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## Christmas is ahead of youbut we're ahead of Christmas! 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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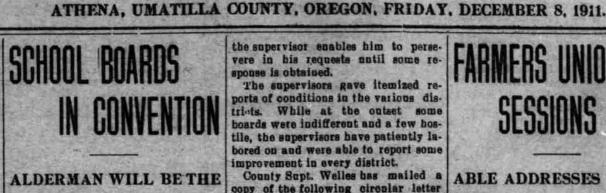
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# **County's Educational Board**

PRINCIPAL SPEAKER

**Reports Progress in Country District Schools.** 

Pursoant to the call of the Chairman, the County Educational Board

a. m., Friday, December 1. Considerable attention was given to the contemplated holding of local present, were called upon for a report of their work. They responded as tully as the time at their disposal would permit. They spoke of the difficulties which they had encountered as a resullt of the newness of their work, and the slight understanding of it possessed by the public.

The supervisors called attention to the fact that the efficacy of their work depends in large measure upon the attitude toward them of the pub lic generally, but of the school boards and school teachers in particular. They found much evidence of the need of close supervision of the rural schools. As they have gone from dis houses with poor light, insufficient means of ventilation and heating, bad

out-houses, no woodsheds, unsanitary drinking water, absence of flags, worn out blackboards, libraries without book cases and many other evidences of inattention.

These conditions have been called to the attention of the boards, and a great deal of improvement has been made. While formerly the county superintendent has called these conditions to the attention of the boards

from year to year, his appeals have

The supervisors gave itemized re-ports of conditions in the various dis-triets. 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 Supt. Welles has mailed a copy of the following circular letter to members of school boards of the county: "In accordance with Section 72 of

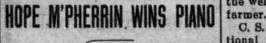
the School Laws of 1911, I hereby call

a School Board Convention to meet at Program and Banquet Par-the courthouse in Pendleton, on Sat-urday, December 16, 1911, at 10 o'. ticipated in By 250 Delegates clock a. m

"Your office is a very important one Each year you expend over \$200,000 of public money, you employ nearly two hundred teachers and have direct control of the education of several thousand obildren. This is a great of Umatilla County, Oregon, met at responsibility, and you should take the court house in Pendleton at ten advantage of every opportunity to

keep yourselves informed regarding your duties. This is the principal object of the School Board Convention. institutes and patrons' meetings As the session lasts only one day, 1 throughout the county. When this feel that it is the duty of every disfeature of the work had been complet- triot officer to attend. One delegate ed, the school supervisors, who were from each district is allowed two dollars from the general fund of the county for his expenses and I recom-mend that you take enough money from the funds of the district to meet attention and approval. the necessary expenses of all the dis-trint officers; provided that you do not appropriate more than five dollars for this purpose.

ranged. The principal speaker will be State Superintendent L. R. Alder-"An interesting program is being arman of Salem. The Pendleton Male containing a message of importance, and Secretary Jack Keefe of the Pen-Quartet will sing and there will also be other entertaining features. You dieton Commercial club ropsed his are all urged to come and to take part bearers to a high pitch of enthusiasm in the discussions. This is your meet with an earnest and eloquent speech, ing, and I hope that every one of our in which he told of the fundamental triet to district they have found many four hundred district officers will reasons why every commercial club is make an effort to attend."



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

Mr. Davis of La Grande, who spoke Miss Hope McPherrin won the prize straight from the shoulder regarding piane in the Fix & Radtke voting many of the problems that confront the farmer as an individual and the Miss Pearl Coomans won second prize, Union as an organzation.



ABLE ADDRESSES DELIV. ERED BY DELEGATES.

From Over State.

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 Raisy carried with it the detect of Kaley carried with it the rejection of the commission form of government by the margin of 87 votes. Will Moore, present incom-bent was re-elected over James Johns for water commissioner. For council-man from the fourth ward, Charles Cole defeated E. L. Smith ty two votes votes.

Annual Fair and Chicken Dinner. The annual Fair and dinner, of the ladies of the Christian church, will splandid 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 te in place for the sale of fancy Approximately 250 delegates from work, quilts, comforts, and articles of wear, all suitable for Christmas presall portions of the state of Oregon attended the second annual convention ents. In the evening, beginning at 5 of the Farmers' Union at Peadleton

o'clock, a Conundrum supper will be served. This will be a special feature which opened Tuesday with President C. C. Conner ably presiding, says the of the day and is expected to create a Live Wire. Co-operation, nuity and greater organized strength was his sensation. Don't forget the big onicken dinner from 12 till 2:30, and the theme, taken up by the greater num Conundrum supper. ber of the speakers who followed while the elimination of the middle

## White Slaver Bound Over.

men, and good roads, together with Charged with being a white slaver agricultural education along improved in that he brought one Lena Bolmes tolines of practical science also received Pendleton from Pasco for immoral Following a song by the andience and an eloquent address of welcome by Mayor Murphy of Pendleton, State President J. W. McAllister of LaGrand missioner Vida Johnson and bound over to appear before the federal grand jury under a tond of \$5000. delivered an able address in which bo The woman was also placed under a terest to the delegates. Dan P. Smythe delivered an excellent address, same body.

