

The Athena Press
Established Jan. 1, 1887
AN INDEPENDENT NEWSPAPER
F. B. BOYD, Owner and Publisher
Subscription Rates.
One copy, one year.....\$2.00
One copy, six months.....\$1.00
One copy, three months......75
Athena, Oregon, August 21, 1931

"It is probable that the farmer," says an Exchange, "has suffered less from low prices for agricultural products than from the fact that his share of the ultimate sale price has too often been extremely small. This is well illustrated by the dairy industry, where the middleman receives his cut of about six cents a quart whether milk is selling to the public for fourteen cents or ten. The farmer is left to hold the sack. A single farmer, doing business with a large dealer, is at an obvious disadvantage. A hundred farmers, selling together, are at less of a disadvantage. And ten or fifty thousand farmers, demanding a fair profit for themselves, have the advantage on their side. Mass action, both in production and sales, has made American industry what it is today. It can produce the same good results for the American farmer with reasonable prices for the consumer."

Gasoline prices have fallen to the lowest level in years, when allowance is made for the state tax. On June 1, the average price in 50 representative American cities was 12.51 cents a gallon—not counting tax—as compared with 16.78 cents on the same day last year, and 25.70 cents in 1921. On June 1, the average tax rate was in excess of four cents a gallon for the first time in history. In ten years the tax has increased 3.85 cents a gallon, while the average price of gas has declined 13.19 cents.

Road construction has been greatly cheapened with the discovery that asphaltic mixture with home materials give a lasting surface. Whether the local materials are gravel, clay or top soil, they may be asphaltically treated at very low cost compared with former methods, and the result is a waterproof, year-round thoroughfare, suitable for all but the heaviest traffic.

Three elements must be considered in highway accidents—the car, the road, and the driver. According to Sidney J. Williams of the National Safety Council, each of these elements sometimes predominates, but in general the car is a lot safer than the highway, and the highway is a lot safer than the driver.

The state of Arizona helped one of its industries out by specifying when contracting for automobile license plates that they be made of Arizona copper. In Oregon the buyer would be better off if he would pay more attention to the "Made in Oregon" product.

There is no need of getting all hopped up over the fact that Oregon has regained her position as the leading hop producing state, showing a definite trend toward increased production, when we reflect that home people demand their yeast cakes.

"Less than 3 1/2 per cent of the population of the United States pays more than 96 per cent of the federal income tax," remarks a zealous house organ. Thanks for the information. New we know where 96 per cent of the national wealth is hiding.

We read that it is a fact that but three cents out of each dollar saved by the American people is used for life insurance—while seven-eighths of all money, on the average, left by men when they die comes from life insurance policies.

When monkeying with gasoline it may be well to remember that the vapor from one gallon mixed in proper proportions with air, has explosive possibilities equal to 83 pounds of dynamite or a well directed kick by a Missouri mule.

Dr. Irene Case Namur, famous biochemist, advises that when friend husband comes home with a grouch built for a horse that you cut off the argument by feeding him half a dozen oysters. Righto, Irene; yes but there are no oysters?

Though legislatures in ten states succeeded in raising the gasoline tax this year, news dispatches and editorials in the nation's newspapers show that the popularity of the levy is on the wane and that the tax is no longer "painless."

This time it's a New Jersey man who tried to extinguish a match by plunging it into a pan of gasoline. The gasoline objected in the usual manner. He is in a hospital.

The new Australian tariff on lumber is arousing the American industry. Well, in looking for a reason,

what is the American tariff schedule doing to Australia directly and as a result to the American lumber industry, indirectly?

When a bomb explodes at 1:30 p. m., Thursday, August 27th, and the La Grande municipal band plays "The Star Spangled Banner," then we'll all Let'er Buck!

Not only the farmer faces the problem of overproduction. The oil industry, too, is looking through the same knothole for relief.

Milady's frock is not the only vintage of the '90's that is returning—the old time popular six-day bicycle race is returning to marathon.

