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ATHENA'S UP TO DATE STORE

ED. MANASSE, Proprietor.

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Our entire stock is selected with the same care and discretion. REMEMBER—Our prices are always consistent with quality.

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

ED MANASSE DEAD

Could Not Revive After Surgical Operation.

BURIED AT WALLA WALLA TODAY

Was a Well Known Merchant of Athena—An Odd Fellow, Esteemed and Honored.

Edward Manasse, the Athena merchant, died at Walla Walla yesterday at noon, after undergoing an operation at St. Mary's hospital. His wife and daughter were with him at the time of his death.

Mr. and Mrs. Manasse went to Walla Walla on Sunday's train, and after reaching there an operation, which was the third to be resorted to in the past year in the hope of relieving the patient from the terrible disease with which he was afflicted, was decided on. Mr. Manasse went to Walla Walla for the purpose of submitting to the operation, believing that for a time at least, it might be the means of prolonging his life.

His daughter left by team early yesterday morning, on learning that the operation was to be made. Herbert, the son, left here at noon and arrived in Walla Walla after his father had passed away.

Mr. Manasse had been failing in health, since the second operation, which was performed several weeks ago. He was endowed with a strong constitution, and this, together with the kind attention and ministrations of his family, did much to sustain him during the long days and nights of his terrible suffering.

When he realized that the treatment he was receiving did not stay the ravages of the disease, he proposed as a last resort that he submit again to the surgeon's knife.

It was his wish. Armed with the reluctant consent of those dearest to him, with trusting hope and knowing that it was a last resort for the redemption of health, this brave, good man, with his characteristic bravery and fortitude braved the tortures of the operating table for the last time.

Edward Manasse was born in Germany. When a young man he came to California where for years he was engaged in the tanning business. There he married Miss Gertrude Cohen

and their happy married life was blessed with two children, a daughter and a son.

Coming north, the family located in Walla Walla, where Mr. Manasse engaged in the mercantile business. Leaving Walla Walla, he came to Athena, and for about 13 years has conducted a dry goods store here.

He was recognized as a man of sterling worth. Charitable to a fault, the hand of the needy was never turned from him empty. He was honored and esteemed by his business associates and had served his home town with credit and ability as a member of the city council. He was a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, holding membership in his old home lodge in California.

Funeral services will be held in Walla Walla this afternoon, interment taking place in that city.

Mr. Wagner Is Better.

After returning home Friday from town, where he transacted business during the day, Mr. A. J. Wagner was stricken with hemorrhage of the brain, and until Saturday noon was in a serious condition. His state of health was extremely alarming to his family and friends, and for a considerable length of time his mind was absolutely blank. Mr. Wagner is now in full possession of his mental faculties and his case gives every indication of improvement.

Spring Weather at Last.

Apparently spring has struck the Inland Empire in full force. The weather for the past few days has been comparatively warmer and the ground is beginning to dry on the south slopes. Plowing may begin within a week, and farmers are making active preparations to begin spring work as early as possible.

DEATH OF FRED WILLIAMS

Occurred at His Home Near Albina, Wash., of Pneumonia.

Fred Williams died at his home near Albina Washington, Sunday afternoon of pneumonia. Mr. Williams had been in a poor state of health for some time past and his physical condition was impaired before taking down with the disease which caused his death.

Mr. Williams was well known in Athena and vicinity, and only a few months ago his wife visited friends in this section.

When he first came to this county he was employed on one of the Reeder places west of town. Later he rented land and operated a steam threshing outfit. Afterward he purchased a small farm east of Athena. Selling his farm he moved to Washington, and engaged in wheat raising. He was a member of the Christian Church of this city. He leaves a wife and several children.

The Governor's Reasons.

Governor Chamberlain in vetoing the Smith normal school bill, sent the following caustic message to the legislature:

In my opinion the bill would not be sustained by the courts if it should become a law, and attempt to choose two normal schools from those now in existence. The power of making this selection is one delegated by the constitution to the legislature, and that body, under a well established principle of law, cannot delegate their power to any man or set of men. There is no reason why the legislature should not itself abolish two of the normal schools instead of undertaking to shirk its duty and so avoid a responsibility which devolves upon it.

