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For the first time in many years this school district is to have ready cash "to do business on." This was made possible when at Monday's school meeting, tax payers of the district unanimously voted to sustain the 5 1-2 mill levy which was voted at the meeting held last June. From every nook and cranny of the district comes the slogan acclaiming for Athena modern educational facilities, and the action taken at Monday's meeting is merely in line with the general movement. The special tax levy for special school purposes will give the board a working surplus over and above regular expense of conducting the school, which means that certain needed improvements will be made. The proposition of M. L. Watts that the present method of heating the school building be abolished and a central heating plant established instead, is well thought of and should head the list of contemplated improvements.

German textile experts are turning attention to a fibre obtained from the kapok or silk cotton tree of the tropics with a view to ascertaining whether a substitute for cotton may thus be obtained. No doubt experiments will be carried on with the thoroughness that is characteristic of German research, and if kapok can be made to take the place of cotton no effort will be spared in that direction. But a great many things are to be taken into consideration before the superiority of kapok can be established. Cotton is not likely to be supplanted immediately.

The death of Henry LaBrasche, caused by the accidental discharge of a gun, is one more payment of a life, exacted as toll for the handling of firearms. Even experience in handling firearms does not exempt the toll, as in this exceptionally sad case it seems to have served small purpose. Eternal vigilance would seem to be the only safeguard in keeping down the frightful mortality to any degree.

The big corporations are now making money as they never made it before; but in the midst of prosperity it is well to keep the feet on the earth and not be carried skyward by inflated conceits.

The Commercial Association has been successful in promoting Athena's best interests, and with a larger membership it would be more successful.

HORSESHOE LUCK.

An Old Myth That Goes Back to the Greeks and Their Sea God.

Of all the emblems for good fortune the horseshoe stands among the first. Everybody knows it is unlucky to pass a horseshoe on the road without picking it up. It is a luck emblem of the greatest power. We are indebted for this statement to old tales centuries in age that have descended from father to son, from mother to daughter, through the years.

The old myths repay research. The luck of the horseshoe has a most respectable beginning. It is traced to the religion of the old Greeks and their sea god, Poseidon, who was identical with the Roman sea god Neptune.

To Poseidon horses were sacred, and to him they were sacrificed. Poseidon was believed to have created the first horse when he struck the ground with his trident and a horse sprang from the hole, which afterward became a spring. The sea god was the lord of springs. To him all springs were ascribed. In the shape of a horse he sometimes wandered by the shores of his ocean domain, and where he struck his hoofs deeply there the waters gushed out and permanent springs were found. This is the reason why horseshoes are reckoned lucky. Going to the root of the matter, one sees a nature myth as the root principle. From the sea all rain comes, and to the sea all springs owe primal origin, and to the rain and the fresh waters, sea derived, we owe all fertility on earth.

The old Greeks therefore worshiped Poseidon as the fortune giver through his springs. They gave him horses, his precious beasts, and they adored the footprints of horses when they found them, for they might be the very footprints of the god himself.

When the horses came to be shod the transition of the luck emblem from the footprint itself to the shoe mark, practically the same thing, was easy.

Pegasus, the winged horse, from whose hoofs the water springs gushed copiously when he came to earth, has been credited with the origin of the horseshoe luck.

The horseshoe was a specific against earthquakes. It would keep a house safe from harm by earth shaking. Again one perceives the sea myth—Poseidon was the shaker of the earth.—Team Owners' Gazette.

Obedying the Autocrat.

That fine old New Englander, Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes, laid down the rule that the law of the road entitles a man to two looks at every pretty woman. This fair and proper limit provokes no complaint in Kansas City, and it is not commonly exceeded, though we would have to go far afield to find a locality with more women worth looking at than are seen on the streets of Kansas City every day.—Kansas City Times.

Had All the Others.

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| 1:05 p. m. | Walla Walla, Dayton, Pomeroy, Lewiston, Colfax, Pullman, Moscow, the Ocar d'Alene district, Spokane and all points north. | 1:05 p. m. |
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