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Home Draperies

Perhaps the most notable development in home furnishings is the great increase in the use of draperies for windows, doors and openings of all sorts. Draperies appear to be getting more attention than for many years and more than other lines of furnishings.

Our enlarged Drapery Department contains all the latest material, dainty Cretonnes, Chintzes and other light hangings, elegant Tapestries, Terry Cloths and other heavier materials. Laces, too—an elegant line of the famous Quaker Craft Laces by the yard at from

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READ & MEYER
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HIGHWAY BOARD TO SEE ALL PROJECTS

ALL PLEAS TO BE CONSIDERED

Greatest Good for Greatest Number to Govern—State Is Partitioned for Work.

The policy of the new State Highway Commission will be to get close to the hearts of the people.

This was definitely decided upon at a meeting of the Commission at Salem when all three members—S. Benson, Portland; W. L. Thompson, Pendleton; and E. J. Adams, Eugene—met officially for the first time, named Mr. Benson chairman, and in a session of several hours went over the situation generally.

The policy of the Commission toward the public as adopted by an action was probably the most important move.

"The closer we get to the people the happier and better satisfied they will be," asserted Commissioner Adams in outlining a program for dealing with the public. He suggested that whenever any section of the state desires help on highway work, or an allotment of highway funds, the Commission itself should visit the section, examine the project, hold a hearing, and go into the proposals at length with those interested.

He suggested that the Commissioners should meet then and pass upon the proposals as to their importance, and outline a definite plan of work, based upon the amount of money available for expenditures and upon the amount of work to be done, as well as upon the relative importance of such work.

After much discussion in which it was asserted that it would be practically a physical impossibility for all members of the commission to visit all sections where allotments of the highway fund were requested a second plan was hit upon by Commissioner Thompson, and was adopted.

The plan as adopted is to divide the state into districts, each commissioner being delegated to the work of a district. Petitions for allotments of funds or for assistance on road work, will be sent into the highway department offices at Salem and the secretary of the board is to notify each commissioner as to the requests from his particular section. The commissioner will arrange for a meeting with the people of the district affected, examine the project, hold a hearing and otherwise secure all the information and data available.

THE PLAY, "MISS MOLLY" APPRECIATED BY AUDIENCE

That the play, "Miss Molly," given by Mignonette Lodge, Rebockah, last Saturday evening in the High school auditorium, was an unqualified success, both from a financial and Thespian standpoint, was attested by the crowded auditorium, and the hearty applause given the performers.

At the door, \$105.70 was taken in, and the sum will go far toward the purchase of a new carpet for the I. O. O. F.-K. of P. Lodge hall, the purpose for which the play was given.

Unstinted praise is given both by the performers themselves and the audience, to Mrs. J. O. Russell, who directed the play, and gave of her time and talents in making of the event the success which it proved to be. No one would have believed that beneath his meek exterior, Lloyd McPherrin would have concealed the disposition to be the gruff, crabbed old misogynist, "Reginald Peters," who so frightened his gentle niece, "Miss Molly," (impersonated by Miss Laura McIntyre, in a most graceful manner,) that she involved herself and all the other characters in a seemingly hopeless tangle, by pretending to be "the Lady Elusia," who appeared on the scene in the last act, thus unraveling the tangle. Miss Belle McIntyre as "Cissie Saunders, the girl from New York," carried things with a high hand, in her assumed character as instructor in deportment to the long suffering but rebellious twin sister of the crusty old bachelor, "Annie Peters," (Mrs. Bessie Schrimpf.)

The very much injured "Pearly White," the colored girl, (Areta Rothrock,) brought down the house; and no less comical and well taken was the part of "Joe Johnson" the colored servant, by Arthur Chapman. Gene Schrimpf as the sentimental young artist, "Julian Hewitt," very much in love with "Miss Molly," showed himself well up to the part, and Mrs. Ethel Cannon as the stately "Lady Elusia," was perfect both in presence and lines.

In fact, the whole cast did exceptionally well, and as an amateur production, the play ranked well with any that has appeared in Athena in the past.

Specialties between acts were given and were highly appreciated. A piano duet was artistically played by Vernita Watts and Anita Littlejohn; following this a reading, "Ross," by Miss Fortna, who responded to an encore, and a vocal duet by Misses Chestnut and Read, of Adams, whose beautifully blending voices elicited another enthusiastic encore.

