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The Athena public schools opened Monday morning with a good attendance. Universal interest centers in the high school department, which this year is being reorganized and placed on a basis compatible with the standing Athena is entitled to, educationally. That the school, as a whole will be a success is vouchered for by the enthusiasm prevailing with teachers, scholars, and patrons. The board and faculty are a unit in encouraging and fostering every element of advancement in modernizing the facilities of the school, and with this united purpose there can possibly be nothing to retard progress. The Press is pleased to note the attendance of scholars in the local school, who heretofore have found it necessary to attend schools elsewhere, and it is firm in its belief that the board of directors will find in Principal Case an educator of ability and a man thoroughly capable of surmounting, with the faithful cooperation of his assistants, all obstacles necessarily to be encountered in resurrecting the school and placing it on the plane where it rightly belongs. Here's to the Athena High School! Athena people, one and all, "boost" for it. It will make the town grow. Already it is filling up the empty houses.

The Cook-Peary controversy can be easily settled, and Oregon, as an arbitrator has a chance to wrest new laurels from the galaxy of states. Let Governor Benson fit out an expedition and give Wood the honor of a one night siesta in the igloos erected by the explorers at the pole. His findings would put an end to the strife. A diet of Walrus meat and canned blubber would be an incentive to valorous deeds, and climatic changes and social life with the Eskimos would perhaps "Chesterfield" the colonel to some degree, at least. We would suggest that after he has secured the necessary proof that Cook and Peary have a right to their claims that he be enclosed in a cake of polar ice and exhibited, together with all records pertaining to polar expeditions in some suitable place where the "freeze won't come off."

The new tariff law is working, as to wood pulp and print paper, just as Representative Mann said it would, in his remarks just before congress adjourned, quoted at the time in the Portland Journal. Ontario maintains its prohibition of export of wood and pulp, Quebec maintains its export tax and promises prohibition of exports, countervailing duties on these products already apply as against these provinces, and early next year it is expected that retaliatory duties will be put into effect; so that the outcome is that the wood pulp and print paper trust is protected even more than it was under the Dingley law, which is, of course, just what Aldrich, Cannon and their followers designed. Those statesmen figure to rob a million people to make half a dozen men inordinately rich.

The vacant wheat lands of Central Oregon are being filled up at an unprecedented rate, the coming of railroads up the Deschutes being the cause of a big boom in wheat growing in that great undeveloped country. During the past week a record trip was made into the vacant lands about Bend by a party of settlers who went overland from Corvallis by auto. The trip was made from Corvallis to Bend, 150 miles, in one day and the next morning members of the party fled to their homesteads near Bend and began in wheat growing. A tract of land of 250,000 acres in that district has just been included in the new 320 acre homestead law and is proving very attractive to settlers.

The utterances of one or two government officials anent the conservation of national resources creates a feeling of uncertainty and even anxiety. It is due, says the Waitsburg Times, to the public, especially all who live in the so-called irrigation states, that suspense be relieved. For years it has been a constant struggle between the people and the great corporations which have grown enormously rich

because of the practical monopoly they have enjoyed, and the present public mood is not tolerant of further monopolistic usurpations of public rights. The progress of the states in which irrigation is largely followed will be checked and their prosperity crippled if a few men manage to get possession and control of the water supply.

What is said to be the highest price ever paid for an apple crop has just been closed for the Hood River and Mosier valley yields. J. A. Steinhardt, of the fruit-buying firm of Steinhardt & Kelly, New York City, visited both districts the past week and contracted for the entire yield of the Mosier and Hood River valleys at better than \$2.50 per box. As the total crop will run up to about 150 carloads, the contract just made will put more than \$300,000 into the pockets of apple growers in these two districts.

English political economists assert that the tax on unearned increment is really not a tax on land but a tax on "windfalls," which is the name given to the increased value of land that has taken place not through any improvements made on the land but by reason of the growth and prosperity of the community. Calling the tax one on windfalls and not on land will not make the owners of such land pay the tax with any better grace, but there is reason in it and it is the right thing that those who amass wealth not by their own labor but by that of others should be taxed accordingly.

A Russian day laborer working on the streets of Omaha for \$1.75 a day is said to have come into possession of a large estate in Russia worth millions of dollars, and which the government has now restored after having confiscated it one hundred years ago. If the story is true we venture to say that the man has had more real contentment as a laborer than he is ever likely to have as a millionaire landlord in a country so full of unrest and disturbance as Russia.

