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## MANASSE'S UP TO DATE STORE

Agent for Butterick Patterns.

## FALL STYLES 1907

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## Athena's Up To Date Store

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## The Northern Pacific Railway

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## "TONGUES OF FIRE"

Mals Christensen and Wife Hold Open Air Meetings Daily in Athena Streets.

Mals Christensen and wife, members of that religious sect known as "tongues of fire," have held forth in open air meetings on Athena streets for a week, without gaining a single accession to their ranks.

Punctually at 2:30 each afternoon, the strong, resonant voice of the man may be heard for blocks, as he opens his peculiar service, his wife standing near with bowed head, in penitent attitude.

Scriptural passages are quoted from time to time as the sermon progresses, and finally, should the divine spirit move him (as Christensen says it does) he proceeds to proclaim the word of God in that guttural gibberish, which has given his sect the name of "tangle tongues," "tongues of fire," etc.

After each service the crowd is invited to congregate in the McArthur building, where an assembly hall has been arranged, and where newspapers cover the windows and soap boxes are provided for seats. So far there has been no assembly, except in the street.

### After Horses.

O. H. Halcomb, the Seattle horse buyer was in town on one of his regular business visits this week. Mr. Halcomb has paid out many thousands of dollars for horses in this vicinity, nearly all of which he has shipped to Seattle. From there the heavy draft teams go into the big logging camps and many find their way to Alaska.

### Heney to Portland.

It is officially announced that Francis J. Heney will go to Portland to prosecute the land fraud cases. Bonaparte made the announcement.

## MORROW-UMATILLA FAIR

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## RHONIMUS CLEARED

Jury On Second Ballot Finds the Aged Slayer of Tom Myers Not Guilty.

A verdict of not guilty was rendered by the jury Tuesday evening in the case of A. D. Rhonimus, the aged slayer of Tom Myers.

The jury which had made a long tedious journey to the scene of the murder on the mountain southeast of Pendleton, deliberated only two hours after retiring to the jury room.

The first ballot taken showed nine for acquittal and three blanks.

Immediately upon the adjournment of court and before the jurymen had left their seats Rhonimus, the aged defendant, addressed them as follows:

"Gentlemen, the verdict you have just rendered is a warning to thieves and the country as well as myself thanks you for it. You have rendered a verdict against one of the worst gang of thieves in the country."

Rhonimus has been in jail since the killing of Myers, and from the first has contended that he would be freed whenever his case came to trial. He was charged with murder in the second degree. He is a stockman, aged 80 years, and his home is a cabin in the mountains, where he ranges a small band of horses.

## MORE LAND FOR SETTLEMENT

Open Homes for Many More People in the Northwest.

Homes for 5,000 families will be provided in the northwest by Uncle Sam during the next twelve months, when, it is given out, the government will open to settlement 4,910,000 acres of timber, agricultural and mineral land in eastern Washington, northern Idaho, western Montana and South Dakota.

The occupation of these lands, situated in eight Indian reservations, will mark the most important period of development since the first railroad invaded the forests, valleys and sagebrush deserts west of the Rocky mountains, and means the obliteration of the frontier with its picturesque cowboys and the vivid, adventurous heroic days, which will never again have a counterpart in this country.

The lottery system has been decided upon in the disposition of these reservation lands, which are located as follows:

Colville, eastern Washington, 1,000,000 acres; Yakima, central Washington, 1,145,000 acres; Coeur d'Alene, northern Idaho, 310,000 acres; Lemhi, central eastern Idaho, 500,000 acres; Blackfoot, southern Idaho, 500,000 acres; Flathead, western Montana, 1,000,000 acres; Rosebud and Lower Brule, South Dakota, 891,560 acres.

## PRUNE CROP IS ABOUT PACKED

One Hundred Cars of Choice Prunes Are Shipped from Milton.

The shipment of prunes from this district exceeds the expectations of many who at one time predicted a shortage because of last spring's freeze. In an interview on this subject N. W. Mumford, manager of the branch house of the Walla Walla Produce company, said of the present year's crop: "The four packing houses of the Milton-Freewater district are finishing the season's prune packing, this week being the fourth week that the four houses have worked steadily almost night and day and in the neighborhood of 100 cars of prunes will be sent out from this section this year, besides a large number of mixed cars of peaches, pears and apples. Following the close of the prune season the fall and winter apples will commence, and there will be approximately 100 cars of these and it will require the next 60 days to complete the apple season."

