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Davis-Kaser's January Sale

The greatest bargain event of the entire year, to which the entire Walla Walla country has come to look forward is here once more.

However, our friends expected a sale in January, so we began planning for it months ago.

Will All Be Reduced

except contract goods and such lines as we were caught short on—goods on which we will have to advance prices right after this sale.

In view of this sale's offerings, sound judgment suggests buying all your needs for months to come, right now.

THE DAVIS-KASER CO., WALLA WALLA Complete Furnishers of Homes, Offices and Schools—11-21 Alder St.



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Fine Cigars, Cigaretts, Tobacco; Confections of best quality. Cleanliness a specialty. Courteous attention.

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THE LEGISLATURE GETS RAPID START

BOTH HOUSES ARE IN HARMONY

Umatilla County Delegation Receive Important Assignments on Committees.

In both Senate and House the presiding officers were elected Monday, desk clerks were chosen and all details for organization completed.

In the senate, Gus C. Moser of Multnomah was elected president by unanimous vote.

In the House, Robert N. Stanfield of Umatilla was elected Speaker without a dissenting voice after he had been nominated by Louis E. Bean of Lane.

Mr. Bean spoke highly of Mr. Stanfield in his nominating address. He praised the legislative record of Mr. Stanfield and spoke warmly of his qualifications for the high office of Speaker.

In the Senate five bills were introduced before final adjournment for the day at 3 o'clock.

Before they adjourned the issue of prohibition had been put up to both houses, and they had faced the issue squarely.

It had to wait in the House until the organization was completed. The rules were suspended and the question came up promptly on its merits.

Mr. Lewis insisted that he was not opposed to the merits of the measure, and to demonstrate his good faith, moved its adoption.

At the regular monthly meeting of the city council Monday evening, Councilman Littlejohn acted as Mayor in the absence of Mayor Watts.

Councilman Barrett, of the Street Committee, reported that he had made favorable progress in securing releases to closed streets and alleys.

The Ordinance Committee was instructed to draft an ordinance regulating pool halls and pleasure resorts.

Treasurer E. A. Zerba rendered a report for the month of December and an annual report for the year 1916.

The monthly report shows cash on hand \$653.13; sinking fund, \$2,807.08; outstanding warrants, \$15.50.

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Rebekah Installation. Tuesday evening, at 1. O. O. F., K. of P. Hall, at the regular meeting of Mignonette Rebekah Lodge.

New Library Books. The following new Rental Books are on the shelves at the local library:



YOU SHOULD WORRY, WOODROW

(Portland Eastern Argus)

EVANGELIST MEETINGS ARE BEING WELL ATTENDED

The evangelistic meetings at the Baptist church are attracting large crowds. Each evening there are those who are coming forward to accept Christ as their personal Savior.

Edgar L. Mills, the evangelist, is doing good work and interest and attendance is on the increase.

The all day services last Sunday attracted splendid crowds and the dinner at noon in the basement of the church was one of the enjoyable features of the day.

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23 Years Ago

[From the Press of Jan. 12 1894]

A gentle chinook played havoc on the beautiful Wednesday, consequently the roads are in dilapidated condition.

Mr. Fred L. Helfrich, the new shoemaker, has arrived and is now at work in Pat Maxwell's old stand.

D. W. Jarvis was recently elected secretary of the State Teachers' Reading circle.

Milton Swaggart and Miss Sarah Corporan were married at Vancycle one day last week.

It is reported that nine calves were stolen from the reservation a night or two ago and sold in Pendleton.

Last Sunday through the courtesy of Geo. Froome, the band boys were treated to a sleigh ride.

At the meeting of the stockholders of the First National Bank of this city the old board of directors were elected.

President C. A. Barrett declined the re-nomination for president, and Clark Walter was elected president, H. C. Stratton, vice president; L. D. Lively cashier, and M. M. Johns assistant cashier.

The condition of the bank is flourishing, there being a surplus on Jan. 1st of \$36,116.33.

W. M. Freeman, formerly editor of the Freewater Herald, and Miss Irene Taylor, primary teacher in the Athena public schools, were united in wedlock Sunday.

Miss Lou Smith arrived from California last week and will make Athena her future home.

Fred Rosenzweig received a letter Saturday from his old home in Germany, conveying the sad intelligence of his mother's death, which occurred on December 12 at the advanced age of 87 years.

A late report in Eastern Oregon towns is that ex-Indian Agent Crawford was offered the superintendency of the branch asylum, the offer being accompanied by the intimation that Pendleton was to be the location.

