Advertising

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 XXX. ATHENA, UMATILLA COUNTY, OREGON, FRIDAY, JULY 19, 1918. NUMBER 29

Quality Always Service First

A Problem

Just at this season of the year, every woman in town and country is confronted with the ever-present Grocery Problem. To buy something that is palatable full of nourishment and that will meet the constantly changing government food regulations, surely is confusing, and only experts can meet all exegencies. We are puttieg our best endeavors into these problems and have a choice, well selected line of Staple and Fancy Groceries, including the various wheat and other substitutes. Your telephone order will have prompt and careful attention.

THE
ECONOMY CASH GROCERY
Phone 532
Quality Always Service First

3rd
Carload
is here

A real satisfied farmer's smile is one of the most pleasant sights we have about our place and now we are having many of them every day because of the arrival of the

New McCormick Combines

The third carload has arrived and your time is well invested to come and see them. You can see gold dollars in this machine and besides the saving in your harvest of this year, you probably save $500 to $700 on the price of next year. Come and see, then decide. Get busy Take out your binder twine, while the taking is good.

Watts & Rogers
Just Over the Hill

W S S
Show Your Patriotism!
Buy a
War Savings Stamp
and Help Win the War
For Sale at
The First National Bank of Athena

order your coal
now-
get it out of
Uncle Sam's
way-
he needs the railroads

Tum-a-Lum Lumber Co.

LETTERS FROM OUR LADS "OVER THERE"

Last week the Press published a letter from John Wall, addressed to his mother and brother; but the present letter is written to the editor, direct, and contains some news of interest:

"France, June 16.

"It has been some time since I let you know of my whereabouts I was transferred to the Infantry from Camp Hancock, and I have been in France since April 7th. Had a fine trip over, only took us eight days and the sea was very calm; only a few were sick. But believe me, it has been no pleasure trip since I landed. I have got everything that the rest of the Athena fellows wrote about and a little bit more.

"I am in the Trench Mortar Platoon. This is a small three-inch gun used mostly for barrages on first line trenches. We have been in the Second Battle of the Marne for the past two weeks. I have been up to the front twice and it isn't quite as bad I thought it would be. Never-the-less, Sherman knew what he was talking about. When the first big Minnie bursts close a fellow thinks he is a submarine on land, and submerges in a ditch six inches deep, with plenty of room to spare. The boys call the big shells that pass overhead the elevated railway, as they sound more like trolley cars than shells.

"There are many things I would like tell you, but the censor says no. But don't worry—when Uncle Sam gets good and ready, he will run all the Huns back to the North Sea and shove them in. Anyway, I am figuring on being back in old Athena in about a year.

"I am using my gas mask and the top of my mess kit for a writing desk, so if you can't read this, write and let me know and I will try again.

Private John L. Wall,
H. Q. Co., 38 Inf.

Sid. Barnes at Angers, France.

"Angers, France, June 21, 1918.

"We received a Press today, dated the 10th of May, advising us as to the whereabouts of different Athena boys, and I couldn't resist the impulse to write a 'community' letter from here

"Fruit and shade trees seem to be the principal pleasures here and cognac and vin blanc (white wine,) the principal products. Cognac is a combination of dynamite, a mule's kick and what Rusty Shick got on the ball. We don't drink much of it because we don't have to.

"We're workng hard, making enemies for Kaiser Bill, and between times, specializing in barbwire pontoon bridges, automatic weapons, trenches camouflage and bayonet. Percy Wilson has figured out that if he can use all of his knowledge before he becomes a casualty he will be good for at least 50 dutchmen.

"Among the many things that take the L out of drill, are the long sunny evenings. Just now it is 8:30 and the sun is still up. We haven't had letters from the states since pay day, and the li'l ol' Press is sure getting a thoro reading tonight. What's the matter with base ball? About all we see is the Red Cross news. But say—you can't do too much for the Red Cross and the Y. M. C. A. They are sure doing a big thing 'over here.'

"Perce and I are the only ones from there left on duty with the company. Froome is big Chef in the Officers' mess. I guess we will stick together 'till we stack arms in Berlin.' Neither of us have seen the front yet, but expect soon to go in charge of troops for replacements. Of course we won't stay, but it will help some. We are not very fluent French linguists yet, but can get by in most of the cafes and restaurants.

"There's a big bunch leaving tonight for the front. I believe every one is glad to go. It's certainly wonderful, the spirit of the American soldier. I don't think it can last much longer with the fighting spirit of America behind the Allies.

