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The Athena High School will open Monday morning, September 13. The success of the work of the school for the coming year, lies not altogether in the professional efforts of Principal Case and his assistant corps, but in a great measure the standard of the school will evolve from the support given it by the patrons in this and surrounding districts. There are a number of pupils, residents of Athena and vicinity, who have been attending other schools for the good and sufficient reason that the Athena school was considered by them to be below standard as compared with the schools they attended away from home. Granting that this has been true of the past, there is now no legitimate excuse, whatever, for any Athena pupil who has not taken the full high school course to attend any school away from home. The board of directors has responded to the call of educational justice to Athena by securing a man of eminent qualifications to head the institution, and surrounded him with assistants in every department, whose capabilities for the instruction are endorsed by University education. Normal training and practical experience in graded school work. With universal support, a spirit of genuine loyalty to the home school will spring up and only a matter of little time will be required to place the Athena high school in the rank where it justly belongs. Principal Case and Prof. Mulkey the assistant principal, are both here, and their time is being devoted to organizing the school. It is their purpose to interview, personally, those pupils who should attend the high school department, and those in the lower grades, as well.

The Press is gratified to have the opportunity of announcing an alluring prospect of the acquirement of artesian water at the well on the Athena Land & Trust company's property, south of Main street. In fact, the flow is there, though not yet in sufficient quantity as desired. While the well is yet at the stage of prospect, the indications for a flowing well of commercial value are so bright, that the public spirited and progressive men who are "behind the gun" in the enterprise, are receiving congratulations. The Press considers the men who are putting their money into this well in the light of public benefactors. They are to be commended for taking the initiative in a project, that if successfully terminated, solves the problem of supplying this municipality with water. A "gusher" on the Athena Land & Trust company property, would mean that Messrs. Miller & West would never take their equipment away until the city had an artesian water supply.

An editorial writer recently gave space to his logical elucidations relative to bringing up children. Among other things he says: "About the worst thing parents can do is to discuss the failings of children before them. The next worst thing is for one parent to attempt to punish the child and the other parent to protest against it. Either action will damage the respect of the child for one or the other of its parents, and if there is one thing more than another that parents want to preserve, it is their dignity before their children. A child that gets the idea that one parent is at variance with the other on the question of discipline will make both unhappy and render itself decidedly objectionable by playing off one parent against the other. If you want to have any harmony in the family get together on the question of disciplining the children—at least in their presence—and if you want to quarrel on methods, do it in the privacy of your own apartments, where you can have it out without lowering yourselves in the eyes of the child."

It used to be preached and taught that the masses in town and country should be content with their station in life, and seek their reward, if any was due them, in the hereafter. Such doctrine will not do today for everyone now believes that he has the right to

better his present condition. Still it is not always easy to attain one's aspiration, for trust and corporation power are in some respects making the conditions of life increasingly difficult.

The federal census is one of those things that had better be left undone than not done properly. It is a national s'ock taking and what the nation wants is the fact so that it may know as accurately as possible how it stands on those matters concerning which the government seeks information. It is a business affair just as truly as is the stock taking of a private firm and it needs to be done in the same business-like way. Therefore the president's order prohibiting the mixing of the census with politics is most welcome. It is welcome because if obeyed it will mean the most accurate census ever obtained, and it is also welcome because it lifts the whole question out of politics with all its corrupting and inaccurate features, into the domain of business.

Indications point to the state of Washington as being the hot bed of graft. Recent developments show that to hold a state office over there, the standard of respectability depends altogether on the size of the graft layout. The Schively fiasco at Olympia gives record to the rottenest official graft caught ever floundered in the face of the public. And the investigating committee, composed of Washington State Senators, outraged justice and made a parody of official honor when they set this arch grafter scot free.

According to the Pasco Express, a Menico, Indiana business man, who had been induced to come to Pasco through the enthusiastic reports of a local "rooster," was much disappointed on arrival because of the misrepresentation made, as he had been told that Pasco had a population of 6000, instead of little more than one third that number. A certain amount of exaggeration is doubtless legitimate in any business promotion but such misrepresentations of facts only do harm.

