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## Come in and see for yourself

I invite you to call and inspect my line of Christmas and Holiday goods, consisting of the very latest and swellest, up-to-date Toilet Articles, Perfumes, Music Rolls, Hand Bags, Stationery, Candies, etc.

### The Pioneer Drug Store

BYRON N. HAWKS, Proprietor

ESTABLISHED 1865

Preston-Parton Milling Company

## AMERICAN BEAUTY

Flour is made in Athena, by Athena labor, in the latest and best equipped mill in the west, of the best selected Bluestem wheat grown anywhere. Patronize home industry. Your grocer sells American Beauty for

# \$1.25 Per Sack.

Merchant Millers and Grain Buyers

Athena, Oregon. — — — Waitsburg, Wash.



**R. J. BODDY**  
**WHOLESALE BUTCHER**

Makes a Specialty of furnishing Meat in Large Quantities. First-class stock, Reasonable price

What Makes it the Popular Route Fast?

## The Northern Pacific Railway

ever has in mind the comfort of its patrons. Its through trans-continental trains are composed of new and modern equipment which is kept in perfect condition. The latest improvements are found in day coaches, in standard Pullman sleeping cars and in dining and observation cars. None but the most competent, civil and obliging employes are in charge.

The company tries to make the journey of its patrons pleasant and its efforts are appreciated.



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## The Northern Pacific Railway

A. D. CHARLTON, A. G. P. A., Nor. Pac. Ry., Portland, Ore.

## THE QUALITY GROCERY STORE

PROMPT DELIVERY WHERE PRICES ARE RIGHT PHONE MAIN 83

The Freshest and most Choice the Market affords in

## VEGETABLES

The Best that Money can Buy Always Found Here

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

## GOES INDEPENDENT A FITTING TRIBUTE A SPECIAL SESSION TO REMIT BY DRAFT

### Portland Oregonian Forsakes the Republican Party But Will Support Roosevelt.

In an editorial the Portland Oregonian announces formal divorce of the organ from the ranks of the republican party and declares that in the future the paper will adopt the policy of independence from any party affiliations.

Should Roosevelt be nominated the Oregonian states that it will support him, but as to any other possibility the paper remains silent.

In part the editorial states: "The Oregonian has done what it could to support the republican party in Oregon.

"The republicans have not responded. They can now and henceforth support the party themselves if they desire to do so.

"Like Romeo at the play the Oregonian will be a candle holder and look on.

"It is tired of the effort to appeal for principles,—political, social, financial and historical—to men who don't care for anything of the kind but are actuated merely by selfish piques, petty desires and trifling personal ambitions. "Should the pressure upon Roosevelt compel him to be a candidate again the Oregonian will support him. Beyond that the Oregonian has no announcement to make.

"It can be as independent as any of you who have given this state and city over to the democratic party.

"The republican idea in Oregon is that there should be no party in Oregon but the democratic."

### DRUG COMPANY INCORPORATED

Dr. J. D. Plamondon, A. Plamondon and W. McBride, Incorporators.

The Palace Drug Company was incorporated Monday in this city with a capital stock of \$5,000.

The incorporators are Dr. J. D. Plamondon, A. Plamondon and William McBride. The Palace drug store, formerly conducted by William McBride, was taken over by the company some days ago, but the incorporation was not effected until Monday, when the papers were filed with the Secretary of State.

Dr. J. D. Plamondon, one of the principal stock-holders is president and secretary of the new company, and is giving his attention to the management of the business.

Ten head of work horses for sale cheap for cash. Horses may now be seen in Pendleton, or will be in Athena the coming week. R. H. Whitehead.

### Holiday Greeting

The happy Christmas time is fast approaching, and again we take pleasure in inviting you to inspect our new and well selected line of Watches, Clocks, Jewelry, Solid Silver and plated ware, Cut Glass, Fountain Pens, Etc. Do not forget that we pride ourselves on our good goods and low prices. We make our reputation on such goods as Roger 1847 and Community

### Silverware

the finest in the world. In watches, I carry only the best makes,

Howard, Hamilton, Waltham, Hamden movements,

With a large line of Gold and Gold filled cases, to select from.

F. H. COOLIDGE  
Jeweler

### The Sixtieth Anniversary of Whitman Massacre Commemorated Saturday November 29.

Several thousand people from Idaho, Washington and Oregon gathered Saturday at the Whitman monument few miles west of Walla Walla, to commemorate the sixtieth anniversary of the massacre of Dr. Marcus Whitman and the members of his mission, which happened on November 29, 1847.

The exercises commemorating the terrible tragedy, consisted in addresses by prominent men of the northwest, including Governor Mead of Washington, President S. B. L. Penrose of Whitman college, and others.

A movement was started to raise the sum of \$1100 with which to finish paying for the monument which was erected several years ago, but which has never been fully paid for.

Perhaps the most interesting person at the exercises was Mrs. Nancy Jacobs of Portland, formerly Nancy Osburne, who with her mother and three other children, were hidden under the floor of a cabin at the Whitman mission on the day of the massacre and escaped a horrible death at the hands of the Cayuses.

