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ATHENA MERCANTILE COMPANY

Hot Weather Goods by the Carload Lots

Everything you want, either to be cool at home, for mountain wear or the harvest field. Our prices are the LOWEST THAT GOOD, RELIABLE GOODS CAN POSSIBLY BE SOLD FOR. Call and get some Bargains.

Specials for the Week

Ladies' Onyx Dye Fast Black Hose regular 1 1/2 quality, per pair 10 cts.

Ladies' Fancy Lace-Striped and Open Work Hose, regular 30 cent quality, per pair 19 cts.

100 dozen Children's ribbed, fast black, high spliced heels, double toe, size 5 to 8, regular 1 1/2 quality, 10 cts.

While they last all our 6c Lawns go at per yard 3 cts.

While they last all our 8 1/2 and 10 cent Lawns go at per yard 5 cts.

While they last all our 12 1/2 and 15 cent Lawns, Batistes and Fancy Wash Goods go at per yard 10 cts.

For Mountain Wear

Mohair Serges, all colors, 36 inches wide, made on purpose for bathing suits, per yard 35 cts.

Covert Cloths, all colors, just the thing for mountain wear, per yard 12 1/2 cts.

Ladies' Gauze Vests each 10 cts.

About 50 Shirt Waists, soiled goods, all sizes, that sold from 65 cts. to \$1.50, your choice each 19 cts.

About 150 Ladies' Wrappers, all colors, all sizes, goods that have always sold from 95 cts. to \$1.75, each 69 cts.

Ladies' Undressed Kid Gloves just received. All colors. Per pair \$1.25

For the Harvest Field

New line of Men's Work Shirts, Cheviot, Duck, black, striped or fancy colors, each 45 cts.

Men's Derby Ribbed Under Shirts and Drawers, fancy stripes, light weight, per garment 30 cts.

Men's Heavy Ribbed Underwear, worth 75c per garment, go at 40 cts. per garment or per suit 75 cts.

100 dozen Men's Socks, ribbed tops, per pair 5 cts.

Comforts, all sizes and prices. A large size, well made comfort, 7 lbs. 95 cts.

Extra large 8 1/2 lb. comfort for \$1.35

Blankets per pair from \$1 to \$5

Men's Gloves, the best made, per pair from 25c to \$1.75

Shoes

If you want a good Work shoe for a little money ask to see the Ideal. Made congress with satin calf uppers and Oak Tan soles; well made in every respect. Per pair \$1.40

If you have tender feet, ask for our McGinty Shoe. Viscol Oil Tan. Always soft and cool. Per pair \$2.25

We are sole agents for the celebrated Richardson Seamless Shoes, either in congress or lace. Per pair \$2.25.

Indian and Norwegian Moccasins in all sizes.

The first shipment of Men's fine Shoes has arrived. All the latest lasts, in Vici Kid, Dongola, Calf-skin and enamelled. An elegant assortment to select from.

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 HARVEST SEASON

Is now almost upon us, and as it draws nearer your wants in the Grocery Line are correspondingly increased. We have one of the Largest and Best Assorted Stocks of Groceries in Eastern Oregon for you to select from. All our prices are as low as the lowest. Bring in your Harvest Orders and let us save you some money.

Work Shirts

We have placed upon our counters the best Selected Stock of Men's Work Shirts ever brought to Athena. 75, 65 and 60c shirts all going at

50 cts.

Men's Fancy Shirts

Our stock of Men's Fancy Shirts is too large, as we overbought at the beginning of the season, consequently to close the stock out we are making a sweeping reduction on all Fancy Shirts of

25 per cent

Our Stock of Shoes, Hats, Gloves, Overalls, Jumpers, Socks, etc., is very complete, and a glance through our Gents' Furnishing Department will prove we are "Johnny on the Spot."

Shick & Company

Sole Agents for the Celebrated "Snow Drift" Flour

NEW WHEAT 62 CTS

FIRST OF SEASON'S CROP SOLD AT PENDLETON MILL.

Blue Stem Price Seven Cents Better Than Initial Purchase Price Paid Last Season.

