

To Advertisers
The Athena Press circulates in the homes of readers who reside in the heart of the Great Umatilla Wheat Belt, and they have money to spend

The Athena Press

Subscription Rates
One Copy, one year, \$1.50; for six months, 75c; for three months, 50c; payable in advance, and subscriptions are solicited on no other basis

Entered at the Post Office at Athena, Oregon, as Second-Class Mail Matter

VOLUME XXIX.

ATHENA, UMATILLA COUNTY, OREGON, FRIDAY, APRIL 6, 1917.

NUMBER 15

Vacuum Cleaners Sweepers

A good Vacuum Cleaner will save its cost and over again in Carpets, Rugs, Curtains, Upholstered Furniture etc., to say nothing about time and much back-breaking work saved. It sucks in the dirt and impurities instead of scattering them through the air to choke lungs and settle on everything in the room. We have good reliable hand cleaners which are convenient and easy to use, durable and effective—will get the dirt and grit out of the heaviest carpet or rug.

Our Davis-Kaser Special at \$6.75

is fully guaranteed—money back if not satisfied after two weeks trial. Others are here at \$8.00 to \$9.50. These are but little larger than an ordinary carpet sweeper, and are almost as light and easy to use. Then we have electric cleaners, fully guaranteed at \$14.50 and upward to \$50.00 for the incomparable Magic Cleaner. Call and see these if possible. Write for descriptions and prices if unable to come. In any event get a Vacuum Cleaner if you haven't one—a very profitable investment.

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



Demonstration Day Set

SATURDAY, APRIL 7th

AT C. H. NELSON RANCH, FORMERLY W. M. MCKENZIE PLACE, IN THE EDGE OF WESTON.



AT LEAST TWO DIFFERENT TRACTORS WILL BE SHOWN IN THIS WORKOUT

Beginning at 2 p. m.

Watts & Rogers
"Just Over the Hill"

The First National Bank of Athena

Conducts a General Banking Business

Capital and Surplus, \$100,000

We are always prepared to care for the proper needs of our Customers.

ESTABLISHED 1865

Preston-Shaffer Milling Co.

AMERICAN BEAUTY FLOUR

Is made in Athena, by Athena labor, in one of the very best equipped mills in the Northwest, of the best selected Bluestem wheat grown anywhere. Patronize home industry. Your grocer sells the famous American Beauty Flour

Merchant Millers & Grain Buyers

Athena, Oregon. — — — — — Waitsburg, Wash.



We carry the best **MEATS** That Money Buys Our Market is Clean and Cool Insuring Wholesome Meats. **READ & MEYER** Main Street, Athena, Oregon

UNITED STATES ENTERS WORLD WAR HOUSE FAVORS RESOLUTION 373-50

With the House of Representatives voting at three o'clock this morning in favor of the resolution by the decisive majority of 373 to 50, the United States enters the World War. The Senate had previously passed the Resolution by a vote of 82 to 6, the dissenting Senators being Gronna, La Follette, Norris, Lane, Stone and Vandaman.

The war Resolution was strenuously debated in the House and the members were weary when the long session ended this morning. The Resolution is as follows:

"Whereas, the Imperial German government has committed repeated acts of war against the government and people of the United States of America, therefore be it

"Resolved, by the senate and house of representatives of the United States of America, in congress assembled, that the state of war between the United States and the imperial German government which has thus been thrust upon the United States is hereby formally declared; that the President be, and hereby is authorized and directed to employ the entire naval and military forces of the United States and reserve army to carry on war against the imperial German government; and to bring the conflict to a successful termination all resources of the country are hereby pledged by the Congress of the United States."



EXTRACTS FROM THE PRESIDENT'S SPEECH

"The present German submarine warfare against commerce is a warfare against mankind. It is a war against all nations. American ships have been sunk, American lives taken, in ways in which it has stirred us very deeply to learn of, but the ships and people of other neutral and friendly nations have been sunk and overwhelmed in the waters in the same way. There has been no discrimination. The challenge is to all mankind."

"Each nation must decide for itself how it will meet it. The choice we make for ourselves must be made with a moderation of council and a temperateness of judgment befitting our character and our motives as a Nation. We must put excited feeling away. Our motive will not be revenge or the victorious assertion of the physical might of the Nation, but only the vindication of right, of human right, of which we are only a single champion."

"We have no quarrel with the German people. We have no feeling toward them but one of sympathy and friendship. It was not upon their impulse that their government acted in entering this war. It was not with their previous knowledge or approval."

