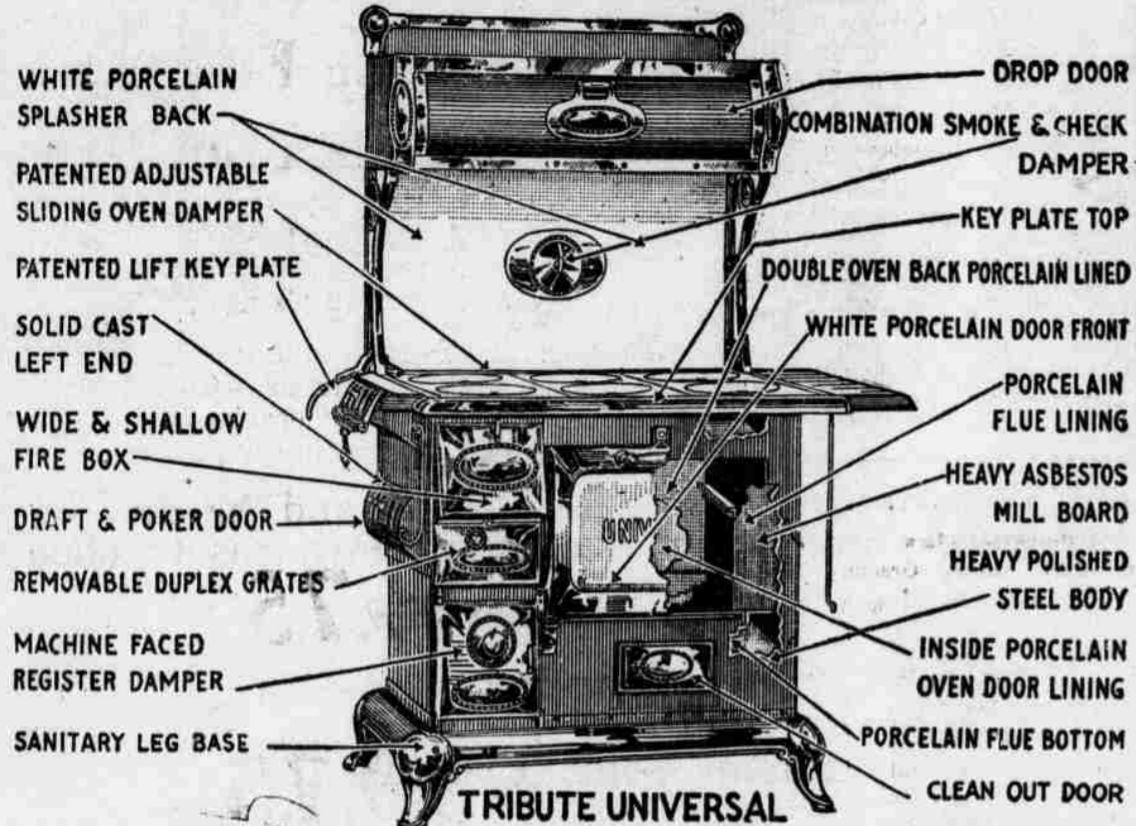


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### 22 Years Ago

March 29, 1904  
 After casting about for a location for a lodge hall, the local Odd Fellows and Knights of Pythias lodges have selected the Fischer property, on the north side of Main street for the site. The trustees of the two lodges have purchased the property, and after proper incorporation, it will be owned jointly. The price paid was \$2,000, and the transfer in ownership has been made.

The Caledonian society met on Saturday evening in response to call of President Botkin, to consider the advisability of holding a picnic this season, when it was decided by unanimous vote that a two day's picnic be held at Athena, and the dates fixed for May 27 and 28.

The Oregon Lumber Yard is the name of the latest business enterprise to be added to Athena industries. Mr. Ed. Barrett, the well known contractor and builder, is the manager of the new yard, which is located on the south side of Main street, near the O. R. & N. station.

Ordn Bostwick visited with friends in Milton Sunday.  
 Mrs. Bert Warren and Miss Cassie McIntyre visited Miss Eva McLean in Milton Saturday and Sunday.

Arthur Stone, catcher for the high school ball team, of this city, is quite ill this week at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Stone, near Adams.

George Ferringer, the well known race horse man, will move his string of horses from Pendleton to Walla Walla, on account of superior track facilities in the garden city.

The Athena public school ball team is scheduled to play in Adams Saturday afternoon.  
 At a recent meeting of Mignonette Rebekah lodge, four members were initiated. This one of the most progressive lodges in the city, and has about 125 members in good standing.

