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AN UNNECESSARY HAZARD

At this season of the year when there are absolutely no irrigation demands on the Athena water system, with winter moisture at its peak and springs and wells at almost normal efficiency, the Press fails to see any reason whatever for an empty reservoir and low water pressure in the mains. Yet in the face of these almost normal moisture conditions, and with permanent improvements made to the system during the past two years, the north part of Athena was practically without fire protection Sunday afternoon, Sunday night and until early Monday forenoon. There seems to be no excuse whatever for lack of pressure in the Athena water system at this time, entailing an uncalculated fire hazard, to say nothing of the inconveniences encountered in household uses for domestic and sanitary purposes. So far as we know the city pumping plant was in customary working order Sunday, but evidently it was not operated. For what reason was the plant not operated and the pressure allowed to become so low that in some instances toilets could not be flushed, and the homes and business property of the town left without protection from fire? With the soil oozing with moisture and water, water everywhere, why can not Athena have some of it in her water mains at all times?

Entire wardrobes for young women were featured in the annual state high school clothing contest held recently in Birmingham, Alabama, under the auspices of the state department of education and the Alabama Home Economics Association. Dresses made by pupils in local contests were scored both on and off the person, and the girl scoring highest had the privilege of representing her school in the state contest. Traveling costumes worn by pupils were judged upon arrival in Birmingham as to becomingness and suitability. Dresses for afternoon, street, or church wear were scored for suitability, technique, hygiene and cost; and the cooking costume on general appearance, hygiene and technique. New and remodeled hats and a silk dress for street or church wear were special entries. Standards for instruction in the selection, construction and care of clothing are being established, and an opportunity was offered teachers to observe the work of other schools.

American interests are vitally involved in the revolutionary activity in China. General Chang, the Cantonese commander, who is surrounded by bolshevist influences, declares that he proposes to give China a "committee form of government." He also declares that America is an "imperialist" government because it does not withdraw from the Philippine Islands, adding: "Any country holding territory outside its natural boundaries has an imperialist nature and must relinquish claims to such territory." "Revolution Rumbles on in the Orient: Ever Forward," explains the Daily Worker, chief organ of the communists in the United States, which sees in the Chinese revolution the beginning of bolshevist domination in Asia and throughout the world.

The state market agent says the general outlook for the marketing situation for 1927 is not much different than for the past year, and the surplus problem is as yet unsolved. Cotton, corn, hay and beef have not been profitable products, while potatoes, eggs, butter, wool and hogs have had fair markets. The big surplus cotton crop of the south is reflected in Wisconsin and other states in the cheese industry. The south has been a big consumer for middle west cheese, but with the big surplus and low prices for cotton, this demand for dairy products has been materially decreased. The Labor Bureau reports that wages of industrial workers are on the increase, as are also average earnings, while living costs are coming down.

During the few weeks which remain of the final session of the Sixty-ninth Congress, a number of important problems remain to be faced. The several supply bills in themselves will require much of the time of the short session. If any of these should fail of passage, a special session prior to July 1 will be made necessary, since the appropriations for the fiscal year beginning on that date must be made within the next six months. To force such a session it is necessary only that passage of one or more of the appropriation bills be prevented, and an open or covert filibuster by members of the

Senate who wish to force an extra session is one of the possibilities now looming.

The National Republic has for many months been calling attention to the important place Mexico holds in bolshevist strategy. At a conference of communists in Mexico last spring it was openly stated that Mexico afforded the one promising prospect of obtaining a "toe hold" for communist operations against the United States from without the borders of this country. Lenin and Trotsky have both declared that the United States is the chief obstacle to the world-wide domination of bolshevism. A copy of the United States Constitution hangs in an official "chamber of horrors" at Moscow, labeled the worst enemy of mankind.

An exchange finds that school children inspection of fire hazards is credited with saving Kansas City a million dollars in needless fires within the past five years. The children are trained in the schools to note and to eliminate fire risks; and they are encouraged to make their city safe from fire by pointing out or abating these proven hazards. Every needless fire is that much wanton destruction of the life work of those who built the property, whatever it is. From this standpoint, every fire is a public calamity, even a crime. To teach the children to abate fires is to teach them the sanctity of life.

