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Mr. Phelan, senator from California is head of a Golden State Flinderbund that is trying to force through Congress a measure that if enacted, will turn the oil fields over to monopoly and leave the naval preparedness plans stranded for want of oil resources to supply the big battle cruisers proposed for the navy. Phelan has secured the approval of the senate committee on public lands to withdraw from government reserve great areas of oil fields in California, and has drafted a bill for that purpose. Admiral Fletcher contends that passage of the measure means confiscation of the oil supply and places the government at the mercy of the oil trust, which must necessarily face exorbitant prices for oil, or discontinue the program of building monster battle cruisers and dreadnaught battle ships equipped with modern oil-burning devices for generating steam. It remains to be seen whether Phelan and his cohorts can muster sufficient strength in Congress to wreck the navy, or whether Congress will put the government oil fields behind the navy.

An agitation for road supervision and disbursement of road funds by district school boards is being made in this section, and is meeting with approval. The proposition has for its inception the handling of road funds derived from road tax levy by the district, and expended within the district under the jurisdiction of the district school board instead of under the County Court as at present. Those who favor the new method proposed contend that better roads would result from the fact that a tax could be levied by the district to conform with local conditions, and when once the roads were in a good state of repair, the tax levy could be lessened. Friends of the movement contend that better roads for less money would result under the new plan. A bill along the lines proposed will doubtless be introduced at the next session of the Legislature.

Since the outbreak of the European war, drug prices have advanced to a point never before known, not even during our own civil war period. All ready some drugs and chemicals are unobtainable at any price and as the war continues there will be many drugs for which substitutes will have to be found. Present prices show an advance of from 500 to 1800 per cent. Every time a pharmacist refills an old prescription at its original price, the chances are he is losing money. There is no class of substances in which the rise in price has been so little felt by the consumer and largely equalized by the taking of smaller profit, as in the case of drugs.

The proposal for the organization of a Woman's Civic Club in Athena will doubtless meet with general approval and support. Wherever these civic clubs have taken up the reins of action, splendid results have crowned their efforts. Their scope of endeavor is broad, and with liberal, united support and co-operation on the part of all, their achievements may be proportionately great.

If you would save lives, lend your assistance to the crusade against flies. Bullets may kill their thousands but flies kill their tens of thousands.

With weather of the right sort, the reunion of Pioneers at Weston today and tomorrow, will be the success that it deserves to be.

Till Taylor will fit in with the role of King Joy just as he fits in everywhere else—time in form.

All things are in need of sunshine and warmer weather, including wheat and the Portland Rose.

Notice.
No. 100 is hereby given that I will sell at public auction to the highest bidder at the old Henry Stumper livery barn at Weston, in Umatilla county, Oregon, on Saturday, June 26, 1916, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, the following described stray animal, to-wit: One iron gray mare, three years old, weight about 800 lbs; brand on left hip indistinct.

Martha C. Ferguson,
Weston, Oregon

Call for Warrants.
Notice of call for City of Athena warrants: To whom it may concern: Notice is hereby given that parties holding any City of Athena warrants are notified to present them to me for payment at the office of the Preston-Shaffer Milling Co. Interest ceases on and after this date of publication. May 26, 1916. Ernest A. Zetba,
Treasurer City of Athena.

A Mulligan Stew

I wonder if the Pilot Rock Record has suspended publication. Since its first issue the Record has been a welcome visitor to the Press exchange table. But last week it skipped, and believe me I felt the skip. But I'll overlook it, for Harlan is so blooming busy installing his battery of Linotype machines and cylinder presses, enlarging his toolboxes, writing editorials for his Heppner Herald, getting out the Helix Advocate, canvassing the county in the interests of the Record, booting good roads, taking an active part in the campaign, soliciting job work, managing prize fights and wrestling bouts, pitching for the Pilot Rock base ball team, making business trips to Portland, attending social functions, etc., etc., ad infinitum ad infinitum, that he can't be expected to do everything to omit and it's not to be wondered at that he forgets us once in a while. Get that?

You will hear of the one that "got away" from this one—that is, if it ever becomes warm enough to go fishing.

Do you believe in hooDoo? I do. And more especially when the jinks pertain to fishing accommodations. Now I have a young friend who is jake on fishing, but he's went and invested in a fishing rig that will scare all the trout out of Menaham creek and 1-3 of those inhabiting the waters of Wild Horse. He's bought a basket. Which is all right. But he didn't stop there. He let a dealer hornswoggle him into buying a calf muzzle to carry it in. When he gets the blamed rig on, he's triggered up in as much leather paraphernalia as it takes to fit out one of those 20-Mule teams that haul Dorax out'n Death Valley.

