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Illinois, Idaho and Utah agricultural college chemists unite in the declaration that a ton of sagebrush contains $23 worth of staple chemical products, charcoal, distillate, alcohol, creosote, etc., which can be extracted at a cost of $3 per ton. They make the statement that a railroad is selling land at $5 an acre, and inviting farmers to come in and clear the land for raising alfalfa. This land already has 25 tons of sagebrush to the acre, which can be handled at a clear profit of $20 a ton. Thus every acre of sagebrush, in their opinion, is worth $500. From their basis of estimation sagebrush is worth more than the alfalfa, yet settlers pay $3 an acre to clear it up and burn the sagebrush, instead of extracting the values. On lines of this valuation, sagebrush is worth more than all the mines in the West and would pay a profit of more than 5 per cent on the investment. Congressman Baker has taken hold of the chemist's reports and will bring the matter to the attention of congress. Eastern capital is said to be investigating the matter with a view of starting dry distillation plants in Nevada and California. In Michigan, millions are invested in the dry distillation of hard woods. They pay $5 a cord for the wood and make money. In sagebrush districts hereafter, one may expect to see guards defending ownership rights to windrows and piles of brush, instead of burning it.

The writer heard it remarked the other day that the young folks of the present do not have the fun the young people used to twenty and thirty years ago; that those of today do not stir about and skate and coast in winter, and take part in other games at proper seasons of the year as enthusiastically as the young people did a generation ago. We have noticed what appears to us to be the same tendency, but on reflection, the reason is easily apparent. In the early days St. Nicholas, Godey's Ladies' Book and Scribners were about the only magazines published and there being a dearth of good literature the family fireside was deserted by the youngsters when evening came in pursuit of interest and entertainment elsewhere. With the dozens of good magazines now at hand, the American fireside has become literaturized to a great extent and the general household have necessarily become readers instead of players and fun-seekers. This more than anything else has taken the young from the old-fashioned modes of entertainment and time-killing pursuits. The automobile too, has its niche in the mode of modern pastime.

The Helix Advocate, always optimistic, gets on the inside for information relative to a proposed electric line from Athena to the Columbia river. The advocate says: "An electric line connecting Helix with the Columbia river, Portland and coast points, is almost an assured fact, as a party of surveyors is expected soon to start surveying a line from Athena to some point on the river via Helix and down North Cold Spring canyon. The proposed line is expected to be in operation by the time the Celilo locks are open. This will give Helix and the surrounding wheat districts a reduction in freight rates to the coast, and means a great future for this part of the country. The pessimists should take warning and not be surprised to see Helix a city of several thousand inhabitants within three years. We have the resources—what we are lacking is facilities and push."

President Wilson has been reported in the dispatches as having "positively refused to recommend a Contitutional amendment providing for nation-wide suffrage in his message to the extraordinary session of Congress," saying that "this declination must not be construed as indicating that he is finally committed in opposition to the ballot for women," but that it is pursuant to "his intention of adhering to the policy pursued while governor of New Jersey, not to recommend to congress subjects of legislation which appertain exclusively to that body." It will be seen that the president takes the broad, liberal view that usurpation of the powers of congress finds no inclination on his part.

Walter H. Page, of Doubleday, Page & Co., publishers, who is also editor of The World's Work, has been appointed by President Wilson as American ambassador to Great Britian. Mr. Page was born in North Carolina in 1855, was educated at Randolph-Macon college, Virginia, and at Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore; was at one time an editor on the New York Evening Post, later editor of the Forum magazine, later still editor of the Atlantic Monthly, and finally editor of the World's Work. He was one of the leading workers in the New York Reform Club during the busiest part of its useful career.

Not a great deal in the way of efficient instruction can be expected from a poorly paid teacher in a dilapidated country school building poorly equipped. And still less may be expected when, in addition to the above condition, the boys and girls of the country school are kept out by short-sighted parents for every conceivable reason.

Dr. James Withycombe, director of the Oregon experiment Station of Corvallis is authority for the statement made at a recent meeting, that the hog has paid more detts, built more homes and bought more clothes and school books for the American farmer and his children, than any other one product.

AN IDLER'S SAYINGS.

The most immoral people on earth are the Turks, and yet the Christian nations of Europe uphold them in their rotten government.

It is said that 7,000,000 children of school age are not in school, and that one-half of these are deprived of school privileges by bad roads.

The Idler hasn't seen a real republican newspaper published in Oregon, since he came to the state, and he is not surprised at the political chaos prevalent here.—(So-o! What's the matter with g. o. p. integrity of the Pendleton Live Wire, Mr. Idler?—Ed.)

If the presence of dogs in a town is evidence of prosperity, then Athena can be classed among the most prosperous towns in the West.

The tariff is bound to be revised downwards; but we hope not radically enough to upset business or bring on a panic.

An old man hates to be called "dad" or "uncle" as the devil hates holy water.

The greatest crime of the age is the efforts of the powers in Europe to beat the Balkan States out of their fruits of victory of the war that has been the most just war of modern times. Somewhere, somehow and by some means, those powers will be punished for their nefarious course.

Huerta, as provisional president of miserable Mexico, bit off more than he could chew, and has to vamoose the hacienda. He was a bloody murderer.

Hard Work.

No matter how talented a man is, he cannot win success without hard work, but he must not be tempted to give it up because it seems like drudgery. No work can be well done by one who is unwilling to sacrifice comfort. The price of success is perseverance. As Kipling says:

Go to your work and be strong, halting not in your ways,
Balking the goal half won for an instant's dole of praise.
Stand to your work and be wise, certain of sword or pen.
We are neither children nor gods, but men in a world of men.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

In the County Court for Umatilla County, State of Oregon.
In the Matter of the Estate of John H. Hiteman, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the County Court of Umatilla county, Oregon, has appointed Henry Dell, of Athena, Oregon, administrator of the state of John H. Hiteman, deceased, and all persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same duly verified and with proper vouchers to the said administrator, at the office of Homer I. Watts, attorney, at his office, Athena, Oregon, within six months from the first publication of this notice.

Date of first publication April 4, 1913.

Henry Dell,
Administrator.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION
—OF THE—
FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF ATHENA
No. 4516.
—AT—
Athena, in the State of Oregon,
—AT THE—
Close of Business Apr. 4, '13

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts	$358 934 16
Overdrafts secured and unsecured	1 431 93
U S bonds to secure circulation	12 500 00
Bonds, securities, etc.	2 177 36
Banking-house furniture fixtures	10 000 00
Due from Nat. Banks, not reserve agents	1 455 14
Due from State and Private Banks and Bankers, Trust Companies and Savings Banks	8 64
Due from a pr'v'd reserve agents,	72 440 17
Checks and other Cash items	61 70
Notes of other National Banks	35 00
Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents,	24 58
Specie	22 574 15
Red'm'n fund with U S Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation)	625 00
Total	$ 482 267 83

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in	$50 000 00
Surplus fund	50 000 00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	3 357 81
National bank notes outstanding	12 500 00
Due to other National Banks	1 698 81
Individual deposits subject to check	240 977 94
Demand certificates of deposit	123 090 07
Certified checks	176 00
Cashier's checks outstanding	467 20
Total	$ 482 267 83

State of Oregon, } ss
County of Umatilla }

I, F. S. Le Grow, cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

F. S. Le Grow, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9th day of April, 1913.

G. H. Bishop,
Notary Public.

CORRECT—Attest:
H. Koepke,
M. L. Watts,
W. S. Ferguson,
Directors

SUMMONS.

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.

S. A. Newberry,
Attorney for Plaintiff.