

Press Paragraphs

Write it '09 today.

Order barrels for sale at T. M. Taggart & Co's store.

Little Hope McPherson has been quite ill at her home this week.

Mrs. Walker and daughter arrived home from Pendleton yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Duffy have returned to their home in Walla Walla.

John McKinnon is down from Alberta for a few weeks visit with relatives.

Miss Belle Bozan of Pendleton is the guest of her aunt, Mrs. J. E. Froome.

Mr. and Mrs. F. S. LeGrow spent Christmas with relatives in Walla Walla.

Walter Preston of Walla Walla, spent a portion of the holiday week in Athena.

Miss Maggie Derriok of Myrtle, Idaho, is visiting relatives in this vicinity.

A marriage license has been issued to William Shell and Ethel Macn, both of this county.

Miss Lois Powell of Weston, was in Athena yesterday, the guest of Miss Cecile Boyd.

Mrs. J. A. Kirk has been called to Haley on account of the serious illness of her mother.

Hugh L. Sullivan enjoyed the holiday days in Baker city, the guest of his friend Bob Russell.

L. B. Russell and Roy Tompkins attended the O. A. C. Banquet in Pendleton, Tuesday night.

D. C. McIntyre will leave Monday for Alberta, where he will spend several weeks on business.

Miss Stella Jackson left yesterday for Dayton, where she is the guest of friends for a day or two.

Miss Eva Bryan, who is attending school at Seattle, spent the holidays at her home, near this city.

Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Barnes of Weston, spent yesterday in the city, visiting relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. I. M. Kemp and daughter Lucile of Weston spent Sunday in Athena, visiting friends.

John Barnes and Ernest Blomgren students of the Normal school were guests of Athena friends Sunday.

Letters from Athena folks who are spending the winter at Los Angeles, bring tidings of zero weather there.

C. P. Schmetley of Ellensburg, Wash. is visiting in this vicinity. Mr. Schmetley is a brother-in-law of H. Koepke.

Miss Carrie Sharp, who has been spending the holidays at her home in this city, spent Wednesday in Pendleton.

The Christian church is soon to be wired and lighted by electricity, instead of the acetylene lights now in use.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Taylor of Nanton, Alberta, arrived in Athena last week, and will spend some time with relatives here.

Mrs. Florence Boynton and children of Pendleton were guests Sunday of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Jones.

If you like to have a good cup of coffee or a light lunch at any time through the day stop at Miller's Bakery.

Walla Walla Union: A. A. Stamper, a mule dealer of Athena, is in the city looking around with a view of locating.

Mrs. T. M. Barger, of Walla Walla, was in the city yesterday, passing through with her son and children from Helix.

Mrs. Gen Harris spent Christmas with friends here. Mrs. Harris is employed in the Pendleton Cloak and Suit house.

Mrs. Sarah Bowles, Miss Carrie Weir and Miss Laura Bowles are holiday guests at the LeGrow home from Walla Walla.

Mrs. Kettler, of Wenatchee, Wash., and Mrs. Crews, of Boise, Idaho, were guests the first of the week of Mrs. Jackson Nelson near town.

W. W. Alexander, former resident of this community, has returned from California, and will again take up his residence in Umatilla county.

Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Mansfield thankfully appreciate the many kind acts administered by friends and neighbors during the illness of the late E. F. Mansfield.

Christmas exercises at the different churches in Athena were largely attended. Decorations were superb and the programs were interesting and entertaining.

Otis and Raymond, young brothers of E. B. Harris, were here from their home at Dayton the past week guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harris at the Christian parsonage.

A special meeting of Masonic pastmasters was held by Delph Lodge A. F. and A. M., Wednesday evening. The pastmasters degree was conferred on S. A. Barnes, of Weston.

Mr. and Mrs. John Foss, of Moro, Sherman county, who visited relatives in this city last week, went to Spokane Sunday, where they were guests at the Hawks-McDonald wedding.

Mrs. E. La Hoo went to Pendleton Wednesday where she attended the funeral of her little grandchild, the seven weeks old infant of Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Ernhart, who reside north of that city.

The local auxiliary of the Christian Women's Board of Missions will meet next Wednesday at the home of Mrs. W. K. Wall on upper Third street. All members and friends please take notice.

Dr. J. D. Plamondon was called to Portland last Saturday by the death of his uncle, Clark Scott, of that city. Dr. and Mrs. Plamondon went down on the night train Saturday, returning the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Dell and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Koontz, were the guests of Pendleton friends Christmas day. They had the pleasure of attending two performances given by the San Francisco Opera company.

At Pendleton Wednesday night, Montie B. Gwinn, Chairman of the Umatilla County Legislative Committee gave a splendid banquet. The legislative delegation of this county, including Representative Barrett of this city was present.

Members of the Presbyterian church in the vicinity of Vincent are making preparations on an elaborate scale for the dedication of the new church building, on next Sunday morning. The dedicatory address will be delivered by the Rev. J. V. Milligan of Portland.

At an election Tuesday in School District No. 31, comprising Milton and Freewater, by a vote of 117 to 31, it was decided to bond the district for \$35,000 for the purpose of erecting two new school buildings. Milton gets a \$25,000 brick building, and the one at Freewater will cost \$10,000.

T. S. Handsaker of Walla Walla, traveling in the interests of the Congo missionary work, gave a very interesting lecture at the Christian church Monday evening. The interest of the church here was so far enlisted that members subscribed for the work in that far off region, the sum of about \$200.

