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Work on the big mill to be operated in Athena by the Preston-Par-ton Milling Company is being pushed as fast as workmen can do it. J. L. Harper, secretary of the company and a practical mill-right, is superintending the construction of the mill.

An inventory has recently been taken of the stock of material at the Gillis lumber yard, a proposition having been submitted to Mr. Gillis for the purchase of his holdings in the lumber business here.

Mrs. Lester Swaggart, who accompanied her husband to Alaska, with good fortune escaped from an accident shortly after her arrival in the land of the midnight sun. A heavily loaded wagon ran over her shoulder, but the soft moss on the ground served to prevent injury.

Charley Taylor, formerly partner with D. B. Jarman and manager of the Weston Fair store, but now a husky mountain farmer, was in town with his wife yesterday, trading.

N. A. Miller is putting in a concrete floor in the basement of his store building. This is found necessary on account of water rising in the basement during the winter and spring months.

Thomas Ogle has been seriously ill for several days at the home of his brother, B. F. Ogle, in this city. The latter, with his daughter, Miss Eva, who has been on their Ridge farm for some time, were called home the first of the week to attend the sick man.

A Masterson has purchased the residence property on the corner of Fourth and High streets, of Ed. Morrisette, and is repainting, papering and remodeling the house. When finished, Mr. Masterson, with his wife, who has been visiting her son, George Thompson, will have one of the most desirable little homes in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Saling, Mr. and Mrs. Louis LaBrache and Miss Frankie James enjoyed a fishing trip on the Umatilla Sunday.

Among the applicants for teachers' certificates taking the examination in Pendleton this week are, G. B. Marquis, O. A. Cannon, Misses Kitty Sharp, Maud Sherman, Carrie Sharp, Bertha Baker and Mrs. Anna M. White of Athena.

Mrs. Ira M. Kemp was taken ill Wednesday, but is reported better at present.

President R. C. French, and wife, of the Eastern Oregon State Normal school, were visiting in Athena Tuesday.

Chehalis, the pride of the West, is dead. This famous pacer with a record of 2:04 1/2, died a few days ago in Vermont at the age of 14, after a distinguished career in which Frank Frazier, of Pendleton was responsible in starting.

August 16, 1904

Peter Gebhart, a Pine creek farmer who has long been a terror to the neighborhood in which he resides, is again in the public eye. For some reason or other, but more than likely pure cussedness, he refuses to pay a threshing bill, and suit has been brought in Justice Wood's court. The Gebhart outfit, including their pack of dogs, is said to have stood off Constable Dave Lavender when he went to the farm to serve papers in the case. It is said Lavender failed to execute his commission and that Sheriff Taylor has been appealed to that service of the papers may be made.

Milo Ransom, who came west in 1865 and to Weston in 1867, says the Leader is going back to "the States" for the first time since he laid down his musket and followed the star of empire.

The "chicken season" opened at 12:01 yesterday morning and it is reported that several shooters remained up all night to make sure of being on hand in the neighborhood where they had located bands.

Last Friday being the 65th anniversary of the natal day of Hon. T. J. Kirk, a number of his friends, at the invitation of his wife, gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Banister at 8 o'clock in the evening and proceeded in a body to his elegant home on Fifth street, where they gave him a very pleasant surprise. The evening was passed most pleasantly and a sumptuous repast was served in the dining room by the hostess.

W. R. Reeder will rent his beautiful home place to his son, Claude, and with his wife and daughter, Miss Ava, will go to Tacoma where they will spend the winter, and may reside permanently.

R. C. Michael of Weston, has accepted a position as clerk in the Athena Mercantile Company's store at Helix.

Grandma Stone, who has been in failing health for several days took much worse Sunday evening. Drs. Sharp and Stone spent most of the night at her bedside. The condition of this venerable old lady is considered precarious on account of her age.

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You can have a garden of ideas and skills and efficiencies. What a garden Newton must have had! Or Darwin, or Huxley, or Leverhulme, or Pasteur, or Carnegie!

If you let your garden alone it will go to weeds and grass. That is the usual crop.—Efficiency Magazine.

