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A. GLOVE FACTORY

Cotton Gloves, Much In Demand, Are Being Manufactured In Athena.

The Press is pleased to make announcement of a new home industry. The demand for cotton gloves retailing at 10 cents a pair has increased in extent until they are worn by working people in all classes of labor. Heretofore Athena merchants have purchased their stocks of cotton gloves from traveling salesmen, but hereafter it will not be necessary for them to do so.

James Conley, the Athena tailor, alive to the demands of the trade has commenced the manufacture of gloves in this city. At present he employs four women to sew the gloves. He cuts the patterns at his shop on Main street. The highest grade of cotton flannel is the material used in manufacturing the gloves.

Mr. Conley pays 10 cents per dozen for having the gloves sewed. A woman can sew one dozen gloves per hour, and an expert can do better than that number.

It is Mr. Conley's intention to equip six or more sewing machines with electric motors should the business justify the cost of installation. This addition would greatly increase the output.

ATHENA BASE BALL OUTLOOK

Scant Attendance at Meeting Held Saturday Night.

The base ball situation in Athena at this time may be correctly placed as being in a disorganized tangle.

There was but scant attendance at the meeting Saturday night. So few of the faithful were present that nothing definite resulted.

The general opinion prevails that sufficient funds can be raised by popular subscription to put an amateur team in the field. The players are here and are ready for practice but a manager is wanting. A Moses is wanted to lead the "Colts" to victory, but he cometh not yet. The season has started. Other towns in the county are playing the game and if Athena is to make a showing she must get a move on. Some one surely can be found to manage the team. The boys will do the rest.

DEATH ENDS HIS LONG QUEST

Miner Suicides Where He Had Delved for Forty-Four Years.

Failing to find the mother lode of the placer ore in Canyon creek after a quest of 44 years, Harry Martin committed suicide some time last Saturday and the body was found several hours later, buried under tons of earth and rock. He was 84 years old.

"No use to look for me, as I am dead and buried," was the note which his lifelong partner, Harry Barmwetter, found in their cabin, about two miles south of Canyon City, Sunday morning. Barmwetter hurried to Canyon City and a searching party was organized.

At the mouth of an old tunnel, about 50 yards above the cabin, the searchers detected the odor of powder. By the flickering light of a candle they threaded the abandoned workings. At the portal of a drift just large enough to admit the body of a man they discovered Martin's foot protruding from beneath a mass of shattered logging and piles of rock and dirt. Mangled horribly, the remains were exhumed after an hour's work and brought to the city and interred.

At the coroner's inquest it was brought out that Martin had taken a rifle, tied a string to the trigger,

placed two sticks of giant powder on the stulls above his head, lit the powder fuse and then released the rifle trigger with his foot. The bullet entered his brain, the powder caved in the tunnel, burying him.

Martin went to Canyon City in 1865 and the extent of his prospecting for the mother lode of the placer ore in that section is almost incomprehensible.

Near Beer License.

At a meeting of the city council Monday night, Mayor McEwen appointed his standing committees for the term. Considerable discussion resulted over the proposed near beer license. The entire council favored licensing but opinion varied as to the amount. The discussion resulted in the ordinance committee being instructed to draft an ordinance to be presented at the next meeting of the council.

NEW NORTHERN PACIFIC TRAIN

Service Inaugurated Between Pendleton and Pasco.

With the advent of the North Bank road, and prospective traffic during the Seattle exposition the Northern Pacific has put on a daily passenger train between Pendleton and Pasco.

The new train leaves Pasco in the morning, and returning, leaves Pendleton at 6 p. m. It is said the train is receiving splendid patronage, and the question naturally arises why the passenger traffic of that road could not be increased by including Athena in the schedule of the new train.

A slight change in the time card would enable the train to serve this point as well as Pendleton and intermediate towns. The time for the Seattle exposition will soon be here, and it remains to be seen whether the Northern Pacific will rise to the occasion, or whether Athena passengers will flock to the Sound city via Portland.

HARRAS WINS FROM ST DENNIS

Lease on 640 Acres of Land Valid but Involves Government Title.

In a batch of decisions handed down by Judge Bean of the circuit court, one relating to the Rheinhold Harras-St. Dennis land lease case is of local interest. This case was one in which the possession of 640 acres of wheat land was involved. Harras claimed to have leased the land from St. Dennis for a period of 10 years, paying rental at the rate of \$6 per acre for each summer fallow crop. St. Dennis brought suit to have the lease canceled on the ground that Harras had succeeded in getting him intoxicated before making the lease and alleged that it was arranged while the two were in Walla Walla.

