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ATHENA, ORE., MAR. 28, 1913

With favorable weather conditions, high school athletics will now take the attention of the students who are to participate in the county school track meet, which takes place at the Athena city park, Saturday, April 26. There are some clever athletes in the Athena schools, who are bound to give a creditable account of themselves, no matter who their opponents may be. It is understood that considerable interest is being taken in the meet this year by all the schools of the county, an indication that a large number of entries will be on hand to contest for honors. All of which is well and proper. To hold this annual athletic meet permanently, it will behoove Athena to see that the track is placed in better condition than it was last year. There was considerable dissatisfaction with the condition of the track last year, in the visiting teams, and now it is understood that Pendleton is seeking the meet for the Round-up grounds in that city after this year using the poor condition of the Athena track as argument for the change. Athena, the originator and organizer of the county school athletic meet is the logical meeting place for the annual event, for the reason that it is a point of central location and has the advantages of a splendid park. But to have a successful meet, and to give satisfaction to visiting teams, the track must be up to the standard afforded in other places where meets are held. A rough sward does not appeal to spectators who have trained on tracks of standard requirements, and their objections, timely voiced, will tend to be of assistance to any place in the county that does possess a track of proper character. The school needs assistance in the preparation of the athletic grounds and it is up to the townspeople to lend this aid.

What a vast difference exists in the appreciation of men's desire for entertainment. One would suppose that Portland and its environs would afford many attractions for its country visitors other than the exploration of minute cavities in well seasoned Swiss cheese, or a promenade up Washington street bedecked in seventeen imitation emblems of Ireland's shamrock green. To be sure, it was on St. Patrick's day. It was St. Patrick's day in Athena, but no one fell for a graft like Wood did in Portland. His spurious shamrocks cost him 10 cents per, according to his own statement. But that gag concerning seventeen different maidens don't go with me. According to a friend who observed the incident, it was the same dame, who getting on to the painful greenness of the colonel, appeared before him seventeen times and decked him in the color best suited to his complexion. To seek seclusion in the basement of a dago toothblack stand is but another indication of the character of entertainment quite to the taste of the colonel.

Of course Wilson will be relieved at Mexico City and a democrat who can discern a contraband shipment from this country of arms and ammunition from a case of cigarette papers, will relieve him. A great deal is heard of this Wilson's wise maneuvering in the interests of peace down in Mexico; but Huerta and his murderers continue to murder. This in the name of peace and reconstruction. And rebel armies continue to rise whenever and wherever required, and they are fully equipped with modern arms and ammunition, despite the fact that the only arsenal of magnitude in Mexico is at Mexico City, under absolute control of Huerta. There is a leak somewhere, and a plug is needed to stop it. Wilson, it appears, while being a long time at the Mexican court, has failed to find it. Now let a democrat deal the ambassadorial desk awhile.

The Pacific coast states have been under the infliction of unseasonable weather for the month of March, to be sure, but resultant effects do not include loss of life nor enormous property damage such as the devastating storms of the past three weeks in the south and middle west have entailed. Out here a "skiff" of snow with temperature at the freezing point is welcomed in March by rauber and fruit grower, who see in the unusual condition real protection to their crops. This coast receives the "tail-end" of the Eastern storms cut by the time

they reach here they have spent their fury and only serve as a suggestion of what they were in their prime, whisking over buildings, killing and maiming people, deluging lands and inundating towns and cities east of the Rockies.

One of our stand pat exchanges is seemingly peeved that the Wilson administration did not see fit to apprise Britain that it had advised J. Pierpont and his lieutenants that the United States treasury would not stand sponsor for Morgan's part of the six power loan. Said exchange will no doubt have many peevish coming in the future, for up to date, Wilson gives every indication of the fact that he is present, and that he will serve the whole people as president, and that criminal special privileges will, during his term of office, stand where it never stood before—in the limelight, with its greedy, grasping tentacles withheld from reaching into the government coffers.

If some one will start the ball rolling, it may result in Athena having an amateur ball team this year. Weston and Milton have already organized. A good team composed of home boys would afford amusement for lovers of the game.

AN IDLER'S SAYINGS.

Reports from Constantinople say there would be a wholesale massacre of Christians if it were not for the presence of British warships in the Dardanelles.

The poet Milton said, to enjoy heaven it is necessary to be in the other place awhile.

The Balkan war is about ended, and it is good news. Sam Sherman's description of war is correct.

Is chewing gum during church services a general practice in Oregon, or is it confined to the small towns?

On Easter Sunday this part of Umatilla county was covered with a mantle of white.

Down in Georgia masked night riders go out and whip men who are suspected of being immoral.

All is not quiet along the Rio Grande—on the Mexican side.

The oldest inhabitant doesn't remember to have had such a spring as this one in the last hundred years.

There's no shortage on dogs in Athena at present.

Fravelor: "Will there be time to get a drink now?" Guard: "Yes, sir; plenty o' time, sir." Fravelor: "What guarantee have I that the train won't go without me?" Guard (generously): "Well, sir, I'll go an' have one with you." Sydney Robinson

White and Black Lies. "What, queried the young man, 'is the difference between white lies and black lies?'"

"White lies," answered the home grown philosopher, "are the kind we tell. Black lies are the kind we hear."—Chicago News

Indeed He Has. "It is rude for a man to fall asleep while his wife is talking."

"But, good heavens, a man has to sleep some time!"—Birmingham Age Herald

The more violent the storm the sooner it is over. Seneca.

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These feats were more common in those days than in our own. It appears that the same penman presented Charles II. with another specimen of his skill—a copy of the same sermon, written on fine paper, bound in crimson "with silver clasps and corners." The book and its covers being "less than the nail of his little finger." The location of this curiosity is unknown.—London Globe.

Rats to Fear.
Some of the East African rats are monsters. The largest variety of rat—the giant rat—attains alarming proportions. These giant rats would give the most earnest cat bad dreams, and a rough time if she were to encounter one of them on her marauding expeditions.

A. J. Klein, taxidermist, Nairobi, who is collecting local specimens for an American museum, has some half a dozen examples. The rat varies from two feet to over thirty-two inches in length. The body, which is half its total length, is the color of an ordinary mouse, but is as large as that of a cat. The tail is sometimes an inch and a half and more in circumference at the base and varies from sixteen inches to a foot long. These rats frequent the bush and are to be found in fair numbers in Nairobi, Limuru and other localities.—Potchefstroom Budget.

On the Safe Side.
Patron—Do you always make your portraits flatter the subject. Artist—Yes; it is better to do that than to repoint them.—Exchange.

A man may be a blot or a blessing, but a blank he cannot be.—Chalmers.



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In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Umatilla County.
Alma Bowen, Plaintiff,
vs.
James Bowen, Defendant.
To James Bowen, the above-named defendant:—
In the name of the State of Oregon, you are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled suit on or before six weeks from the date of the first publication of this summons; and you will take notice, that if you fail to appear and answer or plead within said time, the above-named plaintiff will apply to the above entitled Court for the relief prayed for in her complaint filed herein, to-wit: For a decree of divorce forever dissolving the bonds of matrimony heretofore and now existing between the plaintiff and defendant, and for the restoration to plaintiff her maiden name, Alma Fortier, and for such other and further relief as to the court may seem equitable and meet in the premises.
This summons is published by order of the Honorable Gilbert W. Phelps, Judge of the above entitled Court, duly and regularly made and entered on the 24th day of March, 1913, the date of the first publication being on the 28th day of March, 1913.
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