

**Press Paragraphs**

Mrs. L. S. Vincent came up from Pendleton Wednesday.

Watts and Rogers rule free with puzzle thrown in.—Adv.

The roads are drying up, and automobile travel is much better.

Found—On the road south of the city a lady's muff. Call at this office.

Chas. Betts is over from his Walla Walla River farm, visiting friends.

Lost—An auto chain on the road west of town. Leave at this office.

James Haworth has gone to Spokane where he will remain for some time.

Farmers, you can get Nealafoot oil at Ware's Pharmacy at \$1 per gallon.

A. L. Swaggart and son, Frank, were in Heppner this week on business.

Attorney Homer I. Watts is in Great Falls, Montana this week, on business.

For Sale—Four lots and a four-room house in Athena. Enquire of Donald McFadyen.

Miss Ethel Duncan has returned from a visit with her sister Mrs. Lala Hite, in Portland.

Mrs. Claud Hanscomb, of Pendleton, is a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Foss.

Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Cochran, of Missoula, Montana, were guests last week of Harold Cochran.

Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Russell accompanied the basket ball teams to Waitsburg this morning.

Mrs. S. J. Newsom of Prineville, is in the city visiting at the home of her son, Dr. G. S. Newsom.

Mrs. W. J. Gholson spent the week at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Reeder, west of the city.

Remember the dance at the Athena opera house, tomorrow evening. A good time for everybody.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Ingham of Touchet spent the week end at the Art Coppock home, near town.

Mrs. Frankie Russell was recently married in Vancouver B. C. to Mr. Carleton M. Dodd, of Seattle.

A new set of Wayne oil tanks have been installed at Zerba Bros. Garage, and they are the last word in oil tanks.

Mr. and Mrs. Caspar Woodward and children are in California where they will remain during the remainder of the winter.

The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clem Duncan was taken to the hospital at Pendleton this week, to be treated for rupture.

I have taken the local agency for "Clow's Knit" Guaranteed Hosiery, and will be ready for business about January 25th. Give me a trial order. The Hosiery will do the rest.

Mrs. Nettie Buraker.

Mrs. Nick Taltling and three children of Clatsop, Alberta, are here visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Wright.

The Mosgrove Mercantile Company are closing out their business in Athena, and Wednesday inaugurated a closing out sale.

Dr. Newsom reports the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Jones and a son to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Devoigne, all of Adams.

Dr. E. B. Osborne, who is connected with the State Veterinarian's office, is in the city on official business and for a visit with his mother and brother.

Great evangelistic campaign now on at Baptist church. Hear Edgar L. Mills, the great evangelist, every evening at 7:30 prompt. Come.—Adv.

Mrs. Henry Wood, who has been in ill health for some time, has been in the hospital at Pendleton since last Saturday, and is improving slightly.

When you want boots and shoes repaired right, take them to Billy Carstens, at Coomans' shop. All work guaranteed to give satisfaction, or no pay.

Eva Bergevin had the misfortune to break her arm yesterday, while at play at school, in District No. 113. Dr. Sharp was called and reduced the fracture.

After closing out a stock of goods at Hermiston for Matt Mosgrove, James Henderson is here to assist in the Mosgrove Mercantile company's closing out sale.

People who turned out of their beds at a late hour last night, expecting a fire somewhere in town, did not appreciate the joke in ringing the bell at the Christian church.

Hugh Bell and Bert Warren were in town Wednesday, from their ranches near Helix. Hugh broke the spring in the rear end of his auto, and stopped at Zerba Bros. for repairs.

Burke & Son have the Spencer building in shape for their garage business. George Kidder did an artistic job in painting the Ford trade-mark into an attractive sign for the firm.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Dudley are pleasantly located in Almo Apartments, at Long Beach, California. Mrs. Tompkins, daughter Lillian and Miss Jessica McEwen are also residing at the Almo.

Reports from Malheur county are to the effect that the coyotes are becoming very bold. A cow recently died of rabies, and the head of a coyote sent from that county proved the animal inflicted.

It is possible those droves of robins that flew north last week, knew their business. Clear, warm weather, approaching spring balminess has been with us this week—regular gardening weather.

While at play, Max Newsom was hit in the eye with an arrow, which necessitated a visit to Dr. Somers, at Walla Walla, in company with his father, yesterday. It is believed no permanent injury will result.

Ralph and Luvois McEwan have taken under consideration the purchase of

a large stock ranch in Baker county, located near Haines. The ranch includes several hundred acres of land and a large number of cattle.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the First National Bank of Athena, all officials were re-elected and the usual dividend declared.

A number of young ladies were entertained Saturday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Martin with a "slumber party," at which it is said, the very last thing to be thought of was "slumber." A jolly time was had.

