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THE UMATILLA IMPLEMENT CO.

PENDLETON, ATHENA, HELIX.

Grand Opening

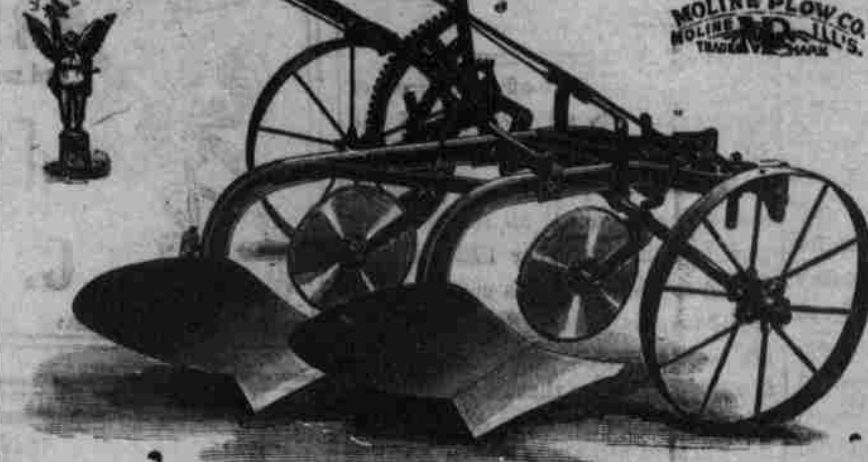
Immense quantities of new goods are arriving daily. On Monday September 21, we shall be prepared to show in every Department, the greatest variety of up-to-date, fashionable goods ever shown under one roof in Umatilla county.

New Silks, New Dress Goods, New Cloaks, New Gloves, Laces, Ribbons and Notions, New Overcoats, New Suits, New Underwear, New Shirts, and New Shoes in all the best makes, such as Buckingham & Hecht, Selz and Douglass Shoes.

We have been appointed agents for the celebrated Utz & Dunn Ladies' Shoes and are now showing a full line in all sizes and widths.

Your early inspection will be appreciated. We are out for the trade and guarantee our prices to be the lowest, consistent with first-class merchandise.

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.

DELL BROTHERS

Just About
Fine Groceries

In any line we can suit you. Prices at the lowest ebb. We are after your trade and will get it if fair treatment and LOWEST POSSIBLE PRICES will serve as an inducement to get it.

Once We've Got You,
We've Always Got You

IN STAPLE GROCERIES our goods are Standard Brands. By this we mean that they are the kind recognized and sold in the best stores in the country. IN FANCY GROCERIES we are caterers to the most fastidious wants and can supply you with most anything.

Gents Furnishing Goods

Our stock of SHOES, HATS, GLOVES, OVERALLS, JUMPERS, SOCKS, etc., is very complete. A glance through our GENTS' FURNISHING DEPARTMENT will prove it.

Dell Brothers

Sole Agents for the Celebrated "Snow-Drift" flour

FIGHTING A TRUST

Salem Paper Wants to
Hold the Crop.

The Salem Journal has taken a stand against the Portland warehouse trust, which virtually controls the wheat market of Oregon. It advises the farmers to combine and hold their wheat for higher prices. It takes the ground that the wheat sold early by farmers is used as a club to keep prices down. It has the following to say upon the subject:

"The Salem Journal has asked all the grain farmers who are its readers to consider the situation as to the market price for grain.

"Many have already begun to haul to the warehouses and take whatever is offered, when they should unite and hold their grain.

"Grain, cotton manufactured goods and other staples are all going up, and it is a notorious fact that Oregon farmers get less for their wheat and other grain than in any Western state.

"In Kansas and other states the farmers are uniting to get a dollar a bushel for their wheat, and they can get that in Oregon if they stand firm, or if even half of them stand firm, and refuse to deliver grain.

"The wheat that goes into the warehouse for market and speculative purposes has passed out of the farmers' control, and is used as a club to beat down the price.

"If farmers will begin this year to holding the whip of the warehouse trust, they can break the blight of monopoly that has crushed the grain growers for these many years.

"The Journal is just one small paper, but it can see this wrong so clearly and can see what is going on in other states, that it volunteers to make this fight for fair play for the grain farmer.

"By mere spreading of the facts that are being gathered, the grain farmers can form an organization and can all be put in touch with each other and with the situation. Will you do it and help break the curse of the Portland elevator and warehouse trust, whose leaden hand is crushing agriculture and robbing it of millions?"

WITH BRIGHT PROSPECTS.

The Eastern Oregon State Normal School Opens.

The Eastern Oregon State Normal school opened Wednesday with an equipment second to none in the normal schools of the state and equalled by few on this coast. Everything indicates a good attendance, says the Leader. President French has spent much of his vacation in institute work and has met a large number of teachers who are becoming interested in the work of the State Normal school at Weston,

and whose personal influence is already bearing fruit. Nearly all the rooms in both dormitories are now engaged, and many new students are expected to arrive in a few days.

Extensive repairs and improvements have been in progress at the school buildings during the summer. These include the remodeling of the building vacated by the school for the purposes of young men's dormitory, sloyd, gymnasium and domestic science; book cases and cabinets at the new building; new furniture and equipment; the fitting up of kindergarten, domestic science and sloyd rooms, and other means toward making the school plant at Weston a modern and model one.

The first floor of the remodeled building will be occupied by a gymnasium which is connected with bath rooms supplied with hot and cold water. The front room of the lower floor is occupied by the sloyd department. Professor Bruce, who is a skilled carpenter and has had special preparation for the work of manual training in Indianapolis and the University of Chicago, will have charge of this work. On the second floor are the students' rooms and rooms for three teachers. This floor is also provided with a bath and toilet rooms. A large and attractive study hall, with a recreation room adjoining, will occupy the upper story of the building.