You can't keep him down—Allyn made 2 trips to Mine creek Sunday.

I am going over to the Pioneers' reunion at Weston tomorrow, and expect to shake hands with everybody in town except Kernel Woodsy. There is a galaxy of reasonable and refined reasons why I do not care to squeeze digits with that Peerless Old Grouch.

There is a supposition, the outgrowth of conjecture, that there was a base ball game in Athena last Sunday, and that Carl Cominsky Christian, manager of the Adams Bigblinders, bid something up his sleeve and never pulled it out until he tatted for Payment in the ninth. The next time this base ball lizard comes to Athena, Jack Parker, Billy Littlejohn and others of the old guard will introduce him to a bath in Matt Johnson's tar vat along with the rest of the fence posts he may be ducking at the time.

An automobile caterpillar was narrowly averted on the hill east of town Saturday night when a ford, a Franklin and a Buick, two going one way 'tother the other, tried to pass on the same right of way. Because of the freakishness of the ford, the speed of the Franklin and the stanchness of the Buick, but slight damage was done. The only injury to speak of was a shock to the nervous system of the driver of the Franklin, who hauled up an Athena friend and stayed with him until 11 o'clock, drinking coffee and sipping the ins and outs of the collision.

I don't suppose that it makes any material difference whether winter ever passes or not—only the few warm days we have had this week serves as a reminder of what summer would feel like.

Announcement is made of a gold medal contest, to be held in the Weston High school building at 8 o'clock this evening, under the auspices of the W. C. T. U., and will be given by the Pendleton class having already received silver medals. No admission will be charged and every one is invited to attend.

Moreing topic Sunday at the M. E. church, "The Church's Highest Equipment," at eight Rev. G. W. Rigby, who preached in Athena 26 years ago, will preach. Come and hear this hero of the wars. He has been fighting not only the devil and sin, but he was at Vicksburg, Mobile Bay and other battles in the sixties and helped save the Union. Sabbath school at 10.

Themes at the Christian church Sunday will be, 11 a. m.: "How to Be Helpful;" 8 p. m.: "Three Things that Make a Great Church." Bible school at 9:50 a. m., Geo. R. Gerking director, Junior C. E. at 3, Senior at 7; midweek meeting Wednesday at 8, chorale rehearsal Friday at 8. The public cordially invited and welcome. D. Erett, pastor.

Milton's annual gala day takes place next Wednesday, the occasion being the big Horse Show and Strawberry Festival. Athena will be well represented in the sports program. The tall team is scheduled for a game with the league team of that city, and the local fire department has a team entered in the three races of the tournament. In addition to this local blend of interest, Milton's well known hospitality always draws a large number of Athena people to her Strawberry Day festivities.

In Athena no public exercises were held on Memorial Day but many wended their way to the cemetery on the hill to quietly decorate the graves of the dead. A large number of out of town people arrived during the day to visit the cemeteries, and many Athena people visited other places where loved ones were laid. In Weston, interesting exercises were held under the auspices of the Masonic and Odd Fellows' orders, the band and children marching to the cemetery where honors were done the soldier dead and an appropriate program given, a number of veterans being present.

Card of Thanks.
We wish to express our thanks through the columns of the Press to all who so kindly assisted us during the death of our father, James S. Myrick. George Myrick, Jessie Myrick, Doris Myrick, Pauline Myrick.

ADAMS TAKES SUNDAY GAME

The Athena ball team plays at Helix Sunday. Helix won at Umatilla Sunday 11 to 8.

One of the raggedest games played on the Athena grounds this year was pulled off Sunday, when Carl Christian's Adams Mavericks won, 13 to 10. A total of 22 hits, 13 errors, four passes, one sacrifice hit and a passed ball netted 23 scores.

McGargall and Peterson, a Pendleton battery, worked for Christian, and earned its per diem when in the ninth with three on, two down, Athena one score in the lead, Peterson swatted the bean for the longest hit of the season, four runners romping home. Athena could do nothing in her half, Sharp flying out to Stahl, King fanned and Grant popped to McGargall.

Shlok was placed at a disadvantage in the first inning when with indifferent support, a scratch hit, a fielder's choice, seasoned with three errors merged into three runs. Then in the second, he allowed five hits, which helped by two errors put over four more tallies.

Then Athena got busy with Mr. McGargall in her half of the third and Grindell, Lisenallen, Kirkpatrick and Franz scored on twobaggers by Lisenallen and King and a sizzling single by Franz, coupled up with a couple of passes, an error and a fielder's choice.

Kirkpatrick opened the fifth with a three base hit, and scored on Franz's sacrifice. Grindell and Parker scored in the sixth and King and Sharp in the seventh, and Lisenallen again in the eighth.