Scribber's Notes.—J. B. Saylor was recently quite seriously hurt by a vicious cow. It seems he was unaware of the pugilistic tendencies of the pugnacious brute, and while milking, she kicked him on the nose with her "cloven hoof."

Mr. Saylor, the "slightly disabled," is still in the ring, and expects soon to visit his Athena friends. Should any of them meet a stranger with a fresh cow track where his smaller should be, they will know by this paragraph who it is.

The foot race between Taylor and Davis was a howling success. The result is that Taylor is still the champion sprinter of Eastern Oregon.

The race was witnessed by a large crowd composed principally of church members and others who did not belong to any religious organization.

During the day the betting had been even but just before the race, odds were offered on Davis. Taylor appeared nervous. His breath was coming in short pants.

The contestants were appropriately arrayed in abbreviated costume, Taylor exhibiting a grand display of soap bones that should have been seen to be appreciated.

Taken in the altogether, it was a combination hard to beat.

A hunting party composed of the following well known sportsmen: Capt. Jinks Taylor, Joel Gierking, Blondie Gierking and Corporal Henry, recently took a two weeks' hunt in the John Day country.

Capt. Jinks and Joel were hunting horses most of the time, but Blondie and the corporal went for the express purpose of making a record as deer slayers.

ATHENA LOSES TO MILTON DEBATERS

TWO VERY SPIRITED CONTESTS

Teams on Affirmative Side of the Question, More or Less Placed At Disadvantage.

Athena met defeat in debate both at home and in Milton Wednesday evening of this week.

The judges at Milton seemed to have some difficulty in making up their minds as to whom to give their votes.

But after some delay the result showed two votes for Milton and one for Athena. Evidently, Florence McLennan and Edna McAlexander gave them a rub for their victory.

But for a slight misunderstanding on the part of one of the judges as to the cost as proposed by the Athena team, he afterward stated that he would have had to cast his vote for Athena.

Our team returned from Milton early in the evening feeling good over the showing they had made despite the loss of the judges' vote.

Superintendent Paul Johnson of Walla Walla county, said: "It was one of the best and closest high school debates I ever heard."

And Professor Post, who accompanied the team to Milton, avowed that Miss McLennan's rebuttal was one of the best ever offered in his hearing.

In a debate of like nature.

The debate in the Athena school auditorium was a contest from start to finish, the adversary excelling more in manner of presentation rather than in content of subject matter.

Henry Keepeke, the leader for the local team, made the speech of the evening, by showing his ability in coming back in his final speech with good rebuttal argument to show that the negative had not met them on the vital issues of the question of Compulsory Health Insurance.

The affirmative had the unpopular side of the question as was stated by the judges, and it is this fact, coupled with a winsome way of presentation on the part of the visitors, that lost the debate to the local team.

Miss Keen did effective work in showing the strong preventive characteristics in the Health bill while the leading debate for the negative was presented by the second speaker, Miss Steen, of Milton.

High praise is due the local teams for the display of individuality in preparation of material for the contest, which was easily demonstrated by the speakers both at Athena and Milton.

While victory has fallen to the Milton High school, there is still the consolation that the value received from the contest has been all that it could be for the victors.

Superintendents J. D. Harrah of Adams; Gilbert C. Wood, of Fardale, and G. R. Robinson, of Weston, constituted the judges for the Athena debate.

After the contest refreshments were served in a pleasing manner by

RADICAL CHANGES MADE IN M. E. SUNDAY SCHOOL

Mr. W. C. Emmel, superintendent of the Methodist Sunday school, is leading in making radical changes in the school, and no doubt through his leadership one of the most modern and efficient schools in Eastern Oregon will be the result.

The school has a place and a warm welcome for every one.

The motion pictures commence Sunday evening, January 21, with four reels entitled: "Joseph in the Land of Egypt."

Beautiful pipe organ music will accompany the pictures. The Epworth League room will be opened into the auditorium to accommodate a large crowd.

No seats will be reserved for this service. The new Bluebird five reel feature, "The Right to Be Happy," will be screened later. This picture attracted immense crowds in Portland throughout Christmas week.

No admission will be charged, but a silver offering will be taken at each service.

Preaching services will be held next Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. The morning topic is: "What About the Athena Boy and Girl Crop?"

The evening topic: "The Prayer That Reaches God."

Watts and Rogers are overstocked—That is the place for bargains.

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