

Bigger  
Six pages brim full of crisp,  
fresh news, is the  
Size of the Press.

# ATHENA PRESS.

Better Than Ever.  
For advertisers, it is a good  
medium. That's the  
Record of the Press

VOLUME XI.

ATHENA, UMATILLA COUNTY, OREGON, FRIDAY MORNING, JUNE 17, 1898.

NUMBER 25

## .. JUST IN ..

Brown Shoe Co.'s "Le Meer" Ladies' Chrome Kid, lace, vesting top and tongue, narrow widths, \$5 00  
Brown Shoe Co.'s "Le Meer" Ladies' Chocolate Kid, lace, vesting top, narrow widths. . . . . 4 00  
Brown Shoe Co.'s "Queen Bee" Ladies' Black Kid, lace, vesting top, medium widths. . . . . 3 50  
Brown Shoe Co.'s "Queen Bee" Ladies' Black Kid, lace, vesting top, medium widths. . . . . 2 50  
Brown Shoe Co.'s "Secretary" Men's Vici Kid, Cornell toe, lace . . . . . 4 50



Triple Knee

Not real leather

"Leather"

but wear

Stockings

like leather

C. W. Hollis, Main Street, Athena, Oregon.

## Superior Photographs!

Excelling all others in life like, Artistic  
and permanent results.

I MAKE A SPECIALTY  
OF FINE CARBON WORK  
L. G. PICKEL  
South side Main Street,  
Athena, Oregon.

## PENDLETON'S GREATEST STORE

Will give you free railroad trans-  
portation to Pendleton and return.

To every purchaser of a suit of clothes amounting to  
\$10.00 or more, or \$10.00 of merchandise, they will give a  
receipt, which when returned to them on the Fourth of  
July, will entitle the bearer to the amount of money for a  
free ride to Pendleton and return.

## The Peoples Warehouse

Leading Hustlers.

.. The ..

## Fourth of July

Will Be  
Celebrated at

# PENDLETON

The liberty-loving people of Umatilla  
County, Eastern Oregon and the In-  
land Empire are cordially invited to  
join the people of Pendleton and cele-  
brate the Fourth.

The Committee of Arrangements  
Mayor C. J. Smith, Chairman.

## GARCIA COMMANDS

Hundreds of Cubans Join  
American Forces.

## CLOSING IN ON THE CITY

The Food Supply of Santiago  
Cut Off.

Washington, June 15.—The navy de-  
partment today posted the following bul-  
letin:

"Admiral Sampson reports he has  
been reinforced by several hundred Cu-  
bans and that our forces at Guantanamo  
is in very satisfactory condition.

"The town of Acabarotos has been  
occupied by troops under General Rabi.  
Men under General Garcia are co-operat-  
ing with the American forces."

## The Spanish Routed.

Guantanamo Bay, Tuesday, 7 p. m.—  
The American marines and Cubans to-  
day completely routed a force of 400  
Spaniards. One American was slightly  
wounded. The Spaniards lost about 40  
killed.

Rear Admiral Sampson and Comm-  
odore Schley with their combined forces  
are slowly but surely placing such a net-  
work about Santiago and are cutting off  
so effectively every source of outside aid  
that within a short time starvation's tap-  
ping will give way to Death's solid knock  
for admittance at the door of the ill fated  
place.

Within three days three separate  
sources of supply and reinforcements  
have been cut off and Santiago is now  
isolated from the world and is down to  
famine rations. When Admiral Cervera  
arrived at Santiago with his fleet, the

that there was but one Colelial in the  
war of the rebellion. His Chinese name  
is unknown, but the name under which  
he enlisted was Thomas Sylvanus. He  
was born in Baltimore about eighteen  
years before the outbreak of the war.  
When a child he was taken to Pittsburg,  
where he acted as a servant for a wealthy  
family in that city. When the war  
broke out Thomas ran away and enlisted  
in the army. He served Uncle Sam  
until the close of the war, shortly after  
which he turned up in Indiana, Pa.,  
where he resided until his death, which  
occurred a few years ago.