Adams rolled into the seventh with three scores behind, when Peterson and Stahl scored, making it 9 to 10 in Athena's favor, and then the fixings of the ninth were doled out. The score by innings:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Adams	3	4	0	0	2	0	0	4-13
Athena	0	0	4	0	1	2	2	10-10

BAPTISTS GIVE BIG BANQUET
The roll call, reception and banquet at the Baptist church last evening was an occasion long to be remembered by the members and guests who were present.

At four o'clock, all members responded to the roll call, after which a reception was held until six, many guests being welcomed and shown over the newly modeled building.

At six o'clock all were invited to the new basement dining room, where covers were laid for 300, and a most sumptuous banquet was served, having been prepared by the efficient ladies of the church.

After dinner speeches were made by a number, being led by Mayor Homer I. Watts, who, after felicitating the church and its management upon the growth and improvement shown in that institution, promised that the city will endeavor to show a like activity in improving general conditions and announced the prospects for a new library building and the proposed formation of a Woman's Civic Club. He was followed by Reverends Stockton, Cline, Erett and Root, in short speeches.

Rev. Root of Dayton, preached at 8 o'clock, and at this service the audience were favored with a solo by Mrs. Mytalene Fraker Stiles, of Portland, whose splendid contralto voice was highly appreciated.

DEATH OF JAMES S. MYRICK
James S. Myrick was stricken with apoplexy Tuesday morning, shortly after arriving in Pendleton on the local train, which he boarded in this city, intending to return in the evening. He was removed to St. Anthony's hospital where he passed away during the afternoon. His death followed that of his wife by about three months.

Mr. Myrick was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Myrick, pioneer residents for whom Myrick station was named. He has been a resident of Umatilla county since 1855 most of the time residing in Athena, where he raised his family.

He is survived by two sons, two daughters, three brothers and one sister. Funeral services were held yesterday afternoon at the Christian church in this city. Mr. Myrick was 63 years of age.

Celebrated Golden Wedding.
Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Boeber, A. R. Boeber, Chas Boeber and Henry Boeber visited in Lexington last week, where they attended the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Boeber of that city. The celebration of the occasion is reported to the Press as follows:

The relatives, friends and neighbors of Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Boeber gathered in the town hall of Lexington on Friday, May 26, to celebrate their Golden Wedding. The old couple had been invited to take dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Eph Eskelson, and when Mr. Eskelson took them in an automobile to the hall, they were surprised beyond measure. The hall was filled with people, while two long tables were spread with good things to eat. The high school orchestra furnished music for the occasion. The bride and groom were ushered to the end of the hall near the stage, where Rev. J. L. Jones of Lone, proceeded with the golden wedding ceremony, County Superintendent S. E. Nelson, of Heppner, gave a short address touching upon the lesson to be learned from the occasion and reviewed the achievements which have been accomplished within the time the couple have been married. They were presented with a number of gold coins. Then followed the tantill dinner. The afternoon was spent in visiting and in the evening the bride and groom were serenaded by the neighbors.

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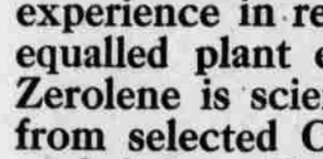
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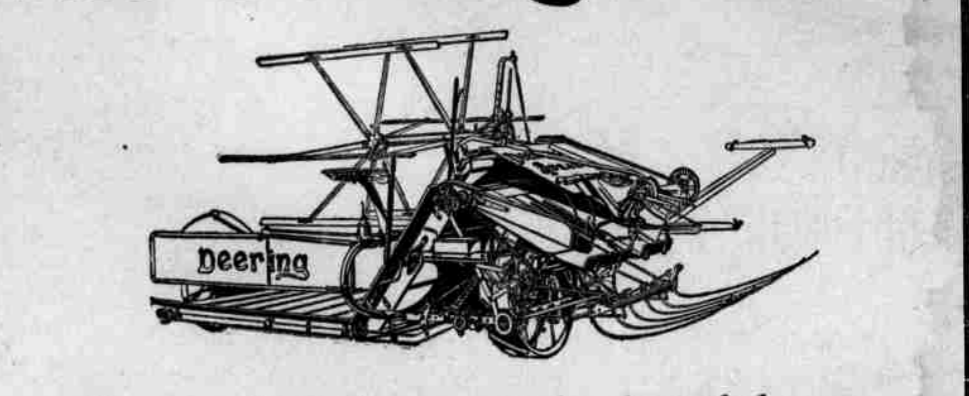
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The O'Hara Grocery transferred to pleasant, sanitary quarters, absorbed by W. M. C. retaining same management.
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