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Athena's Up to Date Sotre

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DELL BROTHERS CATERERS TO THE PUBLIC IN GOOD THINGS TO EAT Athena, Oregon.

IS AFTER THE WEEDS

Representative Barrett Would Eliminate Field Pest.

INTRODUCED BILL FOR PURPOSE

Law Needed to Compel Concerted Action—Humorous Sketch By Salem Correspondent

The spread of white mustard in the fields northwest of Athena has spurred action on the part of C. A. Barrett to the extent of preparing a bill for the eradication of the pest. This weed is a serious menace to future production of grain in this part of Umatilla county, and before it can be controlled, a law enforcing its destruction will have to appear on the statute book and be strictly enforced.

Last season farmers in some instances employed extra help to pull these crop destroyers, but little was accomplished in the work of extermination for the reason that other farmers did not pull weed and these going to seed, were blown helter-skelter across fields that had been worked over, thus seeding them again to weeds.

The Salem correspondent of the Portland Telegram writes the following humorous sketch of Representative Barrett's bill to eliminate the pest of the wheat fields:

"Representative C. A. Barrett of Umatilla county, is anxious to sign a solemn high requiem over the remains of Oregon's faithful friends Sesquibrium Altissimum and Atriplex Argenta, at least that is what the reading clerk of the house said when announcing the nature of the bill as it was thrown into the hopper.

"As one of the hewers of legislative wood and drawers of Salem water, Barrett believes it would be for the good of the commonwealth to perform the aforesaid funeral service. Sesquibrium and Atriplex are better known to the farmers of Oregon as 'White Mustard' and 'Silver Salt Brush.' Very pernicious and quickly spreading weeds. With them Barrett would do to death the truculent Russian, Canadian and Chinese thistles.

"He suggests that every road supervisor in the state, when he takes his early morning walks, stroll out through Neighbor Jones' and Brother Smith's pasture lots and search for the hum-

ble plants even as a boy seeketh after the shrinking mushroom on a foggy morning.

"He will mark the spot where the thistle holds forth and then he will seek Neighbor Jones and with the aid of great authority vested in him he will say: 'Neighbor, one Sesquibrium Altissimum is feloniously and maliciously taking root, sprouting, growing up and blossoming and scattering its seeds of iniquity to the four winds of the earth in longitude 115-37-45 W., latitude 47-51, 23 N., northwest quarter, section 12, township 7 N., range 8 W., and you cut it out or I will pull the law on youse,' or words to that effect.

"If the supervisor can't find Jones, he will plaster large public notices all around the offensive tare, and then in a few days form a citizen's posse and, armed with axes and spades, will lay low the festive shrub, place a first lien on the farm for his fees and look for the next thistle. These are practically the provisions of the bill. It has appeared in Oregon's legislative halls before, but instead of killing the weed the measure has died itself."

If the callow youth who penned the above could be forced to wear callouses on his hands in the work of clearing a 40-acre field of these weeds his facetious humor would doubtless be dampened somewhat. If he would climb out of his narrow rut and take a trip through the section of country infested with the white mustard plague, he would find something to write about which would be of real interest to the readers of his paper.

Another Carload of Coal.

Athena is now very well "booked up" for fuel. Another carload of coal came in over the W. & C. R. Wednesday. The coal was secured jointly by the Preston-Parton Milling Co., and Ed Barrett of the Umatilla Lumber Yard. The Preston-Parton people took about five tons for use at the mill and Mr. Barrett disposed of the balance of the lot to his customers.

BILLS BY COUNTY MEMBERS

Several Important Bills Introduced by Barrett, Slusher and Steen.

The following bills have been introduced in the house this week by Umatilla county members of the legislature:

H. B. 95, Steen—Making a felony the drawing of bank checks or drafts by persons who have no funds on deposit to meet same.

H. B. 96, Steen—Fixing salary of school superintendent of Umatilla county at \$1000.

H. B. 97, Steen—Requiring United States flag to be displayed on or near public school buildings during school hours.

H. B. 98, Steen—Re-enacting section 4782 of code as to laying out of county roads.

H. B. 62, Barrett of Umatilla—Reducing minimum punishment for persons bribing public officers from two years to one year imprisonment in county jail for between one month and one year or fine between \$100 and \$1000.

