

Application for entrance as 2nd class matter made on July 5, 1907 at the postoffice at Athena, Oregon Under an Act of Congress of March 3, 1879

Subscription Rates:  
Per year, in advance \$2.00  
Single copies in wrappers, 5c.

ATHENA, ORE., JULY 2, 1909

Through the opium prohibition laws just promulgated the imperial government, China has established governmental precedent in making the common people a privileged class, which exceeds the dreams of the world's most radical democrats. Under the provisions of the imperial edict, the official classes become amenable to the prohibitory laws at once and any official found guilty of hitting the pipe is subject to punishment ranging from two years' imprisonment to strangulation. Within one year the gentry come under the law designed to free the empire from the opium curse, but not until the third year of Hsuan Tang, which is three years hence, can the prohibitory laws, except in the employment of restraint in aggravated cases, be invoked against the coolie classes. In explanation of the graduated provisions of the law it is set forth that the official classes are supposed to be possessed of superior intelligence and should obey all laws in letter and spirit so as to create respect for the government through their example. No excuse, it is set forth, exists for official disobedience of the law. The gentry, being removed in a measure from active participation in the government, are given a year in which to acquaint themselves with the new law, after which they will be as vigorously prosecuted as offending officials. The coolie classes, it is set forth, are composed of ignorant people and are recommended to the law's patience, so it is ordered that they shall not be amenable to the prohibitory laws for three years, during which period all officials are ordered to employ measures to acquaint the lower classes with the law's provisions.

For a week the country has been gasping over the cost of woman's attire as revealed in the testimony in the Gould divorce case. The great sum of \$35,000 to \$40,000 a year was, according to her own statement, spent for dress by Mrs. Gould. There was a morning gown, a midday gown, an afternoon gown, and a long list of other gowns for varied purposes. About an average cost seems to have been \$500 per gown, and it was a violation of the canons of good form to wear any of them more than once. It is necessary for ladies of the Mrs. Gould type to dress from three to six times per day, and sometimes as much as two hours with two maids in attendance was required for the change of attire.

An Italian syndicate has arranged for the establishment of two colonies of agricultural laborers from northern Italy in middle Texas. The organizer is a prominent Italian, who has held the position of minister of finance in the Italian government. Each of the colonies will consist of 200 families and about \$1,000,000 will be spent in

getting the enterprise started, two-thirds of this to be supplied by the syndicate, and one-third by the Texans. Options have been secured on 62,000 acres of land at \$11 to \$12.50 per acre and each colonist will be supplied with a tract of land, a three room house, a cow and a mule, besides transportation for himself and family. Italians in American cities are eligible to membership in these colonies. This seems to be a commendable enterprise. The peasantry of northern Italy are steady industrious people and most of the immigrants will doubtless thrive in their new homes, which are to be theirs at the end of 10 years on payment, by installments, of the cost of the land and 6 per cent interest.

Those in charge of the farm crops section in the Wisconsin experiment station feel justly proud of the showing which they have made in the past five years in the matter of developing the Oderbrucker type of barley. In the interval mentioned they have been able to increase the yield of this variety nearly ten bushels per acre. A test shows that the new barley contains 15 per cent of protein, which not only means that it is the best grain for malt, but for feed as well. So well has the new barley been advertised and so effectively has it been introduced that the past year it comprised one-third of all the barley grown in the state. Its remarkable vigor and productivity are shown in a yield of sixty bushels to the acre on one of the station fields of fifty-five acres, and this not an experimental plot.

The casualties of the Fourth of July insane type have already begun. A 15-year-old boy threw a lighted cannon cracker into a fireworks store in Boston. Three persons were fatally and five seriously injured. It required heroic efforts to save the remainder of the 16 people in the place from a horrible death. The property loss was many thousands of dollars. We have a fine pedigree and are wonderful people, but in some particulars we are almighty foolish.

Lawyer Collins, convicted of bigamy in San Francisco four years ago, has just reached the end of the legal tether and is now on his way to San Quentin. To paraphrase a line from the poet, "law is long but time is fleeting." It isn't always wise to exercise all of one's prerogatives.

The tobacco trust will also have its way and maintain its enormous graft in the Aldrich bill. Its profits are some tens millions a year, but it needs protection more than ever, and having a tremendous pull, more than any million consumers, will get whatever it asks.

A Boston editor says that American humor is on the decline. This is a distinct intimation that John L. Sullivan's occasional wise and witty sayings are not appreciated in his native town.

After all there is no reason why the public should add to summer worries by sympathetic concern in Mrs. Gould's milliners' bills and house-keeping allowances.

Abdul Hamid has managed to dispose of his funds in a manner that would puzzle an income tax collector.

Tariff debate necessarily develops a great deal of statesmanship of the also-spoke class.

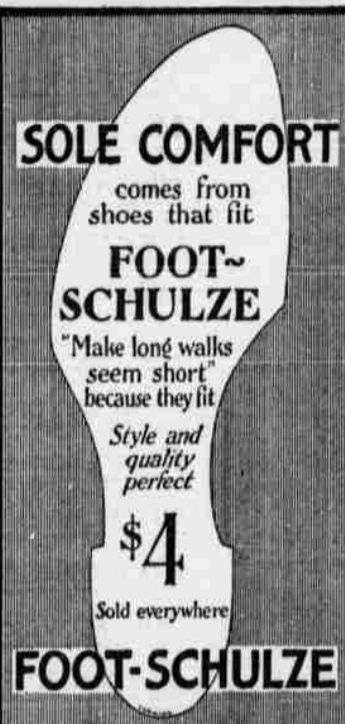
# Rheumatism

More than nine out of every ten cases of rheumatism are simply rheumatism of the muscles, due to cold or damp, or chronic rheumatism. In such cases no internal treatment is required. The free application of

## Chamberlain's Liniment

is all that is needed and it is certain to give quick relief. Give it a trial and see for yourself how quickly it relieves the pain and soreness. Price 25c; large size, 50c.

