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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. Present market conditions considered, the wisdom of offering our fine big stock at the usual price reduction is open to question. Over ninety per cent of our present stock is priced under present market values.

However, our friends expected a sale in January, so we began planning for it months ago. By forehand buying and vigorous efforts we have succeeded in accumulating a stock of rare bargains in spite of discouraging conditions. There are thousands of very special bargains. Our regular stock.

### Will All Be Reduced

except contract goods and such lines as we were caught short on—goods on which we had to advance prices right after this sale. Considering conditions this sale will eclipse all former ones in importance to the Customer. Now is a good time to buy, even at regular prices, for prices will advance right along and many goods very hard to get at any price.

In view of this sale's offerings, sound judgment suggests buying all your needs for months to come, right now. All goods are double tagged as usual, yellow sale tags and the regular tag, so all can see the exact saving. Come, read the yellow tags. You'll not be disappointed, for Davis-Kaser sales always "Make Good."

THE DAVIS-KASER CO., WALLA WALLA  
Complete Furnishers of Homes, Offices and Schools—10-20 Alder St.



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that uses coal oil or distillate just as well as gasoline and without special change

We have finished our inventory of—see what! We are happily surprised to find we've got to M uchl! Happy that we bought right, and that means Half Sold.

We have ONE THOUSAND rules to give you that you may take our measure—see that you get yours.

Best Electric Washer made—wrings at any angle of horizon. Sewing machine made up to the Two Spool machine—no winding bobbins. It is a sister new. Weber and Deere wagons. Dutchman and John Deere.

Watts & Rogers, Weston  
"Just Over the Hill"

## FIRST NATIONAL BANK

For Twenty-five Years

this Bank has striven to furnish every facility consistent with good Banking. That it has succeeded in doing so, is evident in the number of patrons. We can please you. Established 1891.

Capital and Surplus, \$100,000.00

## Farm Loans

NO COMMISSION NO DELAY  
NO RED TAPE LOW INTEREST RATES  
LIBERAL REPAYMENT PRIVILEGES

Hartman Abstract Company  
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## The Old Goat Has New Life

If a good Cigar is becoming to you then you will sure be coming to us

### Billiards and Pool

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

BUSH & COLEMAN, The New Proprietors

## THE BARRETT BILL WAKES UP HOUSE

### THE MERGING OF STATE OFFICES

Committees to Work For a More Economical and Efficient State Government.

The House is now taking a whirl of its own in the "consolidation" program. At the beginning of the session, Senator Barrett started his pruning bills through the Senate his object being to save the state the unnecessary expense at present incurred in maintaining useless commissions and providing for the abolishment of the useless ones.

The Barrett bills started the ball rolling toward the goal of economy and now the House, not to be outdone, is unsheathing its pruning knives. By unanimous vote the House adopted the resolutions committee's resolution providing for the appointment of a committee of five members to examine all feasible plans to receive, prepare and report bills looking toward the abolition, consolidation and merging of various state offices, boards and commissions in the interest of a more economical and efficient government.

Speaker Stanfield has appointed on the committee Representatives Brownell, Thomas, Rittner, Portwood and Porter.

The resolution under which this action was taken was a substitute for Representative Brownell's resolution, debated on the floor of the House and providing for a consolidation program by the revision of the laws committee.

Chairman Stott and other members of the revision committee protested against the Brownell plan because, they explained, it would throw additional work on a committee that already is one of the hardest worked of the Legislature.

The resolution seemed to be satisfactory all around and members who discussed it insisted that the committee should get to work right away. "I consider that I won my fight," commented Brownell. "What I want is an intelligent consolidation program."

### City Treasurer's Report

GENERAL FUND.		Water,
	Special Tax.	
Jan.		224.91
Feb.	60.53	182.10
March	2,379.93	197.70
April	1,594.11	209.20
May	2,598.12	189.60
June	14.40	187.00
July		208.95
Aug.		200.70
Sept.		213.90
Oct.	2,236.40	228.60
Nov.		191.60
Dec.	61.45	224.25
	\$8,934.94	\$3,463.10
	Fines.	82.60
Jan.		82.00
Feb.		
March	68.16	
April		8.50
May		9.60
Aug.		4.20
Sept.	30.00	17.00
Oct.		5.00
Dec.		7.60
	\$98.15	\$138.70
	Miscellaneous.	\$98.25
Jan.		
Feb.		
March		
April		
May		
June		
July		
Aug.		
Sept.		
Oct.		
Nov.		
Dec.		
	\$117.96	\$1,480.74