While in the service of the United  
States Sylvanus contracted a disease of  
the eyes, from which he almost went  
blind. In 1880 he applied for and was  
granted a pension of \$12.00 per month.  
He also secured several hundred dollars  
back pension. An examination of the  
records discloses the fact that Sylvanus  
was the only Chinaman in the late war,  
and consequently the only one of his  
race who drew a pension. At last ac-  
counts his widow and children were still  
living in Indiana, Pa.

## Cowardly Assault.

Mrs. F. M. Dean left a hotel in Baker  
City about 11 o'clock Saturday evening,  
where she had been visiting her son, to  
go to her home in east Baker. While  
on her way a man knocked her down by  
striking her on the head with an iron  
bar. The injured woman after lying un-  
conscious for some time dragged herself  
to a nearby house and a physician was  
called. Her skull was fractured by the  
blow. The motive of the crime was  
robbery. The weapon used was an iron  
rod, 2 1/2 feet long and half an inch thick.  
It is doubtful if Mrs. Dean will recover.

## Umatilla County Gold.

A new mining district is being devel-  
oped at the head of Pearson creek, 25  
miles south of Pendleton. It has been  
known for several years that ledges of  
gold existed in that part of the county  
and a little mining has been done, but  
nothing very rich had been discovered.

Yesterday nine locations were recorded  
at the county recorder's office, of claims  
newly found. The main ledge is  
thought to be discovered, and the pros-  
pects are encouraging. Several assays are  
reported to be from \$30 to \$40 a ton.  
The owners of the new claims are:

## Two Big Days.

June 30 and July 4 will be "red letter" days for Athena. On  
June 30, the Caledonian Society will hold its celebration in this  
city, and Scotch people and their friends are coming from far and  
near to enjoy the festivities of the day. On July 4th, Athena  
promises to give the people of the Eastern part of Umatilla  
county, a celebration that will eclipse all former efforts.

W. T. Rigby, M. A. Rigby, Charles  
Hoffman, W. A. McCarty, W. T. Potter  
and W. A. Mann.—Pendleton Tribune.

## Big Time.

The kilted Scotchmen of the Caledo-  
nian Society will have a grand time at  
their picnic June 30 at Athena. A. J.  
Hislop, one of the committee, is making  
arrangements to have all bagpipe players  
in Eastern Oregon with them in having  
a good time. Excursion rates on the O.  
& N. from Pendleton to Athena and  
return. The Caledonians cordially in-  
vite all Scotchmen in Umatilla and  
Walla Walla counties who can or ever  
did play the bagpipes to address A. J.  
Hislop, Pendleton, Or.

## Veterinary Surgeon.

Mr. H. H. Muecke, the well known  
veterinary surgeon, will be in Athena on  
Wednesday, June 22. Anyone wishing  
his services can see him by calling at  
the Palace Drug Store.

## Horribly Mutilated.

Last night's Portland Spokane train  
ran over and horribly mutilated a man  
in the railroad yards at Umatilla. G. C.  
Osborn, who was on the train, says the  
injured man was an employe of the O.  
& N. Co. Both legs were ground off  
and the body horribly mangled. He was  
picked up, placed on a stretcher and  
taken to Walla Walla, where he lay for  
an hour before a physician arrived. He  
was unconscious the entire time, and in  
all probability is now dead.

## Fall Wheat Dying.

There is considerable uneasiness in  
Garfield county, Eastern Washington,  
regarding the condition of winter wheat.  
Many fields are dying, and no one  
seems to know the cause, although there  
are many theories advanced. The dam-  
age seems to be confined to what is  
known as "Oregon white winter wheat,"  
of which the acreage is not large, and  
should it all be destroyed the effect on  
the total crop of the county would not be  
great. This wheat was generally sown  
in May and June, 1897, and consequent-  
ly a year has passed since it was sown.

## The Caledonians.

One of the committee of arrangements  
for the big picnic to be given by the  
Umatilla county Caledonian Society at  
Athena on the 30th of June, tells an  
East Oregonian reporter that the details

are almost completed. At this writing  
over \$80 is now on hand for prizes for  
the games and contests. There will be  
excursions from Pendleton and other  
points over the railroads and a big crowd  
is anticipated, for everybody knows that  
the Caledonians always have a good  
time. The Athens band has been en-  
gaged to furnish music, and the meeting  
will be held in the grove there, where a  
dancing platform will be erected. The  
program of events will appear later.—  
East Oregonian.