Broken Leg Caused Lockjaw,

Several days ago Harry Leese, a laporer 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 afterward afflicted with lockjaw, which vitally and supremely interested in in a short time caused his death. the welfare and improvement of the



### 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 project and the motion was carried evening, beginning at 7:80 o'clock in the High sobool gymnasium on Third without preliminary debate or discus-sion of any sort. The absence of a

CREEPING CACTUS.

Curious Plants That Will Travel

Across a Desert.

"The isolation of the desert lowlands

"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 Yrais, in front

of Magdalena bay, I rode out from a

dense growth of bushes into an open

area and pulled up my horse in amaze-

ment at sight of the most extraordi-

dinary of them all. Before me was a

great bed of the creeping devil cactus,

which appeared like a swarm of gigan-

tic caterpillars creeping in all direc-tions. 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

Hard Luck Stories.

a touch."-Washington Herald.

ace of his superior.

"I don't like to listen to hard luck



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Athena Merchants Carry Big Stocks

LAND OWNERS TURN IT DOWN AT A MEETING.

take place on Saturday, December 16, A Feasible Irrigation Enterin the McEwen building, beneath the Masonio hall on Main street. A prise Given Over to the Or-

iginal Promoters.

Apparently all the bard work of the original promoters of the Pine Oreek 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 turned 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 purposes, John Sullivan was given a irrigation and the hope is held forth hearing before United States Com- that the promoters, two of Weston's most worthy and highly progressive citizens, will yet see their ambition realized -- the water bringing additinal productive wealth to home acres tond of \$2000 to appear before the instead of enriching the Burlingame project or some other company across the line in Washington.

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

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

"The sentiment of the meeting was plainly against the continuance of the

Athena.

**BUNDY & CHRISTIAN** 

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iness for Christmas

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these are the unique novelties in which early shoppers find joy in selecting.

Therefore we advise all those who shop for Christmas, to

been only partially complied with, baying received 1,218,600 votes. Th contest ended Thanksgiving day, and and as the multiplicity of his duties had oreated great interest from the prevented his return to the districts to investigate conditions, there has beginning. The prize winners are as been no second reminder. Under the follows: present system, the frequent return of

Miss Hope McPheirin, first prize, Kranse Grand piano, free. Miss Pearl Coomans, second prize

due bill of \$260 on Krause Grand Miss Bertha Ferguson, third prize, due bill of \$250 on Krause Grand

Miss Gertie Booher, fourth prize. due bill of \$240 on Krause Grand pia-

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

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## New Athena Hotel.

The Athens Hotel, under the man gement 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 uptodate

lunch counter, which is modern in every particular. He makes a specisity of quick orders in this department and is prepared to serve oysters in any style, crabs, clams and other acies on short notice either day or night. The sleeping spartments are clean, well ventilated and comfortable, and on the whole, the Athena Hotel is a good place at which to-put

## 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 32 Colt blew out his brains. He was from Spokane, where his wife is con ducting his clothing business.

Esther, 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 incorrigible and no longer under the control of her parents.

### Stumbled on the Will.

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

AHIGH CLASS ENTERTAINMENT

Second Number of Lecture and Entertainment Course Thursday Evening.

on the program as well as that of C. S.

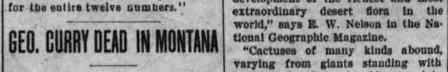
Curry of Portland, was ably filled by

When the Rickelts Concert Company comes to town next Thursday evening an entertasinment of high standard will be offered the people of determined to some extent. The Ath-Athena. This estimable and high class | ena team has been in regular practice troupe of entertainers will give the for some time, but has played no second number of the series scheduled games thus far, but those who have to be given this winter under the auspices of the Athena Commercial Association, in the interest of the Athena | win tonight. The Mosgrove implement building, public school and citizens generally.

Tickets have been placed on sale at where the gymnasium is located for several stores and the public school as this year, has teen altered in the inwhole will unite in disposing of terior to some extent and the result is tickets for the entertainment. Addi-tional advertising matter will be dis-be offered the public as regards seattrituted so that the entertainment will ing facilities, warmth and ventilation. be given as much publicity as possible At each end of the building where from now until the appearance of the the baskets are located the celling bas company, which will be on Thursday | been raised to permit of proper height. evening, December 14.

