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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 12½ cents per yard. 10 cent Basket at 5c per yard. 12½c Basket at 6½ cents per yard.

8½ 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

6½c Antrim Lawns, fast colors, Reduced to.....	4½c
8½c Organdy Lawns, all colors, Reduced to.....	6½c
15c Fine Batistes and Dimities, Reduced to.....	10c
20c Fancy Jacquard Mulls, tan grounds, Reduced to.....	16½c
25c Etamines and Canvas Cloth, Reduced to.....	19c
25c Imported Irish Dimities, evening shades, Reduced to.....	19c
30c Imported Mulls, all colors, lace and figure effects, Reduced to.....	25c
10c Seersucker and Chamber Gingham Reduced to.....	6½c

### WHISE GOODS INCLUDED IN THIS SALE

7½c White India Linens Reduced to.....	5c
10c White India Linens Reduced to.....	8½c
12½c White India Linen Reduced to.....	10c
15c White India Linens Reduced to.....	12½c
20c India Linen Reduced to.....	16½c

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

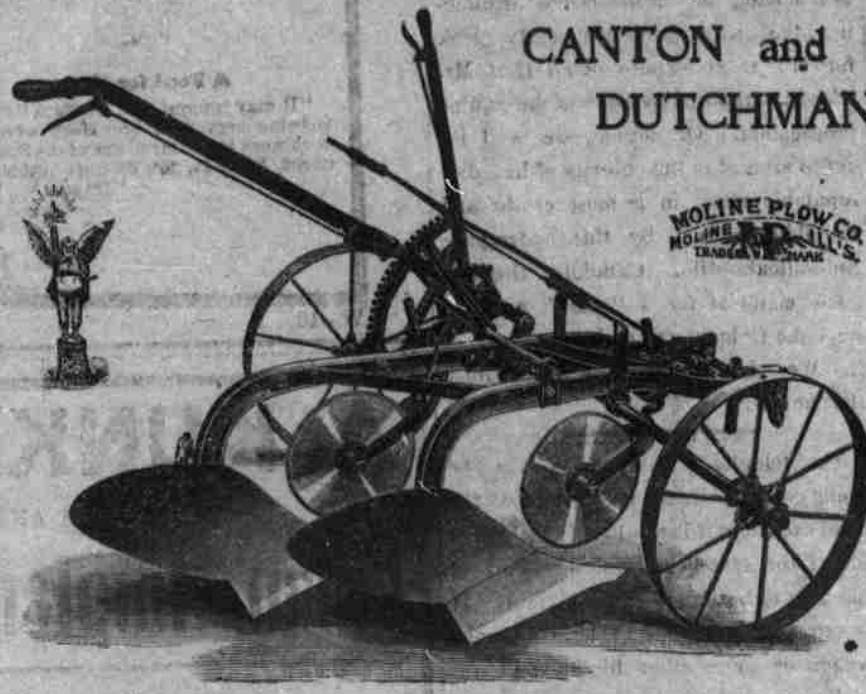
If you want a Shirtwaist for every-day wear, we have about 100 carried over from last season, some of them badly soiled, worth 50c, 75c and \$1 each, your choice while this lot lasts for

19 cents Each.

As the harvest season approaches you naturally look around to find where you can buy your supplies to the best advantage. We have a very large stock of Staple and Fancy Groceries, also Granite Iron, Tinware, Crockery and Glass ware. Yet our estimates are your bills. We will save you money on your groceries. Give us a call.

## THE UMATILLA IMPLEMENT CO.

PENDLETON, ATHENA, HELIX.



CANTON and DUTCHMAN Gangs, Sulky and Walking Plows

SUPERIOR DRILLS, BAIN and FISH WAGONS, BARB and WOVEN WIRE FENCING.

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

### CAPTAIN SAUNDERS

SUCCUMBED TO HEART FAILURE SATURDAY NIGHT.

Was Ill But a Few Moments and Passed Away Without a Struggle in Presence of Wife.

Captain P. H. Saunders died at his home in this city Saturday evening shortly after retiring for the night. He had made no complaint and up to the time of his sudden death, which resulted from heart failure, had enjoyed good health.

With his wife Mr. Saunders had witnessed the fireworks and retired to his room, going to bed before Mrs Saunders came up stairs. Shortly after he remarked that his feet were cold and later informed his wife that he would have to turn over before he could go to sleep. These were his last words and he expired instantly afterward, and before Mrs. Saunders could realize what was transpiring. She was alone with her husband, and going to the neighbors a physician was summoned, but long before his arrival Mr. Saunders had expired.