H. B. 63, Barrett of Umatilla—Pro-

The Farmer's Wife

Is very careful about her churn. She scalds it thoroughly after using, and gives it a sun bath to sweeten it. She knows that if her churn is sour it will taint the butter that is made in it. The stomach is a churn. In the stomach and digestive and nutritive tracts are performed processes which are almost exactly like the churning of butter. Is it not apparent then that if this stomach-churn is foul it makes foul all which is put into it?

The evil of a foul stomach is not alone the bad taste in the mouth and the foul breath caused by it, but the corruption of the pure current of blood and the dissemination of disease throughout the body. Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery makes the sour and foul stomach sweet. It does for the stomach what the washing and sun bath do for the churn—absolutely removes every tainting or corrupting element. In this way it cures blotches, pimples, eruptions, scrofulous swellings, sores, or open eating ulcers and all humors or diseases arising from bad blood.

If you have bitter, nasty, foul taste in your mouth, coated tongue, foul breath, are weak and easily tired, feel depressed and despondent, have frequent headaches, dizzy attacks, gnawing or distress in stomach, constipated or irregular bowels, sour or bitter risings after eating and poor appetite, these symptoms, or any considerable number of them, indicate that you are suffering from biliousness, torpid or lazy liver with the usual accompanying indigestion, or dyspepsia and their attendant derangements.

The best agents known to medical science for the cure of the above symptoms and conditions, as stated by the writings of leading clinicians and practitioners of all the several schools of medical practice, have been skillfully and harmoniously combined in Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. That this is absolutely true will be readily proven to your satisfaction if you will but mail a postal card request to Dr. R. V. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y., for a free copy of his booklet of extracts from the standard medical authorities, giving the names of all the ingredients entering into his world-famed medicines and showing what the most eminent medical men of the age say of them.

hibiting riding of any animal on highways at greater speed than six miles an hour, present law applying only to horses and mule.

H. B. 64, Barrett of Umatilla—for collection of road poll tax under road law of 1903.

H. B. 116, Slusher—Prohibiting cattle running at large in Sherman, Gilliam, Umatilla and Morrow counties.

H. B. 115, Slusher—Giving sheriff of Morrow county and allowing officers to retain same fees as are allowed constable, and also giving sheriff mileage fees in civil cases which now go to county treasurer.

Epidemic Records Broken.

All epidemic records for a period of twenty four hours as far back as the typhoid plague of 1893, were broken Sunday in Chicago, when 100 cases of scarlet fever and forty-five cases of diphtheria, a total of 145 were reported to the Chicago Health Department. Besides these were recorded twenty cases of other contagious diseases. The increase in diphtheria was considered alarming. In the weekly bulletin, issued by the health department, strong emphasis is laid upon a plea for the establishment of a regular inspection of the schools. It includes an assertion that the inspection made possible by the emergency appropriation of \$15,000 should end the present conditions within a fortnight.

Died in a Saloon.

Last week an old man of good appearance was in Athena soliciting aid to secure transportation to Walla Walla. He was given a few nickles and dimes with which to purchase shoe-strings which he desired to sell on the streets. Word comes from Walla Walla of his death while sitting in a saloon of that city. The only means of identification found on him was a Pendleton pawn ticket which bore the name of George Foster. In his pockets was found a few pennies and nickles and a bunch of shoe-strings.

GROWING WHEAT PROTECTED

Blanket of Snow Covered Ground During Cold Spell.

During the recent cold spell a blanket of snow covered the ground and afforded protection to growing grain against freezing out.

Those who examined grain after the snow went off reported it to be thrifty and in good condition.

At the present time every indication goes to show that winter in this section is by no means over and anxiety is felt for the future safety of the growing crop. Alternate freezing and thawing is said to be disastrous to the tender roots of the wheat plant, and another fall of snow would be welcomed.

Had the winter weather held on for two or three weeks longer, with its breaking up then, the opinion is expressed that an early spring would have been the result, and considerable farm work could have been done during the latter part of February.

