

Our Annual Clearance Sale

Most Ready For It

Miller, the Rustler, - - - Main Street, Athena.

Press Paragraphs

Dr. R. W. Anderson, dentist, Post building, Athena.

Mrs. Henry Stamper was in the city Monday from Weston.

Born, December 26, 1903, to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Koontz, a son.

Dr. R. W. Anderson, dentist, Post building, Athena.

D. H. Sanders is afflicted with a serious case of rheumatism.

Mrs. Belches of Moro was the guest Tuesday of Mrs. Bert Cartano.

James Wood and John Walter went over to Walla Walla yesterday.

Dr. R. W. Anderson, dentist, Post building, Athena.

Mrs. Wm. Thompson has been ill the past few days with a severe cold.

Attorney J. A. Fee was up from Pendleton Tuesday on legal business.

Mr. and Mrs. James Mosgrove and daughter spent Christmas in Milton.

Mrs. H. McArthur is up from Portland, visiting her sisters in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Johns made a short visit in Walla Walla Tuesday.

Born, on Christmas Day, 1903, to Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Gay, a daughter.

Oliver and Bell Mosely spent the holidays with friends in Walla Walla.

Mrs. C. B. Wade, of Pendleton, is reported to be threatened with pneumonia.

Miss Elsie Rosenzweig spent a portion of the week in Walla Walla and Milton.

Harry Rosenzweig is over from Walla Walla for a few days' visit with his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Fay LeGrow were guests of relatives in Walla Walla holiday week.

Mrs. Henry Lloyd returned yesterday to Milton, after a visit with relatives in Athena.

Mrs. Wm. Willaby and daughter, Goldie, are guests of Mrs. O. M. Castleman in Pendleton.

Otis and Roy Beck left Saturday evening for their homestead in Franklin county, Washington.

Misses Eva McDonald and Lula Robey are over from Walla Walla, visiting at the Dudley home.

Dr. J. C. Smith is in town from Jefferson, Oregon. He is accompanied by his daughter, Hazel.

Mrs. Culley and daughter and Miss Annie Barnes of Weston, visited friends in the city this week.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Woodward and daughter, of Walla Walla, visited Athena friends this week.

Miss Agnes Fletcher, of Bendleton, has been the guest of Mrs. J. D. Plamondon the past week.

Ira McDonald has gone to Long Beach, California, where he desires the Passat for the present.

Rev. J. W. Jenkins and family have moved into the handsome new parson-

age of the Christian church, and will soon be comfortably settled in their new home.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Nelson spent Christmas week with Mrs. Nelson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Beck.

F. E. Simpson left this week for Portland, where he has accepted the position of book keeper for a wholesale firm.

Mrs. Dormody, who has been in Pendleton for some time is at the home of her sister, Mrs. Clarence Gay, in this city.

Mrs. Garfield and daughter, who visited at the Nelson home this week, returned yesterday to their home in Weston.

Misses Kittie Sharp, Bertha Baker and Alcy Foss spent the vacation from their respective schools at their homes in this city.

Mrs. H. W. Kemp came over Tuesday from her home near Milton and spent a few days at the home of her son, I. M. Kemp.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Perry and daughters, Misses Bertha and Minnie Gross, were up from Pendleton and spent the holidays with friends here.

Miss Minnie Koepke, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Koepke, was united in marriage last Tuesday, with Andrew F. Shultz, at Ellensburg, Wash.

J. W. Smith returned this week by way of Elgin, from his Snake river mines. Jesse will remain at home now until spring opens up work in the mines.

The steamer Spencer has been withdrawn from the Columbia river between The Dalles and Portland and the regular rate between those points has been restored.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Koontz went over to La Grande Saturday evening and visited over Sunday with Mrs. Koontz' mother, Mrs. Ann Kirk, who has bought a home there.

Jack Craig, the printer returned yesterday morning from California. He accompanied Mrs. L. A. Githens and her little girl home, who have been in California for some weeks.

