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When the new water system was put in, the question of whether or no Gallaber springs would furnish a sufficient supply of water for the city the year through, was taken into consideration. Tests made at the time of developing the springs went to show that there would be sufficient quantity for domestic purposes, and with most favorable conditions, for lawn sprinkling also. However the growth and increase in water consumption for domestic purposes, and the consequent demand for more lawn sprinkling to which has been added street sprinkling, weather conditions becoming dry and hot, makes it necessary for the water commissioners to fall back on the reserve supply furnished by the pumping station. However, the pumping plant will not be used more than two months, when the irrigation will be over and water from the springs will again be in use exclusively. It is the purpose of Athena to secure more water for her gravity system by the acquisition of other springs in the territory of the source of her present supply, but there are certain conditions that must be overcome before certain rights can be secured. Until this can be effected, we must remain content with a portion of the loaf, or in other words, spring water ten months in the year. Satisfaction with present conditions should not be so hard of realization when the cost of operation of the old system is taken into consideration. There is quite a difference in \$150 per month for water for twelve months and \$150 per month for a period of two months, saying nothing of the pure water for ten months of the year.

Ambition, backed by energy and an indomitable courage, is the fire that burns in the grate of success, no matter in what line of work the man may follow. You will find these characteristics to be the well springs of hope that rise eternal and never falter when conditions and obstacles are difficult and at times seem insurmountable. The Press has in mind a man endowed with these characteristics, and that he has centered them with all the force at his command in the upbuilding of the Normal School at Weston, the people of Eastern Oregon should indeed feel grateful. Reference is made to R. C. French, president of the educational

institution in question. It was largely due to Mr. French's labors that the excellent work at this school was carried on prior to its being closed down though the disgruntled howl from the throats of Yamhill statesmen and the distorted editorial paragraphs printed along equally disgruntled lines in the Portland Oregonian. At that time the Normal's able president manfully and courageously remained to the last ditch in defense of the school in which he had labored and loved. Now that the people in no mistaken voice have spoken in favor of keeping open the leading educational institution of Eastern Oregon, he is out in the sun-broiled sands of Gilliam county soliciting scholars for the coming school year. Twenty young people of that county have given him their names for enrollment.

In the organization of the third Eastern Oregon District Agricultural society at Pendleton, the fair commissioners should not make the fatal mistake of leaving out the regulation speedway and providing purses for races. An agricultural fair without the track and race horse, would be as flat as a county convention without the delegations. Walla Walla and Spokane have brushed aside the street fair and gone back to the old fashioned county fair, with its display of farm produce, stock, merchandise, farm implements, fruits etc., at which the generous purses and stakes offered, bring the fleetest horses on the coast into competition. The races are featured as the most important on the program for entertaining visitors to the grounds. With the abrogation of the running and light harness horse from the proposed fair at Pendleton, one of the principal departments is abolished and one of the chief branches of the stock raising industry in Eastern Oregon remains unrecognized. By all means, Umatilla and Morrow counties, should hold an annual district fair, but all the departments of agriculture, manufactures and the stock raising industry should be given the right of representation, and the opportunity for competition.

The harvest season is here and with it comes the heavy trade period in the different lines of groceries and provisions. This class of trade will be pressed to the boom limit in Athena for the next 40 days, and the grocery dealers of Athena are amply able to accommodate it in every particular. Large stocks and low prices, with all roads leading to Athena, stimulate harvesters to come here for their supplies.

Down at Portland, a strike by the street car operatives has been averted by the company in raising the salaries of its employees. How different would be the termination of the trouble, had the matter come up for settlement in Pittsburg or St. Louis. The difference is great, the reason being that the Portland company is working principally on the plan of "live and let live."

We'll not make mention of a certain Weston editor further than to remark that it's an empty honor to be endowed with a vice-presidency in any old institution, and fruit feirs in particular, where the would be distinguished official is denied the mere

courtesy of a pass, and pays his admission fee the same as any other dago is expected to do.

THE DISGRACE OF THE WEST.

