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### FUNERAL HELD IN SIMPLEST FORM

**FRIENDS PAY RESPECT TO LAST WISHES.**

W. L. Zeiger Laid to Rest in Athena Cemetery, by the Side of His Children.

The funeral of W. L. Zeiger, whose self-inflicted death occurred in this city at the St. Nicholas hotel Thursday morning of last week, was held Saturday forenoon, from Miller's Undertaking parlors.

Following his request, a simple service was held at the grave, with Pastor Lawson, of the M. E. church officiating.

Mrs. Zeiger and son arrived from Tacoma Saturday morning, accompanied by Mrs. W. F. Stone, her daughter, who resides in Olympia, Wash. Mrs. L. B. Reeder of Portland, and Judge and Mrs. J. W. Maloney of Pendleton, were also in attendance, and many old time Athena friends gathered to offer help and sympathy to the sorrowing relatives.

It developed that Mr. Zeiger had been living in Walla Walla for several months, where he was employed at work, his family remaining in Tacoma. His wife and daughter left here for Walla Walla Saturday evening, where they secured his personal effects on their way home.

### Lewiston State Normal Growing.

The Lewiston State Normal opened its fifteenth annual session last month with an encouraging enrollment. In 1910-1911 there were 332 registered; this year 322 are now enrolled and it is expected that the total will be at least 400 for 1911-12. Every section of Idaho is represented, and students have enrolled from Oregon, Washington, California, Montana, Maine, Pennsylvania, North Carolina, Minnesota, Alberta, Canada and Illinois. The fact that the life diploma granted by the Lewiston Normal is recognized not only in Idaho but in other western states as well, together with the high standards maintained, has without doubt much to do with the increase in enrollment.

### Sunshine Club Resumes Meetings.

The Sunshine Club held its first meeting of the season at the home of Mrs. William Piper, on Thursday, October 12. Officers chosen for a term of three months are as follows: President, Mrs. W. H. Kessler; vice president, Mrs. Luke Reed; secretary, Mrs. Arthur Douglas. One new member, Mrs. George Thompson, was received; and there are three new suggestions for members who have made their debut since the last meeting. They are: Charles Gustav Vollmer, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Vollmer; Clark J. Walter, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Walter, and the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lienallen. Visitors for the afternoon were: Mrs. Gustav Vollmer, Mrs. Leal Woods and Mrs. F. D. Morrison. Refreshments were served by the hostess.

### Big Fire in Pendleton.

Pendleton was visited at midnight last Friday with a most disastrous fire, in which the skating rink and the Oregon Feed yard were destroyed, with twelve horses and two mules. The fire was discovered in the rink and is thought to have been of incendiary origin. The total loss to barn and rink is estimated at \$20,000. The horses mostly belonged to farmers from the surrounding country who were in town for the night.

### Engineer Succumbs to Injuries.

Jack Wright, the pioneer engineer who fell beneath a moving train at the Pendleton depot Wednesday of last week, died at a hospital there at 3 o'clock Saturday morning. His daughters and other relatives were present. The body was shipped to Walla Walla for interment beside that of his wife, who died several years ago.

### CHINESE INGENUITY.

**How One Cover Was Made to Fit a Roomful of Sleepers.**

A writer in a French magazine tells a curious story about how they manage cheap lodging houses in China. Along Chinese roads, it seems, there are many of these lodging houses, where the charge for a night's lodging is considerably less than 1 cent. All the bedding provided is one huge mass of feathers, into which all the guests burrow.

Formerly they used to get blankets, but some time ago those who ran these primitive inns learned that their losses on account of the theft of blankets by guests were far too large. Something, they decided, had to be done. Finally an ingenious man among them hit on this:

Over the feather filled room of his lodging house he hung an enormous canvas covering. In the daytime it hung near the ceiling. At night it was lowered by means of pulleys until it covered the entire mass of feathers and all those sleeping thereon, thus taking the place of individual blankets. This huge canvas was provided with a large number of small slits through which the guests might stick their heads and escape suffocation beneath the immense covering.

Early each morning the loud pounding of a drum served to waken the sleepers and warn them to get their heads out of the slits in the canvas. Thereupon it was raised again to the ceiling and fastened there to await the next batch of sleepers.

### THE FIRST AERONAUT.

**Kingsley's Queer Idea and an Embarrassing Coincidence.**

Charles Kingsley was at a dinner once with the aeronaut Coxwell. It was shortly after Coxwell and a companion had made a flight in which they had risen so high that Coxwell's hands were frozen and he had time only to tear open the air valve with his teeth. A. C. Benson tells the story in "The Leaves of the Tree" in the North American Review. After dinner Kingsley suddenly said:

"I have often thought that the first man that ever went up in a balloon must have been a dentist."