END OF THE FALL CASE (Morning Oregonian)

Application for the pardon of Albert B. Fall has been passed on by officials most familiar with the case—the trial judge, the government's special prosecutor, and the United States attorney for the District of Columbia. The application fails on the advice of these three and that ought to settle and no doubt will settle it.

The elements that might have justified clemency were the age and frail health of the prisoner, and the fact that though it requires at least two persons to commit the crime of which he was convicted, only one—Fall—was convicted.

This newspaper has, because of these facts had some sympathy with the plight of Fall, but it recognizes that neither of the reasons ought to control in every case.

In the past, guilty men have, by exercising a form of physical malingering, escaped just penalty. It is common knowledge that juries do not always convict on the same set of facts. And it is customary, because of the vagaries of juries, for persons accused of the same crime to demand separate trials. The miscarriage of justice in this case we think was not in the conviction of Fall but in the acquittal of his associates. If the pardoning power followed rigidly a practice of correcting discrimination as to persons convicted of crime, there would be added another loophole to the many through which American criminals now escape.

There is this to be said, too, that Fall has been accorded all the humaneness possible in the selection of his place of incarceration; his age and physical condition are there doubtless given proper consideration; and he is eligible to parole after four months elapse from the day he entered the penitentiary. Pardon implies to many minds that there has been miscarriage of justice in the conviction of the pardoned one. It is a power that must be exercised on the strength of facts, not sympathies. The brief term that Fall will serve is not an instance of cruelty or severity.

A PEACE MONUMENT (Baker Herald-Democrat)

The recent dedication of the memorial at Put-in-Bay, in Lake Erie, to Commodore Perry and the men who fought under him struck a new note for affairs of this kind. Although the monument commemorates a naval victory, peace and not warfare was the leitmotif of the celebration. The crowds that came to hear the speeches found their attention directed, not to the battle, but to the 117 years of peace that have been unbroken ever since. Since the close of the War of 1812, there has not been a ship of war stationed on the Great Lakes. Perry fought to win control of the lakes for the United States; but only two years later the two nations had signed a treaty dividing this control on an equal basis.

In all the history of the international relations there has been nothing as encouraging as the unfortified frontier between the United States and Canada, and the dedication of the Perry memorial does both nations a good turn by reminding them of this fact.

For this frontier has not remained unfortified simply because there has never been any chance of war. During the Civil war America and Britain came close to blows. War was a possibility again in the early '90s, when the Venezuelan boundary dispute became acrid. A slight shift in events during the World War might have brought the two nations into conflict. In the last five years irresponsible fivebrands on both sides of the ocean have freely discussed the probability of a fight.

In other words, the chances for hostilities have been about what they usually are between two powerful neighboring countries. But the frontier has remained unfortified, and the white shaft of the Perry memorial is a monument to an enduring peace.

Why has it happened this way? Simply because the two nations resolved that, no matter what happened, they would not go to war with one another. The resolution has not been so hard to keep. The fact that the lakes have been free of warships and the land frontier free of forts has helped make it easy. Isn't the whole thing an extremely instructive object lesson?

22 Years Ago

Friday, August 27, 1909

D. B. Jarman has sold his department store in this city to Steward & Brown of Spokane. The deal, which had been under way for two or three weeks, was closed Saturday and the big task of taking inventory of the stocks has been carried by a number of experienced persons this week, and will be finished tonight, so that the store will be open for business tomorrow morning.

The next time a certain couple of squaws come to town, Marshal Gholson is prepared to give them a bunch of trouble. The charge of theft has been preferred against them by Will Ferguson. Wednesday evening one of his teamsters lost three sacks of wheat, and the grain was later piled against the fence, when it would be put on the next load. In the meantime a couple of squaws came along and "copswallowed" two sacks of the grain.

T. D. Taylor, perhaps the most popular sheriff any county in Oregon ever had was united in marriage with Miss Clara Mousu, a well known young lady of Pendleton, Sunday in Portland. Both bride and groom are well known in this city, where a host of friends extend congratulations.

Miss Gertrude Wheeler of Pendleton is a guest of Miss Ruth Kidder this week.

