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# TREES FOR

SELECTION EMBRACES SEVERAL POPULAR VARIETIES.

Trees Paid For With Funds By Ladies Auxiliary of Commercial Association.

The ornamental shade trees for the City Park arrived this week from the Washington Nursery company, of which H. H. Hill is the local agent. These trees will be planted in the Park at once. They were purchased with funds derived from a pastry sale given by the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Commercial association, and purchased through Mr. Hill.

Mr. Hill explained to his company the purpose to which the trees were to be put, and the company generously contributed \$4.90 worth of trees to the order.

The consignment embraces some of the very finest ornamental trees which have proved to be of practical value as shade trees throughout the Northwest. Included in the list is the Carolina Poplar, Linden, Sugar and Norway Maples, Elm, Chestnut, Lumbards, Mountain Ash, Birob, etc.

The trees will be set in the City Park by the Commercial Association. The soil at the Park is very fertile and the trees are expected to grow rapidly and in time afford shade in place of the Cottonwood trees that are now going to decay, and which in a few years will be practically worthless

for this purpose.
With the addition of the new shade trees it is hoped from time to time to make other and permanent improvements in the Park.

In His Own Back Yard.

Clark Wood, the well known pubisher of Weston's leading newspaper, was an Athena visitor Saturday. He came over to preside at the meeting of the delegates of the Blue Mountain League of which he is president. The distinction of being President sits lightly on the shoulders of the colonel, as does also the honor of being secretary-treasurer. He has everything and a passel more this year, and in confidence binted to Marse Watts that Boyd would be delegated to tote water and rustle tats for the players, without even the privilege of carrying a pass. All of which would indicate that the colonel's tin spangles and medals are to be jingled under the shade of the willows in his own tack yard without giving us a chance of

Meneley Concert Company.

Concerning the Meneley Concert company, which closes the season's lyceum course in Athena on Saturday evening, April 6, the El Paso, Texas Journal says: "Never before bave the El Paso people had the pleasure of listening to such a treat as that given by the Meneley Quartet. They simply captivated the people at their first appearance and the remaining sessions of the chautauqau were attended by very large crowds who were delighted with the fine singing. The Meneleys have performed here at two previous chantauquas, and each time the tent bas resounded with applause until it seemed as though the tent would be rent in twain. This quartet has a national reputation, having traveled all over the country."

Another Good Lecture.

A. Mackenzie Meldrum delivered his famous lecture, "The Adventurous Cruise of the La Ventura," at the church Wednesday evening, to a large audience. As a lecturer, Mr. Meldrum has no peer in this part of the country and his talents are recognized far and near. Next week he is scheduled to appear before Pendleton and Weston audiences. Monday he drove to Holoman, where he deliver I two sermons, and administered the ordi-

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#### NATURE'S LAUNDRY.

It is Liable to Play Pranks With the Wash In Yellowstone Park.

Nature's gifts are widely and variously distributed. In one place the elements of things are given, to be made available by labor; elsewhere she provides things ready for man's use. To gain our bread the seed must be first sown and months afterward the grain harvested, thrashed and ground. But the native of the Pacific isles plucks his bread from the breadfruit tree. Perhaps nature foresaw the overworked and not overstrong housewife to whom "washing day" is a dread and burden when she established here and there natural washtubs and washing machines and in some places even provided ready made

In the Yellowstone National park the family washing is easily disposed of. The soiled bedding and clothing are put into a stout bag, which is hung in one of the bolling springs and left there while the party wanders about sightseeing. When taken out the clothes are so clean and white that no rinsing is necessary.

On one occasion a party hung their bag of clothes in the basin of the geyser called "Old Giant" and, wandering off, were absent longer than they intended to be. While they were away the "Glant" spouted, and the garments were thrown high in the air, torn into shreds and scattered.-Exchange.

#### CHINESE TREASURES.

"Rubbings" on Paper From Ancient Tablets and Monuments.

Chinese men of letters are exceedingly fond of ancient records in the shape of long scrolls of paper "rubbings" from famous stone tablets and monuments. The Liu Li Chang stationers of Peking are extensive traders in these. They send special agents on long trips to shrines or arrange with the local people at the place of a noted monument to take paper rubbings from it. The usual rubbing is a field of black where the face has been inked, the lettering cut into the marble remaining white on the paper rub-

To the foreigner in China rubbings from the tablets the one left by the Nestorian Christians at Sianfu, in Shensi, about 600 A. D. and the Mo-

Those from the tablets at the temple of Confucius at his burial place, Chefoo, in Shantung, are among the collections of the Chinese man of education. So many rubbings have been taken from several of the tablets which bear line portraits of Confucius that the lines and the letters on the stone have become so faint that the government has prohibited further rubbings being taken.-New York Sun.