## OFFICES FOR OREGONIANS.

S. O. Swachhmer is Appointed Re-  
ceiver of the La Grande  
Land Office

The news comes from Washington  
that President McKinley sent the fol-  
lowing names to the senate Wednesday  
morning:

Jay P. Lucas, register of the land  
office at The Dalles; Otis Patterson,  
publisher of the Hoppner Gazette, re-  
ceiver of public money at The Dalles;  
register of the land office at Burns;  
Samuel O. Swachhmer, receiver of  
public money at La Grande.

S. O. Swachhmer will succeed J.  
H. Robbins, formerly of Pendleton, as  
receiver at La Grande. Mr. Robbins' term  
expired some months ago and he  
has been ready for some time to turn  
the office over to his successor, to be  
named by President McKinley.

Lot Livermore of Pendleton and ex-  
Senator A. R. Price, of Athena, were  
candidates to the office to which Swach-  
hmer has been appointed, and were  
strongly recommended.

Both the register and receiver of the  
La Grande land office are residents of  
La Grande. It was expected that the  
receiver would be from the outside.

## ARE NOW AT WORK.

Hon. H. S. Blandford, of Walla Walla,  
Will Orate.

The executive committee on arrange-  
ments for celebrating the Fourth of  
July in Athena, met at the office of J.  
W. Wilkinson Tuesday evening.

The committee on music reported that  
they had secured the services of the  
Athena band for that day, and the com-  
mittee on speakers has announced that  
Hon. H. Blandford, of Walla Walla,  
will deliver the oration. The selection of  
Mr. Blandford's services on that day  
is one that is well made, for the gen-  
tleman as an orator, is well known through-  
out Oregon and Washington.

The committee on grounds will com-  
mence the work of seating and erecting  
the dance platform at once, so as to  
have the work completed in time for the  
Caledonian Society's picnic on June 30.

The committee on amusements will  
have \$30 to expend in the way of in-  
cidentals and prizes, and are now at  
work, while the committee on program  
will soon have their labors completed in  
a preparatory way.

W. E. Young, mayor, has been selected  
as president of the day.

It is the purpose of the different com-  
mittees to boom the work merrily along,  
and the advertising matter, including  
full sheet posters, printed in colors, will  
soon be before the people of Umatilla  
county announcing Athena's big cele-  
bration.

## Wants to Recanvas.

P. H. D'Arcy has asked the canvass-  
ing board of Marion county to recanvas  
the vote cast for himself and Judge  
Boise for circuit judge. In an affidavit  
filed with the county clerk Monday, Mr.  
D'Arcy sets forth that the result arrived  
at by the canvassing board differs essen-  
tially from the returns published in the  
newspapers. He thinks that a recan-  
vass will show his election.

## Bitten by a Dog.

The young son of Mrs. Armstrong,  
who is visiting her parents, Mr. and  
Mrs. C. A. Fischer, was bitten by a dog  
on the arm at the camp meeting grounds.  
The dog was shot by the city marshal,  
and the boy, who was attended by a  
physician, is getting along all right.

## Bromus Grass.

Clark Walter, who has been giving  
Bromus grass a trial, Saturday brought  
into town a fine sample. He pronounced  
the grass a success for dry land.

## Wants to Ret.

The pioneer's reunion at Milton this  
year was a flattering success. It cost our  
people upwards of \$300 to entertain our  
guests but we got the worth of our  
money twice over. However we don't  
want any picnics or celebrations until we  
recover from the fatigue of the last one.  
—Eagle.

## Bert Russell Commits Suicide.

Bert Russell, 22 years of age, com-  
mitted suicide while insane at College  
Place, near Walla Walla, early Sunday  
morning. He cut his throat with a pen-  
knife, severing the wind pipe and al-  
most beheading himself. He was the  
son of Miles Russell, a well known  
citizen of Dayton. He lately became  
deranged, but had made no attempt  
on his life before.

## Samuel Mahaffey Indicted.

The grand jury, after being in session  
three days, found an indictment against  
Samuel Mahaffey, charging him with  
assault with a deadly weapon on Melvin  
Green last month. Mahaffey will plead  
before the circuit court Monday after-  
noon at 1:30 o'clock.