After bringing the suit St. Dennis tried to withdraw from it, having found that the title to all but 80 acres of the land rested in the government and that he had no right to lease it for any length of time without the permission of the Indian agent. Harras forced him to stay with the suit, however, and it came into court in an effort to show that the lease was not valid.

The decision of the court is to the effect that in so far as the lease between St. Dennis and Harras is concerned is valid. He said in effect that Harras would be compelled to look to the government for his title, and the court had no jurisdiction in the premises.

Miltons New School House.

Plans and specifications for the proposed Central school building at Milton, prepared by Architect C. E. Finkenbinder of Walla Walla, have been accepted. When complete, the building will be a modern structure, the better of which it has been asserted cannot be found in Umatilla county. Outside dimensions of the structure will be approximately 90 by 80 feet, with four rooms on each floor, beside ample halls and stairway.

"Fighting Bob" In Athena.

Rear Admiral Robley D. Evans was an Athena visitor Tuesday afternoon for about five minutes, while the Spokane passenger train stopped at the O. R. & N. depot. "Fighting Bob" was enroute to Spokane, where he was booked to deliver his lecture, "The Cruise of the Battleship Fleet from Hampton Roads to California."

Christian Church Announcements.

Sunday School at 10. That means something at the Christian church. It means it is a Sunday school worth the name, and that it commences promptly at 10:00 a. m.; and any one who comes at 10:01 is late. Preaching and communion service at 11:00. This service will fire you to greater activity.

Ed Forrest a Resident.

Ed Forrest has moved to Athena from Walla Walla, occupying Mrs. J. W. Smith's residence on Fifth street. Mr. Forrest recently purchased land in Alberta, but will not go to the Northland until this fall.

DR. COLE'S VERSION

Representative Barrett Saved Normals for Referendum Vote at Hands of the People.

Senator Cole's statement in Pendleton Tribune, relative to final effort on behalf of friends of the Normal schools is emphatically refuted by Representative Barrett. Mr. Barrett was quick to see the trap laid by the foes of the schools in the senate, and led his forces out of utter defeat by calling on them to line up against suspension of rules to vote on the senate bill providing \$8,000 to each of the three schools, which bill was also loaded with provisions for totally abolishing the Normals after the present school term, without giving the people the choice of voting whether or not the schools should be retained. For this prompt action in defense of the schools, Senator Cole rushes into print with the accusation that the Normals lost because of Barrett's action.

"I am not cheap enough to be bought for \$8,000," said Mr. Barrett, "and believe the choice of the schools where referred to the people in the next general election is worth more than that sum."

"I offered a resolution in the house, providing maintenance for the three schools for two years, until the people could have the chance to vote whether or not they want them retained. This resolution was loaded down with amendments and of course was killed."

"Then I introduced a bill providing \$120,000 maintenance for the three schools, and providing for a referendum vote on each school separately. While we had strength any time to have carried the bill through the house, we could not muster the necessary two-thirds vote to suspend the rules for passage of the measure."

"The senate held back until 8:30 p. m. and then sent in its bill, providing for the total abolishment of the schools, even so far as to disposing of the property, all of which was tacked on the \$8,000 worth of save to each school. It was then that I addressed the Normal supporters to vote against suspension, with the result that the schools are yet alive, but without funds."

One Dollar For Bluestem.

According to the Walla Walla Union, a farmer of that vicinity has contracted his 1909 crop of bluestem wheat to a milling concern for \$1 per bushel. Local grain dealers and millers scot the idea, however, that this is any criterion of the values which are to prevail for this year's crop and even express incredulity as to the truthfulness of the report. It is argued that this would make club wheat worth 96 or 97 cents per bushel, which sounds preposterous. They also say that crops are rarely ever contracted for in advance when the price of wheat is as high as at present.

JOHN GOSH, PIONEER, SUICIDE

In Early Days He Drove Stage In This County.

The suicide theory still prevails in the case of the strange death of John Gosh, whose body was found in the mill race near Pendleton late Saturday. It is known that Gosh had of late been laboring under mental hallucinations. A bachelor of 72 years of age, he had naturally lived a secluded life. He came to this county in early days and served variously as a stage driver and as a small farmer. A few years ago he sold his ranch and moved to Pendleton where he had since lived.

Gosh persuaded Attorney Perry to issue a false mortgage for his property some \$3000 worth, explaining that he was being pursued by a strange woman whom he didn't want to get hold of the last bit of wealth that he had in the world. A few days later he was adjudged insane. Being considered harmless and told that the county officers would come after him Sunday. Late on Saturday he disappeared and was not seen again until the body was found in the mill race by two small children, who were in search of buttercups. The body was hatless, coatless and shoeless, and the articles have not been found.