Politics in America

Got Napoleon's "Goat"

Napoleon had an unusually deep interest in world politics, extending even to the internal politics of a remote section of the United States. It was revealed when Col. Duncan K. MacRae of North Carolina went to Paris as consul general more than a century ago. Napoleon was puzzled as to why the people in one part of a country embraced one party, while their neighbors held opposing views. In some manner he had learned that Edgecombe county, in North Carolina, was Democratic, while Pitt county embraced the Whig faith. Informed that Colonel MacRae was from that state, he said to his courtiers:

"Now, I will find out the riddle of North Carolina politics." So he gave Colonel MacRae an extraordinary welcome and said to him:

"I understand that the same river flows through the counties of Edgecombe and Pitt in North Carolina, that the people of both counties till the soil and own slaves. I am told that practically all the people in Edgecombe county belong to the Democratic party, while most of the people of Pitt are Whigs. Why is it?"

Any other person than Colonel MacRae would have been flabbergasted, remarks the Raleigh News and Observer, but not so the eloquent colonel, known as North Carolina's first orator. Nobody knows the answer he made, but he was quick to give a reason that satisfied the monarch.

China's Many Kulers

The early condition of China was tribal, which before Christ merged into a vast feudal system nominally ruled by many contemporaneous dynasties, dated from 2205 B. C. The king of Ts'in put down all other rulers and assumed the title of Hwang Ti or emperor. The principal dynasties from this period are Han, 206 B. C. to 220 A. D.; Tang, 618 to 906; Sung, 960 to 1279; Yuan the Mongol, 1280 to 1367; the Ming, 1368 to 1643; the Ch'ing or Ts'ing Manchu Tartar, 1643 to fall of the empire and date of republic.

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Marshall Gillis repaired the hanging apparatus of the fire-bell this week.

R. M. O'Brien, a Weston farmer, sold his wheat the other day for 54 cents per bushel.

Jackson Toles a resident of the reservation, fell through the stairs which lead up to the back door, to the Press office Wednesday and was considerably bruised.

L. A. Githens will soon move his family to Walla Walla, where he will engage in conducting a broom factory. S. A. Maloney and "Dick" will also leave soon for that city to engage in the business.

Frank Kelly was tried before Justice Stowe at Umatilla Wednesday on a charge of having deer meat in his possession during the closed season. He was convicted and fined \$50. The costs, amounting to \$36, were taxed to him.

David Taylor, agent for Hamilton-Rourke Company, at Athena, has shipped from the warehouses over 50 cars of wheat.

Wednesday evening Billy Wilkinson was at the Turner place north of Weston, and while getting into the buggy to return to town, his horse got away from him. The remains of the buggy were found strewn from the top to the bottom of Dry Creek hill. The horse ended his mad career in the town of Milton.

At the residence of Judge E. Peatt the other evening, a number of friends assembled to spend the evening with Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Kirkland, who will make their home in the Willamette valley, at Independence. Mr. and Mrs. Kirkland have resided in Athena for three years past, and during that time have made many warm friends who are sorry to see them leave the city. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Cox, Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Kirkland, Mr. and Mrs. E. DePeatt, Mesdames Edington, Callender and Leeper, Misses Leola Young and Gen Booth and Messrs. J. W. Smith, Marshal and William Chamberlain.

The eastbound passenger train struck a rock slide at Gibbon Wednesday morning and two wheels of the tender left the track and were badly damaged. New wheels were sent up on the Walla Walla freight train, which was about to leave Pendleton when the accident was reported, and was substituted for the broken ones. After some delay the train was again started eastward. By making the trip to Gibbon, the freight train was delayed six hours.

The contest at the school house Tuesday evening was fairly well attended, considering the weather. The judges who were, Mr. E. S. Waterman, M. L. Watts and W. A. Saunders awarded the medal to Miss Alice Brooks.

Last Saturday evening at the A. O. U. W. hall occurred the meteorological service of that order. Elder G.

Rushing delivered the memorial address. Excellent vocal music was rendered by a double quartette. Elder Rushing's remarks were very touching and made a lasting impression on the assemblage. The services were public and many of our citizens were present.

Stella Finley, the 13-year-old niece of A. R. Means, of Umatilla, took a dose of strychnine by mistake yesterday morning, and within a few hours succumbed to the effects of the poison. The girl, it seems, had been in the habit of taking quinine occasionally, and desiring some yesterday, she went to the closet where it was kept. By mistake she seized the bottle of strychnine and took a large dose without noticing the label.