Last night the play was produced in Weston, and was received most cordially in that city. After all expenses were paid, the sum of \$37 was cleared.

Eighteen people, including the cast, went over and Misses Chestnut and Read, Miss Fortna and the Misses Areta Littlejohn and Vernita Watts, repeated the between-acts specialties.



From painting by Seymour Thomas

President Wilson, Whose Armed Neutrality Was Defeated By Twelve Senators, Has the Nation Behind Him.

School Notes.

(Contributed.)

That the Athena High school basketball teams have made a much better record this year than last, is evident from statistics compiled by Supt. J. O. Russell concerning the comparative scores and games won for the past two years. Last year the games won by the boys was 26.7 per cent and the per cent of the score was 39.3, while this year they won 50 per cent of the games and 44.5 per cent of the score. The record for the girls last year was 37.5 per cent of the score, while this year it was 38.8 per cent of the games and 49.9 per cent of the score. Although the per cent of games won by the girls was less this year than last, they had a much larger schedule and played better teams than before.

At a recent meeting held by last year's members of the Athena High school base ball team, Lloyd McPherrin was elected captain for the 1917 season. Preliminary indoor work for base ball began this week with the start of hand ball practice, a game which "gets the eye on the ball" as well as getting the throwing arm into shape. The new suits which were recently ordered by the school board have arrived and are on display at the Post-Winship Hardware Co.'s store. The suits are of gray wool, trimmed and lettered in dark brown, with Athena H. S. written across the breast. All the members of last year's team are back with the exception of Claud King, who recently moved to Idaho. King was Athena's star twirler last year, and his absence will be keenly felt by his former team mates. Banister, second pitcher and second baseman of last year, will probably succeed King on the mound. McPherrin will again work behind the bat. Last year's infield, Sharp, Boober and Dudley, will no doubt be at their old positions, while Lieuellen, Payne, Crabill, who composed last year's outfield, and Richmond, Sanders, Coomans, Hopper, and Lawrence Baker, are men who make strong bids for positions. H. A. Post will coach and manage base ball again, and announces that several games have already been scheduled.

The "County Fair" which is to be held in the gymnasium tomorrow night promises much fun for all who attend. Side shows of every description have been arranged. The Art Gallery containing the finest collection of pictures from all parts of the world, and the fortune teller with her mysterious readings, "telling you all about the future," will be well worth a visit. The fish pond and moving picture show are well worth the money. The Candy Kitchen, a pretty little ice cream parlor, will furnish every one a chance to be refreshed after they have seen the sights. At a certain hour sandwiches and coffee will be served free to all, and later a free vaudeville show will be given in the auditorium. The "County Fair" will give you all the fun you are looking for, besides boosting base ball in the Athena High school.

On Tuesday evening three reels of educational films were shown and explained by Supt. Russell in the school auditorium to an appreciative audience. The first pictures were along the commercial line, showing typewriting, shorthand, English and spelling classes. The last reel displayed some Ford car parades in Eastern cities. All of the pictures were sent by the United States Government bureau.

The third quarterly reception to be given by the classes is being planned by the Sophomores, and is to take place on Friday, March 16, in the high school Domestic Science room. The members of the student body, the faculty and alumni will be guests of the Sophomore class, who promise to make this the best reception of the year.

At the County school principals' meeting held in Pendleton March 3,

23 Years Ago.

[From the Press of March 9 1894]

Born—Near Athena, Tuesday, March 6, to the wife of D. C. McIntyre, a boy. Sheriff Furnish will not visit the various precincts this year to collect taxes as has been the former custom.

Under the new law taxes due the county are payable at the court house at the county seat. Taxpayers will govern themselves accordingly.

We learn that H. L. Bowmer has purchased an interest in the Weston Leader and will soon take charge of the paper.

James Ashworth, an aspirant for the democratic nomination for sheriff, was in town Tuesday shaking hands with many of the faithful.

Just as we go to press we learn that the house of Thos. Myers on Geer Spring was consumed by fire last night together with the contents with the exception of an organ and a few books.

Weston has a Republican club. M. A. Baker is President.

