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Dry Goods and CLOTHING

To make room for Spring Stock
soon to arrive

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ATHENA OPERA HOUSE

Tuesday Evening, January 9

Auspices Athena Camp Wood-
men of the World.

Polmatier Sisters Concert Co.,
Management of J. Cosgrove.

Seats on sale at 50, 35 and 25c



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REMEMBER—Our prices are always consistent with quality.

DELL BROTHERS

CATERERS TO THE PUBLIC IN
GOOD THINGS TO EAT

Athena, Oregon.

AND IT SNOWED ON

TEN INCHES OF THE BEAUTIFUL SATURDAY NIGHT

Provided a "White" New Year Day and Afforded Sport for the Young.

A "green" Christmas followed by a "white" New Year's Day is the way the weather man threw the dice from Eastern Oregon's climatic dice box. Early Saturday evening the feathery flakes began tumbling down. And it snowed on.

Sunday morning after the battle of the fleecy flakes was over, the yard stick measured exactly ten inches when pierced through the mantle of white. It was then that the heart of the youngster filled with joy at the thought of a "white" New Year. And a good time they had of it. All of yesterday the welkin rang with the joyous shout of merrymakers, the tinkle of the bells and the thud, thud of the horses' feet on the snow-covered highways. Every imaginable conveyance capable of sliding on snow was resurrected and put to use, and away into the night the pleasure of sleighriding was indulged in.

New Year's Day on the whole was observed in Athena much the same as in the past. The business houses remained closed for the greater part of the day, New Year calls were made by many, and good dinners were served.

Dispose of Bitters.

According to a decision made by the commissioner of internal revenue at Washington, dealers handling "bitters" and other alcoholic beverages, labeled as medicines, and which contain little if anything but alcohol, will be allowed until April 1 to dispose of their stocks. If they desire to sell them after that they will have to pay a license the same as whiskey dealers. The law was to have gone into effect March 1, but the dealers protested that this early date would inconvenience them, as they had large stocks on hand, and could not dispose of them by that time. The commissioner decided to extend the time one month for the retail dealers. The law requiring the manufacturers of the medicines to pay licenses, which was to have gone into effect on December 1, was also extended one month, and the ruling of the commissioner will go into effect January 1, 1906. All deputy revenue collectors in the west have been notified of this ruling.

New Block at Echo.

Mayor L. A. Esteb, of Echo, has let the contract for the erection of a two story building, the second floor of which will be fitted up for the local aeris of Eagles. The ground floor and basement has been leased to parties from Walla Walla, who will put in a stock of general merchandise. The building is to be a frame structure and will cost about \$2000.

J. E. Elam's Bank

WALLA WALLA, WASH.
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3 per cent interest paid on Demand Certificates of Deposit.
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BLOWN UP BY DYNAMITE.

Ex-Governor of Idaho Victim of Fiendish Act.

Frank Steunenberg, former governor of Idaho, was killed at 6:40 o'clock Saturday evening at his home in the suburbs of Caldwell. A dynamite bomb was placed at his front gate with some contrivance by which it exploded when he entered. Both his legs were blown off and he lived but twenty minutes.

There is no known reason for the outrage, but it is charged to some member of the famous inner circle of the Coeur d'Alene dynamiters, whom he prosecuted so relentlessly in 1899 when governor.

Steunenberg became known throughout the nation through his connection with the Coeur d'Alene strike in 1899. The Miners' Union made certain demands which were refused by the mine owners. Most of the mines closed down, but an attempt was made to operate the mill of the Bunker Hill and Sullivan with non-union help. In April a crowd of strike sympathizers took possession of a train and went to the mill. The building was blown up by dynamite and at least one man killed.

The mine owners appealed to the governor for protection, alleging that the strikers were resorting to every form of violence and intimidation to prevent action in the mines by non-union men. The state militia being considered insufficient to cope with the situation, Governor Steunenberg proclaimed a state of insurrection and called upon President McKinley for federal troops. General Merriam occupied the district and proclaimed martial law. A stockade, known generally as the "bull pen," was erected. Strikers and strike sympathizers were imprisoned in great numbers. A permit system was also established by the military and no miner was permitted to work who did not make affidavit that he was either not a member of the union, or had severed his connection and would not again join.