Mrs. Jacobs was then but a child but remembers the terrible time with great clearness and recalls all of the events leading up to and following the massacre.

When the attack was made upon the mission by the Cayuses, Osburne had his family, consisting of wife and four children, under a puncheon floor in one of the cabins and while the Indians were brutally murdering the inmates of the mission and burning the buildings, the family lay in this safe retreat and escaped death. Their friends and associates were slain and left lying in the ruins of the once happy and prosperous mission.

Touching reminiscences were told by many pioneers who have preserved the history of the tragedy.

### Cleve Myers Promoted.

Cleve Myers, who has been night operator at the central telephone office, has entered the service of the company more fully. In addition to serving as night operator, he also has the afternoon shift. Miss Eva Rider, the manager, is the forenoon operator.

### TOWN ELECTION RETURNS

Lively Time at Hermiston-Echo Holds Its First Election.

Hermiston's city election was held under most strenuous circumstances, 25 out of a total of 118 votes cast, were challenged. Following is the list of officials:

Mayor, James Griffin; treasurer, Russell Brown; recorder, Glenn Williams; councilmen, John D. Rice, Harry Straw, W. R. Stewart, H. E. Hanby, Fred A. Yates and H. T. Irvin.

Echo.  
Mayor, Louis Scholl, jr.; treasurer, W. H. Boyd; recorder, E. M. Brown; marshal, William Hoggard; councilmen, Fred T. George, R. B. Stanfield, M. H. Gillette, E. E. Rippey, C. J. Gulliford and John Dorn.

Umatilla.  
Councilmen, A. B. Stephens, John Hatter and J. W. Duncan; treasurer, H. J. Burnham; marshal T. S. Tillson.

R. R. Yerza is mayor, but his term does not expire until next year.

Pendleton.  
Mayor, E. J. Murphy; councilmen, A. L. Knight, T. G. Montgomery, V. Stroble, C. P. Strain; treasurer, H. C. Thompson; Water Commissioners, T. C. Taylor, J. T. Brown, Will Moore.

Pilot Rock.  
Mayor, L. E. Roy; recorder, E. E. Parker; treasurer, George Doan; marshal, Jap Gulliford; councilmen, Frank Doan, George Carnes, George Mansfield, John Bradburn and E. F. Bietel.

Weston.  
Mayor, M. A. Baker; recorder, Clark Wood; treasurer, B. B. Hall; councilmen, G. W. Probstel, Henry Stamper, E. J. Saling.

Freewater.  
Mayor, L. E. Mitchell; recorder, D. C. Sanderson; treasurer, J. C. Baskett; marshal, J. Holman; councilmen, J. E. Haynie, Ed Botorff and Henry Van Slyke.

### The School Census Taken.

Fred Kershaw, clerk of School District No. 29, this week completed the census taking of children of school age residing in the district. Mr. Kershaw found 269 children of school age residing in the district as against 234 enumerated in last year's census report given by the school clerk, an increase of 35 pupils. There are 27 more boys of school age than there are girls.

### Thomas Barger Dead.

Thomas Barger died at Walla Walla last night as the result of a stroke of paralysis which occurred Thursday evening. Mr. Barger had been residing in Walla Walla, having moved to that city from his farm west of town, three years ago.

### Possibility That the Legislature May Be Called by the Governor to Meet Soon.

During the past few days there has been considerable talk of the Oregon legislature meeting in special session. In an interview Saturday, Governor Chamberlain said:

"I have received a great many requests for an extra session of the legislature, but I will not decide the question until I can learn what the wish of the people of the state is. For the present I have decided to continue the holidays for another week for the protection of the bankers of the state, and by that time I will know what the sentiment is regarding an extra session. If I should decide to call the legislature together at this time, I will have the session called for early in December. In that way the business for which it is called can be transacted and adjournment taken before the holidays. But I will not call an extra session unless conditions and the people and the business interests of the state demand it."

On the subject of a special session the Oregonian said:

"Governor Chamberlain will call a special session of the legislature, if the business interests demand it. If it is decided to call an extraordinary session of the state's lawmakers, it will be convened early in December. Two specific subjects would be called to the attention of the solons—amendment of the state law on attachment and enactment of some provision by which judicial business can be resumed, at the same time protecting banks by holiday proclamation.

"Since there is no way to limit either the length of a special session or the character of legislative business it may consider, aside from that for which the session was called, an extra session is an uncertain quantity. At the last regular session a great many popular bills were defeated and it would not be surprising if some of these might be proposed for further consideration at a special session. The first business of course, would be the passage of such legislation as prompted the calling of the session, but aside from that, the two houses would regulate the length of the session and the amount of other business that might be taken up."

### WOULD TAX ITINERANT TRADERS

License Fee From Non-resident Grocers and Other Dealers.

At a meeting of the City Council Monday evening, the committee on ordinances was instructed to prepare an ordinance regulating license fees to be collected from non-resident dealers in groceries, dry goods, etc.

