Press Paragraphs

Mrs. Adah Losh Rose came up from Pendleton this morning.

Watts and Rogers have the McCormick Combine for small or big farming on exhibition.

Mrs. J. C. Burke visited her son, Roy Burke and wife in Walla Walla over the week end.

S e Watts and Rogers' sacrifice offer of this week—a phonograph worth $100 for $60. See big ad.

W. R. Taylor and Ralph McEwen went to Lehman Springs and spent last Sunday at that resort.

W. J. King has gone to Hot Lake, to take a course of the baths and treatment in the sanitarium.

Miss Truelove, of Roseburg, is a guest this week of her sister, Mrs. J. B. Anderson in this city.

Frank Tharp has moved his family into the Spencer cottage on Adams street to reside for the present.

Mrs. Robt. Mays and little daughter of Elgin, Ore., are guests at the C. A. Barrett home in this city.

Miss Lula Tharp spent the week in Pendleton where she is in the employ of the Viavi treatment company.

D. H. Mansfield is filling an order for a shipment of horses and mules. Yesterday he purchased 14 head.

Mrs. Earl Urquhart is fast recovering from her recent operation, and is now able to be about the house.

Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Tharp motored to their ranch near Nolin Sunday, and found the crops in good condition.

Joe Supple, O. A. C. student and athlete, has arrived in the city, and will spend his vacation in the harvest fields.

Mrs. Adair and Miss Adair, of Princeton, Idaho, visited this week at the Barden home on 4th and High streets.

Dr. G. S. Newsom, who was in Pendleton this week from Prineville, is reported to be seeking a location in Eastern Oregon.

Mrs. Mary Tompkins and daughter, Miss Lillian, will leave next week for a visit with friends and relatives at Calgary, Alberta.

This week, E. L. Smith & Co., delivered caterpillar combined harvesters to G. M. Morrison of Adams, and John Walter of Athena.

Letters received by friends of Miss Flora Kemp, state that she is in very ill health, and will enter a sanitarium in Portland for treatment.

Elmer Johnson has sold his residence on the West Side to his father, Al. Johnson, and this week left for Medford, where he will look into a land proposition. Mrs. Johnson and little son, Merle, will remain here until he has located.

The Athena base ball team will play the Milton-Freewater team on the Roundup grounds at Pendleton, on July 4th, for a purse of $150.

Rev. Robert Warner, presiding elder of the Methodist Episcopal church, was in the city Wednesday on business connected with his church office.

F. S. LeGrow, W. R. Taylor and Ralph McEwen have gone to Missoula, Montana, to assist George Drumheller in staging the Stampede program.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Kirk have arrived in the city from Halsey. They are seeking a suitable residence for occupation, and will make Athena their home.

Mrs. Janie Woodruff and children have gone to their home at Two Rivers, Wash., and will remain there until she settles up her affairs at that place.

Irwin G. Brooks, of the First National Bank, went down to Pendleton Tuesday to meet his sister, Miss Agnes Brooks, who is a guest of friends in that city.

Ray Shick has successfully passed the required examination to enter the navy and with Herbert Parker and Vernie Grant, has enlisted for a term of four years.

Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Richards and son Roland, motored to Waitsburg and spend Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kershaw, also visiting at the Henry Schmitt home.

Miss Angie Pambrun was brought home from the Walla Walla hospital last week and is recovering very satisfactorily from the recent operation for appendicitis.

The young people of the Baptist church enjoyed a social in the basement of the church last evening, when games and refreshments passed the hours most pleasantly.

The cottages of John Wright and Mrs. Della Wright on Current street are undergoing extensive improvements which will greatly add to their appearance and convenience.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Taylor of Pomeroy, Wash., have been guests at the Joseph N. Scott home west of town the past two days. They have been visiting relatives in Pendleton.

Mr. and Mrs. N. Bunker moved their household goods Wednesday from Walla Walla, and are now occupying their cottage on Jefferson street, recently purchased from A. L. Swaggart.

A handsome Mason and Hamlin Grand piano was received this week at the M. L. Watts home. The instrument is in a beautiful mahogany case, and is indeed a thing of beauty.

Mrs. Ralph B. McEwen and the twins, Miss Jessica McEwen and her guest, Miss Elizabeth Keefer of Houston, Texas, and LuVois McEwen, enjoyed a sojourn at Lehman Springs the past two weeks.

Mrs. S. F. Sharp, who has been in ill health for several months, was successfully operated upon Wednesday morning at St. Anthony's hospital in Pendleton, the operation being classed as a major one.

At the Methodist Episcopal church, the subject next Sabbath morning will be: "Three Pairs of Stiff Knees." At night the topic will be, "Seven Bitle Doors." Sabbath school at 10 a. m., all are invited.