"It was a war determined upon as wars used to be determined upon in the old, unhappy days when people were nowhere consulted by their rulers and wars were provoked and waged in the interest of dynasties or little groups of ambitious men who were accustomed to use their fellowmen as pawns and tools."

"Self-governed nations do not fill their neighbor states with spies, or set the course of intrigue to bring about some critical posture of affairs which shall give them an opportunity to strike and make conquest. Such designs can be successfully worked only under cover and where no one has the right to ask questions."

"We are at the beginning of an age in which it will be insisted that the same standards of conduct and of responsibility for wrong done shall be observed among nations and their governments that are observed among the individual citizens of civilized states."

"We have no selfish ends to serve. We desire no conquest, no dominion. We seek no indemnities for ourselves, no material compensation for the sacrifices we shall freely make. We are but one of the champions of the rights of mankind. We shall be satisfied when those rights have been secured as the faith and the freedom of the nations can make them."

"Just because we fight without rancor and without selfish objects, seeking nothing for ourselves but what we shall wish to share as free people, we shall, I feel confident, conduct our operations as belligerents without passion and ourselves observe with proud punctilio the principles of the right and of fair play we profess to be fighting for."

Local Trout April 13th.

Much interest is being shown in the Athena school in the local declamatory and oratorical trout for the County Contest of April 20. The trout will be held in the school auditorium on Friday evening, April 13th. The Athena school in every contest in the past has won a medal, and the winners in the coming contest will make a strong effort to keep up the reputation of the school. The program of the local trout is as follows:

1. Instrumental solo, Velva Mansfield
2. Declamations, Division D:

3. Vocal solo.
4. Declamations, Division C: Velma McAlexander, Audra Winship, Ethel Woodruff, Ione Carden, Mildred Winship, Elizabeth Mathers, Bethleen Read.
5. Instrumental solo.
6. Declamation, Division B: Zola Keen.
7. Oration, Division A: Florence McLennan.
8. Vocal solo, Jeannette Miller
- Decision of Judges.

ATHENA TO HAVE CLEAN-UP DAYS

NEXT THURSDAY AND FRIDAY Rubbish to Be Hauled Free of Charge to Property Owners on Those Days.

Mayor Watts has set aside Thursday and Friday of next week as clean-up days in Athena. All rubbish and debris which is placed in piles by residents of the city on these two days will be hauled away free of charge to them.

Everyone is requested to clean up premises and alleys, vacant lots, etc. Other towns are observing the annual clean-up system and it is noted that Athena in spots, should do likewise. It is understood that the owners of lots on which remain wreckage from burned buildings must give immediate attention to removal of same, or the city will have it done, charging the costs against the property. With clean yards, alleys and streets, these charred wrecks do not look well to the public eye.

ATHENA HIGH SCHOOL PLAY AT AUDITORIUM TONIGHT

The comedy, "Mr. Bob," will be given by the High school tonight at 8:15 in the auditorium. This is the closing play of the season and a large audience is expected. Besides the play, many interesting specialties have been arranged by the grades which will be a pleasant feature. The comedy in two acts is written by Rachel E. Baker. It is a portrayal of life in a fairly well-to-do community where yachting and a fascination for the "Cat" family are pastimes for some of the leading characters.

The Cast:
Philip Royson, interested in yachting—Henry Koepke.
Robert Brown, clerk of Benson & Benson—Verne Dudley.
Jenkins, Miss Rebecca's butler—Lawson Booher.
Rebecca Luke, a well-to-do maiden lady—Evelyn Hurd.
Katherine Rogers, Miss Luke's niece—Zola Keen.
Marion Bryant, Katherine's friend—Helen Russell.
Patty, Miss Luke's maid, of dramatic taste—Kathryn Frooma.
Act I.
Breakfast room at Tresham; time, morning.
Act II.
Same as Act I; time, afternoon of the same day.
Specialties.

1. Dance of the Dances—Eight pupils from the third and fourth grades.
2. The Clown Drill—Eight pupils from the fifth and sixth grades.
3. Pantomime, "Coming Thru the Rye,"—Seven girls seventh and eighth grades.
4. Vocal solo "The Jungle Moon," in costume—Master Elmo Russell.
5. Vocal solo "In the Land of Years Ago,"—Miss Lucille Taylor.

Pianist, Miss Velva Mansfield.
Curtain at 8:15 p. m.

