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A Grant county paper sermonizes as follows: "The amount of money that leaves Grant county annually and finds its way to the mail order houses would be a revelation to one not familiar with the conditions. From the small postoffice at Monument the money order business for one year was \$22,000 or nearly \$2000 month. Long Creek run about \$85,000 per annum with other offices sending out equal amounts. Of course it would be well to keep the sum of \$150,000, which goes out of the county annually at home, but it is beginning to seem that no longer belongs to modern business. The order houses have been encroaching and their business is based upon the principle that trade is going to go where it can buy the cheapest. This is a hard principle to get away from and if it is sound the business of the mail order house will increase as time goes on. There is no use to waste any time in talking sentimental stuff about who builds the churches, pays the taxes and builds the roads, as that falls on deaf ears. The only thing that concerns the parohaser is the price of the article desired and the manner of calling his attention to it. The manner of calling his attention is the printers' ink route and if the price is better than the one that is not advertised by local stores his order leaves the county and who helps to keep up the church and build the roads and all that kind of stuff doesn't bother him. The fight against mail order houses has not been effective because the real conditions would not be recognized. We would not be honest. We would deny to ourselves what we knew was different and the only way to get at the problem is to first realize and recognize what the situation is."

The announcement comes from Portland that the highest price ever paid the producer for cattle was paid Monday, when five carloads of steers brought \$9 per hundred pounds. Little doubt exists that beef will ever again bring prices below a good margin of profit. Year by year the range becomes less, and the future beef supply must necessarily be supplied by the man who grows and feeds alfalfa or other flesh-producing forage. With the thousands of acres coming under cultivation yearly, which formerly provided range for stock free to the owner, the feeding ground for cattle has to a great extent been transferred to the barn yard and feeding shed. Hence the cost of flesh production has accordingly increased together with increase in demand. The man with a band of cattle and free range will hereafter have a mint.

"Why doesn't some congenial spirit inform Willie Hearst that the Pendleton Live Wire is usurping his prerogatives in the yellow journalistic field. As a dispenser of sensational news, elongated, the Live Wire (get the electric sparks shooting from its head) has the Hearst publications, in proportion, beaten a Mormon block."  
 —Weston Leader.

"Get the electric sparks shooting from its head?" Brother Johnson is now to sensational journalism in this county. Those are not "electric sparks," Johnson. They are grape vines.

An Oregon lad test the best record made in England in raising the greatest number of potatoes from a single tuber. An English boy raised 230 pounds from one potato, and the English papers saw something in that to crow about. A boy down at Albany, winning the state contest among school children last year, grew 600 pounds from one potato by transplanting sprouts from the original, which had 13 eyes.

The Malheur Mining News, a new sheet published at Malheur, Malheur county, is doing its part to boom that section as a mining district. Alaska in its palmest days never uncovered a more rapid succession of rich gold strikes than are reported from week to week in the News. We hope every blasted one of them is true—for Malheur is in Oregon and anything that advances Malheur advances Oregon.

During the past year there has been a large increase in the number of milk cows in the Staudfeld district. Dr. Henry Waldo Coe, who has large interests there, is at the front with a proposition to establish a cheese factory for consumption of the milk product. Doctor, don't cheese it; keep the tall rolling.

Salem has started something new in the organization of a commercial club that will include in its membership farmers and fruit growers of the surrounding country as well as business men of the city. Probably no section of the state is in closer touch with its outside territory and such a move is of great importance to both city and country.

Plenty of entertainment for the next few weeks. With the coming of the Caledonian Picnic, the Pioneers' Reunion, the Farmers Picnic and the glorious Fourth, and a few circuses and fishing excursions thrown in between times, Umatilla county people certainly will have "some place to go."

Union makes the claim it will have the biggest and best livestock show in Oregon this year. Its dates are June 5, 6, 7. The big feature of the show will be the fine horses, while the splendid cattle for which Eastern Oregon is famous will also be on exhibition in large numbers.

Trains will be running to Coos Bay in 1914, are the promise of Southern Pacific officials. The new road will give improved transportation to a district long without railroads and is certain to add tremendously to the growth of that section of the state.

**How Old's Your Tag?**  
 Records in the automobile department of the secretary of state's office show that more than 2500 automobile owners in the state have not registered their cars this year, and if they are using their machines they are running them without a 1913 license tag. The registrations for this year now exceed 10,000, and the secretary of state estimates the number will reach 13,000 by the end of the year. In Portland and Salem, and nearly every other city and town in the state, automobiles are known to be still carrying the old 1912 tags.

**8th Grade "Fuss."**  
 Being of the opinion that eighth grade graduation exercises work a hardship on many parents, that pupils neglect their work the latter part of their last year in the grades preparing for the exercises and that such exercises tend to give many pupils the idea that they have completed their school work, the principals of the three Walla Walla schools have unanimously voted that no exercises of any kind be held on June 6, the last day of school and the time when the eighth grade pupils are given their diplomas.

**Rain and Crops.**  
 While the farmers of this section are looking gloweringly askance at cloudy weather and rainfall, the farming fraternity of counties west of here is all smiles, and well it may be, for the rains come at the right time to make good wheat crops. In Gilliam and surrounding counties, commencing with showers the middle of last week it turned into a steady downpour Saturday and Sunday. Both fall and spring wheat, which was looking backward, will benefit largely and a good crop is expected now.

**Notice.**  
 Sealed bids for furnishing fifty (50) cords No. 1 4-ft. Fir Wood, to School District No. 29, will be received by the undersigned, at his office in Athena, Oregon, up to 2 o'clock, p. m., on Monday, May 26th, 1913. Said wood to be delivered on or before September 1st, 1913. Bids should state either "f. o. b. railroad depot Athena," or "delivered on school grounds." By order of the school board.  
 B. B. Richards, Chas. Betts,  
 Chairman. Clerk.

**Call for Warrants.**  
 Notice is hereby given that the following City of Athena Warrants will be redeemed by the city treasurer: City Warrants Nos. 570 to 625 and Water Warrants Nos. 615 to 681. Interest on these warrants will cease on date of publication of this notice, which is April 9, 1913.  
 Victor C. Burke,  
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 Although there is but little wheat left in the hands of the farmers, the present price is one of the highest of the year and a few small sales are reported at Walla Walla and Pendleton before the expected final drop. As high as 90 cents f. o. b. could be obtained for bluestem, while clover was quoted at 80 cents everywhere.

**Administrator's Notice.**  
 In the County Court for Umatilla County, State of Oregon.  
 In the matter of the Estate of Amos Shick, deceased:  
 Notice is hereby given that the County Court of Umatilla County, Oregon has appointed Arthur E. Shick administrator with the will annexed, of the estate of Amos Shick, 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, Athena, Oregon, within six months from the first publication of this notice.  
 Date of first publication May 9, 1913.  
 Arthur E. Shick,  
 Administrator with the will annexed of the estate of Amos Shick, deceased,  
 Homer I. Watts,  
 Atty. for Administrator.

**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 estate 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.  
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 Henry Dell,  
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**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.

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