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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 15c quality, per pair
10 cts.

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

150 dozen Children's ribbed, fast black, high spliced heels, double toe, sizes 5 to 8, regular 15c 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

WOMEN'S 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. Vicol 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, Calfskin and enameled. An elegant assortment to select from.

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.

Now is the time you need lots of supplies. Come into our Grocery Department, take a look around, get our prices and if you are not already a customer, you will be. We carry anything and everything in the grocery line.

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

BARB WIRE LINES

BUSINESS HAS NOW ASSUMED LARGE PROPORTIONS.

A Switchboard and Operator At Milton—Same Conveniences Are Needed in Athena.

The barbwire telephone lines centering in Athena have assumed such business proportions that it has become next to impossible to handle them without the installation of a switchboard and the employment of a special operator.

There is at the present time entering Athena, seven different barbwire telephone lines. They are the Mountain and Southern line, with 24 phones; Athens, Weston and Milton line, with 14 phones; Pine creek line, 8 phones; Couze creek line, 11 phones; Adams line, 10 phones; G. W. Bradley's line, 28 phones; Helix line, 10 phones. Here we have a total of 105 telephones, the business of which is daily increasing as their practical usefulness becomes more and more impressed upon the owner.

The work of making the proper connections and getting the persons wanted, answering calls, etc., devolves on the members of two business houses in this city, who have been doing the work free of any charge to the patrons of the service. The burden of this work has become irksome and it is now proposed to follow Milton's example in putting in a switchboard at some convenient place of business and employing an operator. Milton found it impracticable to get along without an operator, concerning which the Eagle of last week says:

"The new switch board for the Milton Rural Telephone Co. arrived this week and has been installed in V. H. Chastain's Pharmacy. The system is now in good working order and connects with all the principal farm houses and important inland points, such as Woodward's tollgate, Fletcher's and Olinger's sawmills, the Hudson's Bay district, etc. This is the result of a private enterprise started by the Elam Hardware Co. a couple of years ago. The business grew to such proportions that it could not be handled without a special operator at 'central,' hence the removal of that office from the company's store to its present location."

Several who have phones on lines entering Athena, when shown the above readily proposed the plan of putting in a switchboard and employing an operator. The cost of maintaining an operator would be slight when the convenience is taken into consideration and would be light on the individual patrons. One farmer says he would not be without telephone connection with town and his neighbors for any consideration. He thinks the proper manner in which to get the project started is to figure out the cost pro rata, and then have some one interview the patrons.

Must Be Respected. Sanford Stone, who is separator tender for Chas. Baddeley's threshing

outfit, was in town Monday and related a humorous skit. A Weston man is stacking straw for the outfit, and on the first setting the carrier had not done its duties satisfactorily. The man on the straw pile, after being repeatedly covered and fighting his way out, had been vainly trying for an hour with shouts and wild gesticulations to attract the tender's attention, and when he finally did so, was exceedingly wroth, no doubt the heat and prickly barley beards adding much to his irritation. With his face as red as a beet, he sang out: "Say, Mister, where I come from straw-stackers had to be respected! If this thing happens again, walkin' to town has not all been taken up, and I'll proceed to oil up my joints!"

The Coyote Is "Next". To use slang phrase, the coyote is "next" to himself. Since the royalty on his scalp has been done away with, evidently he has been taking pointers on the race suicide question. Anyway, his progeny, as well as his brothers, sisters, cousins and aunts, appear to have become prolifically plentiful. His kith and kin are becoming so numerous that scarcely a hen roost in the county is safe from his depredations. As a supplementary alleviation for his craving for the toothsome "yaller" legged fowl, he does not scorn the coarser grained flesh of the goose, as is evident from a recent attack made on Milt Swaggart's fine flock of geese. Coyotes literally exterminated the flock, leaving a number partially eaten and others lying dead on the ground, unutilized, a silent token of the devilish destructiveness of this sly, foxy, midnight marauder.

Straw the Streets. "It would cost but a trifle, comparatively, to have straw placed on the main traveled streets of Athena," said a business man Saturday evening. The expression was uttered between gasps for breath in a cloud of dust raised by a passing wheat wagon. It is noticeable on streets that have in former years been liberally applied with a coating of straw, that dust is not so troublesome as on those that have never been strawed. This is due to the fact that the particles of straw mixed with the soil make it heavier and more compact.

Doing Good Work. John Walter is doing good work with his combine this season in the wheat fields west of town. With 24 horses and four men the machine is averaging 25 acres per day. The fields in that locality are admirably adapted for the operation of the combine and in the opinion of many it is only a question of time when all the grain in that section will be harvested by this process.

