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We've been industriously searching the market for the best things that the makers and importers have prepared for this Christmas of 1911—for all these best things are ready for "the trade" long before Christmas. You'll be immensely entertained by them, and looking around involves not the slightest obligation to purchase. For the present, just enjoy seeing them—we will let the future take care of itself.

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Something entirely new. It will save your temper and last a lifetime.

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We Announce our Readiness for Christmas

Less than three weeks—only 16 shopping days remain, only 16 days in which to do an immense volume of business, and as rapidly as week succeeds week this volume will continue to grow.

With buyers coming in greatly increasing numbers, assortments and varieties must necessarily decrease. Thousands of articles come from markets too far to permit of re-ordering. Among these are the unique novelties in which early shoppers find joy in selecting. Therefore we advise all those who shop for Christmas, to

Shop Early

We will prepare your packages for shipment, and hold them here until you want them here until you want them sent, and attend to sending them for you if you wish.

The PEOPLES WAREHOUSE, PENDLETON
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SCHOOL BOARDS IN CONVENTION

ALDERMAN WILL BE THE PRINCIPAL SPEAKER

County's Educational Board Reports Progress in Country District Schools.

Present at the call of the Chairman, the County Educational Board of Umatilla County, Oregon, met at the court house in Pendleton at ten a. m., Friday, December 1.

Considerable attention was given to the contemplated holding of local institutes and patrons' meetings throughout the county. When this feature of the work had been completed, the school supervisors, who were present, were called upon for a report of their work. They responded as fully as the time at their disposal would permit. They spoke of the difficulties which they had encountered as a result of the newness of their work, and the slight understanding of it possessed by the public.

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the supervisor enables him to persevere in his requests until some response is obtained.

The supervisors gave itemized reports of conditions in the various districts. While at the outset some boards were indifferent and a few hostile, the supervisors have patiently labored on and were able to report some improvement in every district.

County Sept. Wells has mailed a copy of the following circular letter to members of school boards of the county:

"In accordance with Section 73 of the School Laws of 1911, I hereby call a School Board Convention to meet at the courthouse in Pendleton, on Saturday, December 16, 1911, at 10 o'clock a. m.

"Your office is a very important one. Each year you expend over \$300,000 of public money, you employ nearly two hundred teachers and have direct control of the education of several thousand children. This is a great responsibility, and you should take advantage of every opportunity to keep yourselves informed regarding your duties. This is the principal object of the School Board Convention. As the session lasts only one day, I feel that it is the duty of every district officer to attend. One delegate from each district is allowed two dollars from the general fund of the county for his expenses and I recommend that you take enough money from the funds of the district to meet the necessary expenses of all the district officers; provided that you do not appropriate more than five dollars for this purpose.

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HOPE McPHERRIN WINS PIANO

Total Number of Votes in Her Favor in Contest 1,475,200.

Miss Hope McPherrian won the prize piano in the Fix & Radtke voting contest, receiving 1,475,200 votes. Miss Pearl Coomans won second prize, having received 1,213,600 votes. The contest ended Thanksgiving day, and had created great interest from the beginning. The prize winners are as follows:

Miss Hope McPherrian, first prize, Krause Grand piano, free.

Miss Pearl Coomans, second prize, due bill of \$300 on Krause Grand piano.

Miss Bertha Ferguson, third prize, due bill of \$250 on Krause Grand piano.

Miss Gertrude Booher, fourth prize, due bill of \$240 on Krause Grand piano.

Miss Bessie Parker, fifth prize, due bill of \$230 on Krause Grand piano.

The holders of these due bills will receive credit on the purchase price of the same kind of piano as the one which was on exhibition at Fix & Radtke's store. Votes cast during the last week of the contest determined the following result:

Hope McPherrian	1,475,200
Pearl Coomans	1,213,600
Bertha Ferguson	543,800
Gertrude Booher	514,350
Bessie Parker	345,700
Mamie Sheard	340,100
Mildred Stanton	251,300
Katherine Froome	108,400
Lula Barnes	99,300
May Douglas	85,500

New Athena Hotel.