Mrs. W. C. Fleener of Lostine, Walla Walla Co. is a guest of her sister-in-law, Mrs. H. H. Hill in this city. Mrs. Fleener accompanied the elder Mrs. Fleener, who has been visiting her, and who proceeded on her way to Lewiston last week, where she makes her home with her daughter, Mrs. Frank Parkyn.

The cantata, "Bethlehem," sung by the members of the Christian church choir last evening was largely attended and well received. The large auditorium was well filled and the proceeds from the free will offering was very satisfactory. A social meeting was held after the program until 11, when a religious watch meeting continued until the New Year was ushered in with the ringing of the bells.

DECISION ADVERSE TO TAYLOR

Case in Which Moses Taylor Sued For Sum of \$59,000 Damages

Circuit Judge, H. J. Bean, Wednesday handed down his decision upon the demurrer in the case of Moses Taylor vs. Isabella Taylor, John Banister, and R. J. Boddy.

Several months ago Taylor started an action for damages against the three above named parties for the sum of \$59,000.00, alleging that he had been damaged in that sum on account of a malicious prosecution in which the said defendants are accused of railroading him to the penitentiary for an alleged attempt to commit the crime of arson by attempting to burn John Banister's barn.

A demurrer was filed to the complaint upon two grounds: First, that the complaint did not state facts sufficient to constitute a cause of action; second that the action had not been commenced within the time prescribed by law for such actions to be begun.

About two weeks ago the attorneys in this case—Raley Richards & Raley and Lowell & Winter, attorneys for Moses Taylor, and Judge James S. Fee and Will M. Peterson, attorneys for John Banister, Mrs. Taylor, and R. J. Boddy, consumed five hours in the argument of the case, and each side presented a long list of authorities to sustain its contention. Judge Bean took the matter under advisement until Wednesday when he handed down his decision.

He sustained the demurrer upon both grounds, but gave permission to the plaintiff to amend his complaint but, on the other hand, the court held that if there ever had been a cause of action against the defendant it was barred by the statute of limitations.

Attorney J. P. Winter, representing Mr. Taylor, stated that the case would probably be appealed to the Supreme Court and be heard in that court at its May term in Pendleton.

A family living in the north part of town were reported to the charitably inclined in Athena this week, as in very poor circumstances, and received a generous donation, both from the Masonic lodge and by private subscription.

At a special meeting held at the school house, Monday afternoon a school tax of two mills was voted for school purposes in school District No. 29. This levy of two mills on the assessed valuation of property in the district which is placed at \$683,000, will net the district \$1,366. From the county the district will receive \$1,375, and from the state over \$300.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Harris leave tomorrow for La Grande, where they will conduct a series of meetings in the Christian church during the month of January. They will probably be away during the entire month, and there will be no preaching services in the Christian church during their absence. Mr. Harris contemplates holding a meeting in Athena during next month.

Robt. Tharp has risen to the occasion and demand for a moving picture show in Athena, and his Dime Theater is crowded nightly with an appreciative audience. Mr. Tharp has installed a first-class machine and his pictures are the best that can be secured. Changes of program will take place on Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings of each week. The general admission is ten cents and school children under 12 years of age are admitted on Saturday and Sunday afternoons for 5 cents.

The Press man herewith expresses his thanks to Richard Wright for the interest the young man took in recovering our valuable pointer, "Joe." We had occasion to visit Weston recently and Joe went along. Returning home the dog was missed, and later Richard recovered him at Weston and brought him to the Press office. Later it has been learned that a certain Weston editor kidnapped Joe with the view to selling him to a Walla Walla junk peddler. There are times when a fellow feels like using the anatomy of despicable wretches for shotgun targets; and this is one of these times.

At the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert O. McDonald, 1019 Sinto avenue, Spokane, Miss May E. McDonald and Byron M. Hawks of this city were married Tuesday night at 8 o'clock by the Rev. Conrad Bluhm. The bride was Miss Olive McKay and the best man was N. L. McDonald, a brother of the bride. The home was decorated with smilax wreaths and palms and with Christmas bells. A wedding supper was served after the ceremony, to the closer friends and relatives of the bride and bridegroom. Mr. and Mrs. Hawks arrived in Athena Wednesday evening and went directly to their residence on Fourth street, where they will be at home to their friends after January 6th. Their many friends extend congratulations.

Weston Leader: R. W. Ferris, a prominent farmer of Weston mountain, has traded his 200-acre mountain farm for 770 acres seven miles northwest of Walla Walla, paying the difference in the valuation of the two places. Mr. Ferris receives \$10,000 for his farm, and pays \$80 an acre for his new possessions, 100 acres of the latter being alfalfa meadow and the remainder wheat land, well improved. About 440 acres are now in wheat. Charles Loney becomes the new owner of the Ferris place, and the actual exchange of homes will probably be effected next week. Many friends and neighbors throughout the Weston country will say good-bye to Mr. Ferris and his family with regret, at the same time wishing them peace and plenty in their new location.

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odd Lots of Men's Overcoats less than Cost.
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odd Lots of Boys' Overcoats less than Cost.
odd Lots of Men's Shoes less than Cost.
odd Lots of Boys' Shoes less than Cost.
odd Lots of Women's Shoes less than Cost.
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