## For Sale.

One new steel frame Plano header at  
a bargain.  
C. W. Hollis,  
Pendleton, Ore.

## THE SECOND FLEET

Four Transports Left San  
Francisco for Manila.

## GEN. GREEN IN COMMAND

Left Mid Cheers and Blasts  
From Whistles.

San Francisco, June 15.—The second  
fleet of transports, including the steam-  
ers China, Colon, Zealandia and Sena-  
tor, weighed anchor about 1 o'clock and  
are now on the way to Manila.

The four transport steamers were ready  
at noon for the signal from Major Gen-  
eral Green's flagship, the China to hoist  
anchor and proceed on their journey.  
The steamer Senator, which lay at the  
dock all night taking on cargo and un-  
docking final preparations for the voy-  
age, moved into the stream about noon.

All morning long the vessels were be-  
ing put into ship-shape condition and  
about noon it was announced that every-  
thing was ready for departure. The  
soldiers spent a fairly comfortable night  
on board the transports in spite of the  
confusion accompanying the change from  
camp to ships.

Shortly after noon the announcement  
was made that the steamer Senator was  
ready to go into the stream and about 1  
o'clock the order was given to cast off.  
At the same time Major General Green  
ordered the transports Colon, China and  
Zealandia to weigh anchor and proceed  
up the bay to join the Senator, which  
had continued her voyage oceanward  
without coming to anchor.

Thousands of people had assembled  
along the docks to witness the departure  
of the fleet and when the signals order-  
ing the vessels to get under way were  
observed, a mighty cheer went up. Ad-  
ded to the cheering of the people was  
the blowing of whistles and ringing of  
bells. Every steam whistle in the har-  
bor with steam up blew long blasts from  
their sirens and every factory and mill  
in the manufacturing district saluted the  
vessels, with blasts from whistles.  
Bombs were exploded and cannon fired,  
and amid this hubbub the four stately  
vessels bearing their loads of human  
freight and munitions of war passed down  
the bay.

## French Cabinet Resigns.

Paris, June 15.—The cabinet met this  
morning and reviewed the situation.  
Later Mr. Mellin handed President Faure  
the resignation of the whole cabinet  
which the president accepted, while re-  
quiring the ministers to continue the  
direction of affairs until their successors  
are named.

## Firemans Tournament.

La Grande, June 15.—Two thousand  
people witnessed the races this after-  
noon. Walla Walla won the speed race,  
the score being as follows: Baker 24,  
La Grande 24 1-5, Walla Walla 23 2-5.  
During the race Steve Reed of La  
Grande fell. The cart ran over him, his  
hip was cut and his shoulder bruised, but  
he was not seriously injured. The  
weather is windy and showery. The  
automatic starter was out of order and  
Joe Ell started the races with a pistol.  
In the wet test Baker City won in 32  
4-5 seconds.

In the hook and ladder performance  
Baker was the only city with a team  
present. They made the time in 21 4-5  
seconds.

The 150-yard hurdle race was won by  
La Grande in 18 seconds.

The following officers were elected:  
President, J. W. Scriber, La Grande;  
vice president, Joe Ell, Pendleton; sec-  
retary, Tom Drumheller, Walla Walla;  
treasurer, E. J. Murphy, Pendleton, sta-  
tistician, George Beideman, Union; di-  
rectors, Dan M. Kelly, Baker City; J.  
H. Kelly, Walla Walla; J. W. Morgan,  
Waitsburg.

## Wanted to Die.

George Johnson was taken to Milton  
Saturday evening in a very critical con-  
dition. He had attempted suicide by  
drinking an ounce of the oil of cedar.  
The poor fellow suffered untold agony,  
but was sent home yesterday evening  
with a fair hope for recovery. He lives  
five miles northwest of Milton.

## Wanted

Every Scotchman who can or ever  
could play bagpipes to write to the  
secretary of the Caledonian Society,  
Pendleton, Oregon.

## Money to Loan

On choice wheat lands of Umatilla  
county at reasonable rates of interest.  
Geo. P. ROXBORO,  
Pendleton, Ore.