The Athena Hotel, under the management of Charles Grant, is daily growing in popularity. The service in the dining room is about the best that has ever catered to the wants of the public in this city. In addition to the regular dining room service, Mr. Grant has installed an aptodate lunch counter, which is modern in every particular. He makes a specialty of quick orders in this department and is prepared to serve oysters in any style, crabs, clams and other delicacies on short notice either day or night. The sleeping apartments are clean, well ventilated and comfortable, and on the whole, the Athena Hotel is a good place at which to put up.

The Revolver Route.

Rendered mentally unbalanced and evidently laboring under a temporary delusion of some kind, M. H. Harris deliberately stood in front of a mirror in his room in a Pendleton lodging house Tuesday afternoon and with a .33 Colt blew out his brains. He was from Spokane, where his wife is conducting his clothing business.

Helix Girl Incurable.

Eatber, the 15-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dunnington of Helix, was committed to the Boys and Girls' Aid school in Portland, after a hearing before County Judge J. W. Maloney, indicating that the girl was an incurable and no longer under the control of her parents.

Stumbled on the Will.

Wills have often proved a stumbling block to the novelist. One fragment case may be mentioned. A popular writer causes an old aristocrat to have his "last will and testament" witnessed by his butler and his housekeeper, yet he makes them both benefit under it. By so doing he renders the will invalid. But the author does not know it.

FARMERS UNION SESSIONS GOOD

ABLE ADDRESSES DELIVERED BY DELEGATES.

Program and Banquet Participated in By 250 Delegates From Over State.

Approximately 250 delegates from all portions of the state of Oregon attended the second annual convention of the Farmers' Union at Pendleton which opened Tuesday with President C. O. Conner ably presiding, says the Live Wire. Co-operation, unity and greater organized strength was his theme, taken up by the greater number of the speakers who followed, while the elimination of the middlemen and good roads, together with agricultural education along improved lines of practical science also received attention and approval.

Following a song by the audience and an eloquent address of welcome by Mayor Murphy of Pendleton, State President J. W. McAllister of LaGrande delivered an able address in which he spoke of many vital features of interest to the delegates. Dan P. Smyth delivered an excellent address, containing a message of importance, and Secretary Jack Keefe of the Pendleton Commercial club roared his hearers to a high pitch of enthusiasm with an earnest and eloquent speech, in which he told of the fundamental reasons why every commercial club is vitally and supremely interested in the welfare and improvement of the farmer.

G. S. Barrett, president of the national association, who was expected, was unable to be present, but his place on the program as well as that of C. S. Curry of Portland, was ably filled by Mr. Davis of LaGrande, who spoke straight from the shoulder regarding many of the problems that confront the farmer as an individual and the Union as an organization.

HIGH CLASS ENTERTAINMENT

Second Number of Lecture and Entertainment Course Thursday Evening.

When the Ricketts Concert Company comes to town next Thursday evening an entertainment of high standard will be offered the people of Athena. This excellent and high class troupe of entertainers will give the second number of the series scheduled to be given this winter under the auspices of the Athena Commercial Association, in the interest of the Athena public school and citizens generally. Tickets have been placed on sale at several stores and the public school as a whole will unite in disposing of tickets for the entertainment. Additional advertising matter will be distributed so that the entertainment will be given as much publicity as possible from now until the appearance of the company, which will be on Thursday evening, December 14.

Speaking of these splendid musical entertainers, the Rev. H. H. Star says, relative to the impersonator: "Chester L. Ricketts, the impersonator of the quartet, scored heavily with the audience, his rendition of a country debate being cleverly done. Taken as a whole, the first night's entertainment was worth the price asked for the entire twelve numbers."

GEO. CURRY DEAD IN MONTANA

Officers Here Asked for Information as to Whereabouts of Relatives.

Word from the police department of Valier, Montana, was received by officers in this city Monday, announcing the death of George Curry in that city on Friday December 1.

No details as to cause of death were given, only information regarding the whereabouts of relatives was desired. Curry formerly worked in this city as a butcher, and at one time was engaged in the saloon business. When working he was frugal and industrious and made money, but he would go on periodical drinking sprees when he would spend his last dollar, lose his position or sacrifice his business, with the result that he would move on to some other place and begin anew, only to again fall a victim of his weakness.

He is said to have a brother, who was one time an attorney at Baker, but whether he resides there still is not known.

Basket Social at Lamar.