### Disbursements.

Red'mtion of War'nts.	Int. on War'nts.	Transferred to Sink fund
Jan. 919.64		
Feb. 35.57		
Mar. 2,935.60	103.72	
April 273.10	6.52	
May 3,651.45	44.00	1,095.30
June 52.92	.03	
July 775.95		
Aug. 67.00		
Sept. 7.05		
Oct. 1,669.46	19.35	375.14
Nov. 434.95	.94	
Dec. 265.50		10.34
	\$173.96	\$1,480.74

### GEN. FUND RECAPITULATION.

	Receipts.	
Bal. on hand Dec. 31, 1915	\$1,255.68	
Special tax	8,934.94	
Water	3,463.10	
Fines	98.15	
Found	128.70	
License	98.25	
Miscellaneous	58.00	11,781.14
		\$18,186.72

### Disbursements.

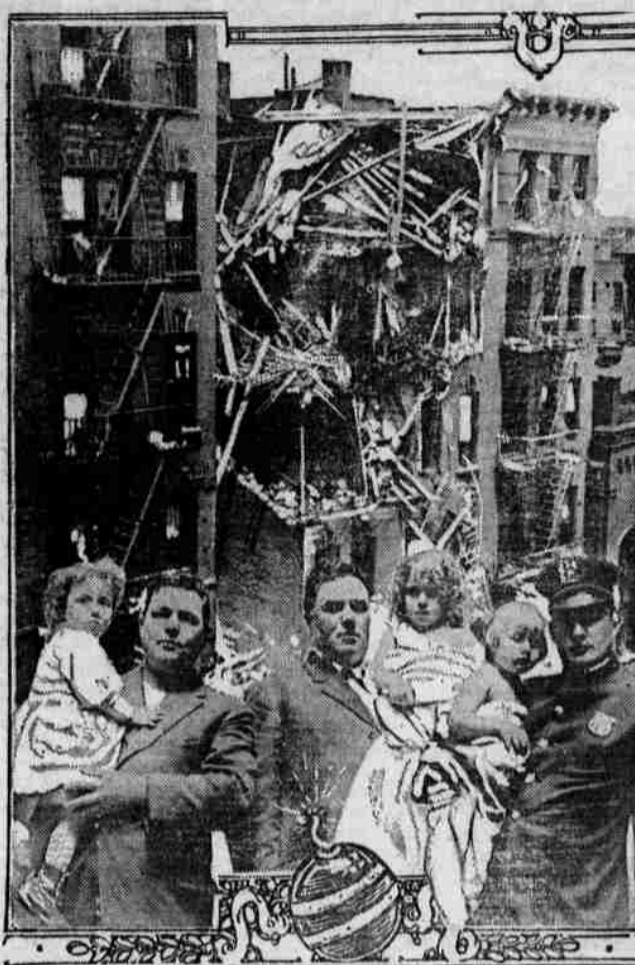
Red'mpt'n of war.	10,829.89
Interest on war'nts	173.96
Transferred to sinking fund	1,480.74
	12,484.59
Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1916	602.13
	\$13,186.72

### SINKING FUND.

	Bills	Cash	Receiptable
Bal. Dec. 31, 1915	907.04	232.55	
Transferred to sinking fund from gen. fund	1,480.74		
Rec. one year's int. on bills receivable	26.88		
Rec. int. from bank on Certificates of Deposit.	69.07	2,473.53	
		\$2,807.08	

ERNEST A. ZERBA, Treasurer City of Athena.

## How Bombmakers' Home Appeared After Explosion



Photos by American Press Association.

INCREASED police activity against anarchists is now being enforced in many cities owing to the recent dynamite explosion in New York city which killed four people. The dynamite was in possession of Arthur Caron, Charles Hansen and Charles Berg, who were anarchists who were killed in the explosion. They were making bombs in a garage which was situated at 1626 Lexington avenue and wrecked the entire building. The photo shows the tenement as it appeared after the blowing. The police are looking for an accomplice of the trio and allege that these men were heads of a dynamiting conspiracy. The children shown here are survivors.

## CITIZENS' MASS MEETING TO NOMINATE OFFICERS

The citizens' mass meeting for the purpose of nominating city officers to be elected at the annual city election March 2, will be held in the office of City Recorder B. B. Richards, on Friday evening, February 2, at 7:30 o'clock.

At this meeting nominations will be made for the office of mayor, three councilmen, city treasurer and city recorder. The outgoing officials whose terms expire with the closing of the fiscal year are: Mayor Homer I. Watts, Councilmen H. A. Barrett, M. L. Watts and N. A. Miller; Treasurer Zerba and Recorder Richards.

