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The Portland Journal of Monday, concerning the present outlook of the wheat market, says:

All parts of the world are now either buying northwest wheat or inquiring for it. From Vladivostok, Siberia, to Liverpool and from the uppermost portion of Puget Sound down to Mexico and through that republic the call is coming for northwest grain.

The demand today is the greatest ever known in this section and only a small amount of wheat probably 10,000,000 bushels, are in all hands to fill it.

Were this call for the cereal alone the only factor, conditions here would not be so wild as they are. Not only is there the greatest foreign call for our wheat, but our flour is wanted so badly by the orient that the trade there is willing to order five months or more ahead to get it. There are orders in the market today for delivery the latter part of May.

With all this activity in wheat and flour the farmers are reaping benefits not dreamed of at the start of the season. Wheat prices are advancing from 1 to 30 a bushel almost every day. The market is so wild at this time that there is no telling what will happen tomorrow.

Some even predict \$1 wheat before the new grain is ready for delivery. In any event if flour orders continue to come for a few weeks as lively as they have done within the past month there will not be more than two-thirds enough wheat to fill the call.

In the midst of all this wild fluctuation in the wheat and flour market, Mitsui & Co., the Rothschilds of Japan, have come to the front as having complete control of the situation. The firm stands to make several hundred thousand dollars on recent purchases of wheat and flour in the Pacific northwest as a result of the advanced prices alone.

The firm has a local branch where affairs for the Pacific northwest are directed. When the demand for flour and wheat began to come from the orient it was found to the dismay of the local trade that the Mitsui company had a "corner" on nine tenths of the freight room on all the steamers that were to leave Pacific northwest ports for months to come. The firm is said by many to be merely a part of the Japanese government which is said to have accounted for its advance information in recent years when duties were to be remade and freight charges changed.

Gun Play at Helix.

Dick Lee a former resident of Helix went to that place from Pendleton with the intention of shooting Charles Hopper who, Lee claims, had been intimate with his wife. He met Hopper all right and leveled his revolver at him but changing his mind turned and ran into a Hivery stable where he hid the officers at bay for a couple of hours. Finally he came out leaving his gun in the hay loft. He was arrested and taken to Pendleton.

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AN ENGLISH PENSIONER.

Superannuated at Birth and Drew the Stipend All His Life.

The wife of an English cabinet minister had promised to stand godmother to an infant and, calling on the parents a day or two previous to the christening, expressed her regret that her husband had nothing left at his disposal of any importance and that the only thing he could do for her godson was to put his name on the pension list as a superannuated general postman.

Home This Month.

A. B. McEwen, accompanied by his daughter Jessica will return home from their sojourn in Europe the latter part of this month. They have spent several weeks in Scotland and Ireland and before returning will go to London Paris and Berlin taking passage at Hamburg for the trip back to America.

Athena Won From Echo.

By a score of 36 to 22 Athena High school basketball team won from Echo High school at the gymnasium Saturday evening. At no stage of the

Meldrum Lectures.

A. Mackenzie Meldrum gave his lecture on Switzerland, in the Christian church Wednesday evening, to a splendid audience, who fully appreciated the instructive discourse and the magnificent views of Swiss scenery.

New Telephone Line.

The "Skookum" rural telephone line is being established this week. The new line runs south and east from Athena to the farm of Walter Adams on the reservation. To a point west of the Bergveia farm, the wires are carried on the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Co. poles. The system is said to be one of the best rural telephone lines in the county, being constructed of tub wire and forms a metallic circuit.

May Debate "Yellow Peril" Question.

Pendleton high school and Athena high school debaters will thresh out the question as to whether or not the law excluding Chinamen from this country should be broadened to include all Asiatics, if they meet at all on the platform. The Athena superintendent in a letter to Principal Hampton submitted that question as

Wallan-Elliott.

Mr. Claude Wallan of Adams and Miss Maxine Elliot were united in marriage at the home of the bride's sister Mrs. Caspar Woodward Wednesday forenoon. A. M. Meldrum, pastor of the Christian church of this city being the officiating clergyman. The groom is a well known young farmer of the Adams neighborhood and the bride is a popular and highly respected young woman of Walla Walla.

THE WORD MELODRAMA.

Originally Meant a Play in Which Music Was Introduced.

