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### FOR SUNDAY CLOSING

ATHENA A "DRY" TOWN AND CLOSED SUNDAY.

Indications Are That There Will Be No Exceptions, But a Complete Tieup.

Athens saloons were closed Sunday for the first time in many years and it is asserted that other business houses will be notified to close and observe the Sunday law.

The saloon men closed upon notification of District Attorney Phelps, who it is said took action through complaint of a law and order league of which J. M. Hayes, J. W. Jenkins, Ed Baker and others residing in this city are prominent members. The closing of the saloons through the district attorney's office is the result of nonaction on the part of the city officials to whom members of the league sometime ago appealed.

It is known that Mayor Taylor and at least a portion of the councilmen favor the policy of closing one closing all, and the saloon men having closed their places of business will no doubt make an effort to have the Sunday closing law strictly enforced on other branches of business in the city.

Aside from those who are members of the organization responsible for the steps taken to enforce the Sunday closing law, the general verdict is that closing the town at this season of the year, when Sunday trade and traffic is demanded by the farmers, will be the cause of much loss of trade to Athens business men, and result in much inconvenience to machine men. Particularly is this considered to be the situation when the fact is taken into consideration that other towns in the county are not closed on Sundays. It is understood that all business men will be notified during the week from the district attorney's office that complaint has been made and that all places of business in Athens must be closed on Sundays. One saloon man stated that the liquor dealers had only the best of good feeling toward the business men of the town, but if the saloons had to be closed other lines of business must expect to be made to observe the same law, and that for one, and speaking for himself, he proposed to see that all were treated alike.

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### WILLIAMSON'S SECOND TRIAL.

The Theory in This Case Will be Materially Changed.

The second trial of Williamson, Van Geser and Biggs on the charge of subornation of perjury, has commenced.

United States District Attorney Heney has stated the case of the government to the jury, clearly, fully and forcefully.

The defense, through Judge Bennett, has told what ground will be taken by his clients in the battle to be fought out once more, and has attacked the position of the government and its attorney, has disclaimed guilt on behalf of the three accused men and has declaimed with fiery denunciation that the government and its detectives have harried the men accused from pillar to post like worried rabbits in front of blood-thirsty dogs.

All is ready for the old story to be told again. In the meantime the prosecution has told the jury what it intends to prove and this statement reveals the fact that the defendants will have to face new evidence not brought out at the former trial and will be put still more upon their mettle in establishing their innocence. Mr. Williamson will be proved to have been in Prineville on June 15 and to have stayed there until June 24, when the trial has come to his connection with the conspiracy, so that when he testified in the last trial not to have remembered his whereabouts he will have this time either to admit or bring counter proof to deny. This fact alone, it is argued, strengthens the case of the government inasmuch as the presence of Williamson in Prineville at that time brings him into touch with the knowledge of the conspiracy alleged in the indictment.

The theory of the case will be changed, according to a statement made by Mr. Heney, and the contention of the government will be to show that the perjury was committed by the entrymen at the time they made final proof, and not at the date of filing on their claims. It is possible that this theory will be argued before the court when the testimony is commenced. In that case Judge Bennett will contend that the indictment is defective and should be dismissed, owing to its obscurity and uncertainties of meaning.

### Renn Not Injured.

Arthur Rann, a Pendleton boy who was a member of the crew on board the ill-fated Bennington when she blew up, was not injured a particle, says the East Oregonian. A message was received from the young man himself, saying that he had been aboard but was unhurt, though many had been killed and injured. A little later messages were received from Captain Young of the gunboat and from the chief of police of San Diego, saying that the boy was uninjured. Both of these parties had been wired by the anxious relatives as soon as the news reached them of the disaster.

### Bucking the Northern Pacific.

Spokane is very much wrought up over the proposed changes of its tracks in that city by the Northern Pacific. The road proposed to close certain streets and to build certain subways in and through the city. This is opposed by the citizens, though the road has promised to spend about \$500,000 in the city in improving its property, and they demand that the N. P. people leave all the streets open and that all the track be lowered in the business part of the city.