It is definitely understood that Mayor Watts, Treasurer Zerba and Recorder Richards will be candidates to succeed themselves. Friends of the outgoing councilmen will doubtless make an effort to have their consent to re-election, inasmuch as the council has been harmonious in governing the city during the official tenure of its members.

A close perusal of the city treasurer's annual statement, which appears on another page of today's Press, is conclusive evidence that the city's affairs have been most economically and capably managed and a conservative verdict appears to lie in the desire to see the city government executed along these lines.

## At the Methodist Church.

"Joseph in the Land of Egypt," is the title of a four reel feature which will be shown at the Methodist church last Sunday evening. Admission is free, the only restriction placed upon attendance is that the children under fifteen years be accompanied by a parent or guardian. The pictures together with the beautiful pipe organ accompaniment by Mrs. J. O. Russell will make the Sunday evening service pleasant and inspiring. No seats will be reserved. Doors open at seven o'clock; service begins at 7:30.

Of especial interest to Athena people will be the moving pictures shown on February 1. The complete pictures of the May Day festival at the University of Oregon last Spring will be screened. These pictures include the long distance race in which Floyd Payne of Athena, the winner, appears clearly. Seats will be reserved for all High school students. A special sermon, "Education," will be delivered by the pastor.

The official board of the Methodist church has adopted the new financial plan which places the finances of the church upon a sound business basis. Pledges for weekly contributions are secured from the church membership and a set of 53 envelopes is given to each contributor. This method will prove the value of systematic giving and will put the church, a Christian institution, upon a respectable financial basis. The finance committee, H. O. Worthington and W. C. Emmel, and their assistants, the board of stewards, are responsible for the movement.

The sermon topic for next Sunday morning is: "The Righteous and the Wicked." Sunday school meets promptly at 10 a. m. All are cordially invited to attend these services.

## WOODMEN ENTERTAIN WITH BIG BANQUET TO VISITORS

Athena Camp No. 171, W. O. W., held a very enjoyable meeting Wednesday night, at which time four new applications for membership were presented and one candidate initiated into the mysteries of the Protection Degree.

After the meeting the Camp was entertained by Messrs. Jock Coleman and Sandy Anderson with Scotch songs and recitations, following which a banquet was served by Athena Camp. Past Head Sentry J. P. Walker and eight other members of Pendleton Camp, and Dist. Manager J. F. Hoyt of Walla Walla, as well as a large number of local members were present.

February 7, Athena Camp will initiate other members, followed by the usual refreshments, and on January 22, members of the local Camp will go to Pendleton where a class of about thirty will be initiated.

The Woodmen of the World are making great gains in membership since its organization has paid over \$23,000,000 to its beneficiaries in the nine western states, where it operates and has over \$5,000,000 in reserve.

## Baptist Revival Meetings.

The revival meetings which have been in progress for the last three weeks in the Baptist church and conducted by Evangelist Edgar L. Mills and his helper, will close Sunday night January 21st.

The best meetings of the campaign have been during the past week with the largest crowds in attendance, and with wonderful results by the effective preaching of the evangelist. The few meetings yet to be held will be the most interesting. A Men's Gospel Team was organized with an extra large number of men and this promise to be one of the best teams organized by Mr. Mills, the evangelist. This team which is composed of laymen, will have charge of the Friday evening service and a wonderful meeting is expected from such a large number of live and enthusiastic men.

The usual all day services will be held again Sunday at 11 a. m., 2:30 and 7:30 p. m. As this will be the closing day of this great and glorious campaign, large crowds and wonderful times together will be expected, and you are invited to join with us.—H.

## Lyceum Course Number.

Saturday evening, January 27, the people of Athena will be given a treat at the Christian church, when the third number of the winter's Lyceum course will be given by the Pierce Players. Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Pierce have won their place with the foremost sketch artists of the platform. By their labors they have done much to establish the particular kind of entertainment which they give, the presentation of sketches and character impersonations, as a distinct field of the art. Their programs consisting of two or three short sketches interspersed with humorous and dramatic impersonations, are arranged from an extensive repertoire.

## A NEW ORDINANCE FOR POOL HALLS

### FOR LICENSE AND REGULATION

Amendment to Close at Six on Sunday, Loses on Motion Made to Reconsider.

An ordinance providing for the licensing and regulation of pool rooms and billiard halls has been passed by the City Council and having an emergency clause, will become effective when signed by the Mayor.

Section one of the ordinance stipulates the procedure for obtaining a license to conduct a pool room or billiard hall in the City of Athena.

