

Press Paragraphs

Dean Willaby made a business trip to LaGrande Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ropt. Beckham visited in Pendleton Monday.

Roy Hartley, of Pendleton, visited Athena friends Sunday.

R. Lakin of Albion, Wash, is visiting his sister, Mrs. Frank Jackson.

Mark G. Harris' new Spring samples of men's suits at the Golden Rule. —Adv.

Mrs. Winship and Mrs. Haworth, were Pendleton visitors the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Barnes and Mrs. Wm. Graham of Weston visited in the city Monday.

J. M. Hayes is in the city, visiting at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Frank Berlin.

105 orders placed at Walla Walla for the McCormick Harvester Combine. See Watts & Rogers.

Watts brothers moved their big caterpillar into one of their fields the other day, preparatory to beginning spring plowing.

The little son of Earl Dudley was operated on at Pendleton this week for removal of his tonsils.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. White of Portland are visiting at the Clarence Zerba home northwest of town.

Mrs. W. C. Emmel has been assisting in the Golden Rule store, during the absence of Mr. Taylor.

Eight orders last week for the McCormick Harvester combine—Get yours in. Watts & Rogers.

Miss Elsie Walker came over from Walla Walla and spent the week end with her parents west of town.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Kilgore have moved to their farm on Wild Horse, where they will reside in the future.

George Wall has returned from Portland. His mother has again been seriously ill, but is better at present.

The Star Club will be entertained next Tuesday afternoon by Mrs. B. B. Richards, at her home on Jefferson street.

Wesley L. Zerba, who spent several weeks here has left for Hingham, Mont., where he will farm a large tract of land.

Miss Eloise Bergevin, who is attending High school in Walla Walla, visited at her home near Athena over the week end.

Burke & Son have sold a Ford touring car to George Sheard. This is the second Ford machine Mr. Sheard has purchased.

Mrs. W. E. Dobson has received word from her brother-in-law, Corporal Guy Shields, that he has arrived safely in France.

Mrs. W. R. Scott and Mrs. Foster have returned from Walla Walla, and report their mother, Mrs. Garfield, very much improved.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Beckham have returned from Spokane, and the newlyweds are receiving congratulations from their Athena friends.

Six inches of snow fell Wednesday night, the first real snowfall of the winter. Zeph Lockwood drove the first sleigh on the streets yesterday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Pinkerton and Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Pinkerton visited in Milton early in the week, and attended the revival meetings being held there.

Mrs. Ralph B. McEwen and little sons Edwin and Ralph, arrived home yesterday from an extended visit with relatives and friends at Newberg, Eugene and Portland.

Ruth Williams, of the 5th grade in school, is the first to sell Thrift Stamps and has already sold \$30 worth. She is on the fair road to become a member of the Junior Rainbow division.

A bill introduced in the senate by Senator Gore, which provides for increasing this year's wheat prices from \$2 to \$2.50, per bushel, is interesting the wheat raisers of this section.

Ralph McEwen left last evening for Leaburg, Oregon, to close up the sale of his ranch near that place. It is expected that Mr. and Mrs. A. B. McEwen will make their home in Eugene.

Work Wanted.—A man with family would like work on a wheat or stock ranch or would rent a ranch. Experienced in dry wheat farming.

H. C. Finster, Big Eddy, Oregon.

Rev. D. E. Baker made a flying trip to Portland Monday evening, returning Wednesday morning. He attended the State Layman's meeting of the Baptist church Tuesday afternoon and evening.

McCredie's Portland baseball team will do its spring training in Pendleton this year. A proposition agreeable to both the manager of the team and Pendleton fans has been practically settled.

Mrs. Bowles and daughter have returned to their home in Walla Walla, where Miss Bowles has accepted the position of secretary of the Red Cross headquarters of Walla Walla and Columbia counties.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. McIntyre and children have returned home from Long Beach, Calif., where they spent several weeks. Mr. McIntyre's mother and two sisters remained south for awhile longer.

