

Press Paragraphs

Miss Anna Sell is visiting friends here from her home in Baker.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Vancil of this city, July 29, 1914 a son.

John Montgomery, a well known Pendleton grain dealer, was in the city Tuesday.

M. M. Johns is in town from Vancouver, Wash., having arrived yesterday morning.

Mrs. Walter Adams of Pendleton, visited at the A. B. Steele home in this city yesterday.

Miss Ada DeFreese returned from Lostman Springs, after spending a week at that resort.

Elmer Storey, of the Holt Manufacturing company of Walls, Walla was in the city Saturday.

Cleve Myers has moved his shoe shop into the Barrett building on the south side of Main street.

Mrs. H. A. Barrett and Miss Jessie McEwen returned Monday from a pleasant outing at Wallowa lake.

Miss Dora Myrick of Pendleton, who is taking her vacation, is at the home of her parents in this city, this week.

Miss Zelma DePent will return to her work at Walls Walla, Monday, after enjoying a two weeks' vacation.

Mrs. Bert DeVaughn, of Portland, arrived in the city last evening and is a guest of her sister, Mrs. A. B. Steele.

Mrs. Clarence Whitman of Pendleton was in the city Tuesday and attended the funeral of little Helen Richards.

Bart Kirby was in town from Adams, yesterday. He says considerable wheat is being received at the Adams warehouses.

Miss Merna DePent will resume her work at Fix & Radtke's tomorrow morning, after enjoying a vacation of two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Russell returned Sunday from a visit to Wallowa Lake. They returned by way of Hot Lake and LaGrande.

George Wanship arrived home Sunday from Newport, where he spent a two weeks' vacation, and is again at his post in the O. W. depot.

Henry Barrett informs the Press that lumber is on the ground for construction of the new warehouse on Dry Creek, near the Somerville place.

Mrs. Otis Whitman arrived in the city Monday evening from LaCrosse, Wash, in response to announcement of the death of her little niece, Helen Richards.

Mrs. Homer L. Watts, Mrs. J. D. Flannodon and Mrs. W. S. Ferguson were the ladies of the tennis club accompanying the players to the agency Wednesday.

Miss Laura McIntyre will leave Saturday morning for Lebanon springs where she will join her mother and sister, who have been at the springs for several days.

Marion Walker of Tacoma, has been in the city several days. Mr. Walker makes an annual visit to Athena, near which place he owns a section of valuable wheat land.

Dr. A. B. Stone will leave tomorrow in his touring car for Thornton, Wash., and will bring home his family, who have been visiting his parents there for several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. McPherson and Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Reed and son Veltan, will leave by team Monday for Wallowa lake, where they will enjoy a three weeks outing.

The little child of Mr. and Mrs. Ora Shigley is ill with summer complaint, and a 16 months old child in the family of W. N. Vancil is also critically ill with the same disease.

Mrs. Chas. Betts has been seriously ill at her home in the north part of town this week, threatened with appendicitis. Mrs. Betts is reported better at present and her many friends hope for no serious complications.

Dreamland program for Friday and Saturday nights: 1 and 2—"Peg o' the Movies," Edison. 3—"General Bunko's Victory," Kalem. Sunday: 1 and 2—"The House of Deceit," Biograph. 3—"Deception," Vitagraph.

Green Ester, who recently purchased the Lou Reed place on the Umatilla last week sold it to John Thompson, the well known stockman, consideration not given. Mr. and Mrs. George Braze will reside on the place.

Judge Fee is in town today on professional business.

For Sale.—Two sound, young work mares and a mule colt. Louis Keen, Fieswater, Ore.—Adv.

For Sale.—Charles Grove, phone 39712, Athens, has a good team of mares, harness and wagon, and a splendid milk cow, which he offers for sale at a reasonable price.—Adv.

