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Complaint is heard now and then as the result of rat deprivations on chick flocks in Athena and vicinity. The rats seem to move in colonies and remain in one locality so long as they can find something for food. County Agent Smith at Heppner refers to the great destruction wrought by the wharf or hose rat, and the difficulty of getting rid of the pest. He recommends the use of "K. R. O." or "Red Squill," which is poisonous to the rat only. The best method of poisoning them, Mr. Smith says, is to cover a slice of bread with peanut butter and cut this in small pieces. Sprinkle the pieces with KRO until it has a bright color and place in the runways in places where rats usually are found. All old baits should be destroyed before they become dry and unpalatable and fresh ones substituted. Sometimes it will be necessary to change the bait used, because the rat may become wise to the process, and change of bait will get the desired results.

From a practical livestock-feeding point of view wheat is about equal to corn pound for pound, as a feed for farm animals, says the U. S. agricultural department. Wheat contains 3 per cent more protein and a little more carbohydrates, and 2 1/2 per cent less fat than corn. The greater amount of carbohydrates in wheat is used by animals either as fuel or energy or is stored as fat. Moreover, wheat has a very small quantity of crude fiber, hence animals digest it readily. Wheat, like corn, is not a complete food. It does not have sufficient lime, phosphorus and potash, nor all the protein subdivisions which are necessary for animals' development and their duties. In feeding wheat, as well as in feeding corn, it is important to feed also those products which will furnish the portion of nutritive material that the grain lacks.

The Gervais Star declares that the onion growers are facing ruin. Growers have been offering the finest crop they have grown at 55 cents per sack and no takers. The storage place is filled and many carloads are yet in the fields and suffering from the rain. The Star, which is published near the Lake Labish onion fields, says: "For the past three years barely expenses have been made, it is said and when it is known that it costs \$150 or more per acre to produce the onions, that onion land sells for \$1,000 per acre and that taxes and rental takes another \$150 or more, it can be seen the plight of the onion grower is facing."

Eastern settlement workers statistics show the startling fact that 60 per cent of the children of women who are excessive users of cigarettes—by excessive they mean those who smoke 20 or more a day—are either born dead or else they die in less than two years. This revelation is surely a damning verdict against the growing habit of cigarette smoking among women and girls of America, especially in the large centers of population.

Reliable statistics published by the Oregon Journal show Oregon's income from waterpower fees since 1919 to be \$157,947. British Columbia's fees are listed for the same period at \$1,309,788, giving British Columbia an advantage of \$1,151,841. British Columbia exacts a rental of from 25 cents to \$2 per horsepower; Oregon's pitiful return, in comparison, is a little over two cents per horsepower.

An annual event which interests Oregon in particular and the west in general, will be the opening of the Pacific International Livestock Exhibition at Portland, October 25th. With each succeeding year the Exhibition is growing in popularity and increased attendance. It's a big show carried on in a big way.

The substance of testimony gleaned from the recent hearing of communist activities in the northwest shows that the economic welfare of the Pacific coast states depend on safeguards that may be enforced against the dumping of lumber and wheat into American markets.

If the bakers made money when wheat was selling at above the dollar mark per bushel, there must be a mint of money made now in making bread for bread prices have not declined one farthing with the fall of wheat prices.

County governments are responsible for a very important part of the total tax bills. If county governments are inefficient and wasteful, we must all pay for it, and when economical and efficient, all are benefitted.

