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A gratifying success was scored by the ladies of the Athena Library board as the result of the First Annual Library Ball. After payment of all expenses the sum of $86.20 was realized. Interest in the library continues to expand under the able management of the ladies having the enterprise in charge, and it is within the realm of possibility that the Laird of Skibo may yet be negotiated with for funds to be used for a library building. Why not? Aside from our public school system the library comes next in line in promoting education in the small cities and towns. The public library is the opportunity of those who are unable to otherwise obtain the costly works leading to higher education. In "Martin Eden," Jack London, the famous American author, vividly portrays his own efforts in acquiring an education in the public library at Oakland, California. There, with his favorites, Swinburne and Stevenson, before him, he toiled and delved into the kernal of literature that most appealed to him. He went into the library with only the rudiments of an education, read, remembered what he read, worked in a laundry for his subsistence, and "graduated" from the Oakland library with a vocabulary and writing "style," sufficient to become one of the world's famous authors.

The Athena school is being heard from. Last week it was announced that two Athena pupils, Rex Payne and Lowell Zerba, had won respectively, the first and second highest averages in the eighth grade examinations held throughout the county in Geography and Physiology. This week we note in the records of County Superintendent Young that the Athena school outranks all others of the county from the standpoint of attendance. This school has the splendid per centage for the month of January of 98.8. The Ferndale school is second with 98.1; Milton-Freewater third with 97.6. The local school, already excellent, under the supervision of a capable board of directors and efficient superintendent and corps of instructors, will be second to none when provided with modern equipment and an up-to date building, now in process of construction.

The substitution of philanthropy for justice, was given a jolt by John R. Lawson, labor leader, of Colorado, at a recent meeting of the Rockefeller Foundation investigation. Lawson, in his testimony, given before the Commission, showed that young Rockefeller by his own admission was not conversant with the deplorable conditions existing in his Colorado iron and coal fields; that the Rockefeller Foundation millions had been wrung from the sweat and toil of the miners, and now that the unrest of the working class had assumed alarming stages, it was proposed to ameliorate conditions through charity, in lieu of justice.

Butt in. If you see any one in your town making a penny, add his line to yours and split the penny profit. No use letting one man hog anything, no matter if it is entirely out of your line. Besides, if we all attended strictly to our own business and let the other fellow alone, there would be too much harmony and friendly feeling in the world. Enmity and criticism are so much more profitable to a community that we must keep shy of business friendships. Just look out for yourself, butt in and criticise. That's the way, if you believe in the fallacy, "Every knock's a boost."

The long and the short of it is that the days are getting longer and the coal pile's getting shorter.

Let the February thaw sink into your disposition.

In Athena, the groundhog "saw his shadder."

Clever.

"Biggins is a clever story teller."

"Why, he has been telling the same story for years!"

"Yes. But he keeps you listening. Every now and then he manages to think up another beginning and make you believe it's going to be a new one." —Washington Star.

Pretty Quick.

Officer—You say the chauffeur sounded his horn just as the machine struck the man? Witness—Yes, sir. Officer—Was the victim killed instantly? Witness—So instantly, sir, that he must have heard the echo of that horn in the next world.

REV. W. C. DRIVER, BAPTIST MISSIONARY.

PLANTS IN SLEEP.

Some Take Their Naps at Night, Others During the Day.

Clover shuts its leaves before rain and at night, bringing two of its three leaves face to face and folding the third over the top. The young blossoms are also carefully sheltered by inclosing leaves which move forward in the evening and wrap them around.

There are two plants in the garden whose flowers sleep by day—the night blooming stock and Lychnis vespertina. The former is withered and shriveled in daylight, but expands and exhales a vanilla-like odor at night. The lychnis is white, and in bright sunshine every flower closes and hangs limply down.

As the sun sets this Endymion plant awakes expectant of the moon. The drooping calyxes raise themselves and slowly expand their flowers. It visibly ceases to droop and fade, and the plant, which almost died by day, is adorned anew. Its sister, the red lychnis, shines by day and is called diurna, but this white one has long left the beaten ancestral path and has become vespertina.

As it opens small flies appear and visit it. The calyx is of that reddish hue which they approve. The sun dew which attracts flies shows the same dull red in its leaves. It is not a rarity, but few have seen its blossoms opened.—Scotsman.

TEST YOUR BAROMETER.

Air or Moisture in the Tube Will Render It Unreliable.

Don't expect a barometer to tell you the truth about the weather until you have tested it thoroughly. Two common causes for unreliability are air and water mixed with the mercury in the tube. These can be expelled by boiling the mercury.

In order to test a barometer let it hang for a time in the proper position; then gently and with care incline it so that the mercury may strike against the glass tube. If there is no air within you will hear a sharp metallic click, but if the sound is dull and muffled it indicates the presence of both air and moisture. The presence of air alone is shown by minute bubbles.

