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## ED. MANASSE

Just received by express a consignment of

### LADIES' WAISTS IN SILK AND WOOL

### EMPIRE WRAPS In Brown, Tan and Green

### NOVELTY SHOPPING BAGS, FANCY RIBBONS, Etc.

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All styles and sizes for all kinds of fuel

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### TELEPHONE SERVICE

#### LOCAL SYSTEM HERE IN DEPLORABLE CONDITION.

Pacific States Telephone Telegraph Company Promises to Improve the System.

The local telephone system in Athena is in a deplorable condition and unless the Pacific States Telephone and Telegraph company, owners of the local exchange, make arrangements and that soon there will not be enough patrons left to flag the proverbial bread wagon.

No blame for the inferior service that has long been rendered the patrons of the company in Athena can be attached to Bruce Wallace, manager of the local office, for he has notified the company numerous times regarding the state the system was in at this place, and otherwise has done all that he could on his part to give patrons satisfaction. But he cannot act as operator, line repairer and general routabout, nor is his salary so all-fired great that he can afford to keep the lines and phones in repair out of his own pocket.

The service here is decidedly on the bum, so bum that for days at a time phones have been out of working order, and it is no uncommon occurrence for a person paying for phone service, to chase around after someone whom he desires to communicate with, when if the system was in order and he was getting what he was paying for the telephone would have done the work.

It is understood this morning that a lineman is in town, and that the local system will be overhauled and thoroughly repaired. If better service is not given the Press man knows of two telephones the company can salt away—and there are others.

#### A Mysterious Hermit.

In Crook county, Ore., there is a mysterious man and the people in the vicinity call him the "Mysterious man of the desert." The man lives in a dugout, and who he is or where he came from is not known. No direct information is being sought by the people, as whenever they approach too close to his residence the muzzle of a big rifle slides gently into view. Two men, braver than the rest, made a visit to the place and investigated when the owner was not at home. They found two blankets which constituted his bed, and no trace of a fire. He obtains his food by foraging at night.

### Mitchell is Near to Death

Portland, Dec. 7.—Senator Mitchell is in a serious, if not dangerous, condition resulting from loss of blood after having four teeth extracted early today. After Mitchell's return from the dentist's office this morning blood continued to flow and at 2 o'clock this afternoon he became so weakened that he had the dentist take him to the hospital. From that hour physicians worked unceasingly until after 7 o'clock this evening before the flow of blood was stopped.

Besides Mitchell's advanced years the severe mental strain which he has undergone during the past year owing to his connection with the land fraud prosecutions in this state, has left him weakened physically and in poor condition to spare the drain on his system occasioned by any loss of blood.

Dr. A. J. Giesy, who with Dr. George F. Wilson is attending Mitchell,

ell, said tonight:

"Senator Mitchell's condition is very grave. At 8 o'clock tonight he is in a semi-comatose state and his mind is wandering more or less. Mitchell has suffered many years from diabetic trouble, which, with the mental strain to which he has been subjected, and at his advanced age, will make it difficult for him to overcome the trouble, otherwise it might not prove serious. It may be he will be better by morning. If he is, I shall hope for favorable progress. If he does not rally soon diabetic coma may be feared, and if the senator enters that condition it would, I fear, be the beginning of the end."

At midnight Senator Mitchell suffered another hemorrhage. The doctors were recalled to his bedside. This hemorrhage was stopped and the aged senator was resting easier, but extremely weak.

#### BEWARE OF SWINDLER.

A Clever Bad Money Artist Operating in the Northwest.

A clever bank swindler who has been working under the name of Charles Sargeant, and who has so far evaded arrest, is supposed to be somewhere in the Northwest, and all banks are being notified to look out for him.

Sargeant's scheme is said to be a new one. A day or two before his arrival in a city one or more of the banks get a telegram from some well known Eastern banking house, reading as follows:

"Honor Charles Sargeant's check against us for \$50."

The bank, of course, places the telegram on file and when Mr. Sargeant appears the next day with another telegram addressed to himself, saying the money has been placed to his credit in the bank, the cashier, nine times out of ten, pays the money without question.

It is said Sargeant has cleaned up several thousand dollars in the last few months. The Pinkertons have been called to work on the case.