## 23 Years Ago

**Friday, October 11, 1907**  
While returning from the cemetery after the interment of Mrs. Clark at Weston Sunday afternoon, an accident happened to part of the harness of the span drawing the hearse frightening them into a mad plunge that overthrew the hearse. Henry Stamper, the driver, was thrown violently on to a barbed wire fence lacerating his face and arms badly, tearing his clothing and putting him into a bad plight, generally.  
Mr. and Mrs. Bert Zerba will probably spend the winter in California, for the benefit of Mrs. Zerba's health. Mr. Zerba thinks of going somewhere in the vicinity of Hollywood, where several other Athenians have located.  
Lyman Watrus was up from Adams Tuesday shaking hands with old friends here. Mr. Watrus has been on his ranch on the Weiser river for two or three years and is now visiting his family who have remained on the farm near Adams during his absence.  
James Conley, a practical tailor with his wife has recently arrived from California and will locate in Athena where he will do tailoring, cleaning and repairing, etc. Mr. Conley has leased a building on Main street, opposite the Athena hotel where he will attend to your wants in that line.  
Arthur Stone was over from Whitman college and spent Sunday with his parents here. He was accompanied by his cousin, John Stone, who is attending Whitman from his present home in Thornton, Washington.  
Monday fire started from the sparks emanating from a passing engine in a stubble field on the Colburn ranch, farmed by Bert Zerba, and several stacks of straw which Mr. Zerba had reserved for winter feed were destroyed.  
Sim Culley, the Weston grocer, was in the city yesterday and while here

purchase the bird dog, "Sport" owned by S. L. Spencer, on approval. Sim will go on a hunt in a few days, and if Sport comes up to his expectations will pay \$25 for the dog.  
Miss Hattie Pinkerton was quite ill the first of the week requiring the services of a physician.  
Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Buel, with their two daughters, will leave about the middle of next week for Portland, where they expect to make their future home. They have many friends in this vicinity who regret to see them leave, but hope to see them prosper in their new home.  
Mrs. Eva Boddy left Tuesday afternoon for her home in La Grande, after a visit of several weeks with her friends in Athena.  
T. M. Taggart the popular grocer, left Saturday for a week's visit with relatives and friends at his former home in Vale, Malheur county. The store in his absence was run by his able head clerk, Walter Judy, assisted by Benny Gross.  
Roy Gholson, of Albia, Iowa, was in the city the first of the week visiting relatives here. With his brother,

Leo he has been in Walla Walla for some time. From the garden city Mr. Gholson expects to go soon to Portland and the valley towns.  
A new real estate company has been formed in Pendleton composed of G. W. Coutts, S. C. and J. M. Hayes. Minister V. E. Hoven went over to Milton Wednesday evening, where he delivered an address in the Christian church of that city.  
A skating club has been organized by the High school young people, who will skate at the rink each Wednesday evening. A Friday night club will be devoted to the public.  
E. L. Barnett left Saturday for his home in Portland, after a week spent in visiting friends and attending to his business interests here.  
Gillis Brothers have commenced on a contract for building a large machine shed on the farm of Wm. Tompkins. The shed will be used for the protection of Mr. Tompkins' combine, chop mill machinery etc., and will take a couple of weeks for completion.

### NOTICE OF SCHOOL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the legal voters of School District No. 29 of Umatilla County, State of Oregon, that a SCHOOL MEETING of said district will be held at the school house on the 14th day of October, 1930, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon for the purpose of discussing the budget hereinafter set out with the levying board, and to vote on the proposition of levying a special district tax.  
The total amount of money needed by the said school district during the fiscal year beginning on June 17, 1930, and ending June 16, 1931, is estimated in the following budget and includes the amounts to be received from the county school fund, state school fund, elementary school fund, special district tax, and all other moneys of the district.