Addition to Warehouse. F. O. Rogers' independent warehouse at the Athena mill site is undergoing improvements in the way of a commodious and substantial addition. Geo. W. Hansell has the work in charge, and when it is completed Mr. Rogers will have ample room in which to store the wheat that is now rolling in so fast.

Garrett Is Nightwatch. Charles Garrett has been given the position of night watch on City Marshal Ghoslon's police force. Mr. Garrett catered on his duties Saturday night.

A. J. CRIGLAR HURT

INTERNAL INJURIES ARE OF A SERIOUS NATURE.

Wagon Turns Over on the Old Gentleman, While Coming Down the Dry Creek Hill.

A. J. Criglar lies at his home near Freewater in a very precarious condition as the result of an accident which occurred Tuesday on the Dry creek wagon road. Mr. Criglar had on a load of fruit and was accompanied by a little girl. On making the descent of the hill and when about half way down, one of the horses stumbled and fell. This scared the other horse and he lunged forward, pulling the wagon on to the horse that was down. The horse was directly underneath and when he raised up the wagon was overturned, throwing the old gentleman violently to the ground. When examined by physicians Mr. Criglar was found to be injured internally but to what extent they were unable to determine. The little girl escaped without injury.

THE ATHENA TRUCK CO.

C. O. Henry Has Purchased A. L. Jones' Half Interest.

Chas. O. Henry has purchased A. L. Jones' half interest in the transfer business of the Athena Truck Co. The deal includes a half interest in the teams, trucks, machinery, etc. The firm will hereafter be Winship & Henry and will do business under the name of The Athena Truck Co.

Mr. Jones retires from the business after long years of service. Just what he will engage in in the future he has not yet fully decided. Mr. Henry, who made the purchase, is well known and stands well with the business men of Athena.

All Vacancies Filled.

The board of regents of the Eastern Oregon State Normal school have filled all vacancies in the faculty of that institution and with no exceptions have made very wise selections. The school will open September 16, and it has a very bright outlook for the ensuing year. Under the direction of President French the department rooms have been rearranged and everything will soon be ready for the reception of students. The catalogue has been issued and is being circulated and the attendance from all indications will be much larger than ever before.

Broke His Jaw.

A young son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Sheard has met with a serious and painful accident. He was indulging in the fascinating sport of holding to rings and sliding down a rope, tied at an angle of about 30 degrees. The scene of the performance was in the Sheard barn, and a post to which one end of the rope was tied served as the stopping place in the descent. Finally the boy missed the

post with his feet and shot on out and down for a distance of 15 feet. He landed with his chin against a wagon rack. The force was such that his jaws were dislocated and one side fractured. It is a painful injury but the little fellow, who is but 9 years of age, is getting on as well as possible under the circumstances.

Consolidated School Districts.

Pendleton business men have a project on foot to consolidate five rural districts with the Pendleton school district. This is made possible by the passage of the Kuykendall bill at the last session of the Oregon legislature, which provides for the transportation of school children to and from points in their community. With the proposed consolidation, Pendleton schools would gain the attendance of something like 300 children, and the taxable property for school purposes would be in the neighborhood of \$500,000, or in all about \$2,000,000 worth of property on which it would be possible to levy a special tax.

A Lacerated Hand.

Sunday morning, while endeavoring to mount a horse, John King had one of his hands badly lacerated, in a most peculiar manner. Placing his hand on the pommel of the saddle, which was nothing more than a steel plate, the leather having worn off—the horse gave a sudden lunge. With his hand tightly gripping the pommel the horse gave another jump and something had to come. It was John's hand. Dr. Sharp found it to be badly torn on the inside and he took 16 stitches to patch it up.

Athena a Good Town.

James Henderson, who was recently transferred by the Athena Mercantile Co. to the Helix branch store, was in town Monday. Mr. Henderson says that to fully appreciate how good a town Athena is, one has but to leave it for awhile and return. Wheat in the Helix neighborhood is yielding much better than expected, and business men out there are having a good trade.

Keysight Is Better.

Joseph Rainville, who for years has been afflicted with failing eyesight, recently submitted to an operation in Walla Walla. Since receiving treatment Mr. Rainville's right optic has improved so that the vision is practically as good as ever. He will have the left eye operated on shortly.

A New Separator.

The Zerba boys finding their old separator inadequate in capacity, have purchased a new Case machine of the Umatilla Implement Co. The new separator is 32-54 in size and has a great capacity for work.

A New Machine.

Chas. Norris has added a new cranking machine to the equipment of the Pioneer harness shop. It is of the latest pattern and does its work neatly and well.

MacCaughy in Charge.

Rev. Chas. MacCaughy will take charge of the newly organized Methodist church at Freewater until conference. A Sunday school has been organized with Mayor Ayres as superintendent.