Man More Liquid Than Solid.

Every fiber and every cell that enters into the formation of a living body is bathed in moisture, by which means alone these ultimate elements are kept alive and are enabled to carry out their duties. Even the bones, which appear to be the most solid of all, owe more than half their weight to the presence of fluid. That our bodies contain a large amount of fluid is proved in a striking manner by the blisters which rise after the infliction of a burn. Water, in fact, plays a very important part in the human anatomy, for it is through its agency that the vital processes of digestion, absorption and the excretion of waste products are carried out. To reduce the whole matter to figures and taking 154 pounds to be the total weight of an average full grown man, it is said that water alone accounts for 109 pounds of the whole

Tortoise Shell.

The finest of tortoise shell is said to be that which comes from the Indian archipelago, although much of that obtained on the Florida coast is of the very best quality, says the Scientific American. There are three rows of plates on the back of the animal called "blades" by the fishermen. In the central row are five plates and in each of the others four plates, the latter containing the best material. Besides these, there are twenty-five small plates around the edges of the shell, known as "feet" or "noses." The blggest turtle does not furnish more than sixteen pounds of shell. Formerly the undershell was discarded as worthless, but now it is much esteemed for its delicacy of coloring. Sometimes imi-tation of tortoise shell is made of the horns of cows.

A Policeman's Duty. Some of the answers given by can-

didates for the Chicago police force at a recent examination were: "The duties of a policeman are to guard the peace and limb of the city."

"If I found a man on my beat suffering with a broken leg I would ask him his name, address, age, occupation, married or single, and would then see if he would rather go home or to "Burgiary is a crime where you

crawl in a man's house with the intention of intimidating to steal."-Chica-

His System.

"Do you count your chickens before hey are hatched?" asked the visitor. "You bet I do!" says the dealer in mining stocks and promoter of town sites. "I not only count 'em before they are hatched, but sell 'em before the eggs are laid."-Judge's Library.

A want of sympathy leads to the greatest ignorance in the intellect as | 1912. well as in the heart

### ATTORNEY WATTS FOR CIRCUIT JUDGE

MAY OPPOSE PHELPS FOR RE-PUBLICAN NOMINATION.

Friends Prevail Upon! Athena Lawyer to Enter Race With

Present Incumbent.

The friends of Attorney Homer I. Watts of this city are prevailing upon him to enter the campaign on the republican ticket as candidate for cir ouit judge of this district.

Mr. Watts' encouragement comes from toth republicans and democrats in this and Morrow counties. At the present time there is but our avowed candidate in the field for the judgeship-Judge Phelps, the present in cumbent. In all likelihood there will be no democrat out for the office so if Mr. Watts concludes to make the race the result of nomination will lay between Mr. Phelps and himself.

Mr. Watts is making a short canrass of Morrow county to size up the situation there. A great deal of support has been offered him over there if he consents to run, and for several weeks Umatilla county men have teen trying to gain his consent to enter the campaign.

In addition to his law practice, Mr. Watts is identified with extensive farming interests here, and for this reason he naturally hesitates to strive for judicial office at this time. The tench, so he realizes, would require practically all of his time and would require his residence at the county seat. However, sufficient persuasion and influence having been brought to bear through unsolicited interest exeroised on the part of his friends, Mr. Watte is seriously considering the mattr and may conclude to enter the

#### BAND CONCERT TOMORROW EVE

Second Appearance of Athena Band in Public Concert This Season.

For the second time this season, the Athena Band will appear before an Athena audience in public concert at the opera house tomorrow evening. The band will be assisted in the con cert by a number of vocalists, and special selections on the piano and violin

are prominent features of the program. Under the direction of Prof. Edgar Smith, the Band has made commend able advancement and the selections for tomorrow night's entertainment comprise classical productions as well as the lighter and popular compositions of the day.

As announced, the program for tomorrow night will be: March, Iron King Band. - Thos. H. Northup, Piano duet.

Katherine Froom and Hazel Parker. Solo, Kerry Dance, - J. L. Molloy, Mrs. Newsom. Napoleon's Last Charge, - E. T. Paul Miss Ethel Johnson. Soldiers Life, Keller Bela, - Band.

- King of the Desert Owen Rusie. Violin solo, Ziguenerweisen, Sarasate John Braden.

Piano duet, Waltz, - Moszkoroski Misses McCaughy and Tharp. Evangeline Fix. Recitation, Sei Nicht bas, Zeller, Moszkoroski. Piano solo.