Four Get State Papers.

Four Umatilla county candidates were successful in passing the state examinations for teachers. Miss Irene Rippey of Pendleton passed the examinations, but has not the experience required yet, but her certificate will be granted when she has taught the required number of months, Miss Una V. Cauff of Echo, received a five-years certificate and John F. English of Weston, and Miss Grace Miller of Pendleton were awarded life diplomas.

Gusher on Blalock Farm.

Water was tapped into Saturday night in the fifth artesian well on the Blalock fruit farm. It flows about 3000 gallons a minute and is larger than other wells sunk on the farm. Many Walla Walla visitors took the electric car to the well and viewed the

fountain pitching eight feet into the air in a stream 10 inches in diameter.

According to Hoyle.

"See here, Mister Casey," said Pat to the tax assessor, "shore and ye know the goat isn't worth eight dollars." "Oim sorry," responded Casey, "but that is the law." Producing a book, he read the following passage: "All property abutting on Front st. should be taxed at the rate of two dollars per foot."—from "Success Magazine."

Echo Cream Supply.

Farmers and stockmen in the vicinity of Echo are now commencing the use of milking machines and other improved dairy devices according to O. E. Harper, manager of the Blue Mountain creamery company. As a result the cream supply for the creamery is increasing.

SLASH WAREHOUSE CHARGES

New Rates Will Give Umatilla County Farmers About \$40,000.

A Pendleton dispatch says more than \$40,000 will be saved to the farmers of Umatilla county next year on warehouse charges for wheat, according to announcement by local representatives of the Puget Sound Warehouse company and the Pacific Coast Elevator company. They announced a reduction of 25 cents per ton, bringing the price to 50 cts, where it was two years ago. This is also the price the farmers sought to have made a law.

The reduction is said to have been made possible by the introduction of sack stacking machines and other labor saving machinery, whereas the advance of two years ago was said to be necessary because of the increased cost of labor. Local wheat growers declare the reduction is caused by the fear on the part of the warehouse men that the farmers union will build and operate cooperative houses. They insist that the warehouses of the county were as well equipped with stacking machines two years ago as they are today.

The reduction means a saving to the farmer of 1/4 cent per bushel and as the other two warehouse companies, doing business in the county will be compelled to follow the example set, it will mean a saving of more than \$40,000 annually to farmers.

Farmers Contract Sacks.

As a sequel to the granting of a large sack contract on the part of the Inland Grain Growers association Saturday at Pendleton is the acceptance of a like contract by the Farmers' Educational Cooperative union here. The firm that secured the contract for the sacks to be accepted by the farmers' union was the Kerr, Gifford Co. of Portland, and the contracted price is reported between 6 and 6 1/2 cents, or a little lower than the price accepted Saturday by the Inland Grain Growers association.

The contract with the farmers' union calls for the purchase of between 300,000 and 1,200,000 sacks. The offer of Kerr, Gifford Co. stands for a short time only, since it does not bind individual members of the union, but each member decides on the number of sacks he desires and pays 10 per cent down at the time the order is given.

The Inland Grain Growers' association gave a contract Saturday to Bulfour, Guthrie & Co., to accept between 200,000 and 500,000 sacks at a price understood to be between 6 and 6 1/2 cents. It is known to be higher than the price made the farmers' union.

FREE BOARD FOR HUNTERS

Oregon Sheepmen Offer Inducement to Kill Coyotes.

Free board is being offered by sheepmen of eastern Oregon to hunters to help in exterminating the coyotes. Some of them are also to offer a bounty in addition to the \$1.50 offered by the state for coyotes killed on or in the vicinity of their ranges.

That these offers are to be accepted is indicated by the score of letters which Secretary Smythe of the state association has received from hunters in different parts of the state who are anxious for a chance to spend the spring and summer in this work. Some of the woolgrowers have expressed a willingness to board a hunter at each camp.

The executive committee of the state association is calling upon the individual woolgrowers to cooperate with these hunters and also to assist skilled hunters the forest service has announced it will place on the national reserve during the summer.

Haworth, Deliveryman.

Sim Haworth has purchased the parcel delivery business, heretofore conducted by Mr. Jones. Jones has entered the employ of the Mosgrove Mercantile company, and has been assigned to the grocery department.

Card of Thanks.

For the many kind acts on the part of friends during the illness and death of our beloved son, we desire to express our sincere and heartfelt thanks. T. P. Defreese and family.