Athena friends of Mrs. Eber Luna, of Joseph, Walla county, regret to hear of her protracted illness, since the birth of a little son in October. The infant was born dead, and Mrs. Luna was ill in a hospital for many weeks, but is recovering.

Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Sanders moved Tuesday into their new home on South Third street. The move was made on Henry's sixty-seventh birthday. It is noted about that his friends will give him a grand shivaree as soon as the family are settled.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Smith and son Lealie, arrived in the city Tuesday evening from New Mexico, where they have been residing for the past two years. Mr. Smith is greatly improved in health, and has disposed of his interests in New Mexico.

J. M. Swaggart, while not pretending to be in the sheep business on as large a scale as French Ciglar once was, nevertheless believes in comfortably sheltering what he has, and recently constructed a sheep barn 14x70 feet in dimensions. His ewes are lambing now and the percentage of increase is very satisfactory.

Program at the Christian church Sunday, 9:30 a. m. Bible school, Geo. R. Gerking, director; preaching and Communion 11 a. m. The choir will render a special number, a selection from a noted Cantata. In the evening the pastor will speak on "Man's Greatest Discovery." In the morning on "Continuity of Service." The male chorus will sing at the evening hour. The public cordially invited and welcome.

A band of seven elk cows wandered down from the mountains last Saturday, coming down the west fork of Birch creek, almost to Pilot Rock, according to reports from Pendleton papers. One of the animals did stray into Pilot Rock and was so exhausted that it was easily captured. They were seen at various farms along the way, and one was captured at the H. G. Casteel place, having been chased by a dog until exhausted. Deputy Game Warden Tonkin was notified, as the elk are believed to be too weak to escape the attack of dogs or coyotes.

One of the most pleasant and successful social events of the winter was held last evening in the banquet room of the Christian church, when the young men of the class taught by Mrs. John T. King, entertained the young ladies of the class, which is composed of forty-four members. The men proved themselves adepts in the art of entertaining, and amused their guests with many interesting games. A most elaborate luncheon was served in an artistic manner, and the young ladies will find it difficult to surpass them when the compliment is returned. The rooms were elaborately decorated in red and black, and about seventy-five guests and members partook of their hospitality. The entertainment was the result of a recent contest between the young men and ladies of the class.

**ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE CITY TREASURER**

The Press is pleased to publish the annual financial report of the City of Athena, as submitted to the city council by City Treasurer Zerba. The report follows in detail and is considered to be one of the most concise ever rendered to the city government:

**GENERAL FUND.**

Receipts.	Special Tax.	Water.
Jan. 50.53	224.95	182.10
Feb. 2,879.93	197.50	197.50
March 1,394.11	200.20	200.20
April 2,598.13	189.50	189.50
May 14.40	187.00	187.00
June 206.95	200.70	200.70
July 212.90	236.65	236.65
Aug. 2,286.40	191.40	191.40
Sept. 61.45	324.25	324.25
Oct. 8,924.94	\$2,463.10	License.
Nov. 82.50	82.00	
Dec. 68.15	8.50	
Jan. 9.50	1.00	
Feb. 4.20		
March 30.00	17.00	4.00
April 7.00	5.00	5.00
May 6.25	6.25	
June 7.00	6.25	
July 7.00	6.25	
Aug. 7.00	6.25	
Sept. 7.00	6.25	
Oct. 7.00	6.25	
Nov. 7.00	6.25	
Dec. 7.00	6.25	
\$98.15	\$128.70	\$98.25

Miscellaneous.

Jan. Freight overcharge refunded	1.20
Mar. sale of old motor coils	9.80
May Kirk Estate sidewalk	3.00
June Froome street grading	8.75
Aug. Hay	5.00
Oct. Collins, dam'ge to fire hose	25.75
Dec. Hay	4.50
	\$59.00

**Disbursements.**

Red'mtion of War'nts.	Int. on War'nts.	Transferred to Sink. fund.
Jan. 919.64		
Feb. 26.57		
Mar. 2,950.00	103.72	
April 273.10	6.63	
May 3,551.45	44.00	1,095.36
June 52.02	.03	
July 775.85		
Aug. 57.00		
Sept. 7.05		
Oct. 1,569.46	19.35	375.14
Nov. 434.95	.34	
Dec. 255.50		10.24
\$10,329.89	\$173.96	\$1,480.74

**GEN. FUND RECAPITULATION.**

Receipts.

Bal. on hand Dec. 31, 1915	\$1,355.58
Special tax	8,924.94
Water	2,463.10
Fines	98.15
Found	128.70
License	98.25
Miscellaneous	58.00
	11,781.14
	\$13,136.72

Disbursements.