Some one laughed and said, "What an extraordinary idea!"

"I don't know," said Kingsley. "A man who is always looking down people's throats, and pulling their teeth about, and breathing their breath, must be inspired with a tremendous desire to get away and above it all."

Coxwell leaned forward and said very good humoredly, "Well, Mr. Kingsley, it is true that I am a dentist, but it was not that that made me become an aeronaut."

"My dear Mr. Coxwell," said Kingsley, flushing red, "I am sure I beg your pardon. I had no idea it was so. You must have thought me singularly ill mannered to make a joke of it."

Kingsley could not recover his spirits for the rest of the evening. He hated giving pain to any human being more perhaps than anything in the world.

### Why Dean Swift Didn't Go to Ascot.

Dean Swift was the earliest man of note to make mention of the historic Ascot race meeting. It is in one of his "Letters to Stella" in August, 1711, that the great Jonathan says he "saw a place they have made for a famous dozen miles, having not been on horseback this twelve month." Swift determined "not to go to the race unless I can get into room in some coach." As he was hindered by a caller all the coaches were filled before he could reach one, and as a consequence the world lost the description of that earliest Ascot that only the author of "Gulliver's Travels" could have penned.—London Spectator.

### The Humbling of Deacon Todd.

"I tell you, Edgely," said Deacon Todd as they sat in the park, "the way women dress these days is absurd. And nine times out of ten it is the fault of men. Just, for instance, take that woman coming down the path. Some fool husband has told her she looks perfectly charming in that outrageous getup, lacking the stamina to come right out bluntly and tell her that she looks positively ridiculous."

Since this remark Mr. Todd has never been seen in public without his glasses. The woman was Mrs. Todd.—Judge.

### Aroused.

The young woman in the stern of the boat had whispered softly the word "Yes." "But stay right where you are, Jack," she added hastily. "If you try to kiss me you'll upset the boat."

"How do you know?" hoarsely demanded Jack, a horrible suspicion already taking possession of him.—London Ideas.

### No Better Than Father Used to Make.

Young Husband—Still sitting up, dear? You shouldn't have waited for me. I was detained downtown by important business, and— Young Wife—Try some other excuse, George. That's the kind father used to make.—Chicago Tribune.

### How He Began.

"Nevertheless, I cannot begrudge him a cent of his fortune. He began at the foot and got many a kick."

"He did?"

"Yes; he was a blacksmith."—Judge.

One of the most striking differences between a cat and a lie is that a cat has only nine lives.—Mark Twain.

### WHEEL PROBLEMS.

**Does the Edge of the Wheel Revolve Around the Axle?**

"The wheel that turns under the locomotive or the car has a long and queer history," says a writer in the Railroad Man's Magazine, "but the mystery is still with us and whirled its hundred question marks before our eyes every minute of the day."

"Of course every one believes that the edge of the wheel goes around the axle. But does it? Take the end of any spoke near the tire or any part of the tire and on a still, windless night fasten a candle to it; then back off till nothing can be seen but that candle flame."

"Let the wheel revolve slowly, free from the ground. The candle flame makes a circle of fire all right and goes around the axle. Now lower the wheel until it rests on the ground and start ahead. The flame suddenly stops going in a circle and begins to make a wavy line, first high and then low. It goes around nothing at all."

"Men with clear minds can perform the experiment satisfactorily by tying a handkerchief around the tire in daylight, but to do this takes a keen mathematical imagination, because the eye is confused by other moving objects and is not able to see the handkerchief free from these other influences."

"At night the candle flame alone can be seen, so that is perhaps the best time to try the matter out. Tie a torch to a locomotive driver and then send the engine slowly back and forth while the observer is off some hundred feet distant in the dark. The torch does not move in a circle. It simply goes ahead somewhat like a flying machine rising and falling in the wind, coming to a dead stop at its lowest point and going twice as fast as the engine when at its highest point."

"The fact that the bottom of an engine wheel always stands still is more easy to learn than the fact that the top of the wheel moves just twice as fast as the train, but this can be proved easily with a piece of board."

"Take a piece of board, say, ten feet long and lay one end on top of the two feet and you will find that the board has come ahead four feet, just twice as far as the engine. Lay down the board and tie two pieces of string to the wheel, one at the top and the other at the bottom, where it rests on the ground. Now run your engine forward two feet and see what happens. The bottom string has moved forward, too, but not nearly so far as has the top piece of string, although the ends were even at the start."