The craze for sudden wealth leads many a man in a responsible position to become a victim of some get-rich-quick swindle, and the result usually spells disaster. Money is "borrowed" from the firm's account and the first time the theft is discovered the man's friends call it "shortage in accounts" and the affair is hushed up. The next time it is "defalcation" and there is consequent disgrace and a prison term.

Prunes seem to be the banner crop for the Yakima country this year. The Olson-Royce company has just marketed the prune crop from its 40-acre ranch for 63 cents a box, and a single carload brought in \$650. Besides the prunes sold, thousands were thrown to the stock. Prunes brought a record price of \$40 per ton.

An editor evidently intended to do the square thing who got off the following: "If any subscriber finds a line in this paper which he does not like and cannot agree with, if he will bring the paper to this office and point out the offending line, the editor will cut it out for him."

Friends of Congressman Poindexter are grooming him for the senate to succeed Senator Piles. Probably "Uncle Joe" Cannon would be glad to help the boom along.

A GEM OF PROSE.

The Cemetery of the Dead, by Robert G. Ingersoll, from his lecture on the "Gods."—In that vast cemetery called the past are most of the religious of men, and there, too, are nearly all their gods. The sacred temples of India were ruins long ago. Over column and cornice, over the painted and pictured walls, cling the trailing vines. Brahma, the golden, with four heads and four arms; Vishnu, the somber, the punisher of the wicked, with his three eyes, his crescent, and his necklace of skulls; Siva, the destroyer, red with seas of blood; Kali, the goddess; Draupadi, the white armed, the Christna, the Christ, all passed away and left the thrones of heaven desolate. Along the banks of the sacred Nile Isis no longer wandering weeps, searching for the dead Osiris. The shadow of Typhon's scowl falls no more upon the waves. The sun rises as of yore, and his golden beams still smite the lips of Memnon, but Memnon is as voiceless as the sphinx.

The sacred fanes are lost in desert sands; the dusty mummies are still waiting for the resurrection promised by their priests, and the old beliefs wrought in curiously sculptured stone, asleep in the mystery of a language lost and dead. Odia, the author of life and soul, Vili and Ve, and the

mighty giant Ymir, strode long ago from the icy halls of the north; and Thor, with iron glove and glittering hammer, dashes mountains to the earth no more. Broken are the circles and cromlechs of the ancient Druids; fallen upon the summits of the hills, and covered with the centuries' moss, are the sacred cairns. The divine fires of Persia and of the Aztecs have died out in the ashes of the past and there is none to rekindle, and none to feed the holy flames. The harp of Orpheus is still; the drained cup of Bacchus has been thrown aside; Venus lies dead in stone, and her white bosom heaves no more with love. The streams still murmur, but no naiads bathe; the trees still wave, but in the forest aisles no dryads dance. The gods have flown from high Olympus. Not even the beautiful women can lure them back, and Danae lies unnoticed, naked to the stars. Hushed forever are the thunders of Sinai; lost are the voices of the prophets, and the land once flowing with milk and honey is but a desert waste.

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RESOURCES.

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Overdrafts secured and unsecured	27,864.25
U. S. bonds to secure circulation	12,500.00
Bonds, securities, etc.	1,516.75
Banking-house furniture fixtures	10,000.00
Due from State and Private Banks and Bankers, Trust Companies and Savings Banks.	704.11
Due from approved reserve agents, Checks and other Cash Items.	24,000.08
Notes of other National Banks	5.00
Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents.	78.15
Specie	9,104.75
Red'm'n fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation)	625.00
Total	\$366,409.93

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in	\$50,000.00
Surplus fund	30,000.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	1,867.69
National bank notes outstanding	12,500.00
Due to other National Banks	4,787.53
Due to State and Private Banks and Bankers	1,384.92
Individual deposits subject to check	172,255.88
Demand certificates of deposit	73,612.70
Cashier's checks outstanding	1.00
Bills payable, including certificates of deposit for money borrowed.	20,000.00
Total	\$366,409.93

State of Oregon, ss
County of Yamhill, ss
I, F. S. Le Grow, Cashier of above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
F. S. Le Grow, Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 16th day of Sept., 1909.
S. F. Wilson,
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4:15 p. m.	Fast Mail for Pendleton, LaGrande, Baker City, and all points east via Huntington, Ore. Also for Umatilla, Heppner, The Dalles, Portland, Astoria, Willamette Valley, Salem, California, Tacoma, Seattle, all Sound Ports.	4:15 p. m.
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