### For One Dollar.

Until Monday, August 28, you can send the Press to any address outside of Umatilla county one year for one dollar. This special reduction in the subscription price of the paper is made with the view of making your friends and relatives in the East acquainted with Athens, Umatilla county and Oregon. Included in the year's subscription at \$1 will be mailed a copy of the special harvest edition of the Press, which will be issued the first week in November. Now is the time to subscribe.

### Palouse Grain Loss.

The excessive heat has greatly damaged the spring wheat crop in the Palouse grain district. In some localities a loss of 25 per cent is estimated, in other sections the loss is estimated at five per cent. If the hot weather continues the aggregate loss in the Big Bend and Palouse may reach a million dollars as the crops this year were exceedingly heavy. Fall wheat is entirely out of danger. Harvesting will begin within a week on fall grain.

### After Waitsburg Plant.

E. W. Cummings, the man who put in Athens's first water works system, has made a proposition to purchase the Waitsburg water plant. He pledges better water at the same rates that are now being charged.

### STRAW ON THE ROADS.

Farmers Making Travel More Agreeable for Themselves.

Walla Walla county has begun the annual campaign to straw the dusty roads of the county to make them passable for the immense amount of wheat that must pass over them in the next two months. Special effort is being made to interest the farmers in the work instead of sending gangs of men and teams to the different parts of the county to do the work. As soon as the farmers finish their threshing they or their men and teams are hired at the rate of \$2.50 a day to furnish and spread the straw on the roads. In the old way, when a man and team, paid for at the rate of \$4.50 or thereabouts a day, were sent out to the country the farmers asked \$2 a load for their straw before they allowed it to be put on the road. By the present plan each farmer is hired to prepare the road along his line fence, and by obtaining the direct benefit of this method he gladly gives his men and teams at a low rate and donates the straw.

### Fish Law Being Violated.

Information reaches this office that the company owning the big dam at the power plant has failed to provide a fishway to enable the fish to pass the obstruction. This is contrary to the law and the company should be compelled to meet the requirements of the law in this respect. Many large fish collect below the dam seeking to ascend the stream to spawn but are unable to do so on account of the dam. We are informed that many trout are being caught with grab hooks and spears, which is also contrary to law. It is certainly high time that our game warden was taking some action in the matter.—Milton Eagle.

### Ernest Evans Skips Out.

Ernest Evans, the sheep man, after borrowing all he could on the 1800 head of sheep he owned and mortgaged a field of grain in which he is said to have only owned a half interest, has departed for parts unknown, says the Pilot Rock Record. Mr. Evans has had domestic troubles and was given the sheep down. He was generally considered an honest man and a good manager, but was unable to curb his passion for the gambling table. It is said he has left behind several unpaid grocery bills. Herbert Boylen has taken charge of the sheep for the mortgagees.

### Parker Narrowly Escaped.

Alton B. Parker and his grandson, Alton Parker Hall, were rescued from drowning off Esopus island, opposite the Parker home at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., by Edward Fritz, a photographer. Young Hall was on Parker's back, and the judge was choked until unable to swim in the swift current and called for help. Unable to breathe Parker threw the lad off. The latter sank but was brought to the surface by Fritz, who helped both ashore and they were resuscitated.

### Yellow Fever in New Orleans.

New Orleans July 24.—Tonight Mayor Behrman issued a proclamation to the people of this city urging them to heed the advice of the health authorities relative to the sanitation of their premises and calling special attention to the necessity of placing screens upon their houses and nets over all cisterns and pools of water which might breed mosquitoes. At a meeting of the state board of health today it was decided in response to numerous requests for information to prepare and send out a detailed statement of the situation. This will include an official statement that up to this date there has been seventeen cases and six deaths from yellow fever.