Captain Saunders was born in 1832 near Nashville, Tenn., and was aged 71 years at his death. On July 23, 1857 he was married to Miss E. J. King at Huntsville, Ark. He was one of the active men in the cause of the confederacy, and in 1861 organized and was made captain of Co. A, Arkansas Reg. of state troops. In the spring of '62 he went to Texas where he organized Co. F of the 19th Texas Cavalry, and served with distinction in Parson's famous division as captain of his company, though in various instances the entire regiment was under his command.

After the war Captain Saunders engaged in general merchandizing in Arkansas, and in 1879 came to Oregon from California. Besides his wife he leaves four sons and four daughters. They are W. A., of Pendleton; Edwin, of Newport, Idaho; Elmo, of Waverly, Iowa, and Earl of Athena. The daughters are Mrs. P. M. Grady, of Kent, Wash.; Mrs. Geo. Russell, of Joseph, Ore.; Mrs. Hugh Bell and Miss Keta Saunders, of Athena. The funeral took place from the family residence Monday, and was under the supervision of the Masonic fraternity, of which order Mr. Saunders was an honored member.

### THEY ARE YELLOW KIDS.

Playing in East Company in Their Old-Time Form.

Moro won the rubber game over Wasco on neutral ground at Shaniko last week by a score of 4 to 3. The Moro Observer says:

"Saunders was the backbone of the team that day. At the needed time he would invariably become an enigma to the Wasco sluggers. He kept the hits well scattered and although he didn't strike out as many men as Calif, he

however seemed to have a knack for doing things at the proper time."

Two Yellow Kids are playing in the Missouri Valley league, and the Central City (La.) News Letter says of them: "Frank Willard, of Springfield, who is pitching for Nevada in the Missouri Valley league, pitched a two-hit shut out game last week. The president of the Missouri Valley Baseball league gives out the averages of the players this week. R. T. Brown and one other outfielder head the list of outfielders with a fielding average of 1000 per cent. Among the pitchers Brown leads with a percentage of .900. His batting average is .296, being in 12th place in a list of over 100 players. He has five home runs, three 3-base hits and two 2-base hits to his credit. Brown is now playing first base for Springfield."

### Search Work Goes On.

Although the cleaning of the city of Heppner is practically done and the great piles of debris have been thoroughly searched from there to a point many miles down Willow creek, no bodies have been found for a week. A crew of nearly 30 men is still employed at cleaning and their work will be done in a few days. The task is slow and odious.

The rebuilding of Heppner is now assured. C. C. Peterson and A. M. Slocum, Heppner lumber dealers, are receiving daily shipments of lumber and other building material. Quite a number of homes and stores will be built this season, one or two being started already. Some of these structures will be much more durable than the ones swept away.

### Pendleton Bombardment.

A miniature bombardment, followed by a fire, occurred on 4th of July evening at Noll's store in the business center of Pendleton. While some boys and men were enjoying themselves at lighting small bombs and rockets, one rocket shot violently across the street, passed through the plate glass and landed in a large pile of assorted fireworks. Fierce and rapid explosions followed. Smoke rolled up. Hundreds of people were on the street at the time and a number rushed in and helped extinguish the fire. The fire department was called out but its assistance was not needed. This was the only fire reported during the day.

### Fire Destroys Depot.

At Heppner Junction fire started by a spark from a passing engine Monday destroyed the depot there. A fifty-gallon tank of gasoline exploded and much baggage, some United States mail, and freight was a total loss. Agent Glenn dashed barefooted through the flames to rescue his four-year-old child, and his family had a narrow escape. All his household goods were destroyed.

### His Two Boys Drowned.

The following sad news will be read with regret in this vicinity, Professor Talkington having formerly been a member of the Normal school faculty at Weston:

Professor H. L. Talkington's two little boys, Paul and Arthur, aged 6 and 8 years, were drowned at Lewiston, in the Snake river about a quarter of a mile above the ferry landing June 30. The bodies were naked when recovered, and the clothes were found on the bank,

indicating that the boys had been swimming.