Humorist-Philosopher.
Ralph Parlette, America's foremost platform humorist-philosopher, has been secured to appear here on April 17, at the Christian church, where he will give the last in the series of lecture attractions. For twenty years he has been growing in demand until today we are fortunate to have him for he cannot fill half the engagements offered him. This is your only chance to hear him this season.

School Notes.

Preparations are now being completed for the last public exercises of the High school, the Baccalaureate service and Commencement exercises. Rev. W. S. Gleiser of the Methodist Episcopal church will deliver the Baccalaureate sermon. The service will be given Sunday evening, May 13th, at 8 o'clock in the High school auditorium. The program for the Commencement exercises is complete with the exception of the choice of speaker. An effort was made to secure Dr. Penrose of Whitman, to give the address, but he was unable to comply with the request. The program will appear later.

Every effort is being exerted by the High school students to make the last meeting of the Literary Society, to be held on Thursday, April 12 instead of Friday, the 13th, as previously announced, the best and most entertaining of the year. Special features of the meeting will be the reading of the society paper, "The Spectator," containing a Senior Class history and "will" and the closing address by Supt. Russell. The program:

Song, by the Society.
Stunt, Henry Koepke.
Reading, Evelyn Hurd.
Faculty quartet, Prof. Russell, H. A. Post, W. D. Allingham, Miss Brierley.
Society Paper, Annabel McLod.
Frenchman's Interpretation of Macbeth, Mr. H. A. Post.
Farewell Speech, Edna McAlexander, (President of Senior Class).
Piano solo, Ballo Pambran.
Debate, Sylvester Crabill and Carrie DeFreece.
Piano, solo, Velva Mansfield.
Closing address, Supt. Russell.
Report of Critic, Arta Littlejohn.

Last Friday afternoon the Athena High school base ball team opened the season by defeating a picked town team on the local diamond by a score of 15 to 3. Booher, the school's pitcher, was the star of the game, striking out 18 men and allowing only three hits. The fielding of the high school nine was erratic, three runs being made by the town team on three hits. Much improvement has been made in the defensive work of the team during the past week however, and clean fielding is expected from now on. The High school team will play either Helix or Weston on the home diamond this afternoon.

The lecture given last Monday evening by W. D. Allingham, Manual Training instructor, on "Inside Painting and Varnishing," was greatly appreciated by the audience. Demonstrations were given in polishing and varnishing wood surfaces, how to remove varnish, etc. The increased audience showed much interest in the course of lectures, and many are anxious to obtain the information offered. Advantage should be taken of the last lecture next Monday evening, when Mr. Allingham will finish the course.

At the election of the May Queen last Friday, Helen Russell was chosen to represent the school in the May Day Festival. Annabel McLod receiving the next highest number of votes, was chosen Maid of Honor. Some time in the near future flower girls will also be chosen, who will take an active part in the May Day festivities.

In accordance with Patriotic Week, an assembly was held Friday morning in the auditorium, for the entire school at which time the students pledged allegiance to the flag and listened to short patriotic speeches by Supt. Russell and Prof. Allingham.

Visitors to the school during this week were: Mrs. O. Stephens, Mrs. M. Haxell, Mrs. Jackson, City Supt. I. E. Young and Supt. Parks of the Pendleton schools.

On account of sickness, the pupils of Miss Sizer's room this week had to postpone several drills and programs which had been planned.

SUNDAY SCHOOL INSTITUTE HERE

TWO DAYS SESSION PROGRAM Delegates From the Walla Walla District and Others to Be in Attendance.

Following is the program of the Sunday School Institute which will be held at the Methodist church next Wednesday and Thursday, April 11 and 12. The townspeople of Athena and also the people of the surrounding territory are cordially invited to attend. A large delegation of out of town people is expected.

Wednesday, April 11th.
2:00. Devotions led by Rev. J. F. Cook
2:15. Importance of Observing Special Days in the Sunday school—Rev. T. A. Graham
3:00. The Sunday School as an Evangelistic Agency—Rev. J. M. Weaver of Seattle
3:45. The Book We Teach and Its Place in the Sunday School—Rev. Downs Evening Session.

7:30. Devotions led by Rev. Clark
7:45. Address of Welcome by W. C. Emmel, Supt. Athena S. School.
8:00. Response Rev. R. E. Gornall.
8:15. Address—Dr. Bowen.
Thursday Morning, Carrick
9:00. Devotions led by Rev. Carrick
9:15. Sunday School Organization and Administration—Dr. Warner
10:00. The Organized Adult Class—Rev. J. M. Weaver
10:45. The Sunday School a Social Institution—Rev. Gornall.
11:30. The Primary Essentials in Building up an Efficient Sunday School—Rev. D. L. Clark
12:00. Luncheon.

