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With the price of grain sacks at 21 cents, war clause added, staring farmers in the face, it seems almost certain that the proposed \$35,000 elevator for Athena is assured. Farmers in localities where the bulk method of harvesting grain is followed, pronounce it to be successful, both in time and labor saved, beside the pleasant jingle of the sack money sticks in the grain-grower's pocket. W. W. Harza stated at a meeting of farmers held in Athena yesterday afternoon, that elevators conducted by farmers paid a ten per cent dividend above operating expenses, in addition to carrying a sinking fund. In connection with elevators conducted by farmers on the cooperative plan, it is learned that the reason for their remunerative operation lies almost wholly in the fact that they follow marketing methods employed by fruit and produce unions and organizations of Hood River, Wentstee, Walls Walls, and other districts. The knowledge of such results has created interest in the proposed local enterprise with indications that Athena will have an elevator.

Government control of railroads has already reduced the number of passenger trains running between Portland and Seattle to three each way, daily. How many trains were on this route before the government "hooverized" the schedule, is not stated. With freight trains given right-of-way privileges, the Pullman Company may be expected to trim box cars in mahogany and tapestry.

French and British cannon have proved to be good enough to stand off the Germans, and if Uncle Sam elects to supply his battery squads with these weapons, he will have no trouble in saving tonnage on shipboard. The fellow over the water is not the only one who is getting the most out of the war.

ATHENA PUBLIC SCHOOL IN RED CROSS BENEFIT

The Athena Public School will be the promoter of a series of four fine entertainments for the community, the benefits to go to the local Red Cross auxiliary. The High school at Wednesday's assembly elected Connie Baker, who will be the third member of the financial committee consisting of president, Henry Koepke, Francis Williams, and Connie Baker. All receipts for the Red Cross benefit performances will be handled by this committee. The plan for seat sales is as follows: First five rows, season tickets \$8; second five rows, season tickets \$1.75; remainder of house, \$1.50 for season tickets.

Two committees will canvass Athena and vicinity for seat sales. The High school students and a delegation from the local Red Cross, under the direction of a special committee, consisting of Mrs. H. I. Watts, Mrs. Alta Michner, Mrs. F. S. LeGrow, Mrs. A. A. Foss and Mrs. Marion Hansell. The drive begins Monday and closes February 1.

STANFIELD WILL MANAGE HIS CAMPAIGN PERSONALLY

That he will be his own campaign manager, and have neither headquarters nor assistants, but will depend upon the news and advertising columns of the press of the state and personal visits to reach the voters, was the announcement of R. N. Stanfield Tuesday in assuming the active work of his campaign for the nomination for United States senator on the republican ticket.

He declared he intended to make a very active and vigorous campaign and would devote practically all of his time from now until the primaries to the work.

The old political manager system does not appeal to him and he is going to break away from it entirely. So far as possible he will personally visit every community and locality in the state and use the newspapers quite freely.

Red Cross Meeting.

The regular business meeting for the month was held at the Red Cross room

IRWIN G. BROOKS DEAD. FUNERAL IN PORTLAND

Athena and vicinity was shocked to hear of the death of Irwin G. Brooks, at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, where he was stationed with the aviation corps of the Federal Army. Death came Sunday, from pneumonia, after he had been ill with measles, an epidemic of which recently swept the Southern camp.

Mr. Brooks had everybody for his friend in Athena, where he was bookkeeper at the First National Bank, and was prominently identified with athletic sports. He was a member of Dolph Lodge, No. 80, A. F. & A. M., of this city. When he left Athena he went to Stevenson, Montana, where he was connected with a bank in the capacity of assistant cashier.

He enlisted September 9 and went to Camp Lewis, stopping in this city en route. He applied for a transfer into the Aviation division and went to Houston on November 9, where he won the rank of sergeant major.

Irwin Gordon Brooks was born at Silverton, Oregon, 25 years ago. He was the son of Dr. F. M. Brooks of Portland, who left that city for the bedside of his son last week on receipt of the news of his illness. The funeral will be held tomorrow at Portland.

Pencils in Japan.
An unthought-of result of the war has been the creation of a ten-cent pencil industry in Japan. In 1911 Japan imported 65,000,000 pencils, most of which came from America and Germany. But with the opening of the European conflict German sources of supply were cut off and native manufacturers, who had been producing only in comparatively small quantities, seized their opportunity and made the most of it. In 1914 Japan exported over nine million pencils and in 1916 the number had increased to 168,000,000. There is strong indication, observes a writer, that many of the markets won by the Orientals will be held by them after the war, for they have the advantage of very cheap labor. Most of the lead which they use is imported from India and this country.

Woman Horse Nurse.
In London Messrs. MacNamara, who employ about forty woman drivers, have put their horse hospital entirely in charge of women. Mrs. Pary, the superintendent, says they have thirty to forty patients a day. She and three assistants do all cleaning, grooming, feeding and administering of medicines prescribed by the veterinary surgeon. The animals, she says, are grateful and companionable, and she has no doubt that women will want to keep on with this work after the war. "We do not baby the horses," she says. "Somehow we reform the worst cases of temper, and the women can do anything they like with even fractious, nervous and suffering horses. The effect on the nerves of the horses, and consequently on their value, is noticeable."