Pendleton Tribune: Friends of Miss Dora Bennett, who was operated on at St. Anthony's hospital for an excision of the appendix, are rejoicing today at the success of the operation and her gains toward health again.

Mr. and Mrs. George Thompson have returned from a pleasant automobile trip to Portland and Willamette valley points. Fortunately they arrived home before the severe rain storms struck eastern Oregon.

Mrs. J. C. Martin has recovered from her illness, and visited the first of the week at the Wright home on Current street. Mr. and Mrs. Martin contemplate moving to town this fall, from their farm north of town, to place their children in the Athena school.

Two new sales people have accepted positions at the Golden Rule Store, in this city. Mr. E. C Emmel, late of Barnes Cash Store at Salem will have charge of the gent's furnishing department, and Mrs. McKinney of Portland will be in the dry goods department.

Dr. C. H. Lash, the dentist, who purchased the property and practice of Dr. J. W. Welch, has arrived in the city from Riddle, Oregon. Dr. Lash will be in Athena on Thursday, Friday and Saturday of each week, and the balance of the time he will be with Dr. Croup at Walla Walla.

Pendleton papers this week report the death of Howard, the young son of Mr. and Mrs. S. D. L. Ross, of Hermiston, which was caused by the explosion of a dynamite cap with which he was playing. The family lived in Athena last summer, where Mr. Ross was in the automobile business.

Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Ray of Norton, Kansas, who were called here by the illness of their daughter, Mrs. J. L. Thompson, are spending their time between the hospital in Pendleton, and the home of their daughter here. Mr. Thompson reports his wife as improving, and it is hoped the danger is now passed.

Miss Grace Finnell, well known in Athena where she spent several months with her sister, Mrs. Leslie Nelson, was married in Pendleton Sunday morning, to Mr. Frank Dorsey of that city. Mrs. Nelson was up from her home at Willamina, where Mr. Nelson has a drugstore, attending the wedding.

Last Friday evening Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Walter were host and hostess to about thirty guests at a dancing party, complimentary to Miss Josephyne Clark. Good music was furnished by Mr. Jock Coleman, Mr. E. W. Melville, Miss Eloise Bergevin and Mr. E. A. Bennett. At 12.30 a buffet luncheon was served by the hostess, assisted by Miss Celena Bergevin. Many prominent town people were present to enjoy the noted hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Walter.

A large number of the members of the Athena Christian church went by automobile to Pendleton Sunday, to attend the church convention there. The ladies quartet, the men's chorus and the full chorus of about thirty voices, rendered music for the day's services, which was highly complimented by the convention.

The German Ladies' Club, together with the members of their families, held their annual picnic last Sunday at the Louis Ringel home near town. The day was spent with the usual picnic pastimes, and a splendid luncheon was served by the ladies. Eleven automobiles were required to transport the sixty-six people who were present.

While attending a theater at Spokane, thieves stole Sam Haworth's Ford car. Officers found that the thieves had changed the Oregon license on the car for a Washington license plate on another car, and by the numbers traced the Haworth machine to Seattle where it was recovered and the two men having it in their possession, arrested.

Mrs. William Winship and two daughters, Mildred and Audrey, arrived home on the delayed train Monday night, at one o'clock a. m., the train having come by way of Walla Walla. They had a pleasant visit with the Jarman family at Albany, and spent a portion of the time at Newport, where the sea breezes proved a little too cold for comfort.

Information comes from Vulcan, Alberta, through Harry Adams of that place, of the sudden death from heart failure of Charles Rodin, a former resident of this county. Mr. Rodin was farming near Vulcan, and left this place some ten years ago. His wife died in Alberta, and he leaves three children, whom he had placed in the Umatilla Catholic Mission.

Sunday at the Christian church: 9:50, Bible school; 11, preaching, subject: "The Church in League With God." Junior C. E. at 3, senior C. E. at 7; preaching at 8, subject: "What Is Patriotism?" Special music by the choir and the male chorus. Midweek meeting Wednesday at 8; chorus rehearsal Friday at 8. The public cordially invited and welcome. D. Errett, pastor.

Tuesday afternoon, Mrs. A. B. Steele very pleasantly entertained the Eastern Star Club, having postponed the function last week. After a short time spent with needle work, a diverting contest was held, in which Mrs. M. L. Watts and Mrs. F. B. Radtke tied for first honors. Cakes, orange sherbet and delicious candies were served by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. Radtke. Guests present other than members, were Mrs. Joseph N. Scott and Mrs. George Bear.

MUCH DAMAGE FROM STORMS

A series of storms have done considerable damage in this county and the Walla Walla valley.