Miss Flora McCaughy Song, "My Dear Jerushy." Gaynor, Lucile Taylor. Rhapsody 12, Chas. O. Blakeslee. Selection "Head Light," - DeWitt

Band. Alexander's Ragtime Band Koontz and Hawks. Holzman, Medley, All Hits,

Deed Over Allotted Lands.

Ralph McBain, who was bound over in the sum of \$1500 to appear in the federal court on the charge of stealing Indian horses, has furnished bonds in that sum and was in the city this week, interviewing his attorney, Homer I. Watts. William H. McBain and Maggie Wilson deeded their allotments in trust to Major Lee Moorehouse of Pendleton, to insure the appearance of accused before the grand jury in June.

Milliken, Tailor. B. H. Milliken, Athena's well known tailor, clothes cleaner and presser, is better prepared than ever to attend to the wants of his oustomers. He has the exclusive agency here for the celebrated Mark G. Harris clothing made to order. He gives special attention to cleaning and pressing, and makes a specialty of the dry cleaning process. His charges are always reasonable and be guarantees

Call for City Warrants. Notice is hereby given that the City of Athena will redeem outstanding City Warrants bearing serial numbers 431, 432, 433, 434, inclusive. Interest ou said warrants will cease on and after this date. Dated at Athena, Oregon, this the 19th day of March. Victor C. Burke,

City Treasurer. brary.

#### KING OF THE ASPS.

This Reptile, the Most Venomous of Snakes, is Death Itself. The most venomous of snakes is said to be the Echis carinata of India. It is about eighteen inches long and of a

gray color. The creature is death it-

self and carries in its head the secret

of destroying life with the concentrat-

ed agony of all the poisons. The Echis carinata is tolerably common in India, being found in nearly every part of the peninsula.

Fortunately, however, for man, it is not, like the cobra, a house frequenting snake, for its aggressive habits would make it infinitely more fatal to life than its dreaded relative.

This king of the asps does not turn to escape from man, as the cobra will, or flash into concealment, like the koriat, but keeps the path against its human assailant and, pitting its own eighteen inches of length against its enemy's bulk, challenges and provokes

A stroke with a whip will cut it in two or a clod of earth disable it. But such is its malignity that it will invite attack by every device at its command, staking its own life on the mere chance of its adversary coming within the little circle of its power. At most the radius of this circle is twelve inches. Within it at any point lles certain death, and on the bare hope of hand or foot trespassing within its reach the Echis carinata throws its body into a figure of eight coil. Then it attracts attention by rubbing its loops together, which, from the roughness of the scales, make a rustling, hissing sound, erects its head in the center and awaits attack.

It is said that no one, having once encountered this terrible reptile, can ever forget its horrifying aspect when thus aroused, its eagerly aggressive air, its restless coils, which, in constant motion one over the other and rustling ominously all the while, stealthily but surely bring it nearer and nearer to the object of its fury .-Harper's.

#### TWO NEW HATS.

The Scheme That Won Them and the Way It Was Worked.

A man who used to be in politics and was a constant borrower found himself in need of a new hat, but he he represents. couldn't find anybody who would let

Finally he went to an acquaintance and said: "I want to borrow \$50 for five min

"You can have it if you will put up couple of fingers for security." "Nix. Now, I've got a scheme. You me get out of your sight. If you do

it I'll stake you to a new hat." Mystified, but curious, the acquaintance agreed to this, and the two re paired to a prominent hat store.

"Waft a minute," said the adventurer and left his backer doing sentry duty on the sidewalk. Picking out the most important look

ing personage in the store, the politician went up to him and said: "I am So-and-so of the -- district. I have come to pay for two hats for which I have given orders on you to two of my constituents."

With that he flashed a fifty dollar There was a scurrying around, a search of books and a reply that no

such orders had been presented. "Just look out for them, will you?" said the district leader, waving the big bill, which was hypnotic in its way, for the clerk bowed low and said,

Half an hour later two orders were presented and two hats left the store. -Chicago Post.

The History of "Stepmother." "Stepmother" is a word with a commonly unsuspected history. Probably most people if called upon to explain it would say that it meant a woman who had stepped into the place of the true mother. Dr. Johnson, at any rate, believed that this was the suggestion of the word to most minds. Iteally, to be devoted to paying for a piano, "step" is the Anglo-Saxon "steop," the original meaning of which appears to have been "orphaned." Stepchild, stepbairn, stepson and stepdaughter came first, and then by gradual fading of It includes Col. Clark Wood, who the etymological meaning of "step" stepfather and stepmother came into being .- London Chronicle.

