

There are Sales and Sales In Pendleton. ...But there is only One Red Letter Sale, and that is at the SQUARE STORE, First Door South of Postoffice, Pendleton J. S. HAYE, Proprietor

Local News.

The Squirrel Again is frisking. In the beauteous sunshine. The fire laddies met Monday evening. John Bannister was observed on the streets yesterday. Elmer Reeder made a business trip to Walla Walla this week. Mitt Bush and family have removed from town to the country. Mrs. Frank Mansfield is at Walla Walla under the care of a physician. Dr. L. Dell has received official notice of his appointment as judge of election. J. H. Kirby, of Adams, has filed his oath of office as deputy assessor for Adams precinct. Mr. Wm. Piper was in town Wednesday, and took home with him a fine new organ. Farmers are again busy plowing and seeding, after a temporary rest caused by the late frosts. Herman Saling, a young well known in social circles in Weston, was a Press caller yesterday. Prof. M. G. Royal, of the Weston normal school, will preach in the M. E. church next Sunday morning. Mrs. Freeman, the efficient teacher of the primary department of our public school, is in Milton this week. Look at those dishes at Max Lewin's store. One set of them gratifies with each can of Double Quick Baking Powder. Wm. Mosgrove has received an elegant Columbus buggy, of the latest pattern, direct from the factory, at Columbus, Ohio. Miss Taylor, who has been employed in our public school the past year, will, we understand, open a private school in this city. We have a new ad in today's issue that means something to those who are inclined to use their money judiciously. The Boston Store. Several buyers are in the county looking up live stock. Sheep seems to be most in demand and 2 1/2 cents for a good quality is being offered. The young son of Mr. Louis La Brashe met with a painful accident by being thrown from a horse near Sam Purdy's place yesterday, while on his way to town. Owen Rusie, the shoemaker, has received from Portland a consignment of boot and shoe uppers, and is now prepared to turn out some very fine custom work. Turner Callender is a genius of no small calibre. His latest in the line of invention is a sail, which he uses to propel his bicycle to good advantage. Mud on Main street does not dry up so quick as on other streets, because of the fact of the soil containing moisture from the street sprinkler which runs during the summer months. The Boston Store desires to thank its customers in and about Athena for their liberal patronage, and hopes to continue to be the recipient of your favor during our big Clearance sale. Alex McRae, is agent for the great Oxydizer "Victory" the invaluable remedy which cures all forms of diseases without medicine or electricity. Price only \$15. Lasts a lifetime. Address, Alex McRae, Milton, Oregon. Last week the Press unintentionally omitted an account of a social gathering at the home of Mrs. Callender. A number of lady friends congregated, and the afternoon was pleasantly passed in sewing carpet-rags to the accompaniment of interesting conversation. Hansell & Maloney, proprietors of the Postoffice store this week added a complete stock of staple and fancy groceries to their stock. The postoffice department has been moved to the back end of the building, new shelving put in and the storeroom now presents a very attractive appearance. The firm will keep everything you want in the grocery line. See their ad.

Miss Jennie Maybee, of Weston, was given the medal at the contest in this city, last Friday evening. The contest for the medal was very interesting, and the vocal music enjoyed by the large number of people who were present. The proceeds amounted to \$18 and were used to pay for song books in the public school. The Press is informed that a contest for a gold medal will soon take place in Athena. Monday was Charley Stansell's 26th birthday, and his friends took advantage of the occasion to give the young gentleman a lasting proof of the esteem in which he is held by them, so they congregated at the home of his sister, Mrs. F. J. Beale, and to say that he was surprised does not half express it. Miss Nettie Connell has just closed a very successful six months school. The children of the school have made very rapid progress, and the patrons are so well satisfied that they offered Miss Connell the next school if she desires it. J. H. Hiteman received word this week from Portland of the death of Edward Barton, a former resident of Athena. While here, Mr. Barton engaged in the lumber business. He was prominent in Odd Fellow circles. Chas. Norris has leased the "Till" Taylor property and will soon take possession. Charley promises to show the editor a garden, down there, that will make even a son of the Flowery Kingdom green with envy. Miss Woodruff was an Athena visitor Friday. The county school superintendent attended the closing exercises at the school house in the afternoon, and in the evening heard the medal contest at the Christian church. Go to Pendleton for big bargains in shoes—cost prices on shoes during the sale at the Boston Store. This is no lie. If you see the display you will be convinced. Big line bought cheap, before the rise. James C. Stamper and J. Bloch were in Pendleton Wednesday; from the fact that the weather was fine and the roads good, they went down by team, thus beating the railroad company out of car fare. W. E. Young set Main street in a ripple of envy this week by having the front of the Pioneer harness shop painted a deep dyed, villainous red, trimmed in Irish town mourning. It's a stunner. Tuesday night of this week a social dance was given under the management of several of Athena's young ladies. To say that the affair was a decided success is superfluous. Boone Mulkey, a man well known in this and Morrow county, died in a Portland hospital a few days ago of heart disease. His remains were interred at Heppner, where he lived. Mr. Pickel, the photographer, has an advertisement in today's Press, which our readers will not overlook. He means business. Clark Wood, editor of the Leader and Wm. Worthington, came over from Weston Tuesday to bank for a time where there is life. When in Pendleton stop at the Golden Rule Hotel. The best of rooms and elegant fare. Free bus to and from all trains. The name of the Long Creek Eagle has been changed and the paper is now called "The Blue Mountain Eagle." If you want to drink a cup of splendid coffee ask for the Perfection Blend. Sold at Max Lewin's at 30c per pound. Pride of Japan Tea is the best tea in the market, and highly recommended, for sale at Max Lewin's. Indications are at the present time, that we are again sitting in the lap of spring. Be sure and buy your cigars at Max Lewin's, as he keeps all leading brands. Max Lewin keeps the Monogram cigar. They are made out of best pure tobacco. Hook and Ladder Co. No. 1, had a drill practice Wednesday evening. Hugh McArthur is in Milton today.