## SWEENEY SUPPORTS ANKENY

Spokane Millionaire for Walla Walla Man for the Senate.

"While I do not expect to take any particular part in the coming senatorial fight I shall, in so far as I can, support Senator Ankeny for re-election to the United States senate. In no event will I be a candidate for that office myself," says the Walla Walla Statesman in an interview with Millionaire Sweeney.

Charles Sweeney of Spokane, president of the Federal Mining and Smelting company, the richest lead producing concern in the United States, has declared himself entirely out of the race for United States senator and at the same time pledges himself as a supporter of Senator Ankeny of Walla Walla. His words quoted at the beginning of this article indicate his attitude.

## WANT INFORMATION

Railroad Commission of Oregon Desire Information From Athena Shippers on Car Shortage.

Complaints have been lodged with the Railroad Commission of Oregon, from all points in the state relative to the existing shortage of cars.

That the car shortage gives every promise of becoming still more pronounced to an aggravating degree, in lieu of any hope for a betterment of conditions, the following circular letter to Athena shippers, received for publication in the Press, would indicate:

Salem, Sept. 18.—(To the editor)—A great many complaints are being filed daily with the Commission by shippers who are unable to get cars and it is evident from the information we receive that shippers are going to suffer far more this fall than last from car shortage. The Commission is investigating the matter and hearings will be held at an early date with a view of ascertaining the real cause of the shortage, placing the blame where it belongs, and securing some relief for the shippers of this state.

In conducting such an investigation it is necessary to have the co-operation of the shippers and we ask that you be prepared, when called upon, to furnish some information covering your experience in securing cars during the last thirty days.

You will be duly advised when the matter comes up for a hearing. In the meantime would be pleased to hear from you.

Railroad Commission of Oregon  
By Oswald West  
Commissioner.

## FUNERAL OF MRS. ANN KIRK

Services Were Conducted by Rev. Le Cornu, a Pioneer Minister.

Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock the services of the funeral of Mrs. Ann Kirk, who died at her home in Pacific Grove, California were held in the Methodist Episcopal church, by Rev. LeCornu, a pioneer minister, and friend of the deceased.

The funeral was a large one, being attended by friends and relatives residing here and abroad. The pall bearers were from Dolph Lodge, A. F. and A. M. the members of which marched to the grave in a body. The floral tributes were among the finest and most elaborate ever seen in Athena.

The remains did not arrive in Athena from California until Saturday night. From the O. R. & N. station they were taken to the home of Mrs. Edward Koontz, where during Sunday, until the time set for the funeral many friends called to express heartfelt sympathy to members of the family.

Relatives from a distance in attendance at the funeral were, Mrs. Neri Ackles, a daughter, of La Grande; Mrs. Courtney of Portland and Mrs. Kees of Walla Walla, sisters of the deceased.

## FACE TO FACE WITH A BEAR

Experience of Two Ladies With a Fat Little Berry Eater.

While encamped on the summit of Linton mountain with a party of home folks and friends a short time ago, and while picking berries, of which there is an abundance in that section, Mrs. Smith and Miss Minnie Dorothy had a novel experience with a little fat chubby bear, who, it would seem, was also engaged in the same occupation, says the Milton Eagle.

The little fellow, evidently, was as much perturbed as the ladies at the unexpected meeting, and in expectation of further developments sat bolt upright on his haunches and looked the intruders squarely in the face as much as to say, "I was here first." The ladies, of course, made no effort to engage in any controversy with his little bearship as to their rights in the premises and made a hasty retreat. The last seen of the little fellow he was still occupying an upright position and his beady little black eyes intently watching the movements of those who had interrupted his midday meal.

### Milton Had a Good Booth.

The most creditable booth of the so-called Harvest Trade festival was that of the Milton Progressive association, which was located on Main street in front of the Kellogg store, says the Walla Walla Union. In this booth was to be seen a fine collection of fruits from the vicinity of Milton. There are many varieties of fine apples, peaches, pears, plums, prunes and other varieties of fruit. The booth was in charge of a committee of five appointed by the Progressive association. They were Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Berry, Dr. McQuary and Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Sikes.

