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The action of the Athena school board in securing the services of Professor Klemme, for three years principal of the Walla Walla high school, is commendable and shows that the board has harkened to the universal demand for a good school. Professor Klemme is one of the leading educators of the Northwest, and prior to coming to Walla Walla three years ago, was at the head of one of the best high schools in the state of Illinois for ten consecutive years. The price paid for the new principal's services, \$1500, per year, is beyond the usual range paid by cities of Athena's population, but the school board took the present condition of the school into consideration and, the Press believes, exercised good judgment in "paying the price and getting the man." With a man of Professor Klemme's ability at the head of the school, and given the able assistance of Professor Mulkey and the present corp of grade teachers, there is practically nothing to hinder the Athena High school from taking rank with the leading schools of the state. Prof. Klemme is a splendid organizer, and every patron of the school should act as a committee of one to see that he has all assistance available in reorganizing the school and putting it on as sound a basis as possible under the circumstances. Athena now comes to the front with every assurance of having a high school worthy of the town, and it is up to the patrons of the school to support it by zealously laboring for the best interests of the institution.

The difference between the farmer of today and of thirty years ago is the difference between the old A drag and the four horse harrow; between the old handrake and reaper and the modern harvester; between the stable made of a few poles and a straw pile and the red barn that takes in all outdoors; between a hazel splitter and the four-square bulk of a thoroughbred porker; between, Oh—that's difference enough isn't it? Perhaps we might add the difference between a mortgage at 10 per cent and a time deposit at 4 per cent interest and that's only 14 per cent of the difference.

It will be fun to run for the legislature in Iowa two years from now, and the man who tries it will have the time of his life. The suffragettes have announced that they will defeat every candidate who will not commit himself in their favor. The prohibitionists intend to defeat all candidates who will not commit themselves to state wide prohibition and the liquor men and their friends are loudly announcing that no "cranks" need expect to be elected.

The process of lifting the Athena school out of its present rut up to a higher plane of educational efficiency, necessarily called for higher salaries to secure efficient instructors. Any

other process of bringing the Athena school to the front is out of the question, for the simple reason that high class talent demands as in any vocation or profession, high wages. Therefore in view of the fact that to attract people to the school you must first have the school, and further, that the taxpayers of the community recognize this fact, any difference of opinion that may have transpired among the members of the board the other evening, merely resolved into a question of opinion. Athena now has what she has long been in need of, and is bettered thereby.

Some interesting news is being culled to the American press these days. On Chewsday Mr. Roosevelt shot at a hartebeeste and clipped some of the fur from his tail and Kermit killed a piblaboo bird with his Winchester. Mr. Roosevelt's body servant fell over an ant heap and sprained his neck and a trained elephant that had been drilled to walk up and be shot at escaped in the jungles. Kermit secured several portraits of native monks hanging by their tails in the basswood trees and the cook got to playing euch with a chief and burned the soup. Several papers got out extra editions we understand.

The management of the Walla Walla Bulletin, the Garden city's leading evening paper, will henceforth issue a Sunday morning edition. The first issue of the new Sunday paper is at hand. It is brim full of journalistic features, typographically artistic and ably edited.

Those tariff speeches in congress add variety to the news of the day. We wonder of some of the senators are really in earnest to give the people what is demanded in tariff reductions.

Who Is the Wise Giver?

There is a growing tendency among rich men to give their money to institutions, rather than to leave it to their sons and grandsons. In America, money is seldom handed down from generation to generation in large estates. The highest type of individual is he who can see farthest into the future and direct his actions so that they will be operative for good fifty or one hundred years hence. For this reason wise givers, wise and loving parents, are learning not to leave all of their fortunes to their children. Why? Because there is a surer way of investing it, so that it will yield interest to their children and grandchildren, than by handing down to them swollen fortunes with the accompanying evils.

The best inheritance any man can have is an environment that promises health, that gives opportunity to be self-supporting and to make his own fortune, in whatever way seems to him most worth while. Not the man who leaves money for his grandchildren's education, but he who gives money to make the school system provide good education for all children, is the wise giver. Not the man who builds a modern tenement, but he who enables his town to enforce the tenement-house-law that protects all tenements for all time; not the man who gives a home to convalescent mothers and babies, but he who gives a fund to teach the public to educate all mothers to save their babies.

Our interest is no longer in the maintenance of a particular family, but in a better race of Americans—i. e., in a better environment.