If at any time the mercury seems to adhere to the tube, even in the slightest degree, and the convex surface assumes a more flattened form it is safe to conclude that either air or moisture is present. In any of these cases the instrument should be put into expert hands for rectification.

There are several kinds of barometers. The ordinary "weather glass" in common use is more or less unreliable and is easily made more so by careless handling. In fact, any barometer must be treated with great respect in order to retain its usefulness. —Harper's Weekly.

Turn About.

Mr. Kipling, while on a visit to Mr. Hardy, went to see a house which the author of "Life's Little Ironies" thought would suit him. When Mr. Kipling moved out of earshot, Mr. Hardy observed to the occupant:

"I may mention to you that this gentleman is no other than Mr. Rudyard Kipling."

"Is that so?" she replied. "I never heard the name before."

Presently Mr. Kipling in turn, found himself alone with the lady and remarked:

"Possibly you may not be aware that the gentleman who brought me here today is Mr. Hardy, the eminent author."

"Oh, indeed," was her reply "I don't know his name"—London Express.

The First Thing.

Not capital or labor or land or goods, but human relations lie at the root of all social reforms. All questions between employers and employed are to be solved in that way. Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, what is right and just and loving and fair between man and man. The discovery of this is the only solution of all these stormy questions.—F. D. Maurice in Ohio State Journal.

CURIOUS BATTLEFIELDS.

One Conflict That Raged to a Large Extent Indoors.

At the battle of Monterey, in the Mexican war, our troops were able to command the streets of the city with their artillery, but they experienced much difficulty in driving the Mexicans from their houses. Accordingly, as the city was built of stone or adobe, the Americans broke through the walls from one house to another, fighting and driving out the enemy as they proceeded. Thus, it appears, the battle of Monterey was largely fought indoors.

In the time of William the Silent, when the Netherlands were fighting the Spaniards, a number of Spanish vessels became frozen in on the Zuider Zee. Out came the Dutch on horseback on the ice to attack the Spaniards. This is probably the only battle of record wherein cavalry was employed directly against a naval force.

There have been battles fought under ground. Chiefest of these was the fierce encounter pertaining to the siege of Haarlem in the Dutch wars. The Spaniards mined and the Dutch countermined with equal industry, and below the ground a terrific conflict ensued.

When, after the commune, the Versailles troops took Paris they chased certain of the communist forces to the great sewers of the capital, and in these more than one sanguinary battle occurred.—Exchange.

PROVED HIS THEORY.

Tragic Climax in a Murder Trial, but It Saved the Accused.

The acme of realism was reached, though by accident, in a criminal trial that took place a number of years ago at Lebanon, O.

Two men had a personal encounter. One of them after calmly trying to draw his pistol from his hip pocket turned to flee. A moment later he fell, shot in the small of the back. One chamber of his pistol was found to have been fired. His assailant was tried for murder.

The defense contended that the man had shot himself while trying to draw his pistol, which had become entangled in the lining of the pocket, and that the prisoner's shot had not taken effect. The prosecution contended that such a wound could not have been self inflicted.

The defendant's counsel, Clement L. Vallandigham, undertook to demonstrate to the jury just how the dead man's pistol had hung in the pocket and just how possible it was to inflict such a wound. Suddenly there was a loud report, and the lawyer sank to the floor. The ball had entered the back almost in the identical spot where the dead man had been shot.

The defendant was acquitted. Mr. Vallandigham died.—Exchange.

Man and the Ground.

The love of dirt is among the earliest of passions, as it is the latest. Mud pies gratify one of our first and best instincts. * * * Fondness for the ground comes back to a man after he has run the round of pleasure and business, eaten dirt and sown wild oats, drifted about the world and taken the wind in all its moods. The love of digging is sure to come back to him. * * * To own a bit of ground, to scratch it with a hoe, to plant seeds and watch their renewal of life—this is the commonest delight of the race, the most satisfactory thing a man can do.—Charles Dudley Warner.

Knitting.

Knitting is a Scotch invention of the fifteenth century. Soon after its invention a guild of stocking knitters was formed, with St. Fiacre as its patron saint. Hand knitting was supplemented by machinery as early as 1589, when William Lee invented the knitting frame.

Following Instructions.

"Don't talk, children," said the teacher, "but when you want anything hold up your hand."

After a little the new girl held up hers, and when the teacher asked her what she wanted she answered, "Some candy, please!"

SUMMONS.

In the Justice Court for the District of Athena, Umatilla County, Oreg.
Lillie Miller, Plaintiff,
vs.
Lavinia Graham and
Herman Graham, Defendants.