Mrs. L. S. Vincent is spending the heated term at Mesoham. Mr. Vincent visited the camp Wednesday, and reports a large number of people at the popular resort enjoying the cool mountain breezes.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Rider came down from North Yakima Monday evening, for the purpose of attending the funeral of Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Richards' little daughter. Mr. Rider is a brother of Mrs. Richards.

Mr. and Mrs. Casper Woodward and Mr. and Mrs. David Stone spent Wednesday at Biggam springs. They were accompanied by Mrs. Joseph Jansen, of Blytheville, Arkansas, a sister, who is visiting the ladies.

Mrs. W. P. Littlejohn suffered a severe cut on the arm Sunday afternoon, by the breaking of a lamp chimney in her hands. An ugly gash laid open the flesh, necessitating the taking of four stitches by Dr. Stone, who was called.

Still there is a big demand for houses to rent in Athens. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Radtke who are occupying the residence recently purchased by Dr. Welch, will live in a tent, "taking their meals out," temporarily, until other arrangements may be made.

Mark Moorehouse, of Pendleton, whose illness was mentioned in the Press of last week, died at his home in that city, Wednesday afternoon. The young man was well known throughout the county, and was the only son of Major Lee Moorehouse.

Mrs. Janie Woodruff, accompanied by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tompkins, went to her home at Two Rivers, Wash., where she will settle up her affairs, before taking up her permanent residence in Athens. Mr. and Mrs. Tompkins have returned home.

Miss Odessa Russell, while visiting at the home of a friend near Helix, fell from a horse and received serious injury to her head. She remained unconscious for a number of hours. She was brought to her home in this city, and gradually recovered from the shock.

Mrs. A. B. McKwan in company with her sister, Mrs. J. S. Norvell of Helix, has gone for a visit at their old home in Tennessee. The ladies accompanied Mr. Norvell when he conveyed the body of his aged mother, who recently died at his home, east for burial.

M. L. Watts went down to Portland Saturday to visit his wife, who is receiving medical treatment there. Mr. Watts returned Monday and reports very satisfactory progress in her health. Mrs. Watts having gained about 20 pounds since beginning the course of treatment.

Photographer Allen, of Pendleton, was in the city Wednesday, and left during the day for the barret field to take pictures of different combine outfits for the Holt Manufacturing company. Mr. Allen recently returned from the East, where he went some months ago for benefitting his health.

One of the best pictures shown for some time at the Brenland theatre, was thrown upon the screen Wednesday evening. It was a 3-reel special, entitled "The Wreck," and the cost of the picture must have been a deal to secure, for two locomotives and three coaches were demolished in the making.

Contrary to announcement made in the Press, the local auxiliary of the O. W. B. M. announces that the meeting for August will be held, but the date will be August 12, instead of the 6th as indicated in the year book. The meeting will be of special interest, and will be at the home of Mrs. B. D. Tharp.

A grass fire on Mrs. Fred Gross' premises, at the corner of Fourth and High streets, became so threatening Saturday forenoon, that an alarm was turned in summoning the fire department. A stiff breeze was blowing from the west, and the flames could not be controlled by Mrs. Mitchever, who recently moved into the property.

Al. Johnson came in Wednesday evening from Lebanon springs, where the family are encamped for the summer, having made the trip on horseback. He will take a team and back back with him for making trips out from camp. Mr. Johnson reports glorious weather at the springs, and all Athenaites at that popular resort, happy and having a good time.

Athena tennis players went down to the Agency Wednesday afternoon and tried conclusions with Major Swartzlander's players, and came off the court winners. Swartzlander and Elliott won at doubles over Brooks and Flannodon, 6-1 and 7-5; but Brooks won in the singles over Elliott 6-4 and 6-4, while Ledrow and Cannon won from Bolen and Walker, 7-5 and 6-3. A return match will be played on the Athens court next week.