Speaking of these splended musical sutertainers, the Peoria, 111. Star save, relative to the impersonator: "Chester L. Ricketts, the impersonator of the quartet, scored heavily with the audience, his rendition of a

of Lower California, combined with country debate being cleverly done. alternations of long continued droughts Taken as a whole, the first night's entertainment was worth the price asked development of the richest and most for the entire twelve numbers."



massive fluted trunks fifty to sixty feet tall to little straggling stemmed to-Whereabouts of Relatives. species too weak to hold themselves

to pass,

Word from the police department of by birds and mammals. They were Valier, Montana, was received by once one of the main crops of the Inofficers in this city Monday, apnouncdians who lived in this arid region. ing the death of George Curry in that The cactus forests often form thorny city on Friday December 1. jungles through which it is impossible

No details as to cause of death were given, only information regarding the whereatonts of relatives was desired. Ourry formerly worked in this city as a butcher, and at one time was en gaged in the saloon business.

dustrious and made money, but he would go on periodical drinking sprees when he would spend his last dollar lose his position or sacritica his business, with the result that he would move on to some other place and begin anew, only to again fall a viotim of

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

## Basket Social at Lamar.

The Lamar Farmers' Union will bold a basket social at the Lamar

front, so they slowly move away from school house, next Wednesday evening the colony across the flats where they December 13, to which the public is live." 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. stories, do you?" Come and enjoy the hospitality of the "That depends on whether they are ladice of the Union. reminiscences or the preliminaries to

## Matlock Elected Mayor.

W. F. Matlock, who has before Hope is a flatterer, but the most upfilled the office of mayor of Pendleton right of all parasites, for she frequents in years goue by, was elected to that office in Monday's election over J. the poor man's flat as well as the pal-

street, south of Main, when the Wes- number of farmers who were regarde ton High school team will play the as favorably disposed toward the irrigation movement, was noted. Athena team. Athena will line up this evening

"An entire reversal of sontiment among the farmers connected with the with Glen Dudley at center; Sharp and H. Lieuallen, forwards; Max Dudlocal project has been noted in the past few months. They took hold of ley and McEwen, guards; Burke and Worthington, substitutes. Weston bas it with entbusiasm, and subscribed a fund of about \$6000 for the permaplayed a couple of games with the nent survey. This showed that the pro-Echo team, winning one and losing ject is feasible and that the cost one, so that a line on its work can be 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 seen the boys in action say the Wesin their vision, and the benefits that ton bunch will have to go fast if they 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 aum of money.

"I he cost of the permanent survey was not as much as anticipated, and the subscriting farmers will get off with the payment of about 25 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 Betts, Luciada Dell, Edra Cartano, Herman Crusand heavy rains, has resulted in the ey, Verva Gross, Paul Koontz, Vernon Miller, Sadie Pambrun, John Pinkerton, Courad Miller.

Second grade.—Helen Downing, Hen-ry Knight, Dorothy Lawson, Velma

MøAlexander, Nina Tharp. Third grade. – Bessie Mathers, Lloyd Mathers, Frank Miller, James Allen, Ruby Hall, Everett Knight, Verna Pennington

upright. The fruit of many of these Fourth grade.-Ida Crabill, Martha Hutt, Gladys Kidder, Robert Kirk, Theo Kirk, George Lieuallen, Areta cactuses is edible and much sought for Littlejohn, Thelma McEwen, Belle Pambiun. Gertrude Van Winkle, Euid Cartano, John Lawson, Helen Russell.

Fifth grade.-Evangeline Fix, Mae Forrest, Charles Sawyer, Ruth Steen. Sixth Grade.-Joseph Brugger, Zola Keene, Verne Dudley, Blanche Fortier, Henry Koepke, James Kidder, Lloyd McPherrin, Harold McIntyre, Edward Montgomery, Bertle McCubbins, Ellen Pambran, Vergie Russell.

Seventh grade,-Pearl Coomans, Sidney Crabill, Carl Fix, Katherine Froome, Marvin Kilgore, Leroy Mo. Cubbius, Angle Pambrun, Altrad Pamtrun, Della Russell, Lawrence Tharp, Lester Vaughn.

Eighth grade.-Ruby Bannister, Vera Gross, Edna Harden, Hazel Parker, Claude Sanders. High school.-Flovence Zerba, Rath

Dickenson, Floyd Payne.

### NOTICE

The regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the First National Bank of Athena, Oregon, for the elsotion of directors for the eusning 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 2 o'clock F. S. LeGrow, D. D. December 1st, 1911.

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