"Will close with regards to all.

"Sgt. Sid Barnes.
Co. E, 116th Engrs."

Tragedy in Pendleton.

A shocking tragedy occurred in Pendleton about 8 o'clock Wednesday evening, when Harlan T. Fell, 17 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. George Fell, while in company with a girl friend, Miss Elva Kupers, shot himself in the left temple. The two were in a car in which they nrd been driving about the city, when the boy drew a gun, a 32 automatic Colts, and threatened to shoot himself. She grabbed the gun from him and threw it in the road, when he got out of the car, picked it up in his left hand and shot himself through the temple. The boy was well known here, where he has been a frequent visitor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. I. W. Ware, and has assisted in the Pharmacy at various times.

"Old Bally" Wounded.

Old "Bally," Jinks Taylor's famous Round-Up saddle horse has been wounded in the head by what is thought to be a bullet from a .22 calibre rifle. With other horses Bally was running in the pasture on the Taylor place west of town. Rye grass grows profusely there and there are many rabbits to be found, making it a favorite hunting ground for the boys. It is probable the horse was struck by a bullet accidentally. The wound is in the forehead, the bullet having apparently glanced along the frontal bone and lodged in the neck.

ONE CAUSE OF HIS SUCCESS

Letter of Charles Dickens Reveals Care Which Great Writer Gave His Books and Readings.

In a recent sale of Dickens' autographs in London this letter, written while he was in the United States, appears:

"I should never have made any sucsess in life if I had been shy of taking pains, or if I had not bestowed upon the least thing I have ever undertaken, exactly the same attention and care that I have bestowed upon the greatest. Do everything at your best. It was but last year that I set to and learned every word of my Readings, and from ten years ago till last night I have never read to an audience but I have watched for an opportunity of striking out or inserting somewhere. Look at such of my manuscripts as are in the library at Gads' and think of the patient hours devoted year after year to single lines. . . . The weather is very severe here, and the work is very hard. Dolby (his manager) having been violently pitched into by the mayor of New Haven (a town at which I am to read next week) has gone off boldly this morning with defiant written instructions from me to inform the said mayor that if he fail to make out his case he (Dolby) has to return all the money taken, and to tell him that I will not set foot in his jurisdiction, whereupon the New Haven people will probably fall upon the mayor in his turn and lead him a pleasant life."

HOW INDIANA LOST CITIZEN

Escapade That Caused Youth to Turn His Thoughts Toward the "Wild and Woolly" Region.

Harry Coonse, ranchman and real estate expert in the far Northwest, returned to Indianapolis from his home near Seattle after an absence of fourteen years. It is not widely known, but Mr. Coonse, when a boy of 15, started in business as a helper on a delivery wagon of L. S. Ayres & Co.—started and ended his dry goods career in an unusual and interesting manner.

Harry, out of his first month's wages, had bought a rifle and a box of cartridges. One evening in Park avenue the delivery man went into a house with a package, leaving Harry on the driver's seat in charge of what was common at that time—a Texas mustang—well broken, but still worth watching. Instead of holding the lines Harry spent the interim handling a new rifle. As often happens, the gun was discharged and the bullet struck the mustang. Harry made one grab for the lines, missed, tumbled off the seat and the wagon disappeared down the street, strewing packages in its path.

At dawn the next morning the horse and wagon were found in the Pleasant run bottoms, near the place where the furnaces of the Citizens Gas company now stand. Harry had already resigned.—Indianapolis News.

Gunners Making Glorious Record.

The gunners of the armed guards on merchantmen have made a record of which we may be justly proud. The contests of the Silver Shell, which sent down the submarine which attacked it; of the Moreni, on which the men stayed at their guns until the flames flared up to the top of the smokestacks on the burning ship; of the Campana, whose gunners fought for hours until their ammunition was exhausted; of the J. L. Luckenbach, which, though under a rain of shells, hit nine times and temporarily disabled, fought a submarine for four hours, before aid arrived, and later managed to reach port under her own steam; of the Armenia, which, though torpedoed, was saved through the courage and resources of its captain, crew and armed guard; of the Navajo, the Mongolia, the Petrolite and a dozen others are notable enough to be recorded in the naval history of the time.—Josephus Daniels in America Review of Reviews.

Leonardo da Vinci Amazes Surgeons.