Section two provides that the license fee shall be the sum of one dollar per year or fractional part of the year for each and every table of whatsoever kind, which is used in any pool room or billiard hall, where pool, billiards or cards are played.

Section three requires pool rooms and billiard halls to close at 11 o'clock p. m. each and every day of the week, and to remain closed until six o'clock the following morning. The term "closed" as used in this section, is construed to mean that all lights shall be turned off, playing and gaming shall cease, and all persons shall absent themselves from the building.

No minor is to be allowed in any pool room or billiard hall where billiards, pool or cards are played; and no punch boards, slot machine, dice, raffle, lottery or other gambling device or games of chance commonly called gambling, shall be permitted nor allowed.

Section six excludes from the premises all liquor or liquors intoxicating, of any kind, including bitters, extracts, flavorings, spirits of camphor, hard cider or any liquid substance of whatsoever kind, which contains more than one half of one per cent alcohol.

Billiard halls and pool rooms shall consist of not more than two rooms; there shall not be more than one partition, and there shall be no side room or rooms adjacent and adjoining.

Section nine provides that any person convicted before the City Recorder for violation of any section, sections or parts of any section, conditions or provisions of this ordinance, for the first offense shall be fined in any sum not less than \$10 nor more than \$25, or the license may be cancelled and forfeited, either or both in the discretion of the Recorder.

The above are the main features in the ordinance. Two amendments, one to issue licenses for a period of six months, the other an amendment for closing at six o'clock p. m. on Sunday, were defeated—the first amendment by a tie vote, decided by the Mayor. The second amendment carried when introduced by Councilman Barrett, by the following vote: For, Councilmen Barrett, Watts, McFarland, and McLeod; against, Councilmen Miller and Littlejohn. Upon reconsideration of the amendment, it lost by the following vote: For, Councilmen Barrett and McFarland; against, Councilmen Watts, McLeod, Miller and Littlejohn.

## DISTRICT ATTORNEY INVESTIGATES HERE

### SEVERAL WITNESSES EXAMINED

No Evidence of Bootlegging Found—One Takes Extracts Instead of "Shipments."

At the instigation of Mayor Watts, District Attorney Keator came to Athena Tuesday, and made an investigation of alleged bootlegging of liquor in this city.

The district attorney was accompanied by Sheriff Taylor, Deputy Sheriff Estes and a stenographer. Some ten witnesses were examined by Mr. Keator and Mayor Watts in the latter's office, their statements being taken by the stenographer and which will be placed on file in the District Attorney's office.

The result of the investigation showed that what drinking had taken place, to the knowledge of those examined, was from private shipments of liquor, bitters, and extracts, and so far as they knew, no one had purchased liquor of any person in Athena since the prohibition law went into effect.

One witness, Frank Pambrun, made the statement that his booze consisted of bitters and almond extract almost exclusively, for the reason that whiskey shipments cost too much money. He had purchased one pint of alcohol unlawfully, the purchase being made in Adams.

The investigation showed that extracts were evidently in great demand, containing as they do from 60 to 98 per cent alcohol. These extracts of lemon, vanilla, almond, etc., may be purchased at any grocery store.

The district attorney called the mayor's attention to the fact that under the prohibition law, any person coming to him with complaint or alleging knowledge of illegal traffic in liquor could be subpoenaed by him to appear before a magistrate, and on refusal to give information would be liable to a fine of \$500. Mayor Watts says that hereafter persons coming to him with complaints of this nature must be prepared to back them up.

### Railroad Man Fees Doe.

George Hillman, a railroad engineer who runs over the Blue Mountains, recently discovered a doe half way between Meacham and Kamela. The snow is so deep that the animal can make no progress and is making its home near the track. Mr. Hillman is taking food to it daily, says the East Oregonian. The deep snow has driven many animals out of the mountains. Several bands of elk have wandered into the midst of civilization. Mr. Hillman reports seeing a lynx last week three miles from Meacham.

### Athena Will Participate.

At a meeting of Pendleton Camp, W. O. W., Monday evening, eighteen applications for membership were favorably voted upon and these applicants will be part of a class to be initiated into the camp on January 22. Adams and Athena members will be asked to participate in the initiation.

## SHERWIN-WILLIAMS PAINTS AND VARNISHES

COVER THE EARTH

SOLD HERE

### THE SIGN OF GOLD PAINT

Any one who uses or ought to use varnishes, should remember that

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in this locality. For fifty years this line has been the world's leader—that's why we chose it; and we are leaders in good things here—that's why they chose us. It's a pretty good combination to do business with.

Sold by

## Ware's Pharmacy