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ATHENA MERCANTILE COMPANY

This spring we purchased a larger and better stock of summer fabrics than ever before. Owing to the backward season we find ourselves with large quantities of New, Desirable, This Season's goods on hand. We shall not wait until the season is over, and nobody has any use for them, but right now at the time when they are most needed, shall reduce prices on all Wash Dress Goods to such a low figure that none can fail to appreciate the values we are offering.

Two Special Lots of Laces

It would not pay you to put 25c and 35c laces on 10c and 20c dress goods. But we sell you lace that has the 25 and 35c look about it and is worth 10 and 12 1/2 cents per yard. 10 cent Basket at 5c per yard. 12 1/2c Basket at 6 1/2 cents per yard.

8 1/2 and 10c Embroideries, in odd lengths and great variety of patterns,

5c per yd.

White Braids, in all widths and patterns, from

1c Upward

New Shipment of fancy lace striped Hose just received.

Only 25c per pair.

Wash Dress Goods Clearance Sale

COMMENCES ON SATURDAY, JUNE 20th

6 1/2c Antrim Lawns, fast colors, Reduced to.....	4 1/2c
8 1/2c Organdy Lawns, all colors, Reduced to.....	6 1/2c
15c Fine Batistes and Dimities, Reduced to.....	10c
20c Fancy Jacquard Mulls, tan grounds, Reduced to.....	16 1/2c
25c Etamines and Canvas Cloth, Reduced to.....	19c
35c Imported Irish Dimities, evening shades, Reduced to.....	19c
30c Imported Mulls, all colors, lace and figure effects, Reduced to.....	25c
10c Seersucker and Chambray Gingham Reduced to.....	6 1/2c

WHISE GOODS INCLUDED IN THIS SALE

7 1/2c White India Linens Reduced to.....	5c
10c White India Linens Reduced to.....	8 1/2c
12 1/2c White India Linen Reduced to.....	10c
15c White India Linens Reduced to.....	12 1/2c
20c India Linen Reduced to.....	16 1/2c

Swisses, Mulls, Nainsooks and all fancy white goods reduced in the same proportion during this clearance sale.

Ladies Shoes

All the new shipments have arrived. All the latest novelties in Patent Leather or Kid. No trouble to show you the latest styles. We have them from

\$1.75 per pair Upward

Men's Shoes

All the latest and most reliable makes, from a good work shoe at \$1.40 per pair, to fine, Vici Kid, Box Calf or Patent Enameled at

\$3.50 to \$5.00

Special Notice

If you want a Shirtwaist for every-day wear, we have about 100 carried over from last season, some of them badly soiled, worth 50c, 75c and \$1 each, your choice while this lot lasts for

19 cents Each.

THE UMATILLA IMPLEMENT CO.

PENDLETON, ATHENA, HELIX.



We have just received a car of Barb and Woven Wire Fencing. Get our prices before buying

The Umatilla Implement Co.

Shick & Company

The Swellest and Most Complete Lot of

Men's Shirts

to be found in Athena is now on display at our store. Prices from

25c to \$3.00

Walkover Shoes

are Growing More Popular Each day. We have a Large Stock to Select from

Remember we are Headquarters for

GROCERIES

Let us Save you Money on them

Shick & Company

BURNED TO DEATH

TERRIBLE SCENE AT CHARLES BROTHERTON'S HOME.

Clothes of Little Susie Ignited While Playing At the Forge in the Blacksmith Shop.

An appalling accident occurred at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Brotherton just north of the city limits Monday evening, which a few hours later resulted in the death of little Susie, the three-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Brotherton.

Mr. Brotherton has a blacksmith shop where the farm machinery is repaired. One of the men had been working at the forge and when through the children engaged in play about the shop. As pastime, hot irons were used by them in burning holes in boards. While thus playing the clothing of the little one caught fire.

Mr. Brotherton, who had just driven into the yard, sprang to the child's assistance instantly. He smothered the flames as best he could with his hands an instant, then seeing a bed quilt on the fence, wrapped the little one in that. His own hands were severely burned.