Tomorrow night, the Mickey Finn farce comedy company with a long list of entertainers, will appear at the opera house. Several new and elaborate costumes. Saturday, Jan. 3.

Miss Ida Bennington, who last winter made her home with Mrs. DePauli, visited here this week. Miss Ida's health is poor, and she is under the care of Dr. Smith, of Pendleton.

The Misses Alta and Carrie Sharp, Jeannette Manasse, Anna Rush, Mrs. Chas. Keen and G. W. Bradley last Saturday evening attended the meeting of the Weston Rebekah lodge.

Mrs. Edward Manasse left the first of the week for Victoria, B. C., where she will visit with her son, Herbert, who is attending school there. Mrs. Manasse also has other relatives in that city.

The Passat family, who are one of the best known families in the city, are expected to arrive here on Christmas Day, and will be the guests of Mrs. Barnes, at the new parson-

board. All of the family were present, excepting one brother, Wm. Ridenour, and family, of Chelan, Wash., and Mrs. Bert Vaughan, of Pine, Or., daughter of E. Ridenour.

A pleasant party was given by Dr. and Mrs. J. D. Plamondon Monday evening, to their young friends, in honor of Miss Stella Anderson, who was home from the normal school at Ellensburg.

Weston Leader: O. E. Nelson, manager of the Weston brickyard, has contracted with J. B. Baker of Meacham for 500 cords of wood. Shipments will begin during the early part of the new year.

Mrs. S. A. Maloney, of Weston, was the guest of Athena friends this week. She will probably accompany her sister, Mrs. W. D. Parker, to her home at St. Johns, Wash.

Mrs. Joe Hodgson and children, were in from their country home Wednesday, visiting at the Thompsons home, and Thursday morning took the train for Walla Walla, where they will be the guests of friends.

Dr. and Mrs. Fred Stine of Spokane visited in the city during the holidays, attending a reunion of the Lieavallen family. On Christmas day they went to Walla Walla to attend a family dinner at the Stine home.

Mickey Finn, one of the newest and most successful farce comedies, at the opera house Saturday night. A large and pretty chorus is promised, and the musical numbers will comprise all of New York's latest hits.

Mrs. David Taylor and Mr. and Mrs. J. Nelson went to Weston yesterday where they were guests at the wedding of Miss Lillian Garfield, second daughter of Mrs. Garfield of that city, and Mr. C. W. Foster of Prineville.

A. L. Jones is slightly incapacitated for work this week. Monday, while climbing down a ladder from his hayloft he fell to the floor below, striking on his right shoulder and sustaining a severe bruise, although no bones were broken.

McBride & Co. have neat telephone cards for the patrons of all rural telephone systems entering Athena. The names of all persons who have phones are printed on the cards together with the number of rings. By calling at the drugstore cards may be obtained.

Angus McDonald left Tuesday evening for Colorado Springs, Col., where he goes with the expectation of staying three or four months, in the hope of regaining his health. Angus' many friends throughout the county will be glad to hear of his early improvement.

The first annual ball given by Pythian Lodge No. 29 K. of P., at the opera house last night was a grand success in every particular. A large number of guests from other towns, accompanied by their families, were in attendance. The orchestra furnished excellent music, and a splendid supper was

court at Pendleton Monday, the final account of the executor, George W. Stagg, was approved and he was discharged. A compromise was effected between the heirs, averting a threatened contest and all parties at interest were apparently satisfied.

H. C. and M. Curry, eyeglass specialists of Walla Walla, who have made several trips to Athena, will make their next professional visit Jan. 5-6, Tuesday and Wednesday, at the St. Nichols hotel. They are the oldest and most reliable specialists in the West and carry the largest set of instruments in use. Consultation free. Prices as low as is consistent with first class work.

A watch meeting was held last night in the class room of the new M. E. church. A sermon was preached by Rev. Armfield, commencing at 8 o'clock after which a song service was held. Lunch was served, and the remainder of the time spent in social converse, until the midnight hour, when the departing year was ushered out and the New year ushered in with befitting ceremonies.