Does Your dog Wear a license number? How is politics with you? What office is your friend running for? Born—To Mr. and Mrs. George Brewster, of Adams, March 12, 1896, a girl. The cheapest chewing tobacco on earth is at Hollis'—It's a plug. How is that? The whist club met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Sharp Tuesday evening. The irrepressible Charley Bowling, the Adams druggist, was in town yesterday. A number of ladies drove out to Mrs. Hardin Mansfield's yesterday and spent the day. Saturday was a busy day for Athena merchants. Many country people were in town. An ordinance, regulating the price to be charged for city water and regulating the system, has been "posted." Chapman, the painter, did some very fine work on the interior of the postoffice building, for Hansell & Maloney. It would be much appreciated by the Press, if those who are in arrears on subscription would call and pay up. C. C. Sharp and J. W. Froome were in Pendleton Tuesday. They drove down, and report the roads in fine condition for traveling. George Martin was in town yesterday. Mr. Martin had just returned from Weston and Milton, where he was engaged in feeling the political pulse. Sina Rothrock was released on bonds of \$50, furnished by George Ely and August Arp. Laura Stieker is still in jail, but hopes soon to be released. Noah Remallord, who owns a farm on the reservation, will remove his family from Walla Walla to this city to reside until he can regain this land which is leased until fall. Elder Jenkins, of Heppner, will hold services at the Christian church, in this city Sunday morning and evening. Elder Rushing is assisting in protracted meetings at Heppner. Prof. R. O. Hawks is making an effort toward the organization of a glee club in Athena. There are several vocalists in town, and no doubt the professor's efforts will be crowned with success. Angus Gillis and John Echert have nearly completed the belfry for the big bell at the Baptist church. The bell was hoisted yesterday from the ground to its resting place in the belfry. Word was brought to town by trainmen yesterday that a dead man was seen lying alongside of the road, below the city. Investigation proved it to be a drunken fellow resting in the arms of morphine. Mr. Salisbury is postmaster at Salisbury postoffice in this county. Last fall he used an official envelope for unofficial purposes and was arrested and taken before the United States court at Portland where he pleaded guilty and was fined \$300. The judge suspended his sentence until the president could act upon the matter and news come of favorable action. The squaws on the reservation are threatening a crusade against saloon keepers who dispense liquor to Indians. A regular indignation meeting, so it is said, was recently held, at which the Indian women expressed themselves in a most emphatic manner. Some were in favor of going to the towns and by force of numbers seize and throw the liquor into the streets. It seems that the Parrs are coming to grief. Not long since Joe Parr was brought back from Idaho and will have a trial before the circuit court. Now comes Eli Parr, a brother who assaulted a woman, with whom he was living last fall, and escaped before an officer could take him. He couldn't stay away from the reserve any longer and came back yesterday. An officer took him in tow at once and he will stand trial. Awarded Highest Honors—World's Fair, DR. PRICE'S CREAM BAKING POWDER MOST PERFECT MADE. A pure Grape Cream of Tartar Powder. Free from Ammonia, Alum or any other adulterant. 40 YEARS THE STANDARD.