To Lavinia Graham and Herman Graham, the above-named Defendants:

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 within six weeks of the date of the first publication of this summons, on or before the 26th day of February, 1915. And you will take notice that if you fail to appear and answer or otherwise plead within said time, the plaintiff, for want thereof, will apply to the court for the relief prayed for and demanded in plaintiff's said complaint —to-wit: For $200 and costs and disbursements of this action.

This summons is published pursuant to an order of Hon. B. B. Richards, Judge of the above entitled Court, duly made and filed on the 13th day of January, 1915; and the first publication of this summons will be made in the Athena Press newspaper published at Athena, Umatilla county, Oregon on Friday, the 15th day of January, 1915, and the last publication will be made on Friday, February 26, 1915.

HOMER I. WATTS,
Attorney for Plaintiff.

SUMMONS.

In the Justice Court for the District of Athena, Umatilla County, Oreg.
James E. Scrimsher, Plaintiff,
vs.
Malcolm Stevens, Defendant.

To Malcom Stevens, 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 within six weeks of the date of the first publication of this summons, on or before the 26th day of February, 1915. And you will take notice that if you fail to appear and answer or otherwise plead within said time, the plaintiff, for want thereof, will apply to the court for the relief prayed for and demanded in plaintiff's said complaint—to-wit: For $200 with interest thereon at 8 per cent per annum from July 14, 1913 to Nov. 1, 1914 and interest at 10 per cent per annum from Nov. 1, 1914 until paid, and $25 attorneys fees, and costs and disbursements of this action.

This summons is published pursuant to an order of Hon. B. B. Richards, Judge of the above entitled Court, duly made and filed on the 13th day of January, 1915; and the first publication of this summons will be made in the Athena Press newspaper published at Athena, Umatilla County, Oregon, on Friday, the 15th day of January, 1915, and the last publication will be made on Friday, February 26, 1915.

HOMER I. WATTS.
Attorney for Plaintiff.

Notice of Administrator's Sale.

In the County Court of Umatilla County, State of Oregon.

In the matter of the Estate of W. W. Jacobs, deceased:

Notice is hereby given by me, B. B. Richards, administrator of the estate of W. W. Jacobs, deceased, that on Saturday, the 6th day March, 1915, between the hours of one and five o'clock p. m., on the premises at Athena, Umatilla County, Oregon, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in hand all the following described realty, which belongs to the estate of W. W. Jacobs, deceased, realty described as follows, and appraised at $250, to wit: Lot 8, in block 5, in Railroad addition of the City of Athena, Umatilla County, Oregon.

This notice is given pursuant to that certain order made and entered in the above entitled matter in open court on January 27, A. D. 1915, directing the administrator herein to sell said realty.

Homer I. Watts, Attorney. B. B. Richards, Administrator.

Notice to Creditors.

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Umatilla County.

In the Matter of the Estate of Tokti, an Indian Woman, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given to all persons whom it may concern that Leo Sampson has been appointed administrator with the will annexed of the estate of Tokti, an Indian woman, deceased, and has qualified as such. All persons having claims against her estate are required to present them with proper vouchers as required by law to the said Leo Sampson at the Umatilla Indian Agency upon the Umatilla Indian Reservation or to Will M. Peterson his attorney, at his office in the Smith-Crawford Building at Pendleton, Oregon, within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice.

Dated this the 15th day of January, A. D., 1915. Leo Sampson, Administrator.
Will M. Peterson, Attorney for Administrator.

Why Pay Per Cent?

For farm loans when you can obtain cheaper money by applying to Maloney & Gwinn. Enquire or write to either J. H. Gwinn of the Pendleton Abstract Company, or J. W. Maloney, of Pendleton, Oregon.—Adv.

For Sale or Trade.

2000 acres of grain land six miles from Stanfield. Practically all in cultivation; 1000 acres in winter wheat, fair buildings, plenty of well water. Owner will trade for city property or stock ranch up to 30 or 40 thousand and take crop payments for balance. Price $33 per acre; what have you for this? Frank McElroy, Cambridge, Idaho.—Adv.

Studies For Degree.

All degrees are to be obtained only after years of study and experience. To get a "D. of H., B., S., H.," etc., is indeed a great task, because it is such a long degree.

And yet by the constant study and application of modern methods of building it is possible to tell how to build rightly; how to get the most room and comfort for the least money.

Especially is this true in homes, where a number of modern step-saving homes have been collected, as well as barns, silos, hog-sheds, etc.—because it is just as possible to build a silo or a hog-shed or a barn rightly as it is to arrange a home conveniently.

The use of a little "TUM-A-LUMBER" applied according to the Free Plans and Specifications accompanying—in the cheerful warmth of "TUM-A-LUMP" is the prescription of any "Doctor of Homes, Silos, Hog-sheds, etc."

Anyone contemplating building or remodeling, is advised to see Johnson about it at the HOME OF "TUM A-LUMBER" and the place for "TUM-A-LUMP." How about wood and coal, now?