The Lamar Farmers' Union will hold a basket social at the Lamar school house, next Wednesday evening December 13, to which the public is cordially invited. The proceeds will be used to defray expenses of having a Christmas tree, and it is desired to have a good crowd out to the social. Come and enjoy the hospitality of the ladies of the Union.

Matlock Elected Mayor.

W. F. Matlock, who has before filled the office of mayor of Pendleton in years gone by, was elected to that office in Monday's election over J.

Roy Raley, by a majority of 71 votes, out of a total of 1,073 votes polled. The contest was spirited and close and the defeat of Raley carried with it the rejection of the commission form of government by the margin of 37 votes. Will Moore, present incumbent was re-elected over James Johns for water commissioner. For councilman from the fourth ward, Charles Cole defeated E. L. Smith by two votes.

Annual Fair and Chicken Dinner.

The annual fair and dinner, of the ladies of the Christian church, will take place on Saturday, December 16, in the McEwen building, beneath the Masonic hall on Main street. A splendid dinner will be served from 12 o'clock until 2:30, at 35 cents a plate, and the sale will continue throughout the day. Various booths will be in place for the sale of fancy work, quilts, comforts, and articles of wear, all suitable for Christmas presents. In the evening, beginning at 5 o'clock, a Conundrum supper will be served. This will be a special feature of the day and is expected to create a sensation. Don't forget the big chicken dinner from 12 till 2:30, and the Conundrum supper.

White Slaver Bound Over.

Charged with being a white slaver in that he brought one Lena Holmes to Pendleton from Pasco for immoral purposes, John Sullivan was given a hearing before United States Commissioner Vida Johnson and bound over to appear before the federal grand jury under a bond of \$5000. The woman was also placed under a bond of \$2000 to appear before the same body.

Broken Leg Caused Lockjaw.

Several days ago Harry Leese, a laborer employed in excavating a ditch for a watermain in Pendleton, had one of his legs broken by a cavein. He was taken to a hospital where he was afterwards afflicted with lockjaw, which in a short time caused his death.

WESTON VS. ATHENA TONIGHT

High School Teams of Two Towns Will Battle Here This Evening.

The first basket ball game of the season in Athena will be played this evening, beginning at 7:30 o'clock in the High school gymnasium on Third street, south of Main, when the Weston High school team will play the Athena team.

Athena will line up this evening with Glen Dudley at center; Sharp and H. Lissuall, forwards; Max Dudley and McEwen, guards; Burke and Worthington, substitutes. Weston has the Echo team, winning one and losing one, so that a line on its work can be determined to some extent. The Athena team has been in regular practice for some time, but has played no games thus far, but those who have seen the boys in action say the Weston bunch will have to go fast if they win tonight.

The Mosgrove implement building, where the gymnasium is located for this year, has been altered in the interior to some extent and the result is that fairly good accommodations will be offered the public as regards seating facilities, warmth and ventilation. At each end of the building where the baskets are located the ceiling has been raised to permit of proper height.

CREEPING CACTUS.

Curious Plants That Will Travel Across a Desert.

"The isolation of the desert lowlands of Lower California, combined with alternations of long continued droughts and heavy rains, has resulted in the development of the richest and most extraordinary desert flora in the world," says E. W. Nelson in the National Geographic Magazine.

"Cactuses of many kinds abound, varying from giants standing with massive stuted trunks fifty to sixty feet tall to little straggling stemmed species too weak to hold themselves upright. The fruit of many of these cactuses is edible and much sought for by birds and mammals. They were once one of the main crops of the Indians who lived in this arid region. The cactus forests often form thorny jungles through which it is impossible to pass.

"After months among these thorny plants we supposed we had seen them in all their eccentric variations of forms. One morning, however, while crossing the Llano de Yrals, in front of Magdalena bay, I rode out from a dense growth of bushes into an open area and pulled up my horse in amazement at sight of the most extraordinary of them all. Before me was a great bed of the creeping devil cactus, which appeared like a swarm of gigantic caterpillars creeping in all directions. These plants actually travel away from the common center of the group, and I saw many single sections twenty or thirty yards away from the others. The part of the stem resting on the ground sends down rootlets, and the older stems die in the rear at about the same rate as they grow in front, so they slowly move away from the colony across the flats where they live."

Hard Luck Stories.

"I don't like to listen to hard luck stories, do you?"

"That depends on whether they are reminiscences or the preliminaries to a touch."—Washington Herald.