Sunday afternoon rain fell in torrents south and west of Athena. Between here and Adams and south of Adams, the rain was heavy. The water came out of the fields, ran across the railroad track and the macadam roads in floods, and travelers were hard pressed to make their way over the roads.

On Monday afternoon a cloud was seen to form in the west, and moving to the north of Athena in a funnel shape descended in full force on Helix, where a veritable waterspout was experienced. The flood raced through the streets, tearing up sidewalks and filling basements. The flood waters poured down upon the Gerking Flat farms, resulting in much damage to the alfalfa hay crop, most of which was either in the windrow or in the shock. Dr. W. R. Scott lost his entire cutting, the floods floating it off and covering it up with mud and debris. A cow which was in its path narrowly escaped. Arthur Douglas also lost considerable hay.

Tuesday a terrific wind and rain storm struck the foot hills south and east of Walla Walla. The wind assumed the proportions of a cyclone, uprooting orchards and blowing farm buildings over. Near Prescott a waterspout broke and a ten year old boy lost his life in the flood, and considerable damage to crops resulted.

ALASKA'S FERTILE LANDS.

Facts About Our Vast and Little Understood Territory.

Alaska is the most misunderstood and misrepresented section of the United States. People generally, and sincerely, believe that the name Alaska is synonymous with snow and ice and couple it accordingly with ice cream freezers and cold drinks. Yet the principal cities of Alaska along its southern coast line—Juneau, Ketchikan, Cordova, Valdez and Seward—do not average as cold in midwinter as New York and are seldom as cold as Baltimore and Washington during cold waves.

Alaska is one-fifth the size of the whole United States, and its prodigious area of about 630,000 square miles, nearly three times the size of the German empire, spreads from the temperate zone to the arctic circle. Not one quarter of it is in the latter. Below the circle lies a magnificent belt of fertile soil.

It is estimated by government authorities that the agricultural area of Alaska's fertile valleys and plains, on many of which cattle can be wintered without feeding, aggregate 30,000 square miles, with a climate like that of northern Europe—Norway, Finland and Sweden. This land is richer and more productive than that of any other country in the world, well watered, fairly well timbered, and 320 acres are open free to the settler if he wishes to take up a homestead.—John A. Sleicher in Leslie's.

In ancient times, when Scotland always had work for her soldiers to do, all young men were required to perfect themselves in archery. They preferred to play golf, and so serious a rival did the game become that it was for a time suppressed and made a capital offense. That curious law never has been repealed and may still be found on the statute book. There seems to be no record, however, of the law ever having been enforced.

He Could Wield an Ax.

The skill of the old Maine shipbuilders in the use of the adz and broadax was wonderful. One old time yarn is of a carpenter who applied very drunk at a shipyard for employment. In order to have a little fun with him the foreman set him to give a proof of his skill by hewing out a wooden bolt with no chopping block but a stone. The carpenter accomplished his difficult task without marring the keen edge of the broadax and showed the foreman a neatly made bolt. Then he brought the ax down with a terrific blow that shattered its edge upon the stone. "I can hew fust rate on your chopping block," he hiccoughed, "but I'll be blamed if I can make the ax stick in it when I git through." The story runs that the foreman lost no time in employing such a workman.

Judges' Wigs.

The wig is only worn by English barristers to give them a stern, judicial appearance, and no one can say that it fails in this respect. The custom was originated by a French judge in the seventeenth century when, happening to don a marquis' wig one day, he found it gave him such a stern and dignified appearance that he decided to get one for himself and wear it at all times in court. This he did, and the result was so satisfactory from a legal point of view that not only judges, but barristers also, took up the custom throughout Europe.—London Graphic.

Local Advertisements

Estrayed—A bay saddle-horse, wt. 950, brand with small circle on shoulder. Will pay liberal reward for his recovery. H. J. Weber, Weston, Ore.

Chris Thoeny is now in the market with his luscious mountain strawberries. Speak quick, if you want an order, as they won't last long.

Cleve Myers makes a specialty of repairing fishing shoes and boots.

Auto Service—W. B. Crawford is prepared to give day or night service. At St. Nichols Hotel, phone, 493.

Wheat Hay—Frank Jackson has wheat hay for sale.

Dressmaking done, satisfaction guaranteed. Apply to Mrs. Della Wright.

Second Hand Goods.—W. H. Marcho, tinner and plumber, will engage in the second-hand goods business at his place on Main street, near the depot. Second hand furniture, stoves and ranges bought and sold.

Livestock Dealer.—Bert Cartano has engaged in the livestock business. He is prepared to pay the highest market prices at all times for chickens, hogs, cattle and sheep. If you have stock to sell, be sure and see him.