Sixty-two cents as against 55 cents, which was the opening bid last season, was paid for the first wheat of this season which was delivered at W. S. Byers' roller mills at Pendleton. This is the first wheat of the season to reach that city. It came from the farm of Fred Taute, two and a half miles of Pendleton. The wheat is blue stem and is as good if not better than the quality produced last year.

Sixty-two cents is a little better than the regular market price. The mill there raised the price slightly in order to have a prompt delivery and get a good supply, as the wheat of last season is nearly all gone. This mill is paying 59 for club. Last year's price for club was 62 cents.

It will be some little time before any great quantity of the wheat reaches the local market. As a general rule a number of the farmers assist in cutting each others crops and the grain is not delivered until after the threshing is completed.

The farm from which the first wheat came is located at the edge of the reservation, which is considered to be among the best wheat producing sections of that district. The crop, which went 20 bushels per acre, is 75 per cent of an average yield.

Wheat is ripening in good shape in this section and a fair crop with good prices will be realized by Athena farmers. The grain is plump, the heads well filled and the straw in most instances is found to be short. Harvesters are beginning to arrive and in a week or ten days harvest promises to be in full blast.

Little Child Shot.
The 5-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Warren was shot accidentally Saturday evening near Sumpter and died a few hours later. The members of the family were en route from Palouse to Rogues River valley and were preparing to camp. In lifting the bedding out of the wagon a revolver was thrown onto the tongue and exploded, the bullet passing through the little one's body. The father being a member of both the Knights of Pythias and Odd Fellows lodges, the funeral was held under the auspices of these lodges.

HARVEST IN THE PALOUSE.

Hay Harvest Is On—Wheat Promises Well.

The work of harvesting the timothy and bald barley hay crop in the Palouse section has commenced and in a few days will be in full operation. With the present ideal weather the work will progress rapidly. In the district along the

Palouse river which is almost entirely meadow land, the crop is a little later and the harvest will not commence for at least another week. The crop from the upper river district, which furnishes the vast amount of timothy shipped from that point, is somewhat lighter than last year, but will still furnish several thousand tons of choice hay.

The prospect for a good yield of wheat with the present favorable weather is improving. While the yield will fall considerably short of last year, indications are now that the farmer of that section of the Palouse will market practically an average crop, which will bring to the county, if prices reach the point now indicated, as much if not more money than last season's crop.

The oat crop, of which there is a large average than ever before is looking splendidly and promises a big yield. As a matter of fact crop indications generally around Palouse are good and a prosperous fall seems a certainty.

Cutting Down Umatilla's Debt.
Never in the history of this county has Umatilla been in such good financial condition as it is at the present time. The indebtedness has not been so small in eight years as it is now. These facts are shown from the report of Clerk Chamberlain prepared by Deputy B. B. Hall.

The actual indebtedness is \$63,324.74. The decrease made on the county debt by the present administration from year to year is shown by the following figures: In July, 1900, the debt was \$102,103.03; in July, 1901, \$83,226.46; in July, 1902, \$72,002.75, and this year it is \$63,324.74, making a decrease in three years of \$38,778.29.

Child Drank Gasoline.

The two-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Gay came near dying yesterday as the result of drinking gasoline. The little tot was in Mrs. Johnson's millinery store and desiring a drink of water, her little sister held a cup containing gasoline, thinking it was water, to her lips. A draught or two and the baby was soon overcome. Dr. Botkin administered emetics and the little one soon was on the way to recovery. The gasoline was being used for cleaning purposes.

A Narrow Escape.

Clay Moss was nearly bitten by a rattlesnake one day last week while pulling weeds on his place above town. He had reached down to secure a firm hold on a particularly large weed when a monster rattler struck the weed a few inches below his hand. As soon as he recovered from the shock, Clay gathered a fence rail and the way he went for that reptile wasn't slow and its carcass was soon hanging on the fence. It had eight rattles and a button.—Eagle.

Big Hog Contract.

A. L. Swaggart, of Athena, is in the city today, having come down with a load of fat hogs for the Perry House Meat company. Mr. Swaggart has sold a large lot of hogs to the company and by the terms of the contract is to deliver a load of 20 head at the slaughter house in this city every Monday morning until the contract is filled.—East Oregonian.

NEED MORE WATER

MORE EXCAVATING TO SUPPLY GROWING DEMANDS.

Feeder to City Well, When Completed, Will Be One Hundred and Fifty Feet in Length.