Japanese Landowners.

A landowner in Japan owns the sur face and products of the land only. All minerals under the surface appertain not to him, but to the Japanese government. Moreover, should the government or its nominee wish to extract the minerals lying under a landowner's property the latter, though he would, of course, receive compensation for loss, cannot object on legal ground to the development of these minerals.-British Consular Report.

His Motion. "De meetin' had to disband very sud "Did you make the motion to ad

yourn?" "I did." "How did you do it?" "I made a motion like I was reachin' toh a razor."-Pittsburgh Press.

"John," exclaimed the inebriated printer's wife, "when you come home in that condition at this unseemly hour I hardly know what to call you!" "'At's awright, m'dear," cajoled the printer. "Jus' put me in the 'too late

### LEAGUE MOGULS

IN SESSION HERE

#### ORGANIZATION PERFECTED BY CLUB DELEGATES.

Pendleton Clamors Against Proposed Salary Limit Restricted to Batteries.

With delegates from Walla Walla. Milton-Freewater, Athena-Weston and Pendleton, the Blue Mountain League was launched for the season of 1912,

in this city Saturday. Clark Wood, of Weston, was elected president and secretary treasurer of the league and his election to these offices meets with the unqualified approval of all fans in the towns repre-

sented in the league. The delegates got down to business in the forenoon, the organization of the league was soon accomplished and the details were then ready for discussion, and when the meeting adjourned the delegates, without exception, were pleased with the conditions of agreement under which the teams

will play this season. A splendid feature introduced into the schedule for this year is the doubling of the number of games to be played. Saturday and Sunday games will be played in series, the same teams participating in the two games. dividing the gate receipts on the basis of 60 and 40 per cent, the home team taking 60 per cent and the grand stand receipts, the visiting team 40

per cent of the gate receipts. A salary not to exceed \$225 per month for batteries is provided for in the articles of agreement, other players on the teams to be paid only from the net gate receipts, to be apportion. ed as the respective managers may deem best for the interests of the club

Mr. Estes, who represents ton at the meeting, acquiesced in this part of the agreement but it appears from reports in the Pendleton East Oregonian that the county seat fans do not approve of the \$225 limitation on salaries. The Pendleton paper states that unless the other teams in the league recede from this posilend me the fifty and you needn't let tion, Pendleton will refuse to enter the league and the fans there will direct their energies toward organiz-

> ing a city league. The provisions of the agreement give umpires a salary not to exceed \$10 for each game and they are authorized to suspend players or fine them for disorderly conduct, the fines to be not less than \$5 nor more than

Managers will not be permitted to borrow players from any club in the league and should a player be released from a team, he shall be released for the entire season and shall be disqualified from playing in the league without the written consent of all four managers. Violation of this rule is punishable by a fine of \$10 and the game in which the player took part, forfeited.

Each team in the league shall deposit a forfeit of \$100 with the president of the league as a guarantee that it will floish the season as per solel-

The season opens with Athena-Weston at Walla Walla, and Milton-Freewater at Pendleton on Saturday, April 6.

Weston Cast Play Here.

"A Noble Outcast," the well known and ever popular drama will be presented at the Athena opera house this evening by Weston talent under the auspices of the Epworth League of that city, the proceeds from the play recently purchased by the League. The play was produced recently at Weston with gratifying success, the east being an exceptionally strong one. takes the role of Jerry, the Tramp; T. L. McBride, as Col. Matthew Lee; Zane Lansdale in the role of James Blackburn; Jack Worthington is impersonated by Claud Price; Miss Doris Barnes has the part of Mrs. Lee, Miss Claudia Kelly has the difficult part of France, and the role of Sadie is given to Miss Ina Blomgren. The admittauce charge will be 25c and 35c. The play packed the Weston opera house to its full capacity and received hearty commendation from all present. A good attendance is assured for tonight.

Boy Hurt in Fight,

Joe Garrett and John Bannister, two Weston school boys, became involved in a fight on tase tall grounds of the school Tuesday, and the Garrett boy was struck on the head and was unconscious for several hours. He finally rallied and regained consciousness and it is now thought no serious results will follow from the effects of the blow.

#### Y. M. C. A. for Pendleton,

A mass meeting, presided over ny Judge J. W. Maloney, was held at Pendleton Monday evening for the purpose of organizing a tranch of the Young Men's Christian Association in that city. The state secretary of the organization was present and committo classify' department."-Judge's Li- | tees were appointed to carry on the work of outlining plans.