March is again with us and from general appearances has come in the shape of her British majesty's pet.

William Whitman, a prominent farmer of Weston, has made an assignment for the benefit equally of creditors.

E. E. Sharon, with J. H. Lawrey and William Martin, have incorporated the Umatilla Collection Association, of which E. E. Sharon will be manager.

Weston Leader: Among other convincing proofs that spring is near is the fact that our normal school baseball team has organized for the season.

A young man of Weston took his girl out for a buggy ride. She fell out and he drove a mile before noticing that she was missing. You can bet that such a thing would never happen in Athena. The horse might fall out of the shaft and never be missed, but the girl, never.

Lafe Reeves, the barber has again returned to Athena. He was employed in a shop in Pendleton during the past month.

The Athena Band in connection with the Pendleton Orchestra, furnished the music for the people's party ratification in Pendleton Saturday night.

The firemen had a meeting Tuesday night at which a great deal of business was transacted. Measures were taken for uniforms for members of the hook and ladder company.

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Price returned from their wedding tour Thursday, the 8th. Mr. Price was in town this week and was heartily congratulated by many friends.

Mrs. Jarvis Hurd and her sister Mrs. Page, left with their families last Tuesday to join their husbands in California.

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RESULTS OF CITY ELECTION TUESDAY

INITIATIVE MEASURE DEFEATED

Candidates Nominated at the Citizen's Mass Meeting Have Good Support at Polls.

Athena's annual city election, held Tuesday, resulted in the election of the candidates nominated at the citizen's mass meeting, by the following vote:

For Mayor—Homer L. Watts, 110; W. R. Scott, 78; scattering, 3.
 For Councilmen—N. A. Miller, 138; M. L. Watts, 135; V. A. Zerba, 144; George Banister, 40; R. A. Thompson, 32; Mrs. Morton, 29; C. T. Smith 12.
 For Treasurer—Ernest A. Zerba, 168.
 For Recorder—B. B. Richards, 168.
 Initiative Petition—Yes, 60; No, 101.

The handicap under which the defeated candidates were placed by not having their names upon the ballot was somewhat lessened by an innovation introduced by a walking vote solicitor canvassing for votes. Interest taken in the election by the voters was keen, the result being that a goodly number of votes were cast.

The Initiative petition, providing for an ordinance authorizing a tax levy of one mill upon all the taxable property within the corporate limits of the city for the purpose of paying a band-master or instructor for the Athena Band, met defeat. A majority of the voters, tax payers, have since expressed themselves that the band was not of direct benefit to them and hence they opposed the proposition of taxing themselves to maintain the organization.

Wine Maker Indicted.

The Hillsboro grand jury returned six indictments against Fred Stettler, the Mountaineer wine maker charged with making sales since the state went dry. His stock of more than 6000 gallons of wine, much of it 16 years old, is in the hands of the Sheriff and may be destroyed.

Special Attraction.

"Uncle Hiram's Thimble Bee," Saturday night, March 10th, 8 p. m., at Adams City Hall. Leading man, Lawrence Lieuellen. For benefit of Adams the Public Library. Every-body come. 35c and 25c.

E. I. Getman will preach at both services at the Baptist church, Sunday March 11th.

YOU ARE INVITED

to attend the opening of our store **SATURDAY, MARCH 10th**

when there will be a Demonstration of one of the latest Sanitary Slicing Machines and a showing of the variety of sliced Meats we will carry in stock. Come and get samples and receipt book showing 32 ways of preparing Dried Beef.

We will have an extra selected lot of fresh vegetables such as head and hot-house Lettuce, Radishes, Green Onions, Brussel sprouts, Young Carrots, Beets and Turnips, Tomatoes, Cucumbers, Parsley and Cabbage.

Also

- Fancy sweet, juicy Oranges, the doz. 25c
- Fresh home-made Saratoga Chips, the package, 10c
- Extra fancy Hawaiian Pineapple, sliced, the can, 25c
- Assorted Cakes in bulk, the pound, 35c
- Kippered Salmon, the pound, 25c
- Extra fine, large Florida Grape Fruit, two for 25c
- Very select Queen Olives, large jar, 45c
- Fleischmann's Compressed Yeast, two for 5c
- Preferred Stock canned goods and Tru Blu crackers

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