Displayed in the window at Ware's Pharmacy are to be seen two pedestals of superior workmanship of two students of the manual training department of the Athena school, Glen McAlexander and Frank Miller.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Adams have returned from an extended trip through the Eastern and Southern states. They will reside in Walla Walla, Mr. Adams coming over frequently to look after his farming interests here.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Cannon entertained at their home last evening, when six tables were occupied with "500" devotees. Delectable refreshments were served by the hostess, Misses Kathryn Froome and Velva Mansfield served punch.

George Strand, erstwhile deputy sheriff but now an ordinary wheat-raiser out in the Juniper district, was an Athena visitor Wednesday. In company with W. R. Taylor, Mr. Strand autored to Walla Walla before returning to the ranch.

Letters from Portland inform Henry Barrett that there is no perceptible change in his father's health. Senator Barrett is now in St. Vincent's hospital, but since going there several days ago his condition has not improved. However, a better report is hoped for.

The Umatilla crop of lambs is being harvested in some sections of the county. The stock is in very good condition as the result of an exceptionally mild winter and plenty of range grass to feed. However, the snowfall of Wednesday night may prove a setback for the young lambs.

The Press was in error last week in saying that D. B. Jarman, who visited here, was in charge of the Golden Rule Store at Eugene. Instead, Mr. Merle Roby, formerly of the Golden Rule Store of Athena, is manager of the Eugene store, and Mr. Jarman manages a store in Salem.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Swaggart, who have been touring California are expected to return in a few days. It would take a "Mulligan Stew" column to recount the various digressions from the social amenities of polite society as exemplified in Metropolitan life, which are attributed to Milt by his friend, McIntyre.

In renewing his subscription to the Press "Gunny," up at Dayton, Wash., says since leaving Athena and reading the Press away from home, that he is more than ever convinced that "it's the best paper published in Athena." The editor is wise to the effect that a couple of Athena young ladies now touring California, think likewise.

Excavation continues on the site for the Farmer's elevator on the property recently purchased from David Taylor. A steam drill is being used in connection with blasting operations and a strong flow of water encountered, which has been giving some trouble. Several bids for constructing the concrete building have been received and shortly the contract will be awarded, when construction work will begin.


A government agent was in the city the fore part of the week for the purpose of purchasing locust trees. He offered \$12.50 per cord for suitable timber and purchased a considerable quantity at that price. The trees are worked into suitable lengths and will be shipped to ship-building yards

where the material will be used for pins in ship construction. The locust has the distinction of being the only wood that does not shrink in the process of seasoning.

Uncle Sam is registering skilled mechanics for his shipbuilding and places where men can register for service are being named. In Athena registrations may be made at the office of Attorney Watts. The mere fact that a man registers entails no obligation to serve the government, registrations at this time being with the view of determining the number of men available for the shipbuilding industry.

C. M. Cook, a young man well known here and who has been employed on farms in this vicinity, is under quarantine with a case of scarlet fever. Mr. Cook returned Saturday from California for the purpose of answering his draft call to the army. Sore throat had developed upon arrival here and he thought he had tonsillitis. Monday Dr. Sharp found the young man had scarlet fever and placed him in quarantine.

Many of our subscribers have taken advantage of the usual \$1.50 subscription rate to the Press and paid in advance. To those who have not done so, we will state that after March 1, 1918, all who do not pay in advance will be charged \$2.00 per year. The high cost of paper makes it incumbent upon all publishers to adopt the paid in advance system in order to break even at the old price, hence the extra charge of 50 cents to those subscribers who desire to be carried for a year. After March 1st the subscription price of the Press will be \$1.50 per year when paid in advance; otherwise \$2.00 per year.



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The Local Red Cross.

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Six finished sweaters have been turned in, and the knitters are waiting impatiently for more yarn from headquarters. Many have purchased their own yarn and are knitting industriously for the Red Cross, or for individual soldiers.