Professor Talkington lives on Normal Hill, about half a mile from the scene of drowning. At 4 o'clock Tuesday afternoon the boys left home for the shooting grounds to gather empty shells. About 6 p. m. they were seen going toward the river. This was the last seen of them alive.

When the children did not return at supper time their parents became alarmed. Search was commenced and continued throughout the night. Early the next morning the bodies were recovered by means of a fisherman casting his net.

### Weather and Crops.

Wasco county, weather cloudy, with high winds; cherries and raspberries ripening rapidly; fall sown rye and barley being cut for hay; crop rather light but good quality.

Gilliam county, weather cool and partly cloudy; crops growing finely; wheat and barley promise extra good yields; gardens in excellent condition.

Echo, weather generally favorable for maturing grain; some harvesting being done; high wind Wednesday and Friday; first alfalfa crop harvested; gardens and orchards doing well.

Pendleton, some rain early part of week; heavy winds of two days' duration were hard on wheat and barley, but did not do much damage; haying in progress; potatoes doing finely; gardens good; harvest will begin in two weeks; wheat promises a first-class grain, but the crop will be short.

### Relating to Signposts.

Signposts are a great convenience to travelers and as they cost but little it is right that they should be maintained. Following is a section of the statute relating to them:

"Every supervisor shall erect and keep up at the forks of every highway and every crossing of public roads with his road district a guide or finger board, containing an inscription in legible letters, directing the way and specifying the distance to the next town or public place situated on each road respectively; provided, that the road supervisors shall not be paid after submitting their report to the county court until they have shown to the satisfaction of the court that the provisions of the section have been complied with."

### Takes Big Hare Contract.

A contract was entered into between Harry Rogers, a prominent stockman of Butler creek, and the American Hare Packing & Cold Storage company of Echo, by which Mr. Rogers agrees to deliver 10,000 American hares inside of sixty days, beginning October 1. The hares are to be delivered alive and in prime condition. This will necessitate the erection of miles of rabbit fence and construction of wagon boxes with decks especially arranged. The rabbits will be loaded like sheep, driven to the cannery in four-horse loads and there unloaded. Many of the persons in the vicinity of Echo have arranged to raise the American hare on a large scale.

### Card of Thanks.

Mrs. E. J. Saunders and family wish to extend their heartfelt thanks to the fraternal orders and all friends for their kindness through their sad bereavement.

### MAY BE REALIZED

PHILADELPHIA CAPITALISTS HAVE OBTAINED OPTIONS.

Walla Walla, Milton, Weston, Athena, Adams and Pendleton Are Interested.

Athena once more stands a good chance of having electric lights and power.

"According to Pendleton newspaper reports Philadelphia capitalists have obtained a franchise on the local plant there, and the manager, Dr. Vincent, states that a deal will perhaps be made in a few days. The Philadelphia people do not stop with the Pendleton enterprise, however, for it is known that if the Pendleton plant is obtained the Walla Walla plant is also to be taken over, and in connection with this the Athens Electric Light and Power Co. become interested, from the fact that its Walla Walla power site will be developed to furnish the power.

In event of the consummation of the proposition as at present outlined, the towns of Milton, Weston, Athena and Adams will come in for a good share of the benefits that would naturally result from the installation of a plant of this character. The Press will perhaps shortly be able to give a more extended account of the matter.

### To the Canadian Northwest.

Seven hundred head of horses of all sizes, colors and conditions from the range out to the first class heavy draft have been shipped from the Grand Ronde valley to the Canadian Northwest where the rapid settlement of that district makes a good market. It took 23 cars, a full train, to take the animals through to Montana where they will be driven overland from Cut Bank, ranging as they go. The distributing point will be Fort McLeod. The buyers were well known horsemen of Assiniboia and Alberta who paid \$21,000 for the consignment, some prices as high as \$125 being offered for real good animals. The Canadian Northwest market is expected to prove a prolific one.

### A Peculiar Pest.

Porcupines are destroying M. N. Bonham's fruit trees on his ranch south of town, says the Long Creek Light. Mr. Bonham has about 25 young trees that are bearing nicely and has discovered that the porcupines are razing havoc with them by climbing the trees, cutting off the fruit and tender twigs and breaking off lots of the larger limbs. Mr. Bonham has devised a scheme to keep these destructive little animals out of the trees by placing joints of stove pipe around the trees at the ground. This is said to be working satisfactorily as the porcupines are unable to penetrate through their sad bereavement and therefore cannot climb the trees.