### Plants Breaking Up an Island.

The layman would scarcely associate great strength with so delicate and fragile a thing as a maidenhair fern, yet if its roots have not sufficient room they will break the pot in which the plant grows. Blades of grass will force the curbstones between which they spring up out of their place, and in a single night a crop of small mushrooms has been known to lift a large stone. Indeed, plants are on record as having broken the hardest rocks. The island of Aldabra, to the northwest of Madagascar, is becoming smaller through the action of the mangroves that grow along the foot of the cliffs. They eat their way into the rock in all directions, and into the gaps thus formed the waves force their way. In time they will probably reduce the island to pieces.—Scientific American.

### Bathrooms in Paris.

An observant English journalist in Paris has—as a not weather amusement—made a private census of bathrooms. He calculates that in all the flats and private houses of Paris there are about 2,800 bathrooms. And this writer, lying in his own bath and making another calculation, will bet a bathful of water that he could get up and pitch a cricket ball from the garden about his modest flat this way and that over as many bathrooms. It is a curious little difference of national architecture. And the quaintness of the difference comes with the fact that you see more people in London who look—yes—dirty than in Paris. Even the beggar in Paris is clean in face, finger nails and clothes.—London Chronicle.

### He Didn't Know.

"I didn't expect any better treatment than this," said the lady on the pier scantlying to the inspector whom she suspected of rudeness. "You can't make a silk purse out of a sow's ear!"

"As to that I don't know, madam," said the inspector placidly. "I do not recall any ruling of the treasury department on that point. If you are bringing in any of either your better declare them and leave the classification to us."—Harper's Weekly.

### The Island of Hongkong.

Hongkong is an island about eleven miles long, with a width of from one to three miles, and consists almost entirely of a series of hills. There is a good road around a portion of the island on the sea front, but the grades up the mountains are too steep for practical automobilism, and the streets generally are not wide enough and not strongly enough constructed to permit the use of heavy cars upon them.

### An Enthusiast.

Towne—Oh, yes, he's quite an enthusiast. He goes in for things in real earnest. Brown—Yes; if some one were to send him on a wild goose chase he'd speak of himself afterward as a sportsman.—Catholic Standard.

Evil is wrought by want of thought as well as by want of heart.—Hood.

### MRS. JAS. STEVENS DIES IN MILTON

**FORMER WELL KNOWN ATHENA WOMAN SUCCEUMS.**

Victim of Cancer Is Interred Near Place Where She Spent Early Married Life.

The remains of Mrs. James Stevens were brought here from Milton, where she died at her home last Monday, and burial took place in the Athena cemetery Tuesday at 12 o'clock. Death was due to cancer.

The funeral services were conducted in Milton, and the burial service at the grave by Pastor Meldrum of the Christian church, Mrs. Stevens having been a member of that church. The body was interred beside the grave of her mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Williams, who died in this city several years ago.

Grand Williams of Milton, and Eph Williams, of Paradise Valley, trothors of deceased, with two adopted daughters, Mrs. Grant Williams, and several other Milton friends, accompanied Mr. Stevens to Athena.

Mrs. Emeline Stevens was something over 50 years of age, and with her husband was a resident of Athena for many years, leaving here about 18 years ago to reside in Milton.

Mrs. Stevens formerly held membership in the Athena Circle, Women of Woodcraft, but it is not known whether she still held membership in the order at her death.

### School Books for Distribution.

Four packing cases filled with school books are ready for distribution to the schools of the county, at the county school superintendent's office. The schools will receive their book supplies next week. Supt. Welles has been in the northwest section of the county this week on a supervisory inspection of schools.

### WHEAT FIGURES MADE KNOWN

Spring Crop in Oregon Makes Total of Over Five Million Bushels.

According to the October Crop Reporter, just issued by the Department of Agriculture, the Oregon spring wheat yield this year was 5,250,000 bushels, as against 5,346,000 bushels last year. The yield per acre is given as 17.5 bushels, as against 18 bushels in 1910, and the quality of the crop is rated at 92.1 point below last year.

Washington's spring wheat yield was 16,119,000 bushels, as against 11,715,000 in 1910. The yield per acre was 19.5 bushels, five bushels in advance of last year's yield, but the condition was rated at 88.

The wheat crop of Idaho is listed as 6,738,000 bushels, as compared with 4,427,000 bushels in 1910. The per acre yield in Idaho was 29 bushels, an increase of nine bushels over 1910. The condition of Idaho wheat was 96, highest in Northwest.