Milton's Census Taken.

Milton is growing right along and if anybody should drive up and enquire the population of the city tell 'em it is 1300 says the Eagle. A. E. Troyer has just completed the work of taking the census of the city and the figure quoted is official. In taking the school census Mr. Troyer made a complete count for the satisfaction of knowing how fast the town has been growing. It is three years since the last census was taken and the total then footed up only 1075. While this is by no means a rapid growth, it beats progressing backward by several points.

Supervisor of Indian Affairs.

Supervisor Davis of the government department of Indian affairs is now at the Umatilla Indian agency. It is understood that he comes in an official capacity and is prepared to look into and pass on any matters pertaining to land holdings of allottees on the reservation. He will be at the agency during the present week.

Organize Big New Company.

Final organization of the Northwestern corporation was perfected at Walla Walla preparatory to turning over the property of the Northwestern Gas and Electric company to the big corporation whose stockholders

are financing the consolidation. Isaac W. Anderson, of the old company presided and the following directors were present: R. F. Brackell, Thomas Mickelson, A. K. Dice, S. A. Scott, Otto M. Frank, Robert M. Breeze and Carey M. Rader. By-laws were adopted and the following officers elected: Isaac W. Anderson, president; Carey M. Rader, vice president; Robert E. Allen, secretary. While these officers are selected temporarily, holding only until the company is transferred to eastern owners, it is probable Mr. Anderson will be permanent president of the new company.

Light For Hermiston.

Papers have been filed incorporating the Western Umatilla Mutual Electric company, with chief offices at Hermiston, and the object is to supply electric lights and power to the territory under the Umatilla government project. The incorporators are M. B. Gwinn, Judge James A. Fee, R. Alexander and E. P. Dodd. James Fee is president of the company and E. P. Dodd is secretary. The capital stock has been placed at \$50,000. The power site has been located two miles west of Hermiston, and the ditch flow will be amply sufficient to furnish light and power for Hermiston, Umatilla, Echo and the farms within the project.

To Prevent Forest Fires.

What is pronounced by timbermen to be the only valuable act ever passed by an Oregon legislature, relative to the prevention of forest fires, was passed by the house, in senate bill No. 21, which requires the burning of slashings and debris in the lumber camps and forests of the state every year, this work to be carried out under the supervision of the precinct or county road supervisor, who is made a deputy fire warden ex-officio.

NIGHT RIDE ON SWINGING TRACK

Dr. Croup of Walla Walla Meets With a Thrilling Experience

J. W. Leslie, of Seattle, and Dr. O. W. Croup of Walla Walla, had an exciting experience Saturday night, passing over deep chasms, some of them 60 feet wide, ties and rails suspended in midair, rocking to and fro, the men riding on a railroad bicycle, says a Walla Walla paper. The trip was made from Eureka Junction on the W. & C. R. to Walla Walla where the men with several others had been marooned several hours, when a machine was secured and the track inspected by Leslie for a distance of five miles this side of Eureka Junction. He returned and Dr. Croup decided to try and make the trip with him, notwithstanding they were warned by wire not to undertake the trip by railroad officials.

Seven washouts were encountered before they reached Lamar, but here they encountered a chasm 60 feet in width under which the water was a raging torrent. Rails and ties were still suspended across the chasm and as the men crossed the track swung back and forth, but did not fall, and the perilous trip was safely made. They wired back to their friends of their safety.

Teachers' Salaries.

Increased salaries for the public school teachers of Oregon are made possible by the passage of house bill 165 by the senate. This bill provides that the school tax of the state shall be increased from \$6 to \$7 per capita. This will give to each district in the state \$1 a year for each child of school age in the district more than they have had heretofore. The measure met with general approval in the senate, both of Republicans and Democrats. The bill already passed the house and is ready for the governor's signature.

Shipped 3,000 Cattle.