J. H. Kelly, who 24 years ago was O. R. & N. agent in Athens—then Centerville—is in the city from Portland. Mr. Kelly is renewing acquaintance with old timers, with whom he delights in recounting neighborhood events that transpired during his service here. When he left here, Mr. Kelly was relieved by A. R. Bradley. For a long time he was in Alaska as superintendent of a steamship line. He now resides at Portland, and is engaged in the real estate business.

Moss Taylor and a harvest hand in his employ, had a little difficulty out at the ranch which was settled, apparently, so far as Moss was concerned with a club which produced an abrasion on the young man's head from which several splinters were extracted. The young fellow evidently is not accustomed to that kind of treatment and swore out a warrant for Taylor's arrest on the charge of assault with intent to kill. Taylor had his hearing before Judge Richards, who bound him over to the grand jury.

Wayne Chamberlain, who passed his early boyhood days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. LaFayette Chamberlain in this city, passed through Athena Sunday by automobile, en route for California. He was accompanied by his wife and child. Mr. Chamberlain expected to visit with his aunt, Mrs. Wilkinson, but found the family away on their summer vacation, so contented himself with renewing old friendships for a few hours with Emory Worthington, Hartert Parker and other boyhood chums.

While coming to town Tuesday, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Swaggart were thrown from a cart to which they were driving the little pony "Obey-ene." Of late the pony has developed a pronounced fear of automobiles and has been cutting all kinds of capers. The riders in this instance were thrown when the cart collided with a fence at the Hopper place in the north part of town. Mrs. Swaggart escaped without injury, but Link, who found himself at the bottom of the heap, was shaken up considerably and lugged up in his old rheumatic knees. Austin Foss suggests that Link had better let his foreman, Master Wayne Swaggart, break the pony before he attempts to drive her.

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LIFE IN THE LONG AGO.

When Huts Were Homes and Beds Were Shakedown of Straw.

For centuries the common people of England made their home in wooden huts of one room. When a family increased in numbers or wealth another hut was built beside it, or, rather, a lean-to was added and then another and another, until they followed a straight line. At other times they were built out from the central hut at various angles. The roofs of these huts were thatched. An opening was left in the center for the smoke to escape. The fire was always built in a hollow in the center of the room. Beds were made of straw. Often they were merely shakedown in the corner. Occasionally the straw was held in a little frame resembling the ribs of a ship.

Houses built by Saxon knights were much more pretentious. They were big halls, like the Roman atrium, with a lofty roof thatched with slate or wood shingles. The floor was of hard clay. In the middle was a great fire of dry wood. The thin, acrid smoke from the fire escaped through an opening in the roof directly above the hearth.

Round the fire were long benches, on which hearthsmen and visitors sat when not fighting or at work, and talked and drank the hours through. The tables were long boards on trestles. At night the floor was strewn with straw, and, like the less prosperous folk, host and visitors slept together. — Youth's Companion.

CURIOUS MEXICAN TREES.

One Whose Fruit is the Counterpart of the Green Parrot.

Mexico probably has a greater range of remarkable vegetation than any other country in the world. The parrot fruit tree produces an odd shaped fruit, bearing a close resemblance to green parrots. When the parrot is frightened it makes a dash for the parrot tree, where it assumes a position which makes it look like the fruit itself. So close is the resemblance that their enemies, the hawk, occasionally fly by a tree on which a dozen or more of these birds are sitting, apparently unaware of their presence.

Another remarkable tree is the arbol de dinamite—dynamite tree—whose fruit, if kept in a warm place, bursts with considerable force and a loud report, scattering its flat seeds to a surprising distance.

One of the most interesting fruits in Mexico is known as the melon zapotec or papaya. It contains considerable pepain, which reacts against both acid and alkaline conditions of the stomach, and it is said that a diet which includes papaya prevents dyspepsia. Both the fruit and the leaves possess the singular property of rendering tough meat tender. When the pulp of the fruit is rubbed over a piece of tough meat the juice attacks the fiber and softens it.—National Geographic

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