The Crop Reporter indicates that the condition of apples in the Northwest this year is far below normal. According to the department's figures, the condition on October 1 was: Oregon, 56; Washington, 58; Idaho, 80. On October 1, 1910, the condition was given as Oregon, 93; Washington, 90; Idaho, 88.

### Died in Colorado.

News was received here Saturday, to the effect that Edgar V. Ridenour, well known in Athena, had died at Colorado Springs, Colorado, whether he had gone for the benefit of his health. He was a nephew of Mrs. F. B. Boyd, and several years ago was employed on the Press.

### Mrs. Armfield Interviewed.

The friends of Mrs. W. E. Armfield, wife of a former popular M. E. pastor of this city, were pleased to recognize her portrait in an illustrated article in the Sunday Spokesman-Review, last Sunday. The article in question speaks in laudatory tone of the preacher's wedding fees, and telling of an interview with the lady, says: "Mrs. Armfield, wife of W. E.

### Armfield of the Ligerwood Methodist church, looks upon her husband's wedding fees as her own particular property. She has been married for over 23 years and as her husband started the custom when they started to travel in double harness, it is easy to see just why she thinks every minister should give his wife these perquisites. Naturally, Mrs. Armfield regrets that there are not more weddings."

**Editors to Meet Tuesday.**

The Pendleton papers report that responses from country editors of Umatilla county indicate that the attendance of "molders of public opinion" at the meeting to be held in that city under the Commercial club auspices will be well attended and that the Umatilla County Press club will have an auspicious beginning. Arrangements are being completed for a suitable banquet for the visiting scribes. Secretary Keeffe is sending out the following invitation to the country editors: "Your presence is earnestly requested at the meeting in Pendleton on October 24, 1911, the occasion of the formation of the Press Association. Banquet in the evening; good time."

### PRINCIPAL BURNED IN EFFIGY

Walla Walla Pupils Take High Hand When Heck Suspends Men.

Intoxicated with a spirit of vengeance, says the Union, the result of losing two of their best football players for what they consider a minor offense, according to regulation rules, about 60 high school students, with appropriate ceremonies preceding, burned in effigy their principal, Professor F. C. Heck, on the high school lawn, following a hostile demonstration in the vicinity of the school, in which the leaders waxed warm in denunciation of the present administration at high school.

The whole trouble arose when Principal Heck expelled Booker and Cox, halfback and center on the football team, for having appeared in class in full dress suit, and is said to have refused to recognize the petitions that were presented to him in their behalf.

This is the second time a party of high school students have publicly proclaimed their feeling against the principal of the school, former Principal E. J. Klemme having also been burned in effigy a few years ago when things did not go to suit the students.

### School Report.

The following is the report of La-Mar District, No. 30, for the month ending October 6: Number of days taught, 20; number of pupils enrolled, 19; pupils who were neither absent or tardy, and are on the roll of honor, are as follows: Charles Henry, Lester Goodrich, Ellis Hopper, Basil Van Cleave, Elmer Corporan, Wilbur Goodrich, Freddie Johnson, Valma Schubert, Helen Johnson, Mary Barnes, Yergie Key, Lola Key, Minnie Johnson and Lela Schubert. Visitors for the month are: School Com. Albert White Mrs. Sarah Swaggart, Mrs. A. L. Swaggart, Jos. Key and A. L. Swaggart.

Lillian Downs-Dobson, Teacher.

### At Work on Green Springs.

At a meeting of the city council Tuesday evening it was decided to take immediate action in regard to the Green Springs, a property which has been in the hands of the city for some time. Mayor Gross, J. E. Froome and Wm. Tompkins, members of the council, with Water Superintendent Gholson, drove up to the springs yesterday taking a force of men, who were left there at work, with the purpose of giving the flow a thorough test. It is the firm belief of the city authorities that a plentiful supply of pure spring water may be obtained by piping the Green Springs to the city reservoir, and combining the flow with that already obtained from the Gallaher springs.

### Travelers Heard From.

A. B. McEwen, Miss Jessica and Dan McKenzie arrived safely in Southampton England, September 30, having made the trip across the Atlantic on board the "Oceanic," in seven days. The trip is reported as a pleasant one, though a storm was encountered at sea on the day before landing. Mr. McKenzie's ecclesiastical cast of features must have been deceiving, for he was listed among the passengers as "Rev. John McEwen." It is scarcely probable that Athena's ex-mayor would have been purposely posing as a "reverend."

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