Hope is a fatterer, but the most up-right of all parasites, for she frequents the poor man's flat as well as the palace of his superior.

WESTON PROJECT WAS PASSED UP

LAND OWNERS TURN IT DOWN AT A MEETING.

A Feasible Irrigation Enterprise Given Over to the Original Promoters.

Apparently all the hard work of the original promoters of the Pine Creek irrigation project has gone for naught so far as watering land in the Weston neighborhood is concerned. The farmers over there who have the land holdings under the project and many of them ardent boosters at the inception of the undertaking flung the proposition down cold and flat at a meeting held in Weston last Wednesday.

The action taken is deplored here as well as in Weston for Athena recognized the benefits to be derived from irrigation and the hope is held forth that the promoters, two of Weston's most worthy and highly progressive citizens, will yet see their ambition realized—the water bringing additional productive wealth to home acres instead of enriching the Burlington project or some other company across the line in Washington.

Speaking of the situation an Athena man and it was his belief that the Pine Creek project could be used to irrigate preservation land and that it was not out of the question to eventually secure government aid to promote it. The Leader gives the following report of the meeting at Weston:

"The irrigation meeting Wednesday resulted in the passage of a motion to return the rights connected with the local project to the original promoters, William MacKenzie and J. M. Ashworth.

"The sentiment of the meeting was plainly against the continuance of the project and the motion was carried without preliminary debate or discussion of any sort. The absence of a number of farmers who were regarded as favorably disposed toward the irrigation movement, was noted.

"An entire reversal of sentiment among the farmers connected with the local project has been noted in the past few months. They took hold of it with enthusiasm, and subscribed a fund of about \$6000 for the permanent survey. This showed that the project is feasible and that the cost would not be excessive. However, when it came to the point of bonding their land for about \$75 an acre, the farmers began to shiver in their pedal extremities. The bond loomed large in their vision, and the benefits that irrigation would entail seemed nebulous and hazy.

"What will be done with their rights by the promoters is unknown, as they are giving out no information. They have taken a great interest in the enterprise and are personally out of pocket a considerable sum of money.

"In the case of the permanent survey was not as much as anticipated, and the subscribing farmers will get off with the payment of about 35 per cent of their subscription."

Roll of Honor.

The Roll of Honor in the Athena school for the month of November is reported as follows:

First grade.—Kohler Batts, Lualaba Dall, Edna Cartano, Herman Cray, Vera Gross, Paul Koontz, Vernon Miller, Salla Pambrun, John Pinkerton, Conrad Miller.

Second grade.—Helen Downing, Henry Knight, Dorothy Lawson, Velma McAlexander, Nina Tharp.

Third grade.—Bessie Mathers, Lloyd Mathers, Frank Miller, James Allen, Ruby Hall, Everett Knight, Vera Pennington.

Fourth grade.—Ida Crabill, Martha Hutt, Gladys Kidder, Robert Kirk, Theo Kirk, George Lionallin, Areta Littlejohn, Thelma McEwen, Belle Pambrun, Gertrude Van Winkle, Edna Cartano, Jean Lawson, Helen Russell.

Fifth grade.—Erangeline Fix, Mae Forrest, Charles Sawyer, Ruth Steen.

Sixth grade.—Joseph Brugger, Zola Keene, Verne Dudley, Blanche Fortier, Henry Koepke, James Kidder, Lloyd McPherrian, Harold McIntyre, Edward Montgomery, Bertie McCubbin, Ellen Pambrun, Vergie Russell.

Seventh grade.—Pearl Coomans, Sidney Crabill, Carl Fix, Katherine Froome, Marvin Kilgore, Leroy McCubbin, Angie Pambrun, Altrud Pambrun, Della Russell, Lawrence Tharp, Lester Vaughn.

Eighth grade.—Ruby Bannister, Vera Gross, Edna Harden, Hazel Parker, Claude Sanders.

High school.—Florence Zerba, Ruth Dickenson, Floyd Payne.

NOTICE.

The regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the First National Bank of Athena, Oregon, for the election of directors for the ensuing year and for the transaction of such other business as may lawfully come before it will be held in its office in Athena, Oregon on Tuesday the 9th day of January, 1912, at the hour of 3 o'clock p. m.

F. S. LeGrow, Cashier, December 1st, 1911.

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