### Grover Martin Released.

Grover Martin, convicted of manslaughter for having killed O. N. Preston, is no longer in the county jail, bail having been provided for him Saturday afternoon, says the East Oregonian. Five thousand dollars is the amount which Martin was required to give in order to secure his release while waiting for his appeal to be decided, and this sum was provided late Saturday afternoon by Thomas Spence and G. H. Boerster, of Milton. Immediately after the bond had been signed Martin was released and left on the six o'clock train for his home at Milton.

### Lewiston Interstate Fair.

The county commissioners at Lewiston have appropriated \$1250 for the Lewiston Interstate Fair & Racing association to assist in making the fair this fall a success. Chris F. Osmera, secretary of the fair association, states that the fair will be larger and better this year than ever before. A better racing program is promised, also a better livestock exhibit, while the side show attractions are to be first class. The Nez Perce county exhibit will also surpass all former efforts.

### HE CUT HIS THROAT

W. E. DERRICK, MILTON FARMER, COMMITS SUICIDE.

Despondent Over Loss of Money in Running a Large Steam Threshing Outfit.

A Milton special to the Pendleton Tribune says W. E. Derrick, a prominent young farmer who has been living at the home of his parents about eight miles northwest of Milton, committed suicide Saturday afternoon about 1 o'clock by cutting his throat with a razor.

Derrick, who was about 25 years of age, the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Derrick, prominent people of that neighborhood, has been running a threshing outfit for the past two summers. This business venture on the part of the young man did not prove a success and it is understood that he has been losing money every year. He became despondent over his financial circumstances and finally, in a fit of temporary insanity it is believed, he killed himself on the bed in his room. At noon he ate lunch with his mother and then went to his room. It was noticed at the time that he appeared "blue," but nothing was thought of his condition as he had been in the habit of having these attacks quite frequently, especially this spring. About two hours later his mother had occasion to go to her son's room for something and found him quite dead, lying in a pool of his own blood, a deep gash in his throat which had evidently been inflicted with a razor which lay beside him.

Coroner Henderson was notified of the suicide shortly after and went to Milton on the evening train to hold an inquest over the remains.

### Rates Too High.

At Walla Walla numerous complaints are being heard from independent wheat shippers and farmers about the high warehouse rates charged by the three leading wheat companies of the country. Last year the rates were raised to 50 cents a ton storage from harvest until January 1, following, and from then on 10 cents a month a ton storage until the crop was sold. Under the new rates the companies charge 50 cents a ton even though the wheat is merely trucked through and weighed before being put on the cars. The shippers offer no solution to the problem other than to build independent warehouses for their own use. Those who have their warehouses and the mill warehouses charge the same rates as were in force before last year, and are receiving a large amount of business in consequence.

### ENTERTAINMENT NIGHTLY.

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If American products are the better they are prescribed, and Oriental products are prescribed when indicated. Successful results is the aim of these doctors and investigation will show you that they get it. Tape worm removed with two doses of medicine in two hours without fasting. Minor surgical operations performed without pain and anesthesia to be inhaled not necessary. Asthma cured by a remedy found which establishes co-ordination of nerve force, or in other words, puts the flighty nerves in gear. Office, Room 1 in St. Nichols Hotel. Amusing show each evening, near the hotel.

### Warehouses Destroyed.

Property worth between \$12,000 and \$15,000 was destroyed in Sherman county Sunday afternoon in a wind storm that lasted about five minutes. Six wheat warehouses were wrecked or blown from their foundations, and the residence of J. M. Parry, postmaster at Moro, was partially tipped over. No lives were lost so far as known, and no further damage was done. Three of the warehouses were located at Moro, one at Klondike, one at McDonald and one at Demoss.

### No Secret About It.

It is no secret, that for cuts, burns, ulcers, fever sores, sore eyes, boils, etc., nothing is so effective as Bucklen's Arnica Salve. "It didn't take long to cure a bad sore I had and it is all O. K. for sore eyes," writes D. L. Gregory, Hope, Tex. 25c at McBride's drug store.

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