Dr. Botkin was called immediately. He found the child was horribly burned from the knees up over the front part of the body and about the arms, face and head. The burning clothing had in almost an instant wrought mortal injury to the babe and all the physician could do was to alleviate its terrible suffering to some extent. Life lingered but a few hours.

The little one was exceptionally pretty and bright and was the pet of everybody and the only daughter in the family. In their sad affliction, Mr. and Mrs. Brotherton and the heartbroken little brothers have the sympathy of all. The funeral took place Wednesday from the home.

ORIGIN OF THE CLOUDBURST

Description and Cause as Given By Encyclopaedia.

Describing a cloudburst, the Encyclopaedia says: "In the first place it must be understood that a cloud was a mass of visible vapor or a collection of watery particles floating in the air. These liquid particles form what might be called a water dust of exceeding fineness. When one realizes the immense weight of water which some clouds contain, their suspension in the air seems remarkable. The capacity of the atmosphere for containing and supporting water vapor is much greater than might be supposed and this capacity is doubled with every 27 deg. increase of temperature. For instance: A cubic foot of fully saturated air, at a temperature of 80 deg. will hold over 10 grains of water. At 60 deg. it will hold 5 1/2 grains. If a vast cloud, extending thousands of feet up in the atmosphere, is suddenly chilled and its temperature changed from 80 to 60 deg. nearly 5 grains of

water must fall from every cubic foot of air as rain. Thus, when a vast cloud is suddenly chilled a sudden flood of rain falls over the area it covers. This is called a cloudburst, and where the surface on which this sudden flood falls, slopes rapidly the water rushes down the grade, and if collected in a narrow gorge, causes great destruction."

The flood which swept over Heppner Sunday evening, June 14, was due to exactly such conditions, and the cloud area extended for more than 40 miles around the fated town. When the cloud was suddenly chilled the flood began with a storm of hail stones as large as chestnuts followed by a deluge of rain, which swept the hail in great waves down upon the wreck with such mighty force that the entire town within its track almost instantly crumbled before it. This ice was found by rescuers piled in the wreck, and delayed the process of decay in the bodies.

MOUNTAIN STRAWBERRIES.

Good Market is Awaiting All That the Growers Can Produce.

Strawberry culture on Weston mountain is growing yearly in extent, although not rapidly enough to suit the many friends of the justly celebrated mountain berry—"raised without irrigation," large and round, free from blemish and delicious in flavor.

J. M. Downs' crop this season will be between three and four hundred crates, as against two hundred last year, and other growers have increased their output. Mr. Downs' entire crop has been contracted for by Jim J. Culley, who is also in the market for all other mountain berries brought to town.

Mr. Culley has secured a shipping market for all the berries not locally consumed—that is, when they are properly crated and prepared for shipment. He says there is a firm demand at steady prices for the mountain berries, which are famous wherever they go, and thousands of crates could be profitably disposed of. He predicts a great and prosperous future for the mountain region as soon as our farmer friends up that way begin to realize and profit by the possibilities of strawberry culture on an extensive scale.—Leader.

Innaha Makes a Trial Run.

The steamer Innaha left Saturday morning for Riparia on a trial run, carrying her officers and crew. The government inspectors are expected in Riparia and will inspect the boat. On the return trip it is expected that the boat will be thoroughly tested on the numerous rapids. No announcement has yet been made of the up river run of the steamer, although it is thought it will be made as early next week as possible. The Innaha is built for light draught running and is to run over the numerous rapids between Lewiston and the mouth of the Innaha, where J. W. Smith of this city and others have valuable mining interests.

In the good old Summer time go to Colorado—Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor, Denver, Colo., July 6 to 13. July 5 and 6 the O. R. & N. will sell tickets to Denver and return for \$40.00, good returning until August 31.

A TWO-THIRD CROP

THIS YEAR'S WHEAT YIELD IN UMATILLA COUNTY.

Extreme North and West Sections Will Have Light Yield—Good Prices Are Expected.

Good weather conditions throughout the Athena wheat district is giving a splendid tone to crop prospects. Liberal showers and cool weather here have added many \$20 gold pieces to the farmers' bank account. But this cannot be said of other parts of the county that were less fortunate in getting rain when it was so badly needed. E. W. McCombs, one of the heavy wheat buyers in this district, in talking on the wheat situation, said:

"Wheat is gradually filling and better results will be had than was expected a few weeks ago. The weather for the past three weeks has been excellent for the crops. The rains of the past few days will make it mature satisfactorily."