Why Not Wear a Sign?
Pat, being on his holidays, was one day strolling through the streets of New York, when he saw the figure of a man standing before a shop. There was a card pinned to the man's coat on which was written, "Reduced to 50%." Pat, who was a little shyly approached the man and said: "Begorra, sir, you're in reduced to 30 cent."

CAPTURED BY RODENTS.

A Group of Islands Off Cape Horn Now the Property of Rats.
Within the last generation a unique rat colony has grown up in south Georgia, a group of bleak and barren islands of about 1,000 square miles, in the Atlantic ocean several hundred miles east of Cape Horn. In the three months of the short warm season a little tussock grass grows, and this formerly supported a considerable number of rabbits with a few small mammals of other species.

In the last century the islands became the center of the whaling industry. With a favorable summer several thousand whales are brought to the nine stations, and the carcasses, after the outer blubber has been stripped off, are set adrift along the shore.

The first rats, escaping from a sealing vessel, were introduced twenty-five or thirty years ago. They found the best of shelter in the peat and tufts of grass, and with an unlimited food supply in cold storage in the enormous field of rotting flesh they have multiplied in millions, notwithstanding the rigors of the winters.

At the time when the rat is being fought as a great menace to the world's health the development of this rat stronghold offers a problem of peculiar interest.—Exchange.

The Judge, He Knows.
"What, you here again?" exclaimed a New York police magistrate when his eyes fell upon a familiar face before the bar. "Why, you're only out of the workhouse," said the magistrate to the man, who was arraigned for striking his wife. "Well, you see, Judge," began the prisoner, "we have mice in the house—you know how it is, Judge—and my wife set a trap for them. I was going around the room in my bare feet—you know how it is, Judge—not thinking of the trap. I stepped on the bait and my big toe caught in the sharp wire noose—you know how it is, Judge." "What's that got to do with striking your wife?" "I threw the trap at her—you know how it is, Judge—and she didn't dodge it." "No, I don't know how it is. You had been drinking last night." "I had one drink—you know how it is, Judge." "Two months in the workhouse—you know how it is," said the magistrate.

Tractor Has Feet and Legs.
A tractor without wheels designed especially for dragging cultivators in cornfields, is described by Popular Mechanics Magazine. Instead of wheels it has four legs with ski-shaped feet, these legs having hip, knee and ankle joints and they take steps like those of an animal. The legs are driven by a gasoline motor. They are steered around corners by making those on one side take longer steps than those on the other and reversing is accomplished by transferring the knee-caps from the front to the back of the joints. The machine can straddle a row of six-foot corn without touching the stalks.

Where Are the Germans, Mamma?
Mother's four-year-old is very much interested in the war. He often hears his father reading the war news. "What is a fort?" he asked his mamma, recently. "There is one near the city," the mother said. "I'll take you out there some day," and she kept her word. When the four-year-old had seen the buildings and the soldiers drilling, and mother had explained to him the object of the training, the little lad asked: "But where are the Germans, mamma?"—Indianapolis News.

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The Churches.

The Christian Church.
The special feature of the Sunday morning service will be the annual sermon, dealing with the report of the past year and the problems for the future. Every member should be present to learn what we have done, and what we are going to provide for 1918-19, will be the theme. Bible school 10: a. m., preaching 11 a. m. There will be no evening service on account of dedication of the new Christian church at Milton. Music appropriate to the occasion will be rendered at the morning service by the Christian church chorus. You are cordially invited to all services and welcome to all our privileges and worship. D. Errett, Minister.

At the Baptist Church.
Last Sunday was a great day for us. The power of the Spirit of God was upon us. The crowds increase. Three united with the church at the morn'g service. The revival spirit is beginning to work.

Our revival effort begins next Sunday, and will last until the interest ceases. We are in it to win. Will the public help us?
Topics for a week: Sunday, 6th, 11 a. m., "The Sound of Rain;" 7:30, p. m., "Revival;" Monday evening, "A Recipe for a Revival;" Tuesday evening, "A Stereoscopic Picture;" Wednesday evening, "Picks and Shovels;" Thursday evening, "The True Mission of the Church;" Friday evening, "Four Peas in a Pod;" Saturday evening, "The Church With a Hobbles Skirt;" Sunday, 18th, 11 a. m., "The Wilderness Wooing;" 3 p. m., "Ruth, a Type of the Church;" a study of the Book of Ruth;" 7:30, p. m., "The Dry Bones of Athena." Afternoon services at 2:30 Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of each week. Let everybody prepare to attend these services. Good music at all the services. D. E. Baker, Pastor.

NOTICE.
All parties knowing themselves indebted to me for the year 1917 will please come forward and settle the same. N. A. Miller.

Notice of Final Account
In the County Court for Clatsop County, Oregon.
In the estate of Brache-Franz, deceased, hereby given that the undersigned her final account above entitled matter above entitled Court day, February 2, 1918, at 10 o'clock a. m., of the county of Clatsop, Oregon, as the place, for hearing and report. Objections to final account and report should be filed on or before said date. Mary LaBrache-Baddeley, Executrix. Dated January 4, 1918.

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