In the normal school, education means a preparation for complete living; for this reason the department of science finds its legitimate place as one of the regular departments of the school. The rooms for this work are being fitted up with all the appliances of a modern kitchen. Both the children of the training school and the students of the normal school will have work in this department.

Domestic science has been for several years a valued feature of the work in leading state normal schools. Two members of the faculty, Mrs. French and Miss Ferguson, have been actively engaged in this line of school work, and bring to their duties at Weston the knowledge born of fruitful experience.

FRUIT PACKING.

Largest Amount of Shipments in History of Milton.

The fruit packing industry at Milton is rapidly assuming mammoth proportions. This season the three packing houses at the O. R. & N. depot have packed and shipped double the amount of pears, prunes and peaches ever before handled in the same length of time. This has been accomplished, too, in

spite of the fact that for a time a sufficient number of packers could not be secured to prepare the fruit for shipment as rapidly as it was offered for sale. As a result, says the Eagle, a large percentage of the peach crop was allowed to rot in the orchards. During the past 30 days about 50 cars of fruit have been shipped from the Milton depot and an average of two cars a day are being sent out at the present time. Besides this a large proportion of the fruit purchased by the Walla Walla Produce company is sent loose to Walla Walla and there packed and shipped. A considerable amount is also sent out in small lots by express by individual growers.

The Fruit Growers Union is probably the heaviest shipper from this point and is sending out a car a day mostly prunes and pears.

Reminders of Flood.

Since the disastrous Willow creek flood laid ruin and death in its path at Heppner, many things have occurred which recall the calamity. A recent incident is the action of the board of education in releasing two of the teaching staff of the public schools which opened Monday. This had to be done on account of the large number of children drowned.

Probably one story of the flood which has never been given to the public has just been told by one of the survivors. Several days after the flood, he says, he was walking along the bank of the creek when he observed one of the public school books lying on the bank. He stooped over to see what it was and the heading of the article at which the book was opened read, "The Story of the Tempest."

HEAR THE OTHER SIDE.

Strain Desires Publicity of O. R. & N. Co.'s Contentions.

The following letter relative to the hearing of the O. R. & N. Co.'s assessment in this county, which is to come up for hearing on September 23, is self explanatory:

Pendleton, Sept. 15.—To the Editor:—The 23d day of this month is set for hearing the claims of the O. R. & N. Co. for a reduction of their assessment. The people have never heard the company's side of it. They are entitled to a fair hearing and just treatment. I think I am right. They contend that I am wrong. Come to Pendleton that day and hear them. Kindly give this matter publicity by publishing this letter, or otherwise. Yours truly,
C. P. STRAIN, County Assessor.

FRUIT SHIPMENT OF A CAR LOAD LOT

The first shipment of apples from Athena in carload lot, went out over the O. R. & N. Wednesday night, consigned to a Grand Forks, South Dakota commission house. The fruit was of first class quality, being firm and free from worms or other insects. These apples came from the Wildhorse orchards of J. S. Ross, J. S. Harris, J. R. King, Wm. Brace and S. A. Carlisle. The shipment consisted of 474 boxes weighing 40 pounds each, the price paid being 35 cents per box on the trees. A big refrigerator car was used for transportation of the fruit, which had been carefully packed to insure good condition. The Blalock Fruit Co. purchased the fruit and will endeavor to secure the winter crop of Wildhorse apples, which will probably amount to five or six carloads. The shipment was in charge of J. A. Ross and H. L. Briggs, of the Blalock Fruit Co.

WOULD BE EXPENSIVE

An Extra Session Would
Cost \$15,000.

Pendleton, Sept. 20.—"An extra session of the legislature would cost the state of Oregon \$15,000," says Senator C. J. Smith. "But if this tax law is invalid the calling of the extra session will be inevitable as the state must have the money. With the heavy appropriations made by the last legislature, a year without any taxes would practically bankrupt the treasury, and Oregon now prides herself on being out of debt."

Dr. Smith's opinion in regard to the tax law was that it would be taken before the supreme court on a test case before the call for the extra session was issued. His private opinion is that the supreme court would give the law a most liberal construction and, if possible, hold that it was valid, thereby saving a great expense to the state. A hearing before the supreme court could be had at almost any time in Salem, and a decision handed down without delay. If the attorney general decides that there is an oversight in the law as spread upon the records, then the test case will in all probability be started and rushed through to the supreme court.

To provide for the contingency which is now confronting the state through this error the extra session of the legislature would have to be called for the latter part of October at the latest, as any laws which it might pass would be subject to the 90 days provided for the referendum. If the taxes are to be collected and an assessment made in accordance with the intention of the new law for the year 1903, the extra session must pass the act 90 days before February, 1904.

Counterfeit Money.

There seems to be in circulation in this part of the county, silver coins that are hard to detect from the genuine. Austin Foss is in possession of a 25-cent piece that is a counterfeit and can only be detected by a dull ring when thrown on the counter. It has evidently been cast over a center piece of lead. Spurious dollars are said to be in Milton and Milton people are warned to be on the lookout for them, reports the Eagle. Cashier Davis of the bank of Milton detected two of them in one day this week. The coins are made of silver and are nearly full weight, but have been cast instead of being cut with a die.

New Health Ordinance.

The state board of health is preparing a health ordinance for all incorporated towns in the state of Oregon. The board will meet in Portland on September 29 and 30, at which time the ordinance will be presented for approval.