Many of the towns and cities of the Northwest have ordinances which provide for collection of a license fee from itinerant dealers in dry goods and groceries, and in view of the fact that Athena, to a certain degree, has become the dumping ground for cheap john, shoddy, bankrupt stocks of dry goods, and consignments of third class Kansas City groceries, the council action in the matter is conducted by the merchants and business men of Athena.

The ordinance committee was also instructed to draft an ordinance, authorizing the rate of city tax for the year 1908.

David Taylor had given the council written notice relative to controlling the water which overflows his premises when turned from its passage at the East end of Main street. Accordingly the marshal was instructed to see that water should hereafter be diverted into the Main street channels.

Mr. Taylor would purchase a parcel of land owned by the city, located between Mr. Taylor's warehouse and the rock quarry. The council placed a valuation of \$750 on the tract of land.

The following bills were audited and ordered paid:

Preston-Parton Milling Co.	\$65.00
Palace Drug Co.	2.25
Athena Truck Co.	1.00
W. J. Gholson Salary	50.00
B. B. Richards Salary	13.35
B. B. Richards Fees	2.50
Total	\$134.10

### A Good Showing.

The report made on request of the comptroller of the currency by the First National Bank of Athena, at close of business on December 3, shows the local banking institution to be in exceptionally good condition, and a careful perusal of the itemized statement published as required by law, on another page of this issue, should convince any one of this bank's soundness and general stability.

### Editor In Hospital.

Clark Wood, editor of the Weston Leader is a patient in a Walla Walla hospital, where he was operated on this week for the removal of a varicose vein. The colonel has been afflicted with an enlarged vein on his left limb for a number of years and of late has been compelled to resort to bandages for relief.

### Uncle Sam's Funds Must Hereafter Be Transmitted By Draft Through Bank.

Through prompt action of Representative C. A. Barrett in calling the attention of Senator Bourne to the practice of the postoffice department in remitting local postoffice funds by express instead of by draft through the banks, a change of system of remitting postoffice monies has gone into effect.

Mr. Barrett took the matter up with Senator Bourne, and the senator at once interceded with the department and was successful in having the desired change made. Mr. Barrett is in receipt of the following telegram:

Washington, D. C. Dec 2.—Hon. C. A. Barrett, Athena.—Department grants your request of November 22. Athena postmaster officially instructed to use Portland drafts in remittance of surplus money order funds.

Signed, Jonathan Bourne.

So soon as he was authorized to remit by draft, Postmaster Githens commenced to follow out instructions to the letter. The result of making post-office remittances by draft means considerable to local banking and business interests.

### SUNDAY WAS AUTOMOBILE DAY

Several Machines Have Been Purchased Here Lately.

Sunday may be called automobile day in Athena. The "buzz wagons" were buzzing everywhere, and even "Peedee" Mann's red devil was no parade—a part of the time.

John Walter came to town in his stunning Franklin and took a party, including the editor for a spin via Weston. Wood came out of his shell, enveloped in a halo of envy and wanted to know if "we" had bought it, meaning the machine. A negative answer seemed to greatly relieve the selfish, human hyena and he again shrunk back into his 2x1 environment of 2-bit enurlish, self importance, but condescended to inquire if that was our first ride in an auto. When informed that autos were as common in Athena as cordwood was in Weston, the despicable autocrat of the Lender quill, suavely inquired of Walter how his supply of gasoline was holding out. John, knowing what to expect deftly turned the throttle and gave the colonel the shake.

D. H. Preston of the Inland Automobile company, has been very successful in selling machines in this vicinity. In the past few months he has sold autos to Dr. Plamondon, Henry Schmitt, John Walter, and Sunday he delivered a Winton touring car to Sharp Bros.

### FAVOR RAILROADS AND SALOON

Unique Political Platform at Umatilla In the City Election.

A political platform in which the hated railroad corporations are not denounced and the rapidly becoming popular movement against saloons has no place, is the one upon which three men are running for the office of councilmen in the town of Umatilla, says the Tribune.

After stating that "we stand for good clean city government and enforcement of the laws, good schools, good streets, sidewalks, and the up-building of our town, general improvement in every line and economical expenditure of city funds; water works sufficient for domestic use, irrigation and fire protection to be owned by the city," this unique platform says:

"Believing that our interests are identical with the railroad company, we should cooperate with them in all matters where we are mutually interested.

"We are opposed to establishing any road or street crossing in the yards of the railroad company that would be detrimental to their interest.

"We propose that the railroad property within the city limits shall be given full police protection.

"We are not opposed to the saloons so long as they are conducted in compliance with the laws of the city and state."

It is signed by E. S. Davis, W. F. Tunbow, L. M. Main.

### 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 14th day of January, 1908 at the hour of 2 o'clock p. m. F. S. LeGrow, Cashier. December 6th, 1907.

### A Boy Held Up.

Glen Finch, the 15 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Finch, of Pendleton, was held up and robbed near the Northern Pacific freight depot about 7 o'clock Friday night. He was relieved of \$1.25.