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The Press is 22 years old today. Since June 1, 1892—for 17 years, the paper has been in charge of the present editor. From a small hamlet the Press has watched Athena grow to its present importance; it has noted the hundreds of improvements made for betterment of conditions, progress and advancement, commercially, educationally and socially; from small trading shops it has witnessed the building up of the splendid mercantile establishments now conducted by Athena merchants; it has been through the millstones of hard times and good times and seen the poor man grow rich by sticking to Umatilla county wheat ranches; it has seen two of the largest and most handsome churches in Eastern Oregon built through united effort, backed by the indomitable Athena spirit; it has chronicled the evolution of grain shipment, wherein the product now goes to foreign and domestic points ground into flour by one of the largest and best mills on the coast; it has viewed with pride the construction of macadamized streets, the coming of electric lights and power, and the erection of substantial business houses; it has been in at the death of one commercial association, and the birth of a bigger and better one; it has seen the high school dwindle away to practically nothing, then revive and ascend the plane of its present high rank and usefulness to the community; it has witnessed business thrive and seen fine homes result through thriftiness. All this much and more has passed in review of the Press. And what of the future? The coming Athena has every resource to flatter its prospects. Commercially she is the center of the richest and most fertile productive territory on the Pacific coast. Her social environments are second to no town of her size in the state. Her educational facilities are unsurpassed by cities trebling her population. Her merchants and business men are progressive and imbued with enterprising spirit. Her commercial association is a live wire, infusing activity into every artery of enterprise that tends to general advancement along the path of progress. Consequently the Press enters the new year with bright hopes for the future of Athena, pledging its very best efforts on behalf of the city. We desire the good will and co-operation of all, and shall strive to merit it in every way. The Press asks its friends to aid it in this line of work. It hopes in the future as in

the past, to be a factor in making Athena bigger and better with each succeeding year.

Tonight transpires the climax of educational enthusiasm which has dominated Athena during the reconstruction period of the new High school. Active, discerning, intelligent men on the school board, tacked by a district out of debt and unanimous in its verdict for school progress, is responsible for the present splendid condition of the Athena school. So tonight, when State Superintendent of Schools J. H. Ackerman arises in the auditorium of the Methodist Episcopal church to deliver his address, the Press predicts that he will speak to the largest and most appreciative audience he has had for some time. And after the rendition of the evening's program those Commercial Association members who have contracted to feed the hungry, will find they have their hands full.

A petition signed by business men, asking that all porches, trees, and water hydrants be removed from Main Street, was favorably considered by the city council Monday evening, and the ordinance Committee now has the matter in charge. When the ordinance, providing for the removal of these obstructions is introduced for passage, it will contain a clause prohibiting the tying of teams on Main street. It would have been better were it possible to order the removal of telephone and electric light poles and wires from this street, but the conditions embodied in franchises granted three different companies for periods of 20 to 30 years effectually precludes any such action on the part of the city.

The United States is not the only country in the world where the cost of living has advanced in recent years. The complaint is so great in Austria that a demand is being made that the government take over, through an agrarian bank, the cattle and meat business. It is also proposed that a central agency be established with branches in foreign countries so as to facilitate importation and dealing in cattle and meat products.

A minister in Chicago wants compulsory marriage by the state just as it enforces compulsory education. He also advocates women's proposing when the men hesitate. This is a radical age, but not so radical as to turn iconoclastic concerning things too deeply ingrained in the best impulses of human nature ever to go out of fashion.

Unless they are prepared to prove themselves justified, Central American republics should execute American citizens only by the thought-wave process.

Castro, lately of Venezuela, is said to have expressed the intention of coming to the United States to live. So long as the immigration laws do not bar him out he will be permitted to cast his lot with our people. The

association probably would do him good.

Wilbur Wright says the 60-mile-an-hour aeroplane is practically here. And there are no telephone poles ahead.

When a man dies his expenses stop, but whether or not his experiences stop is another question.

In looking into the political future the blind man is under no handicap.

Kindly note the few fatalities among the billiardists this season.

Are we to have the crook-worm disease again this winter?

Many football players are now emerging from the arnica stage.

## The Cussing Habit.

The jackal is a beastly beast; and when it hankers for a feast, it has no use for nice fresh meat; the all-fired fool would rather eat some animal that died last year; and so the jackal, far and near is shunned by self-respecting brutes, and slugged with rocks and bricks and toots. And men whose language is decayed, who make profanity a trade, are like the jackal of the wild, that hunts around for things defiled. In all your rounds you'll never find a healthy, clean and gentle mind possessed by any son of wrath whose language needs a turkish bath. On great occasions there's excuse for turning ring tailed ouss words loose; the father of his country swore at Monmouth and then cussed some more; that patient soul the Man of Uz ripped off some language rich and brown until old Bilead called him down. Great men beneath some awful stroke let loose remarks that fairly smoke and we forgive them as we write the story of their deeds of might. But little men, who swear, and swear, and thus pollute our common air, are foul and foolish as the frogs that trumpet in their native bogs.—Walt Mason in Portland Journal.

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"The most mercurial enemy I had for 20 years," declares Mrs. James Duncan, of Haynesville, Me. "was Dyspepsia. I suffered intensely after eating or drinking and could scarcely sleep. After many remedies had failed and several doctors gave me up. I tried Electric Bitters, which cured me completely. Now I can eat anything. I am 70 years old and am overjoyed to get my health and strength back again." For Indigestion, Loss of Appetite, Kidney Trouble, Lame Back, Female Complaints, it is unequalled. Only 50c at all druggists.

### Forced Into Exile.

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### A Good Position.

can be had by ambitious young men and women in the field of "Wireless" and Railroad telegraphy. Since the 8-hour law became effective, and since the Wireless companies are establishing stations throughout the country there is a great shortage of telegraphers. Positions pay beginners from \$70 to \$90 per month, with good chance for advancement. The National Telegraph Institute of Portland, Ore., operates six official institutes in America, under supervision of R. R. and Wireless officials and places all graduates into positions. It will pay you to write them for full details.

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Gentlemen:—I was afflicted with Kidney and Bladder trouble for six years and had tried numerous preparations without getting any relief and had given up hope of ever being cured when FOLEY'S KIDNEY CURE was recommended to me. After using one bottle I could feel the effect of it, and after taking six fifty-cent bottles, I was cured of Kidney and Bladder trouble and have not felt so well for the past twenty years and I owe it to FOLEY'S KIDNEY CURE. James Smith, Bentons Ferry, W. Va.

A Veteran of the Civil War Cured After Ten Years of Suffering.

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Los Angeles  
and Return

on January 17, 1910

\$94.00

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