Baseball fans in Athena are familiarizing themselves with the baseball schedule of the Coast League. Their interest will settle mainly in the fortunes of the Portland team inasmuch as it represents the state in the baseball arena, and further, because of the fact that Dan Shea, a "Yellow Kid," plays behind the plate for the Portland Browns.  
 April 1, 1904

John Thompson, the stockman, who returned from the foothill range southeast of town yesterday, tells of the terrible condition in which the stock cattle are at the present time. Mr. Thompson estimates that the number of dead cattle lying in the draws and canyons from Gibbon up to Bingham Springs is 250 head, and says this is but a starter in the loss that is yet to come.

Yesterday, shortly before noon, the little two-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Brotherton, while playing, fell into a pan of hot water and was seriously burned about the hips and thigh.

The democratic primaries will be held next Thursday, April 7. Delegates to county convention, which will be held in Pendleton, Tuesday, April 12, will be elected.

Stone for the foundation of the new Stahl building is being received and with good weather will soon be placed in the wall.  
 The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs.

William Winship is sick this week. Misses Lula Sharp and Lulu Gross will visit Mrs. H. C. Manela in Walla Walla tomorrow.

The Friday Afternoon club met today with Miss Nellie Foss, at her home in the north part of town.

John Bonewitz, of Newberg, Oregon is in the city. Mr. Bonewitz is desirous of securing a 10-acre tract of land adjoining town, but he can find no such tract for sale at this time. Dozens of families could be attracted to Athena if such tracts of land could be obtained.

Maurice Hill and Bennie Gross, of the 7th grade, were exempt from monthly examination, having obtained an average of above 90 per cent in all studies.

Melville Johns has been quite sick with tonsillitis the past week, but is now recovering.

### Hunters Care Little for Gnu's Ferocity

The gnu, with the head of a horse, the long, narrow face, the body of a horse, an antelope's legs, an upstanding mane and a flowing tail that reaches to the ground, is indeed a fantastic creature, writes Lillian Gish, F. Z. S.

His terrible voice, his pose—everything about him suggests ferocity. But though savage in captivity, he is extremely nervous, with a great regard for his own safety.

A herd of these gnus on the veldt is an alarming sight. Prancing and wheeling, and tossing their heads, they approach a strange object in single file, forming themselves into a solid square as they come near.

In this position they will stand for hours, glaring at a tent set up on the plains, as though ready to tear it to pieces.

But this is a game of bluff. Let the owner of the tent show himself with a gun, and though they may gambol wildly around him, uttering loud snorts, it will be in ever-widening circles.

The first shot sends them flying, and so great is their speed that they vanish within a few seconds.

### Bird's Mother Love Example of Heroism

The boy who "stood on the burning deck, whence all but he had fled," has won the immortality of a well-known poem, but probably a certain skylark will not find her poet, although she certainly deserves one.

While beating out a field fire at Feitham, in Middlesex, firemen noticed a skylark sitting on her nest on the ground, in the direct path of the flames. The bird continued to sit on her eggs with dense smoke rolling round her, and even when the flames caught the grass of which the nest was constructed she did not stir until the firemen were close upon her.

So struck were the men with the bird's heroism and devotion that they determined to save her home at all costs. They set about isolating the nest, and were so successful that, although the fire spread all around, the nest was scarcely damaged and the eggs remained intact.—London Tit-Bits.

### Polar Explanation

Early efforts in polar exploration were largely for commercial interests. During the Twentieth century the renewal of exploration in the Arctic and Antarctic regions has been due largely to the spirit of scientific research, but also for geographic achievement. Peary, at the North pole, made a great number of observations which are very valuable in the study of geography, physiography, meteorology and oceanography.

### Visitors Find Ready Welcome in Denmark

It is a common habit of American tourists to erect a colossal "Welcome" sign by the railway stations for the information of tourists. In England and also in America, hundreds of homes have inscribed the magic word on the doormat, where of course, the visitor wipes his boots. In Denmark, however, there are no electric signs to bid you welcome, and no house "says it with doormats," but I venture to say that there is not a town or village in the country, where it is not written on the face of every blue-eyed Dane that you meet. From modern Esbjerg to ancient Elsinore, from Frederikshavn to Moen, every face seems to say, "We are glad to see you in our country." And what a country it is, in which to take pleasure in such a welcome! Surrounded by the sea on nearly all sides, a kingdom of islands, lakes and woods. From the shelving dunes of Jutland to the rugged cliffs of Bornholm, wood-circled fjords and romance-encrusted castles provide a welcome whose sincerity can never be doubted.—From "My European Excursions," by Edwin Robert Petrie.