A Call Meeting.

Notice is hereby given that a call meeting of Mignonette Rebekah lodge will be held Tuesday evening January 29, for the purpose of installing officers for the ensuing year. All members are requested to be present and to bring refreshments. Mrs. Gross, District Deputy.

To Change Quarters.

The Corner saloon building, vacated by Robert Genavay last week is not to remain vacant. Mr. Davis, proprietor of the "Horseshoe Club," has made application for a license to sell liquor there.

Mr. Stewart Improving.

R. E. Stewart is still confined to his bed from the effects of a serious attack of pneumonia. He is convalescing as fast as could be expected, and the services of a professional nurse dispensed with yesterday.

Cured of Long Trouble.

"It is now eleven years since I had a narrow escape from consumption," writes C. O. Floyd, a leading business man of Kershaw, S. C. "I had run down in weight to 135 pounds, and coughing was constant, both by day and by night. Finally I began taking Dr. King's New Discovery and continued this for about six months, when my cough and lung trouble were entirely gone and I was restored to my normal weight, 170 pounds." Thousands of persons are healed every year. Guaranteed at McBride's drug store. 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

How to Cure Chills.

"To enjoy freedom from chills," writes John Kemp, East Otisfield, Me., "I apply Bucklen's Arnica Salve. Have also used it for salt rheum with excellent results." Guaranteed to cure fever sores, indolent ulcers, piles, burns, wounds, frost bites and skin diseases. 25c at McBride's drug store.

MEMBERS WANTED

Effort for a Large Commercial Association.

SOCIAL FEATURES TO BE ADDED

Interest is Centered in the Matter Which Will Be Taken Up at the Meeting of Feb. 5.

A movement for a larger membership in the Athena Commercial Association is well under way.

As an inducement to increase the membership roll by securing new members, and arousing interest in the Association on the part of old members, as stated in the Press some time ago, it is proposed to add social and amusement features, in the way of providing reading matter and card tables at which social games may be played by members.

It is believed that by following this method, as employed by the commercial leaders of other towns and cities, and which has been found by them to be a success, and which has been the means of attaining and keeping together a large membership, the Athena Association will be greatly benefited.

With an open town—that is, the Commercial Association rooms always open to members—interest will necessarily be more keen in the regular meetings, and attendance will be better and more regular.

The matter will be discussed at the next regular meeting, which takes place on Tuesday evening, February 5.

FARMERS' UNION A REALITY

Farmers of Middle West Decide to Cut Out Middlemen.

Years of dreams in which farmers of the middle west have seen themselves—thoroughly unionized—dealing with the consumer in Chicago through the agency of local unions without the assistance from the arbitrary middlemen, are to be realized within thirty days.

The plans for the beginning of the experiment were practically completed by representatives of the American Society of Equity, the Farmers' Union, at a meeting of the Chicago Federation of Labor. Under these plans the promoters of the scheme expect to be in a position within a month to ship to Chicago, hay, butter, and eggs and such other farm products as are to be found in the country at this season of the year.

The Federation of Labor is acting as the clearing house for the farmers' produce.

The executive committee of the Federation of Labor and the Farmers' Union representatives met and decided that the Chicago clearing house should be in charge of a man appointed by each body. Several grocery stores, in every quarter of the city, will be as the representatives of the clearing house and they will be permitted to sell the products at a profit of 10 per cent.

Killed By Dynamite.

W. G. Hunter, one of the oldest pioneers, largest property owners and most prominent citizens of Union county, was instantly killed Wednesday morning in an explosion of dynamite which was being thawed out by working the Grand Ronde electric light project of which Mr. Hunter was president. Three workmen were seriously injured in the explosion.

FOUR PER CENT

Is your idle money earning you four per cent? You have just as good a right to a share of the profits earned by your money as the banker who keeps it for you. We divide the profits with our depositors and still make a satisfactory profit for the bank. Our business has more than doubled during the past year. This bank has a capital of \$100,000 fully paid in and is conservatively managed by progressive and successful business men. Your business will receive prompt and careful attention. We will be glad to meet you any time and get acquainted with you.

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