FROM SOUTH AFRICA. John Gillis Writes a Descriptive Letter. A. M. Gillis received a letter yesterday from his brother, John Gillis, dated at Cape Town, Africa, February 1st. John was enjoying good health, but the country and condition of things did not come up to his expectations. Hundreds of people are leaving the gold fields on account of the recent troubles with Boers, yet many are still flocking there from all parts of the world. Many of those who are there are stranded and offering to work for their board, and in many cases which came under his observation could not get even that. Cape Town is a city of 70,000 inhabitants, but in John's opinion, is 1000 years behind the times. A large number of buildings are in course of construction, but the material used is mostly brick and stone, even to the door and window casings. Carpenters get 11 shillings per day, and board from 5 shillings up. John says any one contemplating coming to Africa who is not a skilled mechanic or has capital should at once be made to understand that the country is not a fit place for them, as the natives do the common labor at prices on which an American would starve to death. At present it is very hot there, and terrific thunder storms prevail. The sun is directly overhead, and at the noon hour, there is no shade. A food and water famine is being encountered in some portions of the country, water being sold at six pence a cup and other things which go to pacify the inner man are sold in proportion. John, before closing his interesting letter says he would return to America at once if he had the means to do so. However, he appears not to be down hearted, and like other Americans there, is looking for the bright side of the proposition, which he thinks will come when the Trausvaal matter settled and the mines again resume operation. Populist Primaries. Populist primaries were held in Athena precincts Wednesday. The voting was extremely light, and it was with some delay that the polls were arranged. Ten delegates and ten alternates were elected to the county convention, which meets in Pendleton on Wednesday next. The delegates are as follows: NORTH ATHENA. A. L. Swagart, G. W. Tittsworth, W. H. H. Scott, S. C. Stanton, J. W. Stamper and J. N. B. Gerking. SOUTH ATHENA. C. H. Whiteman, J. W. Keen, Chas. Walter and M. J. McDaniel. The Sturgis Estate. In the matter of the estate of Samuel P. Sturgis, the appraisers, F. W. Vincent, C. B. Wade and G. A. Hartman, have filed their report. The total being \$47,354. It will be a surprise to many to find that Mr. Sturgis was not as wealthy as at first represented. It was thought that \$150,000 was about the correct figure. Good Pasturage. I have pasturage for 250 head of stock—plenty of good range and abundance of water—50c per head, per month. GEORGE MULKEY. LAST DAY OF SCHOOL. Appropriate Exercises Given By Teachers and Pupils. The last day of school is looked forward to with as much eagerness and expectation, in this day of good educational facilities, thoroughly competent and highly enthusiastic teachers and most excellent school work by the pupils, as they were in the days of the old log cabin school houses and elabedated benches; and they certainly are made as pleasing and entertaining for both patrons and pupils. Last Friday witnessed the closing exercises of the Athena public school, after a very pleasant and successful term of six months. Early in the afternoon patrons and visitors commenced gathering in the building, and soon standing room was at a premium. We were first invited into Mrs. Freeman's room, the first primary, where we were pleasantly and profitably entertained by examining the beautiful work executed by the little tots of this grade. The room was artistically decorated with festoons of chains made from different colored tissue paper, hung from the center of the ceiling and attached to the four corners of the room; the walls also being decorated similarly, and with unique designs, all executed by the pupils. The center of the black board fronting the desks was ornamented with a beautiful scroll, florally decorated, on which were written the names of pupils neither absent or tardy during the term. The harmony of colors and artistic and unique decorations elicited exclamations of delight from the visitors. After spending a short time inspecting the work, we were invited to Miss Taylor's room, where the pupils under the charge of Misses Taylor and Downs and Mrs. Freeman, rendered an excellent program consisting of dialogues, recitations