The demands on the city water system for water have become so excessive that the present supply afforded by the well is inadequate. The pressing need for more water has been felt with each successive dry season, when water is greatly needed for sprinkling and irrigating purposes. To supply a sufficient amount of water for consumers and at the same time have enough for fire protection, has long been a problem hard to solve by the water superintendent and the city authorities.

Wednesday the water committee of the council took action in the matter with the result that Water Superintendent Cholson now has a force of men engaged in extending the wing to the city well a distance of 150 feet. When this is completed the wing or feeder to the well will be 150 feet in length, there now being a 50 foot wing. It will be cased up with timbers and made substantial in every way. With this additional capacity, it is thought the well will afford an ample supply of water for all purposes.

Cherry Money.

Last week the Eagle reported that one of A. Miller's trees had 15 crates of cherries. Mr. F. E. Williams, who lives on the old A. Beck place below Milton reports two on his place having done still better. A Royal Ann tree produced 16 1/2 crates of cherries which sold for \$17.30, and a black republican yielded 18 1/2 crates for which \$14.80 was received. Next.

HOW ICE IS MANUFACTURED

Turning Out Fifteen Tons of Pure Ice Daily.

The new cold storage and ice plant at Pendleton is now running to its full capacity and is turning out 15 tons of pure ice daily.

The ice is made from the steam generated from the boilers. All of the exhaust is run into a receiving tank filled with coke, and from that it passes into another one filled with charcoal. Out of the charcoal tank it passes into a steam condenser, where all of the steam not as yet converted is distilled in a coil of pipes over which a stream of cold water is continually passing. From the steam condenser the water passes into a skimming tank, where all of the oil and other floating impurities which have escaped the cleansing process so far are taken off, and from there it is let into the reboller, where the water is again heated above the boiling point by a series of steam pipes. From the reboller the hot water passes into the storage tank at the end of the freezing tank,

where it is handy for the filling of the ice buckets.

These buckets each hold 300 pounds of the distilled water, and are suspended in the main freezing tank, which is filled with brine so that the cans are sunk within a few inches of the top in the icy water. All through this brine the cooling pipes are laid, and they are charged with the ammonia from the engines, thus lowering the temperature of the brine to far below the freezing point and turning the distilled water in the cans into ice in the same manner as ice cream is frozen in the freezer.

FUN FOR "CHAPPIE"

Cox Also Assists in a "Josh" at Reardon, Wash.

There was great excitement at Reardon, Wash., Friday afternoon over a practical joke played by three members of the famous Swingstiffers ball team. A party of young ladies were leaving on the afternoon freight for a vacation at Medical Lake. Chapter, the Swingstiffer manager, and Cox and Chester, two players, took a box which contained a chicken from in front of the butcher shop and put it on a flat car, remarking that the girls could have it for supper. The butcher appeared at the depot and demanded that the chicken be returned.

The irate butcher stood guard over the hen while he dispatched a bystander after the marshal. The bystander proved to be a German cook who couldn't speak the English language in the latest approved fashion. Here is where the excitement commenced. The German started up the street on the dead run, shouting for the marshal. When he became exhausted he shouted to E. Sprinkle, the livaryman, to send the marshal to the train immediately. Sprinkle thought something serious was wrong and gave the cue to Marshal Dale, who started on a sprint for the depot, followed by a large crowd of excited citizens.

Upon arriving at the station the marshal took in the situation and returned home. Meanwhile a justice of the peace was summoned and the men were arrested. The chicken was taken from the car, and just as the train started Chapter shoved the hen, box and all, through the coach window.

The ball players, having had their fun offered to pay the bill. The butcher wanted 75 cents for the egg producer. A board of arbitration consisting of three citizens was appointed, and they appraised the hen at 95 cents, which was charged up against the Swingstiffer club.

No Trace of Nolan.

No trace has been found of L. E. Nolan, the man who recently fled with 17 year old Bessie Sams, of Walla Walla daughter of the woman with whom he had eloped 10 years before. The last heard of Nolan and his youthful paramour were at Adams, but they had left that point before officers got after them.

For Sale.

I have several articles of furniture, bought last August, which I wish to dispose of before I move away the last of August. C. A. Sias.