"Heavy growth of weeds in the early spring caused a drawback to the wheat. The weeds, however, have had their time, and the cloudy weather of these days will bring the wheat along."

"The light lands to the extreme north and west is where the crop will be the lightest. That land will produce about 12 bushels to the acre. The usual average for this land is about 20 bushels."

"On the reservation the yield will probably be 35 bushels. This is not much of a reduction to the average. In the Helix district the crop will run about 30 bushels, which is five bushels per acre below the average."

"Umatilla county in its best year, 1898, had a yield of 5,000,000 bushels. An average yield is 4,000,000 bushels. It is estimated the yield this year will be about two-thirds of that or 2,600,000 bushels."

"The prospects for good prices this fall, compared to last season, are exceptionally bright. It is probable that sales will start at 50 cents. Before the season is over prices may go as high as 65 cents."

"At the present time there is a great scarcity of wheat in the country. Warehouses were never so empty as at present. Nearly all the farmers have sold their entire stock and when the crop is ready for the market the mills will be badly in need of grain. It is an understood fact that the farmers have plenty of money on hand and the forced sales this fall will be scarce."

"The reasons given will have a tendency to keep prices up. Some of the large wheat producers will hold on to their wheat for high prices, but prices ranging from 55 to 60 cents per bushel always bring out a large quantity of wheat."

Open for Settlement.

At Twin Falls, Idaho, 60,000 acres of land under the Twin Falls canal, will be thrown open to settlement on July 1. At present there are 300 men working

on the main canal, 16 miles of which is completed. A town site has been laid out at Milner, which already has a population of 150. The state will open a land office at Shoshone, where all entries on the tract will be made. There are now enough applications filed to cover the entire body to be thrown open.

A HORDE OF WORMS.

Millions Creep in Solid Column Over Land.

A vast horde of a species of caterpillar probably the genuine army worm, marched across Walla Walla valley this week. The worms appear to be marching in a solid column between 100 and 200 yards wide and two or three miles long. No serious damage has been done. A telephone message from a farmer who lives three miles from Walla Walla said the mob was en route through his garden and was ranked sufficiently close to make 40 per square foot.

As the trend of the horde is eastward, it will miss Walla Walla. They were first reported there by Oliver De Witt, a Dry creek rancher, who drove through them. The worms are about an inch and a half long, brown and inclined to fuzziness, with occasional green stripes. Dewitt tried to turn back the advancing column but could make no impression.

No effect is noticeable on the crops so far, though the caterpillars are doubtless living on them. The origin of the worms is unknown, though there are millions of them. Some irrigating ditches leading out of Dry creek are crowded with them. B. F. Engle, a pioneer, said that he saw a similar visitation 20 years ago in Marion county, where the only harm done was to gardens.

These worms have made their appearance in large numbers near Athena. To the east of town near the Taylor place there are millions of them. Crops and garden vegetation appear to be passed up by the worms, for weeds as a diet. They are said to literally cover tarweed and thistles. Myriads of brown butterflies are also to be seen and are perhaps the worm in maturity. No damage whatever is yet reported.

Reduced Rates From the East.

Commencing February 15 and continuing until June 15 there will be low rates in effect from the east via the Illinois Central R. R. to all Washington, Oregon and Idaho points. If any of your friends or relatives in the east are coming west while these rates are in effect, give us their name and address and we will make it our business to see that they are given the best possible service. We operate through personally conducted excursion cars, and, in fact give you the benefit of the latest conveniences known to modern railroading. We have 15 different routes between the east and the West, and are in position to give you the benefit of the best combinations. Write us and we will give you full particulars. B. H. Trumbull, Com'l. Agent Ill. Cent. R. R., 142 Third St., Portland, Ore.

L. W. Reed, of Gibbon, Oregon, will pay \$10 reward for information leading to recovery of a 3-year-old bay stallion, brand L R on left shoulder, and a 4-year-old brown mare, brand L R on left shoulder.