Says the Weston Leader: W. M. Pierce, who is continuing his study of law at Chicago, indulges in oratory for amusement. In a letter to his brother, C. M. Pierce, he writes: "Won great honors in a college debate in defense of Grover Cleveland. Have been selected to represent Illinois in a big debate with Wisconsin."

Birds Follow Icebergs

Each season when the icebergs break away from Greenland and start to the south in the Atlantic they are followed by ever-increasing flocks of sea birds.

Officers of the coast guard cutters, on duty near the icebergs to warn shipping, report the bird life with the bergs is much greater this year than in the past. Fulmars, shearwaters, murre, kittiwakes and dovekies are there in large numbers, apparently to get the food supply that is provided when the waves dash against the bergs and disable the little people of the water or the melting of the ice releases food imprisoned in the far north ages ago.—Ohio State Journal.

Just a Snack

Silas' usual breakfast was 12 pancakes. But, then, he generally had a good hard morning before him in the field. One morning a heavy rain made his chores impossible, so as he passed the kitchen he called to the farmer's wife:

"I shan't need much breakfast this morning. Eleven'll be enough. But make 'em a little larger."

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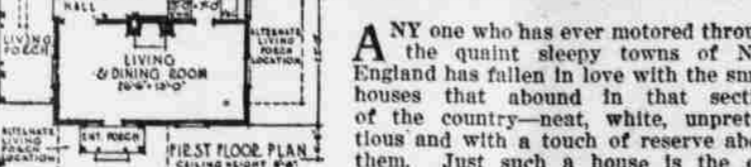
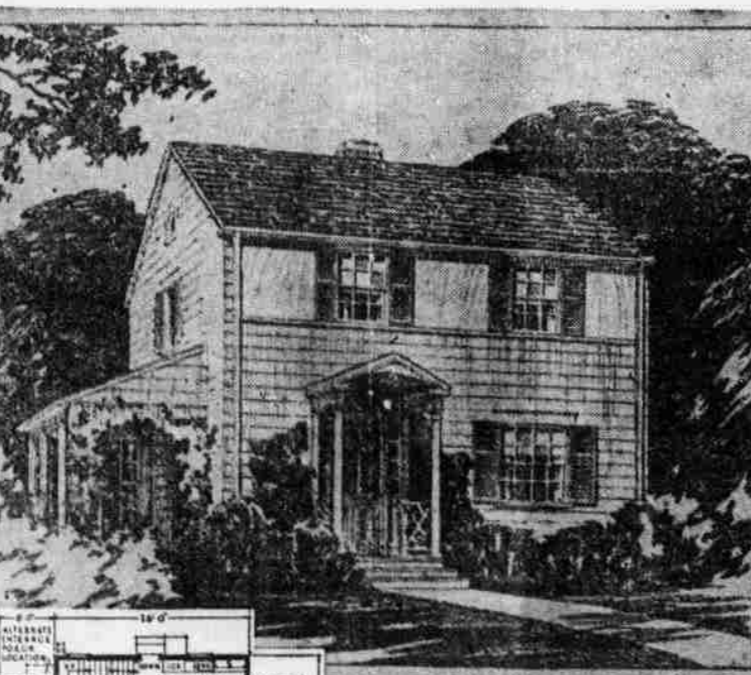
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New England Atmosphere With 1926 Improvements



ANY one who has ever motored through the quaint sleepy towns of New England has fallen in love with the small houses that abound in that section of the country—neat, white, unpretentious and with a touch of reserve about them. Just such a house is the one pictured here. It is equally adaptable for town or country, and by merely shifting the living and entrance porches around can be built on a wide or narrow lot without spoiling it architecturally. The house is sturdily built and has an exterior of wood siding except for the unusual stucco panels that start at the level of the second floor windows. The roof is of stained shingles, preferably moss green, in keeping with the window shutters. A house of this compact style is very easy to heat, especially when the specifications call for insulation throughout with celotex, which prevents heat leakage, and keeps the house cool in the summer. The living and dining rooms are here combined into one large room flooded with light by windows on three sides. The two bedrooms on the second floor each have double exposure and an extra large closet in which a window may be placed.

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