It is estimated that nearly 3000 head of cattle and many hundred head of sheep have been shipped from the Echo country in the past few weeks, most of which were brought in from the Butter creek and Meadows country. Much of this stock was held over by the buyers for many days until cars could be received, and now that the traffic tie-up is somewhat relieved, a number of cattle cars are being brought in.—East Oregonian.

Baseball at Pendleton.

The Aberdeen Wash., ball team of the Northwest League will practice this spring at Pendleton. As a consequence, considerable interest is being taken in the national spot and indications are that Pendleton will have a team in the field this season.

Clark Walter Seriously Ill.

Clark Walter is reported seriously ill at his home in Walla Walla. Sunday his son John was summoned from Athena, and took the noon train for Walla Walla. Word came yesterday that Mr. Walter had rallied and was considerably better.

IN HERMANN'S TRIAL

Land Fraud Cases Are to Be Brought in Evidence.

SWINDLES WILL SHOW MOTIVE

Why He Destroyed the Letter Press Copy Books Containing the Official Correspondence.

District Attorney Baker, conducting the Hermann case for the government now desires to introduce a vast mass of testimony revealing land frauds in western states, in order to establish that Hermann had a powerful motive to destroy the letter press copy books containing the official correspondence of the general land office, incriminating him and many others says a Washington dispatch. Although the first skirmish over the introduction of letters as evidence was spirited, the move by the government will bring on a legal battle in which Baker and Deputy Adkins for the prosecution and A. S. Worthington and H. Preston Gately, Hermann's son-in-law, for the defense, will bring to bear every resource known. It was decided that the court will hear arguments of counsel on this point.

If a favorable decision for the government is rendered it will probably open the entire line of sensational incidents pertaining to the land frauds of Oregon, California and other states.

Every letter which has been the subject of controversy up to this time will probably be read. They will bring to light many facts of political interest in Oregon referring to former campaigns and Hermann's relation thereto. Albert Hermann, son of Binger Hermann, a lawyer of Roseburg, is here witnessing the trial. The additional juryman was easily secured yesterday afternoon.

Dr. Harry S. Reiger, who was Hermann's stenographer and clerk during the incumbency of the commissioner, was the first witness when the trial began. Reiger had transcribed the notebooks containing the stenographic record of letters dictated by Hermann. A number related to official business of the general land office, instructions to special agents, lands on which final proof was pending and matters coming up in the ordinary course of business. The letters too, were introduced as evidence and showed to Reiger, who identified them in some instances as those which in the ordinary course of business would be copied in the letter press books which Hermann destroyed. He stated that he was in the same position for four years under Hermann's predecessor and familiar with the office business and exercised his own discretion as to where the letters should be copied.

District Attorney Baker first sought merely to establish that the letters in ordinary course of business should have been copied into the letter press books destroyed.

TERRITORIAL JUSTICE IS DEAD

Hon. James K. Kennedy, One Time Supreme Justice for Washington.

Hon. James K. Kennedy, former territorial justice of the supreme bench for Washington Territory, died at his home in Walla Walla Saturday of old age. Mr. Kennedy was a well known throughout a great deal of the northwest. At the time of his death he was past eighty years of age, but true to the characteristics of the sons of old Erin, he was able to be about the streets until a few days before his death.

Mr. Kennedy was born in Ireland, went to Australia, was sent as a government official to Port Townsend, was appointed territorial justice for Washington in 1896 and had made Walla Walla his home for the last 40 years. He leaves an aged wife who is very low in health and is not expected to live through the weight of sorrow caused by her husband's death.

Judge Bean Grants Divorce.

Saturday Judge Bean paved the way for the dissolution of three matrimonial partnerships. John Collier, was granted an absolute decree of divorce from Jennie Collier, and Emma Reed was granted a default in her suit for divorce against Arthur D. Reed, while Sadie Rhodes was granted a divorce from Albert Rhodes and also the care and custody of their minor children.

Mrs. W. S. Buel is agent in Athena for V. O. medicines. Call at residence on Current street.