### Declare Birds Are Insensible to Color

Bavarian scientists claim to have made certain the fact that birds cannot see color, are not affected by it; in fact, any color is good with the birds, even those of bright and gay plumage having no appreciation of the fact that they are better dressed than others.

Even the gorgeous display of the male peacock brings no sensation of beautiful colors to the eyes of other birds about.

The test with birds' eyes show, the scientists assert, that birds do not look at things as human beings do, that all flying birds by day see everything in a bright, red orange light and are only sensitive in a slight way to the short waves of light that make blue and violet visible. Night-flying birds are less sensitive to colors than those that make their flight by day, the eyes of all birds being screened from intense light by tiny globules of oil in the retina of the eye that act as color screens. The Bavarian scientists say the Darwin idea, that beautiful plumage of birds is a factor in the selection of mates, is merely a fanciful theory, poetic and interesting but lacking scientific support.

### Famous European Canal

The Marseille-Rhone canal is a notable European project executed during the war period involving an artificial waterway 51 miles long and extending from the Rhone river at Arles to the Bay of Marseille. It is also notable in that it includes a tunnel 4 1/2 miles long which pierces the mountain ridge north of the city and affords direct access to the harbor. In addition to the tunnel there was involved a breakwater construction between Marseille and Port de Bone.

### 112 Indicted in Rum Plot

Cleveland, Ohio.—An indictment naming 112 persons in an alleged bootleg alcohol conspiracy was returned by the federal grand jury here. The document charges 165 overt acts and includes millionaires, real estate men, manufacturers, railroad employes, warehouse men, government employes and bootleggers in 12 cities. Forty-six of these indicted are from St. Paul, 21 from Cleveland, 15 from Duluth, 10 from Philadelphia, five each from Chicago and Minneapolis, four from San Jose and San Francisco, three from Pittsburgh and one each from Detroit, Boston and Providence. R. I.

### THE PRIZE WINNER

Miss Margaret Mason, of Dayton, Washington winner of the prize box of Winesap apples, offered by Steve for the most original message received during the Athena community Radio concert broadcast by KOWW recently, acknowledges receipt of the prize as follows:

On the Seventeenth of Ireland,  
 When all the world was gay,  
 There arrived a box of apples  
 From a friend not far away.

Now, these were extra fancy  
 And proved a great delight,  
 To some of my good neighbors,  
 Who happened in that night.

You told me to display them  
 If possibly I could;  
 And truly I intended to,  
 And really tho't I would.

But I could not be selfish  
 And as their appetites increased,  
 I took some up to Main Street,  
 And gave them all a treat.

Now you may tell your orchardist  
 I have advertised them well;  
 Their flavor you see, was hard to resist,  
 So he'll probably have chances to sell.

Since receiving your gift, just lately  
 I have acquired a new name;  
 They are calling me Winesap Peggy,  
 And may those apples be blamed.

And now Mr. Grocer of Oregon,  
 I wish to extend my thanks,  
 For the prize you gave—so easily won,  
 Should be praised amid highest ranks.

I'd like to see you in person;  
 Perhaps someday we'll meet,  
 And I shall be able to thank you again  
 For that one glorious treat.

### Value Bumblebees at Weight in Gold

Bumblebees are worth more every day to the United States than all our gold mines. Yes, they are worth more than all gold and silver mines together even if you multiply the mines by two. You can rate the bumblebees at about \$300,000,000.

Perhaps you did not know it, but we owe our clover hay crop to the bumblebee. And our clover is worth more than \$300,000,000 every year.

When Uncle Sam tried to introduce red clover in the Philippines he made a big discovery. Red clover would not reproduce itself in those islands.

It took considerable time to find out the reason for that failure was absence of bumblebees. These buzzing toilers are the chaps who fertilize red clover—distribute the pollen and so complete the yearly cycle of maturity.

And no insect except the bumblebee with his abnormally long tongue can do that little trick in a red clover field.

When Uncle Sam took a cargo of bumblebees out to Manila the job of raising red clover lay in the Philippines was accomplished.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

### South American Honored

The statue of Gen. Jose de San Martin in Judiciary park is the first statue of a South American to be erected in Washington. It is a replica of one in Buenos Aires and was thought a fitting gift to this country, since San Martin was a patriot to whom many South Americans accord the reverence that people in this country pay to the memory of George Washington.

### Maddening

Walker had been going about for two days with a worried look on his usually smiling face. A friend stopped him and asked the reason for the sudden change from joy to gloom.

"I fear my wife is going insane. It's those people next door," Walker said.

"What have they done?" Walker's friend asked.

"She can't hear a sound of them all day long."

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For Sale—Pure bred Plymouth Rock cockrels for breeding purposes. Ralph Allen, phone 24F11, Athena.

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