The Coast.
The disgrace of the Pacific West is the delusive mining company. The pet scheme of the most insidious kind of robbery and knaves has had more to do with retarding the development of the mineral resources of the northwest than any one thing else and all other things combined. Thousands and thousands of dollars have been squandered in useless operations and as many thousands more have been fleeced from the pockets of the unsuspecting maw of some no-account and lazy thief operating fine offices and pretending to be a man while he is only a sneaking cur by day and a cringing dog by night. It may startle you, gentle reader, to learn that there are no mines in the state of Washington at the present time, but there are hundreds of prospects. In fact, almost every operation which is being conducted at the present time in the state of Washington is in the line of development work. There are numerous fine prospects, which indications show are likely to turn out rich and may turn out rich, but there are no mines in successful operation now, which are known to the writer. If there may be such mines, they are insignificant and run upon a small scale. No doubt there is abundance of iron, copper, gold and silver ores in the state of Washington, but there are not now any paying mines in operation in producing the ore and turning it into actual wealth. There are myriads of companies selling stock of mining companies, the returns on which are used to pay salaries and build houses for men who organize the companies and promote them. Men in Washington have grown very wealthy by selling mining company stock, while not one penny has come into their hands through the development and working of the mines, while indeed, some have lived by selling stock in mining companies which never owned anything more than a mile of pure rock and non-productive soil. British Columbia has mines; Oregon has mines; Idaho and Montana has mines, which have paid great dividends and are now paying. The laws of the state of Washington should be changed so that when a mining company is organized it will be for the benefit of the purchasers of the stock and not merely for the men who organized it. Let there be an end of the slick reptiles in fine clothing and well groomed forms who never hesitate to take money from widow or orphan, old soldiers or guileless youth laughing at the ease in which it is obtained, add it to their bank accounts and then look around for more funds to devour and dissipate.

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12:30 p. m.	Mixed, Walla Walla to Pendleton.	
4:55 p. m.	Fast Mail for Pendleton, LaGrande, Baker City, and all points east via Huntington, Ore., also for Umatilla, Heppner. The Dalles, Portland, Astoria, Willamette Valley, Tacoma, Seattle, all Sound Points.	4:55 p. m.
	Mixed, Pendleton to Walla Walla	7:05 p. m.

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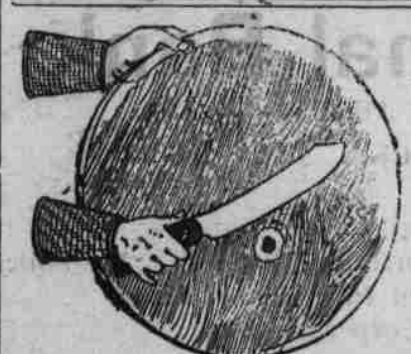
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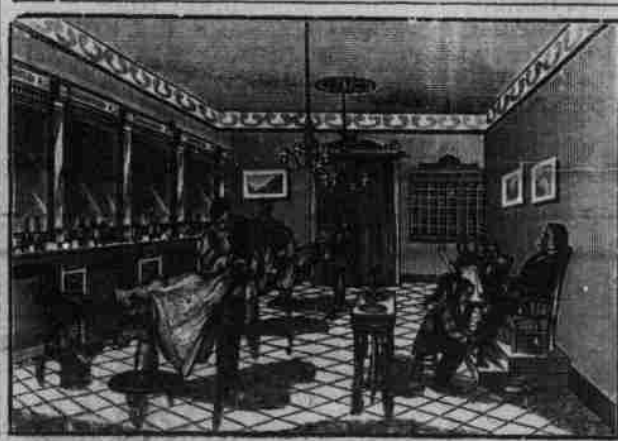
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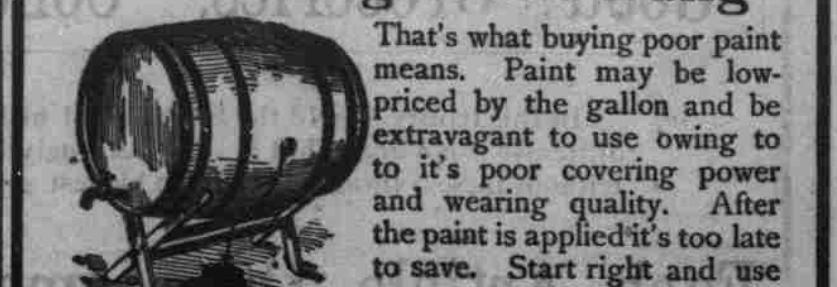
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