The Bwana Tumbo has been hunting to some purpose in the wilds of Africa is shown by the fact that the taxidermists connected with the Smithsonian institution at Washington have been called home from their vacations to take care of the hides which have been sent home from the Dark Continent by the gallant Colonel Roosevelt and his party. Whether there were many hides of white elephants and black and white rhinoceroses is not stated.

The legislature of Alabama is the first to pass a resolution favoring the adoption of an income tax amendment to the federal constitution, which it did without a dissenting vote. It was later signed by Governor Comer. The Connecticut Senate agreed to defer until the next session of the Legislature the consideration of the federal income tax amendment to the constitution.

There was a time when the discovery that worms are fond of the jack pine would not have caused a ripple of alarm among the owners of timber. They would have taken a fresh grip on the ax and gone to work with added vigor among the big Norways. But now the jack pine has come to have value, the case is different.

The revelations made during the various stages of the Thaw case show that there are lots of people moving in certain society who, because of their moral degeneracy and offences, ought to be behind the stone walls of asylums or penitentiaries.

Ormsby McHarg is again in the limelight. He has resigned his position as assistant to Ballinger. Ormsby has a penchant for doing unseemly things, anyway—

A new fire plug or two and some additional hose would give the residents of the west side a more adequate fire protection.

If the nails were driven down in the sidewalks, it would help some.

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In the rough the diamond has little brilliancy, for there is a crust that must be cut away before it can properly refract the light, and it is this power of refraction which makes the brilliancy of a diamond and has everything to do with its value in the market. The skill of the diamond cutter has much to do with bringing out this brilliancy. He must do the most he can with the rough stone before him and lose as little as possible of the precious weight in the stone.

Diamonds are found in all kinds of queer shapes, for the carbon may be in any position while being crystallized, and the act of crystallization may affect only parts of that carbon. When the expert cutter has a rough diamond before him he judges almost instantly how it will cut to the greatest advantage. If it inclines to the pear shape he will make a pear shaped diamond of it. If it be square or round the cutting will follow the natural lines as closely as possible, so that the loss may be reduced to a minimum.

To make the stone as brilliant as possible the diamond cutter cuts many facets so as to refract the light from as many points as he can. A full cut brilliant has at least forty-eight facets, and so expert are the cutters that they often cut diamonds so small that it requires a hundred to weigh a carat. Each has forty-eight facets.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

SARATOGA'S SPRINGS.

The Water Was First Used by the Indians as a "Cure."

The Saratoga Springs "cure" antedated the settlement of this community by the white man, when the High Rock spring was only a bubbling springlet, drunk at first by the Indians as a fresh water spring. Finding that their health was improved by the water, they betought them that it must have medicinal qualities, and from that time all sick Indians were brought to High Rock spring for the healing of their ills. The "outward and visible sign" that impressed the red men was the deposit of the salts of the water about the spring in the form of a cone, called tufa, which still exists and from which it received its name and through and over which the water bubbles to this day.

In 1800 the Congress spring was discovered and became renowned the world over as a saline cathartic. This, combined with the sulphurous iron water of the Putnam spring, made Saratoga Springs famous as the leading health resort of the United States. The remainder of the thirty-five mineral springs were discovered from time to time, and all have a wide therapeutic application in the treatment of almost all chronic diseases and are divided into four groups according to their component parts. These groups are: First, sodic, muriated, alkaline, saline, cathartic; second, sodic, calcic, muriated, alkaline saline; third, chalybeate; fourth, sulphur.—National Magazine.

Living Over Catacombs.