Evangelist W. A. Moore announces his subjects for discussion at the Christian church as follows: Tonight, "Selling the Birthright;" Saturday night, "Did Alexander Campbell Found a Church?" Sunday, 10 a. m., Bible school; 11 a. m., preaching and communion; 3 p. m., lecture to women only; 7:30, "Behold the Man." Subjects for next week are not yet decided upon, but will be announced as the meetings progress.

A thrilling tale of adventure comes to the Press from west of town. Briefly stated, the other night John Walter, in company with a young lady, was driving home from church in one of those blinding fogs that Joe Scott tells about. In the extreme darkness, the horses were allowed to take the road, when suddenly they brought up on an embankment and over went the buggy. Aside from John's mud bath and a broken telephone wire, no inconvenience resulted.

GERKING FLAT FLATS.

Miss Fannie Scott, Jr., who has been spending the Christmas festivities at home, returned to her school at Waitsburg, Tuesday.

Jas. A. Fee, of Pendleton, was out in this vicinity on business, Tuesday.

Mrs. Krebs, who has been seriously ill at her home, is reported convalescent.

Our friend, Jim Scott, who has been under the weather so long, is not much improved.

Miss Dobson commenced Monday to finish up her term of school, after several weeks vacation on account of the serious illness of Mrs. Will Dobson.

Dr. W. R. Scott, who has been spending his holiday vacation at home, will return to Portland Saturday to again take up his studies at the Medical institute.

Dan McKinzie was on the Flat Monday.

M. P. Gerking has been visiting on the Flat several days this week. Uno.

J. N. B. Gerking and family, and Geo. Gerking and family ate Christmas turkey at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Saylor, in Athena.

Mrs. Susie I. Gerking and family, and several members of the Scott family, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Potts, Christmas, where they ate turkey and other good things which made a lasting impression upon all present.

Chas. Gerking and Will Scott drove over to Waterman, Thursday, to visit their friend, Wilbur Woods, who is teaching school at that place.

Dean Gerking visited friends in Weston, Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Fletcher and little daughter of Silverton, have been visiting relatives at Sand Hollow during the holidays. Mr. Fletcher is a brother of Mrs. E. H. Stone and Mrs. M. Woodward. They return to their home Friday.

Mr. M. Woodward and family, of Walla Walla, are spending a part of the holidays out on the farm.

NEW EXEMPTION LAW.

Special Session Changes Meaning and Adds No Emergency Clause.

The exemption law enacted by the special session, and which will take effect March 23, differs materially from the old law.

Under the law as it stood prior to 1903, each householder was entitled to an exemption of \$500 on his personal property.

Subdivision 8, of section 3039, of the code, specifying what property shall be exempt from taxation, has been amended so as to read as follows:

"The following property, if owned or kept for use, by and for his or her family; household goods, furniture, and utensils, two cows, implements, apparatus, team, vehicle, harness, or library to enable any person to carry on his trade, occupation or profession by which such person earns his or her living to the amount of \$300, the articles to be selected by such householder; provided however, that when the assessed valuation of the personal property above enumerated shall amount to less than \$300 when only such amount as the total of such property herein enumerated, shall be exempt from taxation."

Big Land Business.

The quarter just closing in the Yakima land office will show a greater business done than was ever done before in the same length of time. Over 130,000 acres of land in the district have passed out of the hands of the government during that period. The tendency seemed to get hold of the land whether it had any permanent value or not and hold it for development. A few years ago the greater part of eastern Washington was considered a desert, but now thousands of acres of these lands are producing good crops each year. There were seven homesteads, 39 timber claims, 14 cash sales, 29 desert land entries, 104 homestead entries, 13 final proofs, seven state selections and one railway selection, which amounted to 130,148 acres. The fees on the same amounted to \$21,191.83.

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