This drastic treatment resulted in the extermination of the miner's organization in the Coeur d'Alenes, it has never been reestablished. The matter aroused such a widespread interest that a congressional inquiry was ordered. The republican members of the commission made a report upholding Steunenberg, although he was a democrat, and also the action of McKinley. The democrats, under the leadership of Congressman Salzer, made a minority report, censuring the State and National administration. The bitterness against Steunenberg was accentuated by the fact that he, at the time of his incumbency, was a member of the typographical union.

The shock of the explosion that killed the ex-governor, was felt all over town and broke all the glass on that side of his house. Every exit from the town is guarded in the hope of capturing every suspect. Two men are under suspicion, who have been lying around Nampa for several days and left for Caldwell that day. They lived in the Coeur d'Alenes in 1899 at the time of the riots. Descriptions of them have been wired in every direction.

Pendleton Saloons Open.

A Pendleton dispatch to the Portland Daily Journal says for the first time since last summer Pendleton saloons were open for business Sunday and Christmas, though it has been known that some saloons have been doing business on Sunday for some time. When the last grand jury was in session here it recommended that the city government deal with the situation. The newly elected city officers will soon assume their offices and if complaints are entered they will be turned over to a grand jury for the January term of court.

"Only Live Fish."

For weeks we have been "keeping our eye on the Promoter" of Pendleton. We have almost injured our optics trying to "watch the Promoter grow," but 'tis in vain. From a seven-column quarto, it has been reduced to a five-column, with plenty of filling. We are greatly disappointed in the Promoter, Willis, Gray and the whole bunch of them. As Willis says, "only live fish swim up stream."—Freewater Times.

Cholera Killing Hogs.

A large number of hogs belonging to Joseph Davis, residing north of Eugene, have died in a mysterious manner within the last week and the owner was at a loss to account for it all until yesterday, when County Stock Inspector Mathews, accompanied by a veterinary surgeon, made an investigation and found that the hogs had died from swine plague or cholera. Davis thought they had been poisoned in some way.

Will Close at 6 p. m.

Athena, January 1, 1906.
We the undersigned hereby agree to close our respective places of business at 6 o'clock p. m., except Saturdays, during the months of January and February. Ely & Scott, D. B. Jarman, Worthington & Thompson, Dell Bros., Athena Mercantile Co., Ed Manasse.

UNDER WOODMEN AUSPICES

J. Cosgrove Will Present Polmatier Sisters Concert Co.

On Tuesday evening, Jan. 9, under the auspices of Athena Camp, Woodmen of the World, J. Cosgrove, the popular manager who has before entertained Athena audiences, will present the Polmatier Sisters' Concert Co. at the Athena Opera house.

The Fort Scott, Kansas, Daily Republican, April 15, 1905, in speaking of the Polmatier Sisters Orchestra company, says: The young ladies composing this company and the manager, Mr. Harry Woods, is undoubtedly the cleverest band of musicians that has ever visited this city at any time. "The Magician," rendered by the string quartette, composed of the five Polmatier sisters was a beautiful piece of music and the superlative manner in which it was rendered charmed the audience. Mr. Harry Woods, as a mandolinist, is very clever and makes music that most people never knew was in a mandolin before. It was beyond all question the finest musical entertainment given in Fort Scott in many years. The Elks seldom entertain their guests with a foreign company, but they certainly will be well patronized if they ever bring this band of musicians to this city again. Don't miss this fine entertainment at the Athena Opera house under auspices of Athena Camp, Woodmen of the World, Tuesday evening, Jan. 9.

COMMUTATION ASKED FOR.

Attorney for Bradshaw Will Ask Life Sentence.

The motion to dismiss the appeal in the Oscar Bradshaw case was granted by the supreme court at Olympia Saturday, according to advices received. Bradshaw's attorney had notified the attorney general that he would not resist the motion to dismiss the appeal, but that an appeal will be made to the governor asking that his sentence be commuted to life imprisonment, on the grounds that the jury, when they found him guilty of murder in the first degree, recommended him to the mercy of the court, not knowing that hanging was the only possible penalty for such a verdict.

Oscar Bradshaw is the man who murdered a Swede in a box car at Pasco over three years ago, and who, after being sentenced, was somehow lost in the shuffle and practically forgotten. Finally a newspaper man discovered him in the Walla Walla county jail, and unearthed the story.

Two Women Burned.