Grover Bowles returned last evening from a tour through the central Oregon stock country.

Miss Bessie Lee and Bernice Read, of Pendleton, were guests Sunday of Miss Irene Dudley.

A daughter was born August 9th to Mr. and Mrs. Luke Read at their home near Athena.

Miss Helene Mousu of Pendleton, is a guest this week of Miss Edna Taylor and Miss Cecile Boyd.

Mrs. Jackson Nelson has returned from a visit with her dranddaughter, Mrs. Brown, at Dayton, Wash.

The Press has a clipping from the Burnsville (N. C.) Eagle announcing the death of Will M. Peterson's grand father, at the age of 83 years. The Eagle says. Mr. Bert Peterson, one of the county's oldest and most respected citizens, died at his home on Jack's Creek, on the 7th inst., after a prolonged sickness. "Uncle Bert," as he was familiarly called was known to almost every one and he was universally liked. One by one the pioneer citizens of Yancy county are passing away, and the death of

"Uncle Bert" will be learned with sadness throughout the country. Mrs. Duncan McIntyre and Mrs. J. A. Kirk are at Hot Lake, where they will remain for some time.

R. J. Boddy is having his downtown property painted and generally renovated, preparatory to opening a meat market.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Kirk returned Monday from the Umatilla river, where they spent several days on an outing trip.

Tomorrow at 10 o'clock, Auctioneer Fred Eiffert will begin crying George Dunlap's sale. Free lunch will be served at noon.

Mrs. H. H. Hill returned Saturday from a two weeks visit with her daughter, Mrs. Otis Whiteman, near LaCrosse, Wash.

Benjamin Swaggart the well known Heppner stockman, has been in the city for several days. He is disposing of a few teams of mules.

H. P. Millen, H. O. Worthington and son Emery left Tuesday evening for the huckleberry patches tributary to the Woodward toll gate resort.

T. M. Taggart is moving his stock to his new location. He will have one of the neatest stores to be found in the county, when he gets his stock properly arranged.

Athena is filling up and as a result suitable houses for rent are in demand and hard to find. Prospects for a good school have already commenced to tell on the right side of the census page.

Ora Rhodes, who for several years has been connected with the Jarman Department store, will engage in diversified farming in Polk county. He will leave Athena in the course of a month.

The big steam threshing outfits of M. L. Watts and James Bell both completed the seasons run the fore part

CLASSIFIED

Wanted—Clean, Cotton rags at the Press office.

Eyes examined, glasses properly fitted at Scheller's, 39 East Main, Walla Walla,

BEN BATEMAN

Expert in Body Correction Calls answered promptly Office at Residence in North Athena Telephone 595.

Dr. W. Boyd Whyte

CHIROPRACTOR Stangier Building, Phone 705 Pendleton, Oregon. 957 J

Dr. W. H. McKinney

Physician and Surgeon Dr. Sharp's Office Office Hours at Athena 1 to 5 p. m. Phone 462. Office Hours at Weston 8 a. m. to 12 noon. Phone 83. Calls made day or night.

Dr. Dale Rothwell

Optometrist The best in glasses at a reasonable cost. Over Woolworth's — Phone 1286 Pendleton, Oregon

Peterson & Lewis

Attorneys at Law Practice in all State and Federal Courts. Inland Empire Bank Building Pendleton Oregon

Watts & Prestbye

Attorneys-At-Law Main Street, Athena, Oregon State and Federal Court Practice

Foley's Honey and Tar cures colds, prevents pneumonia.

B. B. Richards

General Insurance Farm Loans Bonds Liability

RELIABLE WATCH REPAIRING

Main St. H. H. HILL Athena

The Athena Hotel

MRS. LAURA FROOME, Prop. Courteous Treatment, Clean Beds Good Meals Tourists Made Welcome Corner Main and Third Athena, Oregon

Barber Shop and Beauty Parlor

Penn Harris, Prop.