Paris, in many of its districts, is built over the catacombs, says Harper's Weekly. These vast subterranean chambers and galleries produce that peculiar cavernous sound which is heard in the Luxembourg, Montparnasse, Vaugirard, Montrouge and Montsouris quarters when heavy carts pass rapidly along the coarsely metaled roads. The streets are then like monstrous drums beating funeral marches to the grave over that vast common grave of ten centuries of Parisians with its millions of skeleton dead. That quaint little Gothic house at the corner of the Boulevard Raspail, which many an American artist must remember from his student days, actually has a private staircase leading to the catacombs from beneath a hermetically closed stone slab just in front of the doorstep.

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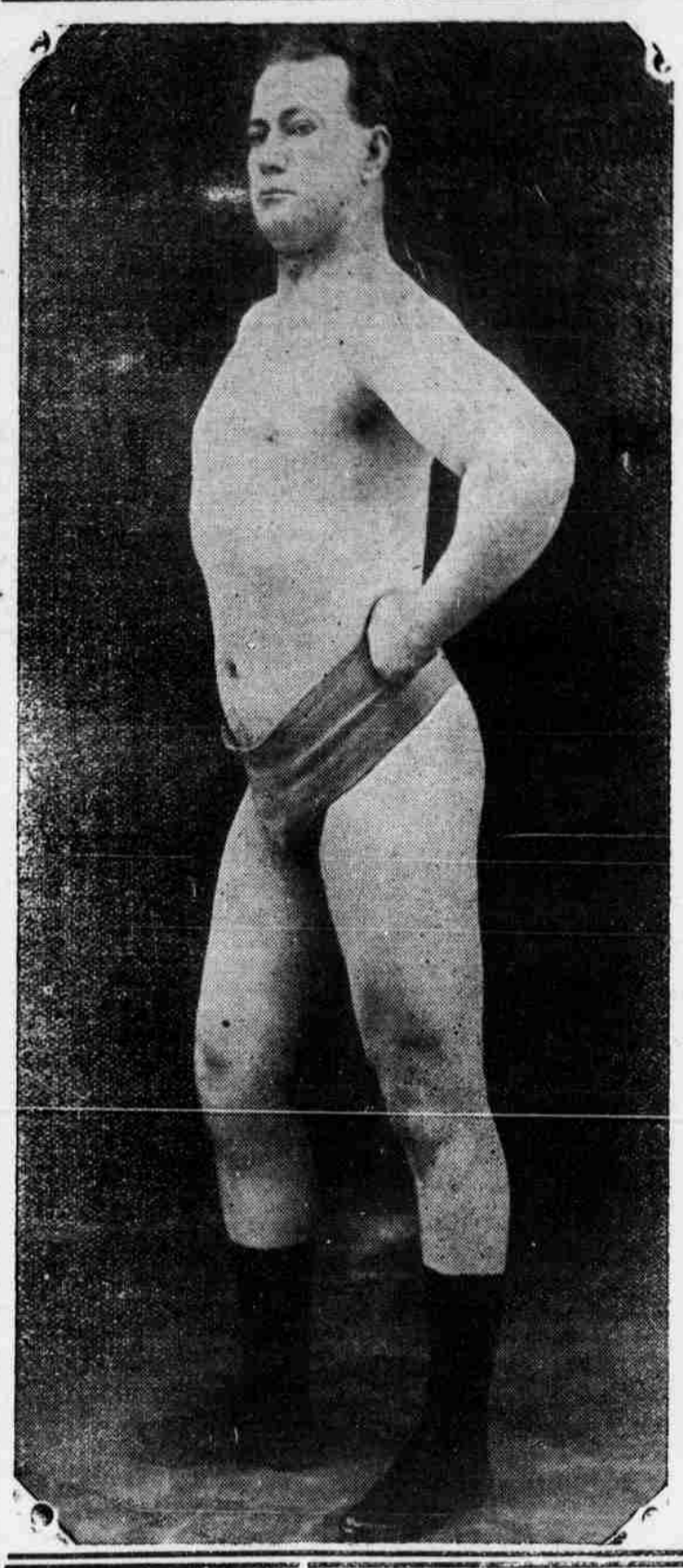
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