Seeking to recover additional effects from their burning home at Sand Lake, ten miles south of Tillamook, Mrs. A. Hembree and her 17-year-old daughter Ora were caught under the falling roof of the burning building and perished. The fire broke out at 3 o'clock Saturday morning, the cause being unknown. All in the building managed to get out safely, but later the mother and daughter ventured again into the house to save some property, which was upstairs. When the roof fell the screams of mother and daughter were heartrending, but the little group of neighbors gathered around was unable to render any assistance. The whole house became a fiery furnace and, it was impossible to tell the exact location of the women. Later the charred remains of the victims were recovered from the debris.

Threshermen Active.

Even this early the threshermen of Eastern Washington, says the Union, are making preparations for the harvest season of 1906. Protective associations have been organized among the owners of threshing machines in nearly every county in Eastern Washington the last few years and they are now preparing to hold their semi-annual sessions during the comparatively dull winter season. The first organization to hold a meeting will be that of the Eastern Washington Threshermen's Association, which will take place on January 13th at Oakesdale. The members of this particular organization are principally residents of Whitman county, but nearly every other county has a similar organization that will meet later.

Horse's Odd Death.

Mrs. William Hart, residing on Weston mountain, lost a valuable workhorse on Christmas day in a peculiar manner. The animal was in a four horse team. Somebody had dropped a long piece of blacksmith steel in the road, and the leading team stepped upon one end of it, causing the other end to rise. It pierced the horse in the breast, inflicting a wound that proved almost instantly fatal.

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.

THEY WANT SPUDS

TUBERS ARE SCARCE IN THE INLAND EMPIRE.

Oregon Produce Company of La Grande In Market for 10 Carloads.

Irish potatoes, Yankee "spuds"—one and the same thing—are in record as being in the short crop list the country over this year, Umatilla county not excepted.

A local grocer and provision firm has received advices from the Oregon Produce Co. of La Grande that it is in the market for Umatilla county potatoes, the Weston Mountain product preferred, and will handle consignments from Athena to the extent of from one to ten carloads. The firm mentioned can spare but one carload with out depleting its stock beyond the limit of supplying the local demand.

The market price for potatoes at this time is 75 cents per sack, though in view of the short crop, and particularly should winter weather continue, a rise in price may be looked for. However, price will not figure to any great extent in bringing potatoes to market when there are not many to bring. Helix farmers this season raised scarcely any potatoes, and several shipments have been made from Athena to that place. The Weston mountain crop, which rarely fails, is this year listed in the short crop column in the general summary of the potato yield.

PENDLETON FIRM FAILS.

Proprietors of the Bee Hive Store Made an Assignment.

It is probable that the Bee Hive store will be advertised for sale within a short time so as to pay off of the indebtedness incurred by Messrs. Twist and Milne, says the East Oregonian. When the invoice of the stock and fixtures was completed a short time ago it was found to foot up \$11,000, while standing against this are accounts amounting to about the same sum.

Before the invoice was taken the proprietors of the store made an assignment in favor of R. L. Sabin & Co., of Portland, so as to protect the creditors. Of these the heaviest one is Swafford Bros., of Kansas City, who have an account of \$3000 against the firm. This firm and others having accounts against the firm are represented by McCourt & Phelps, and it is said they will be bidders for the stock when it is placed on sale. At present the store is under the charge of a representative of R. L. Sabin & Co.

Weston Saloon Man Fined.

In the justice court at Weston C. H. Walters, manager of the Lobby saloon, pleaded guilty to a charge of selling liquor on Sunday and paid a fine of \$25 and costs. The complaint was signed by S. A. Barnes, mayor of the city, as private prosecutor, and was the result of a local agitation over alleged offenses of the defendant in permitting gambling in his establishment, selling liquor to minors and doing business on Sunday.

Capital Stock Increased.

At a meeting of the stockholders of the Northwestern Gas & Electric company it was voted to increase the capital stock to \$1,000,000 by issuing \$350,000 preferred stock. The company announces that \$10,000 would be spent in increasing the efficiencies of the distributing system in Walla Walla.

Another One.

Henry A. Salzer, of Lacrosse, Wis., who, until now, believed he was not a loser in the Oregon school land frauds, has received word that all his certificates for which he paid \$18,080 are worthless.

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.

Athena Circle, Attention.

At the meeting of Athena Circle No. 10, Women of Woodcraft, on Tuesday evening, Jan. 2, all members are requested to be present. The matter of increase of insurance rates will be discussed.

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