Real Estate

Wheat Alfalfa and Stock Land

SHEEP FOR SALE

L. L. Montague, Arlington

Tum-a-Lum Tickler

Published in the interests of the people of Athena and vicinity by THE TUM-A-LUM LUMBER CO. Phone 91

Vol. 31 Athena, Oregon, August 21, 1931 No. 31

Editorial

A he-man is one who is not afraid to tell his wife the truth, regardless. Let the dishes fall where they may.

A. M. Johnson, Editor

Statistics show that fewer dishes are broken in kitchens planned or painted by Tum-a-Lum. The reason is obvious, it is easier to do work in a bright, cheerful kitchen.

Try it. Our Architectural Department will help with the planning of remodeling your old kitchen. Then new bright paint will make it the nicest place in the house.

"Fore," yelled the golfer, ready to play. But the woman on the course paid no attention.

"Fore!!" he shouted again with no effect.

"Aw," suggested his opponent in disgust, "try her once with 'Three-ninety-eight.'"

of the week. The crews paid off, and dismissed from service have flocked to other avenues of labor.

Mr. and Mrs. George Clore and son left this morning for their home in Illinois, after a pleasant visit with relatives in Athens, Corvallis and Centralia, Wash. They will be accompanied by Mrs. Leeper, who will spend the winter in Illinois.

Henry Adams is critically ill with pneumonia, at the home of H. C. Bryson, in Walla Walla. His condition is said to be serious, but there is now hope that he will recover. Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Barrett and Henry Barrett went to Walla Walla yesterday.

Bruno Weber Blacksmithing AND Repair Work Prices Reasonable Successor To JENS JENSEN

SAVE YOUR STRENGTH Use one of our Family Services during the hot weather ASK OUR MR. McINTYRE



Pendleton, Oregon

Call Bell & Gray Now for ICE Are Always Prepared to do Auto Truck Hauling and Delivery Promptly Prices Right Phone 593

now. But it will give you a world of pleasure to own a home of your own. Take a look at your roof, everyone else does. Is it a fitting cover for your home or does it need repairing or perhaps a complete new roof? The hot summer days bring out the weak spots and the first fall rains will go right thru and into the house unless the roof covers you like it should. Use Tum-A-Lum Paint. It lasts longer, looks better, carries a double guarantee, and has a low first cost. A kind hearted gentleman saw a little boy trying to reach the door bell. He rang the bell for the little boy, then said, 'what now, my little man?' 'Run like the dickens,' said the boy, 'that's what I'm going to do.' We can furnish you with any amount of Red Cedar Shingles also all styles of Pioneer Roofs.

The First National Bank of Athena [Established 1891] CAPITAL AND SURPLUS \$110,000.00 Does a General Banking Business and Maintains a Complete Trust Department

... GAS and OIL Tire Service... Auto Accessories, Camp Stoves and Ovens, Camp Tables GALLAHER'S GARAGE J. E. Gallaher, Prop. Athena Phone 471

MILK and Cream for Sale Here All the Time CREAM KILGORE'S CAFE

Continental Oil Company Bryce Baker, Local Representative Buy your Harvest Gas and Oils from the Local Dealer PROMPT DELIVERY Satisfactory Service Phone 762

Farmers Grain Elevator Company Grain and Feed SPECIAL A Full Line of Sperry's Chick Feed Phone 382 LEE WILSON, M'gr.

THE TWIN CITY CLEANERS —Dependable Service— Lower Prices April 1st Ladies Spring Coats \$1 and UP—Silk Dresses \$1.25 and Up—Wool Dresses \$1 and Up Men's Suits \$1.25 For other prices, ask the Driver Trade with the man who helps pay your taxes We call for and deliver every Monday, Wednesday and Saturday T. E. SMITH, Proprietor, Phone 1571 Freewater Oregon

Lamps---Lamps Why Pay More? Plain and Frosted Mazda Lamps 25 Watt17c 40 Watt17c 60 Watt17c 75 Watt28c 100 Watt28c 150 Watt50c CORRECT VOLTAGE and CORRECT LAMPS ALL OTHER LAMPS ACCORDINGLY PRESTON-SHAFFER MILLING CO. Electrical Department, Athena, Oregon. Phone 182