The money of Americans is their conscience, the use of it, if not the getting of it, expresses an ideal—now a health ideal, now beauty, now government, now social welfare. May it be known today as philanthropist or benefactor, but who uses his money, his thought, his time and energy to put his ideal into permanent form on a commercial basis, will be lauded as the Charitable Man.—The Delineator.

THE ONLY VICTIMS.

An Adventure in the Surf on the West Coast of Africa.

West Africa is known to all navigators for its few harbors and its heavy surf, which at certain seasons rages like a battle, defying the white man who would approach its shores. The author of "The Jungle Folk of Africa," Mr. R. H. Milligan, tells of a successful, and to the observers an amusing, effort to reach shore at a point where the surf did not seem to be impossible. One day when the beach seemed much better than usual the captain and the ship's surgeon ventured ashore. The captain afterward narrated the adventure of their landing to a small but enthusiastic audience. He said that after waiting outside the surf half an hour the headman suddenly gave the order, and in a moment they were in the breakers, riding on the top of one of them and speeding toward the shore at the rate of "seventy miles an hour."

The captain was in the bow of the boat, well braced and cushioned. But when the boat struck the beach with the force of a railway collision the doctor was thrown violently over two thwarts into the captain's bosom, whom he clasped about the neck with a steel-like grip.

The next moment another breaker picked the boat up and hurled it upon the beach, throwing both captain and doctor to a perfectly safe distance, where they sprawled upon the sand. The doctor, still hugging the captain's neck and very much frightened, exclaimed:

"Oh, captain, dear captain, is there anybody killed but you and me?"

BRAVE SOLDIERS.

Sacrificed Their Lives in an Attempt to Save the Colors.

In days gone by the Zulus were the boldest fighters among all the natives of South Africa, and it was not until they had been defeated in several battles that they would live in peace with white people.

In 1878 15,000 of the Zulus attacked and killed a regiment of British soldiers, and a most heroic deed was the attempt made by three British soldiers to save the two flags, or colors, belonging to the regiment.

When it was seen that the Zulus were so many that there was no hope of keeping them at bay the colonel of the British regiment called to a young officer whose name was Lieutenant Melvill and said, "You will take charge of the colors, Melvill, and try to get away from here."

The lieutenant saluted and took into his hands the two colors of his regiment. Then, with another officer and a soldier, all mounted on horses, he suddenly dashed away with his precious burden.

They were at once seen by the keen sighted Zulus, however, and after a long chase the three gallant Englishmen, fighting to the last, were killed by the enemy.

Some time afterward one of the flags was found near a rocky stream, where the heroes had fought and died, and it was taken to England and presented to Queen Victoria.

And in memory of the three brave soldiers who had died while defending it the queen placed a wreath of immortelles on the staff which held the flag.—London Mail.

Paganini's Cab.

On awakening one morning at his hotel in Vienna, Paganini, the celebrated violinist, was informed that the cabman whom the previous evening he had employed to drive him to the concert hall where he was playing was waiting to see him. On being admitted to his presence the man, after having advanced poverty and a large family as an excuse for the request that he was about to make, prayed the great musician to make his fortune. "What do you mean?" demanded Paganini. "Authorize me to write in large letters on the back of my vehicle these two words, 'Paganini's Cab,'" was the answer. Consent was given, with altogether satisfactory results.

Matrimonial Repartee.

She (in stern and rockbound accents)—You married me for better or worse, didn't you, Edgar?
He—Er—um—yes, I suppose so, my love.

She—Then what are you complaining about? I'm no worse than the average married woman, I can assure you!
He (meekly)—Well, if that is the case, all I've got to say is I'm mighty glad—
She (breaking in)—Glad?
He—Yes. Glad I'm not a polygamist.

Er—um—looks a trifle squally over to the northeast, doesn't it, Miranda?—New York Times.

Lincoln on Money.

"Lincoln," said a senator at a banquet in Washington, "had no great admiration for mere financial success. 'Financial success,' Lincoln once said, 'is purely metallic. The man who attains it has four metallic attributes—gold in his palm, silver on his tongue, brass in his face and iron in his heart.'"

Diplomacy.

"Why do you insist on underrating the kind of golf you play?"
"Because," answered the wise official, "there is no use of making a whole lot of people jealous and antagonistic over a little thing like golf."—Exchange.

The Decisive Battles.

Some married men will contend that "The Fifteen Decisive Battles of the World" will never be complete until a few domestic scraps are added to the volume.—London Telegraph.

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