Sargeant is an American, 25 years of age and weighs 185 pounds, has a dark complexion, and is dressed like a well-to-do business man.

#### The Grace Johnson Company.

The next attraction booked at the opera house is the Grace Johnson company, headed by a popular leading lady, Miss Grace Johnson, supported by a very strong company of artists especially selected for their various roles. Miss Johnson has been connected with some of the best companies of the East, and there is surely a treat in store for lovers of good, clean comedy and drama. The Grace Johnson company present a repertoire of royalty plays with special scenery surpassed by no stock company traveling. The company will appear three nights, commencing Monday, Dec. 11, opening with "An Artist's Wife." Seats on sale at the usual place.

#### Secures Right-of-Way.

The Umatilla Power Company at Weston, which has been negotiating for the right-of-way from the government for several years, has just received from Washington the papers granting a right of way for its pipe line through the Wenako forest reserve. The transaction will be completed as soon as the company's bond in the sum of \$2,000 is filed and approved. The right of way consists of a strip of land ten feet wide through sections 14, 22 and 21.

#### Big Land Transfer.

Grote Brothers have bought the big Upton ranch, consisting of 5,500 acres of land on Eureka Flat, from C. B. Upton for a consideration, according to a deed filed in the auditor's office, of \$1. The real transfer price, however, says the Union, is stated to have been \$161,000. The land is valuable, being situated between Pleasant View and Eureka, and for several years has been used for raising wheat. The crops on the place in past years have always been large.

#### Notice.

The regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the First National Bank of Athena, Oregon, for the election of directors for the ensuing year and for the transaction of such other business as may lawfully come before it will be held in its office in Athena, Oregon, on Tuesday the 9th day of January, 1906, at the hour of 2 o'clock p. m.

Dated December 1, 1905

F. S. Le Grow, Cashier.

#### Estray Notice.

Came to my place, about Nov. 20, a stray red heifer, 2-year-old, brand D on left hip, underbit in left ear, dewlap in throat.

D. McDonald, Reservation.

#### Settle Up.

Those knowing themselves to be indebted to Wm. McBride, of the Palmetto store are requested to call at once and settle up.

#### A "YELLOW KID."

Rollo Brown Will Manage Marshalltown, Iowa, League Team.

Rollo Brown, remembered in Eastern Oregon as one of the cleverest members of Athena's famous "Yellow Kid" base ball team, has been rapidly advancing in his chosen profession since leaving here. He has been continuously playing on leagues teams, and his latest success is announced by the Marshalltown, Iowa, Times-Republican:

Rollo T. Brown of Central City, first baseman of last year's Grays, and a member of the pennant winning team in the Iowa State League of 1904, was chosen yesterday to manage the local team next season. Brown's selection by the board of directors was unanimous and he was the only candidate considered. Although untried as a manager the directors believe in the selection of Brown they have chosen one who will make them an excellent manager. Of his ability as a ball player there is no doubt, and added to this he is a man of excellent habit, and a player of much experience. He will go to work at once to select his team and has confidence that he can get as fast a bunch as any of the other managers, provided they stay within the salary limit.

#### GRAND HOLIDAY OPENING.

Everyone is Urged to Come, Monday, December 11.

We extend a cordial invitation to you to visit our store and see all that is new and beautiful in housefurnishings. A showing more elaborate, more extensive and more interesting than ever before—the result of months of careful planning and anticipation.

We want you to come and see our store at its best—a store that for size and elegance and appointment is easily the finest in the Inland Empire. Our entire building has taken on a gala attire; at no time in the history of the store have we had so many things of interest to display for our customers. The ever progressive policy which has made this store what it is will be fully impressed upon you when you visit us Monday, and we know you will be proud to see such a successful and enterprising store within the limits of your growing city.

Realizing that there are thousands of people in this city and outskirts who are, to a more or less extent, interested in modern house furnishings, we have made every preparation for the comfort and pleasure of all those who come. Two orchestras will give excellent programs in different parts of the store.

Come and bring your friends afternoons and evenings. There will be plenty of things to interest you and the enchanting music will drive dull care away. It will be a worthy exhibition and a cordial welcome is extended to all. It will be the event of the season. A good time for all is assured.

Davis-Kaser Co.,  
Walla Walla, Wash.