and songs. All acquitted themselves honorably and reflected great credit on the work of their teachers. At the close of these exercises we passed into Mr. Curtis' room where we were again entertained with a similar program, well rendered by his pupils; at the close of which, in a timid but pleasant manner he stated that he would excuse all from his room except his pupils and their parents and guardians, and the teachers of the school. After order had been restored we were ordered to fall in line and march—but where? Tramp! tramp! and out of the building, down the street, and soon the van guard is headed for the St. Nichols hotel, where a charge was made on the culinary department, prepared and under the special care of the pupils. And such a time! Hot rolls, chicken, pie, cake and all sorts of preserves; and we did ample justice. One little fellow remarked that he wished the last day of school would come every day. We were too late to hear the exercises in Prof. Smith's room, as they were held in the forenoon, but were informed that a pleasant time was spent. We were pleased to note so many visitors—the patrons of the school. Let us, as patrons and friends interested in our children's greatest good, our country's best welfare, and the happiness of our homes, lend a hand in the greatest of all work—the education of the rising generation. PATRON. OUT IN THE COUNTRY. A Party of Ladies Entertained By Mrs. Hardin Mansfield. Yesterday a merry party of ladies, under the espionage of Mrs. Beale were piloted out to the country home of Mrs. Hardin Mansfield, where they took that lady by complete surprise, virtually storming the castle. But when they began to unload baskets and hampers galore, her features took on a less distressed appearance for she then began to realize that she wouldn't "have to get dinner for that hungry looking gang." The more industrious ones of the party soon settled down to work of various kinds, while those of a more idle and frivolous turn of mind indulged in cards, dominoes and the like until dinner was announced, when they all sat down to an delicious spread as any this scribe has tackled for lo! these many days. Roast chicken, veal, salads, fruits, tarts, pies and such angel cake as only Mrs. Leeper can make—and butter milk biscuits that would melt in your mouth, as the hostess is famous for making—and other good things too numerous to mention. The table didn't groan, but some of those ladies did after it had been somewhat unburdened of its load. After dinner the ladies were enjoying a quiet chat as only ladies can, quietly, when a horrid man intruded himself into their presence, and although being received but coldly by some, he received enough sly encouragement from other more giddy members of the company to induce him to tarry in their midst and thus make himself rather obnoxious. Some even went so far as to say the young man was decidedly cheeky. However, the severe ones were visibly affected by his winning manner and perceptibly thawed before he took his departure. The hostess was horrified to find that the party had voted unanimously to stay for supper, but resigned herself gracefully, consoling herself with the reflection that this would be the last invasion, till next time any way. When the music started up, we faintly. The party consisted of Mrs. Frank Beale, Mrs. Leeper, Mrs. Callender, Mrs. Effie Edington, Mrs. Fred Boyd, Mrs. Wm. Wilkinson, Mrs. Jas. Nelson, Mrs. Jinks Taylor, Mrs. Andrew Willaby, Mrs. Willis Bush. SLUG 3. Mountain Valley Items. Mountain Valley, March 9.—The past week has been a stinger, the coldest weather of the year being at that time, but has moderated somewhat. We see by the Weston Leader that the democratic party are talking of putting up R. M. Powers, of Weston, for county judge. Now if the Democrats can't do any better it seems to me it would be good policy for them not to make any nomination for that office at all. What has become of our old friend C. B. Leatherman? Some one please answer. At the school meeting S. L. Caldwell was re-elected clerk and C. R. Gate re-elected director. T. B. Simonton returned home last week from the Milton vicinity where he has been attending school this winter. Hon. J. S. Gurdane and wife, T. B. Gurdane, W. E. Hiatt and wife, A. J. Cummings, D. E. Jones and A. Carley all made a trip to the county seat last week. S. L. Caldwell who has been on the sick list for over a week is somewhat improved. Wanted by J. W. Ray, three wagon loads of cats to feed until after squirrel season. A liberal price will be paid for all cats de-

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livered at his ranch in Sleepy Hollow. Alex. Manning, of Pilot Rock, who has been attending the Weston normal this winter, has been engaged to teach the spring school at this place. Jas. McLaughlin, our popular sawmill man, started the first of last week for Harney county to be gone about one month. DIXIE. THE RUSSIAN THISTLE. Should Be Stamped Out When It First Appears or It Will Take the Country. We sincerely regret to notice in one of the papers the arrival of the Russian thistle in Umatilla county, Oregon. This is really too bad. We have, in this paper, cautioned the farmers of Oregon time and time again against the possible approach of this terrible enemy. Nothing so serious could possibly happen the state. The average farmer, unless he has seen it, cannot imagine what an unconquerable enemy to all industry it really is. Umatilla being a windy country, and sometimes a dry one, furnishes the right kind of conditions for its growth. If it is allowed to gain a foothold at all, it will certainly compel the farmers to give up their places. The time to conquer them is the very first year they appear. They should either be dug out and burned, or the ground on which they grow summer-fallowed whether it be in crop or otherwise. No farmers should for a moment regard the trouble or expense he is put to in rooting out every vestige of the plant. It is the greatest foe the agriculturist ever had to contend with. All other drawbacks are trifling when compared with it. We speak from bitter experience when we say this. It is but a few years since they were first noticed in South Dakota. And today all the money in the United States treasury could not clean them out. A little labor the first year they appeared might have been successful in removing them; but the farmers did not know what they were, and so paid little attention to them. The second year, they were beyond the farmers' control, and they have already compelled scores of people to abandon their farms and leave the state. There is only one thing for the farmer to do, dig them out, or plow them down when they first come. In no other way can he keep his farm free from them.—Salem Post. Notice. All accounts due P. M. Kirkland, are now at the First National Bank for collection, and all are requested to come forward and settle at once. P. M. KIRKLAND. For Sale. One of the best residences in town. Will sell cheap or trade for cattle. For particulars apply at this office. There is more catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease, and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven catarrh to be a constitutional disease, and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., of Toledo, Ohio, is the only constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from ten drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials. Address: F. J. CHENEY & Co., Toledo, O. Sold by Druggists, 75c.

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