.**  
THE LEADING FURNITURE DEALER

WANTS SOME CASH!

AND TO GET IT, he will for the next 60 days, sell FURNITURE at the bottom notch.

Bed Room Sets, Extension Tables, Rocking Chairs, Sofas Bed-Lounges, Parlor Suits, Springs Mattresses

AT YOUR OWN PRICE FOR CASH. Wall Paper from 15 cents (double roll) to 65 cents. Border to match all paper, from 10 to 20 cents per yard.

**N. A. MILLER,**  
STORE ON MAIN STREET, ATHENA, ORE.

# THE GRANGE STORE!

Is now in its **NEW BUILDING,** On Corner of Main and 3rd Sts.,

Where we will be pleased to meet all of our old customers and as many new ones as we can accommodate, and we can accommodate a great many by giving them

To all Cash Purchases **A 10 Per Cent DISCOUNT** Of \$1.00 and Upwards.

**We** have the largest stock of Dress Goods IN THE CITY.

**We** have the freshest Groceries IN THE CITY.

**We** have the largest stock of shoes in EASTERN OREGON.

**DON'T FORGET!** The fact that we give you a 10 per cent rebate for every cash purchase of One Dollar and upward.

BERGEVIN BROTHERS, ATHENA, OREGON.