At the Silver Tea, given Saturday afternoon by Mrs. I. W. Ware, the neat sum of \$14.30 was realized, which will swell the local Red Cross fund.

School Notes.

Last Friday at the Literary Society, Carley DeFreece was elected secretary in place of Macbelle Duncan, who is unable to return to school this semester.

On account of having 90 days without any tardiness, the 7th grade were given a quarter holiday last week. Tuesday the 8th grade were given a similar holiday.

The Manual Training boys have finished two pedestals and have them on display in a window at Ware's Pharmacy.

Mr. Schaffner gave another of his interesting moving picture shows this week. The films displayed were Junior week end at Oregon University, Modern Banking, and Varnish and Paint Making.

At the mid-week assembly Wednesday the Sophomore class gave interesting current event topics, on what America is doing regarding the war. Next Wednesday the Juniors will give short talks on the same subject.

Lucille Taylor entered Walla Walla High school Monday and enrolled for a business course.

The pupils of Miss Wolf's sewing class have taken their articles off exhibition. There will be another exhibition at the end of the second semester.

The average of the high school classes is as follows: Senior, 89.1 per cent; Junior, 87.2 per cent; Sophomore, 88.9 per cent; Freshmen, 84.8 per cent, making a general average of 86.6 per cent for the entire High school.

There is great enthusiasm over the Honor Cup. Miss Sherman's room won it last semester. Last year the 5th and 6th grades won the first half of the year, while the 3rd and 4th won the last. If one of these rooms wins again, they will be allowed to keep the cup, but if one of the other two rooms wins, the contest will continue. The points for the rooms last semester were: 1st, 965 1-2; 2nd, 935 1-2; 3rd, 753 1-2; 4th, 892 1-2; 5th, 846 1-2.

Mrs. Hansell, Mrs. Pambrun, Mrs. Baddeley, Mrs. Steele, and Mrs. N. Dickenson were visitors to Miss Sherman's room last Friday.

Mrs. Bess Wyrick, who is vice president of the Parent Teachers Association and Patriotic Instructor of the Hawthorn School in Pendleton, visited Miss Sherman's room last week.

Miss Sherman's room won the handsome flag which was given to the room obtaining the most people to attend the lecture at the Methodist church on Wednesday evening, Feb. 6.

Lucinda Dell was the first in this school to buy a Thrift Stamp and Helen Downing was the first to buy a War Savings Stamp.

The Hi Jinks club met at the home of Nina Tharp Tuesday evening.

Melvin Coppock has been promoted to the 4th grade.

Levo Kilgore of the 6th grade has left school.

Ellen Henry, who has been promoted from the fourth grade work in Miss Lawson's room is now doing the fifth grade work in Miss Wolf's room.

The Rob Roy Quartet will render a full evening's program Saturday, February 23. The repertoire consists of music, impersonations and magic. In addition, there will be a musical drama, entitled "The White Cockade."

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Philippine Fruits.

There have been found in the Philippines two fruits entirely unknown to Europe and even to America. One of these is the durian, which grows on a lofty tree somewhat resembling an elm, is about as large as a coconut, has a shiny shell and contains a creamy pulp which combines some of the flavors of delicious custard with those of a fine cheese. American soldiers in the Philippines have dubbed the durian the "vegetable hamburger." The other rare fruit is the nangusteen; but the exquisitely flavored liquid it contains has not yet been successfully preserved for shipping abroad.

Not the Right Brand.

"I must request the congregation to contribute generously this morning," said the Rev. Mr. Smallfee sadly. "My stipend is eight months in arrears, and my creditors are pressing. I, of course, work largely for love, and love equally, of course, is tender, but it isn't legal tender."—London Telegraph.

Going to Extremes.

"I tell you what," said Gotham, entertaining his western cousin, "everything is so high here it's almost impossible to keep a house going."

"Well," replied the cousin, "the winds are so high out our way it's almost impossible to keep a house from going."—Pittsburgh Chronicle Telegraph.

Just Put Names.

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