## MEN'S OXFORDS



Free Booklet Send us postal request and tell paper in which you saw this offer and we will mail you free our famous 25 cent "Foot-Schulze" for children. Foot, Schulze & Co., St. Paul.

We have the latest styles in Men's and Ladies' Oxfords. A perfect fit guaranteed.

T. M. TAGGART & COMPANY

Some people call an ingrowing case of grouch magnanimity. It is remarkable to what limits the English language can be stretched.

The summer season approaches a point where the climate responds more or less to the promises held out by the calendar.

Wm. Jennings Bryan is about to break into United States senate from Nebraska.

Strayed from my place north of Athena, one brown filly, 3 years old; one black yearling filly with one white hind foot. Will pay reward of \$10 each for information leading to their recovery. Oliver Dickenson, Athena, Oregon.

For Sale, Four header beds with nets. Inquire of Geo. Dunlap, Athena, Ore.

Wheat Ranch For Sale. 160 acres, one-fourth mile from Waterman station; all in fall grain; good buildings and well improved otherwise. Address, E. J. Zerba, Athena Ore. Box 63.

### EXECUTRIX NOTICE.

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Umatilla County. In the Matter of the Estate of Desire St. Dennis, Deceased. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed by the above entitled court executrix of the last will and testament of Desire St. Dennis, deceased, and has qualified as the law directs. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same with proper vouchers within six months from date hereof to me at the office of Lowell & Winter in Despain Block in Pendleton, Oregon. Dated this 20th day of May, 1909. Sarah Agnes St. Dennis Executrix.

Swept Over Niagara. This terrible calamity often happens because a careless boatman ignores the river's warnings—growing ripples and faster current—Nature's warnings are kind. That dull pain or ache in the back warns you the Kidneys need attention if you would escape fatal maladies—Dropsy, Diabetes or Bright's disease. Take Electric Bitters at once and see Backache fly and all your best feelings return. "After long suffering from weak kidneys and lame back, one \$1.00 bottle wholly cured me," writes J. R. Blankenship, of Belk, Tenn. Only 50c at all druggists.

Up Before The Bar. N. H. Brown, an attorney, of Pittsfield, Vt., writes: "We have used Dr. King's New Life Pills for years and find them such a good family medicine we wouldn't be without them." For Chills, constipation, Biliousness, Sick Headache they work wonders. 25c at all druggists.

# Celebrate in Pendleton

JULY 3



JULY 3

Sports, Base Ball and Dancing  
**FREE**

# 14th Cavalry Band

has been engaged to furnish high class Music

## JUDGE LIONEL R. WEBSTER

of Multnomah County, eloquent Orator of the Day

## Snappy Base Ball Games

in the afternoon for the Championship of the County. Dancing all afternoon and evening; good floor and music

## Electric Illuminated Parade

of Decorated Automobiles in the Evening. Cash prizes will be given for best decorations.

## Excursion Rates On All Railroads

KEENE'S  
**Barber Shop.**  
Shaving, Haircutting, Shampooing, Massage for Face and Scalp.  
**HOT BATHS.**  
Shop North Side Main Street, Athena, Ore.

THE  
**ST. NICHOLS HOTEL**  
J. E. FROOME, PROP.  
Only First-class Hotel in the City.  
THE ST. NICHOLS  
is the only one that can accommodate commercial travelers.  
Can be recommended for its clean and well ventilated rooms.  
COR. MAIN AND THIRD, ATHENA, OR.  
**Foley's Honey and Tar**  
for children, safe, sure. No opiates.

"The Old Standby"  
**THE AMERICAN NATIONAL BANK**  
OF PENDLETON  
Formerly the Pendleton Savings Bank  
With which has been Consolidated The Commercial National Bank of Pendleton; Total Resources a Million and a Half.  
Capital, Surplus and Profits, Nearly  
**\$300,000.00**  
**4 per cent Interest**  
Paid on Time Deposits. Safe Deposit Boxes for Rent  
T. J. MORRIS, President, A. D. SLOAN, Vice-President,  
W. L. THOMPSON, Cashier, T. G. MONTGOMERY, Ass't. Cashier,  
W. S. BADLEY, Ass't. Cashier.

PARKER-STONE  
**BARBER SHOP**  
Everything First Class - Modern and Up-to-date  
SOUTH SIDE MAIN STREET ATHENA

## LADIES HIGH CLASS SUITS ALL REDUCED

BEST TAILORED SUITS FOR A SONG

\$17.50 Tailored Suits reduce to \$11.50

84 of the very best \$17.50 in Panama Serges and Fancy Suiting 30 and 32 in. coats finished plain or with braid, go on sale at this phenomenal low price. Alternatives free.

\$30 Tailored Suits, reduced to \$21.50

76 of our very best \$30 suits strictly all wool man-tailored garments of the highest class, go on sale at the extreme low price

**\$21.50**

All suits up to \$45 reduced to \$27.50. There are 70 of these elegant suits in the most popular spring styles and all go on sale at the reduced price of

**\$27.50**

Mens new spring suits at half price

**THE PEOPLES WAREHOUSE**  
Where it pays to trade.