Baptist Church

Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. The summer slump will soon be over; the opening of the public school year is not far away; Christian service always in demand; who dares draw a dividing line. Devotional at 11:00 A. M. Topic, Rejoicing in Trials. The secret of power lies in the fact of Eternal Things. You cannot saw wood and say nothing, if you are not saying anything it is evident you are not doing anything. Young peoples meeting, both Junior and Senior at 6:00 and 7:00 o'clock respectively. If future generations are not better than former ones then former ones have failed to do their duty. Evening Song and Praise Service at 8:00 o'clock. Topic, Old Faithful a Good Fighter. Charity begins at home and so do the battles of life. Young Peoples Prayer Meeting Tuesday evening at 8:00 p. m. Devotional Prayer and Bible Study Thursday evening at 8:00 p. m. You are cordially invited to our services.

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For Sale—A registered Guernsey bull, eight months old. Louie Ringel, Athena phone 32F21.

For Sale—Fresh young milch cow. F. B. Wood, Athena.

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SUN VARIABLE STAR, SCIENTIST ASSERTS

Measure Changes in Energy From Orb to Earth.

Washington.—The sun is a variable star. This central fire of the planetary system does not glow with a steady heat but flickers from day to day and from year to year, and the vagaries of our earthly weather must depend at least partly on the sun's variations. This opinion, which has been supported for many years by Dr. C. G. Abbot of the Smithsonian institution, finds new support in evidence produced by a new system he has devised for measuring and recording the changes in the energy reaching the earth from the sun.

Doctor Abbot calls attention to the work of H. H. Clayton, who has announced that he finds variations of weather caused by solar changes. But many meteorologists have not been convinced that the sun really varies. They fear that the complicated measurements of Doctor Abbot, hindered as they are by the haziness and humidity of the earth's atmosphere, are not conclusive. The variability which he reports, they suggest, may all be due to unavoidable atmospheric sources of error.

Announces a Direct Test.
Doctor Abbot now announces a very direct test that should settle the question. Although it is impossible to do the measuring from a point outside the atmosphere, yet it is possible to select times when the transparency and other affecting qualities of the air are closely alike, and the sun stands at equal height above the horizon. At such times the solar heating should vary only if the sun does.

Selecting the month of July in the years 1910 to 1920 for his test, he collected results observed on Mount Wilson for all days of practically constant atmospheric conditions. The average monthly values thus selected he compared with those obtained by the usual process and heretofore published. He also compared them with the average monthly numbers of sun spots. The three curves that express his results run along very closely together. They show that the sun's heating in July, 1917, averaged over 2 per cent above that of July in 1910 and 1911. Correspondingly, the sun spot numbers were 117 in July, 1917, and only 14 and 3, respectively, in July 1910 and 1911.

Not content with this proof of the reality of long-range solar changes, Doctor Abbot rearranged the measures in a way to test short-interval solar variation. For this purpose he picked out from the new data all the days that gave high values of solar heating, and all those which give low ones. The average excess value for 51 high days was plus 1.43 per cent, and the average defect for 51 low days was minus 1.47.

Range Not So Great.

The same days, as already published four years ago, indicated on the average plus 0.51 and minus 0.42 per cent, respectively. Thus the days shown above normal by the new method of selecting times of equal atmospheric clearness had already been shown as above normal by the usual process, and vice versa. Of course the range as formerly published could not be so great, because the errors of observation could not be expected to fall the same in the two sets of data. Some days would be high and some low, not because of the sun's condition, but because the small observational errors helped to make them so.

Doctor Abbot's new method, he hopes, may be convincing of the sun's real variability. This will make all the more important and interesting his establishment under the joint auspices of the National Geographic society and the Smithsonian institution of a new solar observatory on Brukkaros mountain in southwest Africa. This site he selected last March after studying on the ground conditions in Algeria and Baluchistan. The mountain is 5,200 feet high in a desert where the yearly rainfall averages only 3 1/2 inches. Roads and construction are rapidly going ahead under the supervision of A. Dryden, inspector of public works for the government of southwest Africa. The complex apparatus required has been prepared and the expedition is expected to go forward soon in care of W. H. Hoover, director, and F. A. Greeley, assistant.

Large telephone companies throughout the country have found that pine poles impregnated with coal-tar creosote give the longest service. California electric power lines are using a large number of yellow pine and Douglas fir poles which have been impregnated with coal-tar creosote, instead of untreated red cedar poles which were badly damaged by termites. These pine poles have been treated for their entire length by the open-cell pressure method, which will prevent bleeding or sweating of the creosote.

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