Though written four hundred years ago, Leonardo da Vinci's book on anatomy has only recently been published, and surgeons are only now discovering the marvels it contains.

Lecturing recently on it in London, Prof. William Wright pointed out that when it was written the circulation of the blood, osmosis, oxygen and the microscope were all unknown. All doctors believed that the arteries were full of free air and that the blood was aerated in the heart. The interior arrangement of the heart was also misunderstood.

But Leonardo denied that air entered the heart, and wrote that the blood was "refreshed" in the lungs; he described accurately the anatomy of the heart and large blood vessels and the action of the muscles of the chest and abdomen in respiration.

Electrons and Atoms.

Atoms are minute particles of matter, each about one-three-hundredth part of an inch in diameter. They are so small that if the earth were made up of baseballs it would be a fair model of a drop of water made up of atoms. The electron is smaller still. It has a diameter of about one-hundred-thousandth that of an atom, so that if an atom were represented by a sphere 100 yards in diameter the electron would be about the size of a pin's head. It has been said that the electrons which form an atom can be compared to a swarm of gnats in a cathedral or other large building. As atoms are made up of electrons, so molecules are made up of atoms.

COUNTY WIDE SOLDIER ROLL IS WANTED

NAME..... AGE.....
HOME ADDRESS .....
(Street) (City)
OCCUPATION BEFORE WAR..... MARRIED.....
ENTERED SERVICE WHEM? ..... WHERE .....
BRANCH OF SERVICE .....
TRANSFERS .....
RANK .....
(Include promotions and dates)
NEAREST RELATIVE .....
ADDRESS..... RELATIONSHIP .....
PRESENT ADDRESS .....
SIGNATURE of INFORMANT .....

Friends and relatives of boys in service are asked to fill out above and mail to M. R. Chessman, Sec. Pendleton, Ore., Phone 123.

LOCAL RED CROSS MOVES; ARTICLES, DONATIONS SENT

The Athena Red Cross Auxiliary has secured a room in the Froome brick building on Main street, and will move from the room in the school building where meetings have heretofore been held. The new room, generously donated by Mr. and Mrs. Froome, is considered a better location and will be thoroughly cleansed and prepared for next Wednesday's meeting, when it is hoped a large number will turn out to dedicate the new work rooms.

At last Wednesday's meeting, with only a few present—a faithful few—in the absence of work from headquarters, the work of the Belgian Relief committee was taken up and finished.

The following consignment of finished articles was forwarded to the head Chapter at Pendleton: 20 sweaters; 12 pairs of socks; 12 pajama suits; 62 dish towels; 23 dish rags.

A donation of $14.31 was sent in by Mr. and Mrs. John Pierce, as the proceeds of one hour's dancing at their dance platform at Cayuse, Monday evening.

A FEW MACHINES RUNNING IN THE HARVEST FIELDS

But a few machines are in operation in the harvest fields of this vicinity. Next week will see a number of machines in operation, and the week following harvest will be on in full blast.

The few machines now at work serve to give a line on what the season's yield will be. Watts Bros.' new Harris combine is threshing fall wheat on the Lacourse place southeast of town and the yield there is around 15 sacks per acre.

Alex. McIntyre's outfit is working in grain northwest of town that is making close to 46 bushels per acre.

Fall grain is ripening fast, with the exception of the heavy growth in the hollows. Spring wheat is still sappy and will not be ready until most of the fall grain has been threshed.

Water Curtailed.

With the temperature ranging from 90 to 100 degrees and withering winds to contend with, the water supply at the head works of the city system has perceptibly failed during the past week, to the extent that the half hour irrigating period each evening has been annuled. With cooler weather, it is expected that the flow will materially increase.

John Hager was in town Monday from Gibbon, accompanied by John Thompson, well known stock-raiser.

STAGING GOES DOWN AT ELEVATOR IN WIND STORM

In a heavy wind storm Monday evening the staging and hoist at the new elevator toppled over and crashed on the roof of the grain warehouse adjoining.

The staging was about 115 feet high and fell to the north, carrying with it the track of the hoisting apparatus. The hopper for dumping the concrete was at the top of the staging, and when it struck the roof of the warehouse, crushed in the roof, but rebounded to the ground.

The steel track was bent considerably but most of the timbers will be utilized in reconstructing the staging. The main construction work had been completed and it remained for the top of the building to be finished when the staging went down.

A part of the machinery has been received and while it will be some time before the elevator can be finished, bulk grain will be handled in the warehouse.