#### Co-Partnership Dissolution.

Notice is hereby given that the co-partnership existing between Thomas G. Hailey and Stephen A. Lowell is dissolved this 5th day of December, 1905, Mr. Hailey retiring to accept appointment to the supreme court of the state. Mr. Lowell will continue the law business heretofore conducted by said firm, in the same offices in Despain Block, Pendleton, and will collect all accounts and pay all debts of the co-partnership.

Thomas G. Hailey,  
Stephen A. Lowell.

#### In Mad Chase.

Millions rush in made chase after health, from one extreme of faddism to another, when, if they would only eat good food and keep their bowels regular with Dr. King's New Life Pills, their troubles would soon all pass away. Prompt relief and quick cure for liver and stomach trouble. 25c at McBride's drug store; guaranteed.

### FEUD AT PRINEVILLE

#### PRINEVILLE TOWN MARSHAL ASSAULTS BROTHER-IN-LAW.

Injured Man Was a Government Witness in Trial of Congressman Williamson.

If reports are true the trials and conviction of Congressman Williamson have left the stain of a feud at Prineville, Crook county, Williamson's home town. It is alleged witnesses who appeared against Williamson are meeting with much unpleasantness lately.

One instance is the unprovoked assault made by Town Marshal R. J. Harrington on his brother-in-law, Wilford J. Crain, last week. The former has been arrested and placed under bonds in the sum of \$500. Crain's uncle, "Bony" Lytle, swore to a complaint against Harrington, charging him with assault, and the town marshal was bound over to the Crook county grand jury, called to meet next May. Harrington appeared before Justice of the Peace John Luckey and gave bonds for his appearance.

According to the statements of eye-witnesses of the attack made on Crain by Harrington, there was absolutely no justification for the brutal treatment to which the young rancher was subjected. Crain is of slight physique, whereas the marshal is a man of mature years and strong build.

Two of the men who witnessed the assault, Alex Elliott and L. Minkler, can substantiate the fact that as Crain was walking along the street on the way to the livery stable where he had put up his team, Harrington approached and took Crain by the arm, at the same time saying:

"You come along with me." The marshal was not provided with any warrant or subpoena and Crain drew back from him remarking:

"I have done nothing and I don't see why I should be arrested."

Without more ado the marshal pulled out a "billy" and struck Crain on the jaw. The latter fell to the pavement, and while lying thus in a defenseless condition was struck three heavy blows on the head.

As a result of the severe injuries sustained in consequence of Harrington's assault upon him, Crain remained partially paralyzed for a period of several days.

"Bony" Lytle, who swore to the complaint against Harrington, is authority for the statement that the trouble between Crain and his brother-in-law arose over the latter's dissatisfied faction with the testimony given by Crain at the Williamson trials.

A circumstance confirming the fact that the witnesses for the government in those trials are having life made unpleasant for them in Prineville is the recent encounter between Crain's father-in-law, John S. Watkins, and George Barus, the "lawyer" who appeared at the third Williamson trial in the role of charter witness for Dr. Gesner. No blows were struck by Watkins and Barus, but some very bitter personalities were exchanged by the two.

#### Football Game Tomorrow.

There will be a football game tomorrow in Athena between the Pendleton Commercial Association team and the Athena team. The game will commence at 2:30, sharp. The Association team is composed of a husky lot of players, but the boys here are confident of putting up a strong line. Since returning from LaGrande, the Athena team has not been engaged in a game and the Pendleton team has played but one game this season. The two teams are said to be about evenly matched.

#### Furious Fighting.

"For seven years," writes George W. Hoffman of Harper, Wash., "I had a bitter battle but at last I won and cured my disease by the use of Electric Bitters. I unhesitatingly recommend them to all and don't intend in the future to be without them in the house. They are certainly a wonderful medicine to have cured such a bad case as mine." Sold under guarantee to do the same for you, by Wm. McBride, at 50c a bottle. Try them today.

**Petition in Bankruptcy.**  
Samuel Booher, who for seven years was engaged in the saloon business in Athena, has filed a petition in bankruptcy in the district court at Portland. His indebtedness is placed at \$3000 and his property values are about \$2,500. Peterson & Peterson are his attorneys.

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