Afternoon Session.
1:00. Devotions led by Rev. Bryan.
1:15. Material and Method in Teaching Religion—Dr. Warner.
2:00. Necessity of Teacher Training—Rev. A. A. Callender.
2:45. Simple Uses of the Blackboard—Rev. Weaver.
3:30. Music in the Sunday School—Rev. P. C. Money.
4:00. Missionary Instruction in the Sunday School—Rev. J. O. Johnson. Evening Session.
7:30. Devotions led by Rev. Money.
8:00. Passion Play shown by Rev. Gleiser, Pastor Athena Church.

To Appear in Recital.

At eight o'clock next Tuesday evening in the High school auditorium, Mrs. Nellie Whiting McDonald will present two pupils, Kathryn Frooma and Thelma Saling, in piano recital. Both girls have displayed marked talent and the program will be of much interest. Miss Edna Saling, violinist, will assist. The program:

Gavotte Thelma Bach—Saint Saens
Sonata in C Major Thelma Saling. Mozart
Second piano Kathryn Frooma. Greig
Mrs. McDonald at second piano.
Titanica Thelma Saling. Holliday
Legende Thelma Saling. Torjusson
Hungarian Rhapsody Thelma Saling. Koelling
Erotic—Dance Caprice Thelma Saling.
Wedding Day at Trolldhagen Thelma Saling. Greig
Kathryn Frooma.
Rondino Kathryn Frooma. Kreisler
Mignonette Kathryn Frooma. Fritzi
Miss Edna Saling.
To the Spring Kathryn Frooma. Greig
Albumeaf Kathryn Frooma. Greig
Scandinavian dance Kathryn Frooma. Petersen
La Rogatta Venetiana Kathryn Frooma. Liszt
To the Rising Sun Thelma Saling. Torjusson
Drifting Thelma Saling. Fritzi
To a Water Lily Kathryn Frooma. MacDowell
Military Polonaise Kathryn Frooma. Chapin
Kathryn Frooma.

MR. RANCHER

Look over our cash prices and see what we can save you by paying cash. We buy for cash, sell for cash and our motto is "one price to all." Market conditions warrant you in buying where your dollar buys you the most of the best Merchandise to be had.

FOR MEN	FOR MEN	FOR THE HOUSEWIFE
"Crown Special" overalls, genuine Indigo dye, all sizes .98	Harvest Shoes \$1.79 \$1.98	Oilecloth, all colors, .30
"Crown Special" stripes overalls, genuine Indigo dye, all sizes .98	Work Shoes \$2.49 \$5.25	Apron Gingham, Amoskeag, .07
"Underhill" genuine Indigo dye overalls, all sizes .98	Riding Boots \$2.95 \$5.50	Calico, all colors, .07
"Big" extra heavy overalls .82	Work Shirts all colors \$7.49 \$8.90	Dress Gingham, .10
"Ehrman" overalls good grade .75	Work Shirts Extra Size .49	Percales .09 1-3, 10, 11 1/2
Waist overalls genuine Indigo .83	Shirts and Drawers Each .35	Gaiters, all colors .18
Khaki Pants \$1.10 \$1.23	B. V. D. Union Suits .49 .95	Good grade Bleach Muslin .05 1-3
Work Pants \$1.23 \$1.98	Union Suits, .49 .95	Hope Bleach Muslin .10
Cotton gloves .05 .10	B. V. D. Union Suits .49 .95	Fruit of Loom Bleach Muslin .12 1/2
Work Socks .05 .09 1-3 .15	Chalmers Poros-Knit .89	No 60 Berkley Muslin .15
Red and Blue Handkerchiefs, .05 .09 1-3	Work gloves .49 \$1.49	Pillow Cases, 10, 12 1/2, 15, 24
	See our line of smoked and Cor. daroy Buck gloves two of the best made in wrist or gauntlet. - \$1.49	Furrow Towels, pair .19, 25, 39
		Sheets, .49, 79, .93

The above are only a few of our everyday Bargains. One visit will convince you that we carry only first class merchandise with price within reach of all

J. C. Penney Co.
THE GOLDEN RULE
175 BUSY STORES