Red'mpt'n of war'nts	10,329.89
Interest on war'nts	173.96
Transferred to sinking fund	1,480.74
	12,484.59
Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1916	652.13
	\$13,136.72

**SINKING FUND.**

Bills	Cash Receivable
Bal. Dec. 31, 1915	907.04
Transferred to sinking fund from gen. fund	1,480.74
Rec. one year's int. on bills receivable	26.68
Rec. int. from bank on Certificates of Deposit.	69.07
	2,473.53
	\$2,807.08

ERNEST A. ZERBA,  
Treasurer City of Athena.

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Have you thought of doing repair work "between seasons?"  
There is no BETWEEN SEASON. This is the REPAIR SEASON.  
There will be many days when the weather makes outside work disagreeable or even impossible. Do the

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That shelf you promised the wife.  
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TUM-A-LUMBER—a buy-word for good building material  
TUM-A-LUMP—all that is the very best in coal or wood

**1917 MERCHANDISE**

New Goods in daily--Ginghams, Percales, Calicos, Shoes and Furnishings

Dress Ginghams, a nice line to select from	10-12 1/2, 15-19, 24
Men's Khaki pants	49-69-79-98
Percales in a wide range of patterns	1.10-1.23
Apron ginghams	1.98-2.49
White outing flannel .08 1-3 to 12 1/2	Latest dress shoes for men. Tan English lace rubber heel and neolin sole, a beauty
See our line of Ladies' aprons. All the news styles at the same old prices	4.95
Turkish Towels, pr.	Crosslet shoes, tan and black
Pillow cases, each	Men's and boys' leggins
	Men's rubbers
	Men's arctics
	Boys' shoes

Mens Suits, \$9.90, \$12.50, \$14.75. Mens Suits made to your measure. Our "Supreme" line can not be beaten. Satisfaction with every Suit—\$15.00, \$17.50, \$20.00.

*The Golden Rule*  
J.C. Penney Co. Inc.  
125 BUSY STORES

**School Notes.**

Last Friday night in the Milton gymnasium the Athena High school basket ball tossers won a double victory over Columbia College in two close, fast and snappy games, the girls' score being 23 to 21, and the boys, 21 to 17. The girls' game was the fastest seen this year. The game was even throughout, each side fighting hard for the ball. Kathryn Froome was star for Athena, making 21 of the local sextette's points, while Pauline Myrick made 18 of Columbia's 21. The boys' game was characterized by roughness, but the light Athena team outpassed Columbia and won. The game was very exciting, each team leading for short intervals. With a minute and twenty seconds left to play and the score tied, the Athena boys by faultless team work, succeeded in caging two field baskets. Jimmy Clark of Milton officiated at the girls' game and Emery Worthington at the boys' game.

Tonight the Athena teams meet Waitsburg in a double header at Waitsburg. A faster game is expected at Waitsburg than was played in Athena, on account of the improved team work of the local boys. Nothing is known of the strength of the girls' team.

Tomorrow night the teams play in Touchet and both girls and boys are expected to win. The Columbia College boys beat Touchet and as Athena defeated Columbia, the local boys expect to run a large score. Principal and Mrs. Russell will accompany the teams on the trip.

The next Literary Society meeting will be held the 19th instead of today because of the departure of the basket ball teams for the Waitsburg-Touchet trip. The election of officers will be held next meeting and for that reason the program has been shortened. Some very pleasing numbers, however, have been selected which will be found entertaining. The program is as follows: Song, "Commencement Day," society Speech—James Martin  
Piano solo—Areta Littlejohn  
Violin solo—Prof. Russell  
Vocal solo—Helen Russell  
Report of Critic—Henry Koepke

**Athena Loses to Milton.**  
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the committee, Misses Frances Fehr, Kathryn Froome and Evelyn Hurd. Appropriate toasts were made by members of the debate teams and judges and the day ended with the most cordial feeling on the part of all especially concerned.

Special numbers on the evening program consisted of several selections by pupils from the rooms of Misses Sherman, Barnes and Wagner. Very pleasing vocal solos were sung by both Miss Helez Russell and Miss Lucille Taylor.

**Dr. J. C. Baddeley**  
VETERINARY SURGEON  
LaBrasche Ranch  
Athena

**Baptist Booster Band.**  
The Baptist Booster Band paraded the streets Wednesday afternoon, with drums and booster songs. The little folks show good training under the tuition of Mr. Haslan, and sang some spirited songs on the street. Several short exhortations were made, and the people invited to attend the revival services at the church. A number of automobiles followed the boosters, bearing members of the church.

**Paramount Pictures**  
The Standard of Quality in Photoplays

**Marie Doro** Saturday in "A White Pearl"

**Sunday** - Afternoon and Evening, the Master Mystery Drama "Under Suspicion"

Monday Only  
**Franklin Ritchie - Winnifred Greenwood "DUST"** in Tuesday the Peoples Theater Presents **FLORENCE ROCKWELL** in "BODY and SOUL"

**Ford**  
THE UNIVERSAL CAR

Touring Car	\$360.00
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