BUDGET	
Estimated Receipts	
Balance on hand at beginning of school year.....	\$ 45.00
From County School fund .....	1,178.00
From State School fund .....	243.20
From Elementary School fund .....	1,500.00
Total Estimated Receipts .....	\$ 2,966.20
Estimated Expenditures	
GENERAL CONTROL	
Superintendent .....	\$ 900.00
Clerk .....	100.00
Compulsory Education & Census .....	10.00
Elections and Publicity .....	25.00
Legal service, clerk's bond, audit, etc. ....	67.50
Total General Control .....	\$ 1,102.50
INSTRUCTION-TEACHING	
Teachers .....	\$5,500.00
Supplies .....	300.00
Other expense of teaching .....	50.00
Total Instruction .....	\$ 5,850.00
OPERATION OF PLANT	
Janitor and other employees .....	\$ 850.00
Janitor's supplies .....	65.00
Fuel .....	300.00
Light and power .....	150.00
Water .....	60.00
Other expense of operation .....	50.00
Total Expense of Operation .....	\$ 1,475.00
MAINTENANCE & REPAIRS	
Repair and replacement of furniture and equipment	150.00
Repair and maintenance of buildings and grounds	50.00
Total Maintenance & Repairs .....	\$ 200.00
AUXILIARY AGENCIES	
Library books .....	\$ 25.00
Total Auxiliary Agencies .....	\$ 25.00
FIXED CHARGES	
Insurance .....	\$ 250.00
Total Fixed Charges .....	\$ 250.00
DEBT SERVICE	
Principal on bonds.....	\$2,000.00
Interest on bonds .....	427.50
Interest on warrants .....	25.00
Total Debt Service .....	\$ 2,452.50
EMERGENCY	
Emergency .....	\$ 278.00
Total Emergency .....	\$ 278.00
RECAPITULATION	
Total estimated expenses for year .....	\$11,633.00
Total estimated receipts, not including the proposed tax .....	2,966.20
Balance, amount to be raised by district tax .....	\$ 8,666.80
INDEBTEDNESS	
Amount of bonded indebtedness .....	\$9,000.00
Amount of warrant indebtedness .....	522.50
Total Indebtedness .....	\$9,522.50
Dated this 25th day of September, 1930.	
Attest:	W. C. GARFIELD, District Clerk.
	MRS. W. O. READ, Chairman, Board of Directors.
	Mrs. W. P. Littlejohn, G. M. Watkins, B. B. Richards, Flint N. Johns and E. C. Rogers, members of Budget Committee.

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### Editorial

October 5 to 12 is to be celebrated all over the United States as PROSPERITY WEEK. Never in the last ten years have prices of staple commodities been so low. There never was a better time to buy what you will need. The so called business depression is mostly in our minds. Plan on doing your repairing and building this month. Get optimistic—Let's Go.

Try our coal and you may never have to take out clinker either.

According to one bright boy in our public schools, a volcano is a mountain with a hole in the top. If you look in the hole you can see the creator smoking.

POME  
Mack MacTavish  
A crafty Scot  
Likes what money  
He has got.  
So to keep his  
Heat at home  
He INSULATES  
So it won't roam.

One thing the Prophet Job never had to do was take a clinker out of a furnace with a straight poker.

A new roof or insulation of your home may be money spent but if you figure the money saved by increased comfort and the smaller fuel consumption, you will find that the interest rate is above the legal limit.

She: "Do you know, Joe, I think you were just made for me."  
He: "Well, dear, I'm sure you were made for me."  
Whereupon they made for each other.

It certainly was a darned long dry spell and it may forecast a long, cold winter. Better check up on the coal bin right now.

Judge Richards: The police say that you and your wife had some words.  
Prisoner: Well, I had some, but didn't get a chance to use them.

A. M. Johnson, Editor.

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## Announcement

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and is qualified to act as Executor, Administrator, guardian, or in any other fiduciary capacity.  
Just think what 37 years of successful banking experience would mean to the executor or administrator of your estate.  
Ask us for Information

## Reduction In Electric Light Rates

The following reduction in Electric light rates will be in effect on and after March 15, 1929:

### Residential Rates

First 30 KWH hours used, per month.....10c per KWH  
Excess over 30 KWH used, per month.....3c per KWH  
The above rates apply when bills are paid in full within 10 days from date of bill. Otherwise, the rate will be increased by 10 per cent on each item.

### Commercial Rates

First 100 KWH used per month.....10c per KWH  
Next 200.....7c per KWH  
Next 300.....6c per KWH  
Next 400.....5c per KWH  
Next 1000.....4c per KWH  
Excess over 2000.....3c per KWH  
The above rates apply when bills are paid in full within 10 days from date of bill. Otherwise, the rate will be increased by 10 per cent on each item.

Preston-Shaffer Milling Company