## COPPOCK BUYS LAND

Gives \$85 Per Acre for Hailey's Reservation Wheat Ranch—Was Not a Record Price.

Robert Coppock has purchased the 160-acre wheat ranch just south of town on the reservation owned by Judge Thos. G. Hailey, for \$85 per acre. There are no improvements on the land, which for a long time has been held by Judge Hailey at \$17,000.

The East Oregonian in recording the sale says it is among the best sales on record for this class of land. Such, however, is not the case.

The record price for land paid in this vicinity, where wheat land values are perhaps higher than anywhere else in the Northwest was the purchase made by Joseph Sherrad, who gave John McKinnon \$16,800, or \$105 per acre for a quarter section of land. This farm had no improvements except a good fence and was bought a few years ago by McKinnon for \$40 per acre. He "made good" on the purchase price with two crops of wheat and when he sold to Sherrad reserved the stubble and straw for winter feed.

The Pendleton paper reports other land sales made by Judge Hailey. He has disposed of a 40 acre tract of timber to Joseph Haddeman. A portion of his Wild Horse ranch, 250 acres went to Polydore Moens, of Pendleton, for \$10,000. Judge Hailey is yet in possession of 700 acres of his Wild Horse ranch, and all of the improved property.

## POLAND CHINAS ON EXHIBITION

The Pick of Swaggarts Big Herd at Pendleton Fair.

Principle interest in the live stock show at the Pendleton fair centers in the Minor herd of short horn cattle and A. L. Swaggart's exhibit of Poland China swine.

What Minor is to Oregon as a breeder of thoroughbred short horn cattle, Mr. Swaggart is as a breeder of thoroughbred Poland China hogs. He is exhibiting the pick of his big herd the Pendleton fair, and his prize-winning stock is attracting the attention of all.

Mr. Swaggart is an experienced hog raiser, and at great expense has founded the best herd of thoroughbred hogs in the Northwest. He receives orders from breeders in all parts of the country for his stock, which is invariably used to head their herds.

### Boosting Oregon.

Tom Richardson, secretary of Portland Commercial club, says in this week's letter to the Oregon press: Of the 400,000 leaflets printed by the Portland Commercial club advertising the low rates to Oregon, 351,000 had been put in circulation up to noon Saturday. The Union Pacific, Northern Pacific, Great Northern, Burlington and Denver & Rio Grande are running at least two trains daily in sections to accommodate the tremendous rush of colonists to the Pacific northwest, and Oregon is getting her full share. Every citizen of the state should make an effort to bring some acquaintance, friend or relative from the east or middle west to locate, permanently in Oregon.

### Wood Choppers in Demand.

Star Charlton is down from his wood camp at Kamela, but will return to his work in a few days. Mr. Charlton says there is considerable cordwood at the different railroad sidings in the Blue mountains, and it finds ready sale at \$5.25 per cord, f. o. b. Woodchoppers are in demand, and at present are paid \$1.75 per cord for their work. The price paid until recently, was \$1.60 per cord.

### Took Prizes at Fair.

Dr. J. D. Plamondon's wheat exhibit at the district fair took first prize over all other wheat shown in the pavilion. The wheat was a sample from the doctor's crop grown on the Gangnon place on the reservation. Another prize that went to Athena was won by Claude Estas' "Joe Fontaine," a trotting stallion which carried off second prize.

### The Deffry Company.

The Josephine Deffry company closed a three nights engagement at the Athena opera house Saturday evening in the presentation of "The Black Spider." The house was filled, many Weston people being in the audience. The piece was not up to the standard of the two previous ones played by the company.

The old remedies are the best. Hickory Bark Cough Remedy has been in use for over one hundred years by the old Dutch Dunkards of Pennsylvania, and is still in use by all the old families of Western Pennsylvania. It is absolutely pure; made from the bark of the white or shell bark hickory tree. The bark is shipped from the east, and manufactured in Walla Walla, Wash. For sale by Palace Drug Store.

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