COUNTESS MAZZUCHI

Countess Mazzuchi is the wife of the Italian consul general at Reims. She has been active in hospital work since the battle of the Marne, when with three other women she nursed 2,900 wounded Poilus during the bombardment of Reims. When Italy entered the war she returned to her native country to do relief work there.

WHEAT STANDARDS AS APPLIED HERE

Bulletin No 1, has been received by local grain dealers giving prices that will rule in the government market according to the federal standard for wheat as promulgated by the secretary of agriculture, effective July 15, 1918. The prices are those ruling at Portland, and cost of delivery to the terminal should be deducted from the price given. The bulletin is signed by M. H. Houser, second vice president of the food administration grain corporation and zone agent for the Northwest.

The wheat prices with government standards as applied to the varieties grown in Umatilla county are given below:

Turkey red will come under the government standard under three grades as follows: Dark hard winter, 80 per cent or more dark and vitreous kernals per bushel, $2.22.

Hard winter, 25.1 per cent to 79.9 per cent dark, hard and vitreous kernals, per bushel, $2.20.

Yellow hard winter, 20 per cent to 25 per cent dark, hard and vitreous kernals, per bushel $2.18.

Red winter per bushel $2.20. Jones winter fife and Cox (if extra quality) are names of varieties coming under this head in the local market.

Red Walla Walla per bushel, $2.13. Red Russian, red hybrid, yellow berry Jones fife, yellow berry Cox, and Coffei in the local market come under this head.

Hard Winter, per bushel, $2.20. In the local market bluestem and early Baart, 75 per cent or more of hard kernals are classed as hard winter.

Soft white per bushel $2.18. Forty fold, bluestem, early Baart, less than 75 per cent of hard kernals, are classed as soft white.

White club per bushel, $2.16. Jenkins' club, red chaff, club, little club, Salt Lake club, Dale club and all white club hybrids and Sonora are classed as white club.

The above prices are all based on wheat graded as No. 1 according to classification. No 2, grade is priced 3 cents less per bushel and No. 3 at 7 cents less per bushel.

Mixed wheat and weight gradings lower than No. 3 will be bought by sample at its value.

A later bulletin will be issued giving the approximate value of weight grading lower than No. 3 on account of less weight, mixed wheat and smutty wheat.

The above prices are for bulk wheat. A premium of 9 cents per bushel will be paid for sacked wheat on the basis of good order of sacks.

Death of N. P. Hall.

N. P. Hall father of Charles and Miller Hall, and Mrs. Charles Lobaugh, died last Saturday at Vansycle, at the home of his daughter, and was buried in the Athena cemetery Sunday. Mr. Hall was born in Illinois in 1838, and came to Oregon with his family in 1890. He had resided in Weston and Athena and the vicinity of Pilot Rock since coming to the county. His wife died six years ago, and seven children had preceded him to the grave.

Fireman Injures Eye.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Booher are here from Spokane, visiting relatives. Mr. Booher, who is a member of the Spokane fire department, is taking a sixty day enforced vacation. While fighting fire in Spokane on July 1th, he was in a pretty hot place and his eyes were injured by the heat to the extent that he has to take treatment. He has been a fireman for several years and drives a chemical engine.

HOME DOMESTICS

Kindly look over the prices below and see what a large saving you can make by purchasing your staple goods from a strictly cash store

Hope Muslin	yard 21c	Turkish Towels 2 for 25c, 39c 49c, 98c	
Berkeley 60 Cambric	yard 25c	Huck Towels 10c, 25c and two for 25c	
Berkeley 100 Cambric	yard 32½	Crash Towling 10c, 12½, 15c, 18c, 23c	
Lonsdale Muslin	yard 28c	Kemmed Sheets	69c, 98c, 1.25, 1.49
Fruit of the Loom Muslin	yard 28c	Bed Spreads	98c, 1.49, 1.98, 2.98, 3.98
36inch Indian Head Muslin	yard 31c	Pillow Cases	17c to 49c
9-4 Pepperell Sheeting, bleached	52c	Unbleached Muslin	9c, 12½c, 15c
8-4 " " "	47c	40in Indian Head Pillow Tubing	33 c
Turkish Towling	yard 27 1-2	Berlin Art Ticking	41c

HARVEST BLANKETS $2.25; HARVEST COMFORTS $1.49

J. C. Penney Co.
Incorporated
197 BUSY STORES