Nowadays "melodrama" is in general use as denoting a purely sensational play, with an all but impossible hero, heroine and villain among the characters represented. Formerly the word kept more closely in its significance to actual derivation. "Melodrama" is compounded of the Greek words melos, a song, and drama, an action, a play, and was applied to two sorts of performances when it first came into use.

An Exception.

"Take my advice and mind your own affairs. No man ever got rich fighting other people's battles."

"I don't know. How about a lawyer?"—Boston Transcript.

Victor Burke will deal in S. C. White Leghorns of the Star strain, represented on the coast by Chase & Son of Waukegan. He will have a large number of eggs to offer this season.

F. B. Boyd will have a limited number of eggs for hatching from his pen of S. C. White Leghorns. Five pullets of this pen produced 98 eggs for the month of January. They are also of the Star strain, headed by a Wyckoff cockerel, purchased from W. B. Brown, of Portland.

J. M. Swagart is engaged in the breeding of poultry on an extensive scale. His pen comprises pure bred Barred Plymouth Rocks, Kellestrass prize winning White Orpingtons and the Rice strain of Anconas. Mr. Swagart has recently imported a Penson White Orpington cockerel and five prize winning Ancona pullets. A visit to his ranch north of town will convince any one that he has splendid fowls.

Louis Keen breeds S. C. Rhode Island Reds exclusively. He purchased a pure bred cockerel at the Pendleton poultry show.

Mabel Acquired.

Mabel Warner was acquitted of the charge of forging a will to the Young estate, of which she has been trying to get several different juries to believe her to be the lawful and only heir. The case occupied all of last week in the circuit court, with Judge Bradshaw of The Dalles sitting on the bench. This is about the "tenth time that Mabel has been the central figure in court, in cases outcropping from the wrangle over the ownership of this estate.

Athena Well Supplied.

With two picture shows running, socials and entertainments from time to time Athena citizens are having an assortment of amusements and entertainment at present to suit all tastes. Out of the ordinary is the lecture of Miss Belle Kearney, on next Wednesday evening. This will prove to be one of the most interesting numbers on the lyceum program. An entertaining and enlightening event will be held at the opera house tomorrow evening, when the Athena Band, assisted by vocal soloists and pianists, will give a concert.

Following on the heels of her acquittal on the charge of forging a will, Mabel Young Warner announces the discovery of another will which she says she will offer for probate.

This is the seventh will to make its appearance in the long fight that has been made between Mrs. Warner and the Watts' for the possession of the J. W. Young estate. Mrs. Warner and the wife of Dr. Watts both claiming to be rightful heirs to the estate.

Mrs. Warner alleges that she found the will buried in a rubbish heap in the rear of the Farmers Bank of Weston, and that the document has been in her possession since last August, awaiting propitious opportunity to be sprung for probate. With two notes, so Mrs. Warner's story runs, the important document which leaves the bulk of the Young estate to her and cuts the heirs now in possession of the property off with the sum of \$1, was found buried in a metal box, rusty with age and contact with the elements.

She alleges the will was found by her after overhearing a conversation between Dr. Watts and his wife, regarding which she is quoted by a Pendleton paper as saying:

"Night after night I drove out of this city and up to Weston and when Watts and his gang were least aware of the fact, I was on the job. Many is the conversation which I have overheard between them and it was in one of these that I received a clew that the will had not been burned. I overheard Mrs. Watts ask the doctor if he was sure the will had been burned. He replied that he didn't know, as he had left that to Hall."

In this will Dave Lavender is named as executor without bonds and he is directed in case he should need legal counsel to employ Charles H. Carter of Pendleton. The will is signed by J. W. Young and witnessed by Peter West and L. Honsaker, both deceased.

Mrs. Warner professes to believe the Knox instrument on which she was tried for forgery last week to be genuine, but says she has never believed it to be the last will left by her uncle, J. W. Young.

Father of Echo at Rest.

James H. Kootz, the Father of Echo, was laid to rest in the family lot in Odd Fellows cemetery in that town Friday afternoon. His nephew, Edward E. Kootz of this city attended the funeral. The deceased was born in Belmont county, Ohio, May 2, 1830, and came to Umatilla Landing in 1863. In 1881 he started the present town of Echo. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and had been identified with the Odd Fellow order since 1868.

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