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Principal Events of the Week Briefly Sketched for Information of Our Readers.

Auto tourists travel through the Willamette valley in motor car convoys. The Union Livestock association will hold its 25th annual show at Union, June 24.

The ninth annual conference of the Washington Baptist association was held at Redmond.

It is reported that hop vines in the independent district are making a thrifty growth.

A large county fair was called a call on the farm of George Lewis, four miles west of Toledo.

A girls and school extension school was held at the North Hill farm in Clatsop county Friday.

McMinnville bids to the number of 6-9 will attend the state convention to be held at Union in July.

A pair of \$13,500.00 in deposits in the three banks of Eugene has been made during the past year.

The high price of sugar has caused a slump in the demand at Hood River for sugarberries and cherries.

Under the auspices of the Jackson county farm bureau a two-day dairy school was held in Medford.

Martin Cain was instantly killed at Clatsop county company, Camp No. 19, near Clatskanie, by a flying log.

Union high school district of Madras has voted to issue \$25,000 in bonds for immediate construction of a building, both bond and special tax for a new high school gymnasium carried in the special election held at Madras.

The Mack Bros. lumber company has shipped a carload of its logs to New York to be used in the manufacture of veneer.

Before the start of the 1919 around Eugene was raised a bill of \$100,000. The measure passed by a narrow margin.

The Clatsop commercial club has been organized to promote the specific gravity and for handling and in favor of suspending the tax.

The board of the city of Astoria has decided to purchase the telephone lines to connect the Tillamook rock business with the shore. The lines have been completed.

A tract of 24 acres partially within the city limits of Albany was purchased by the Linn county fair association for permanent fair grounds.

The Astoria board of school directors is calling for bids for a new gymnasium for the high school to cost about \$100,000.

The twenty-ninth annual session of the Southern Oregon Medical association was held at Roseburg. It was decided to hold the convention at Grants Pass next year.

"OVER THE HILL"

Mr. and Mrs. John Keen were over from their home near State Line visiting relatives in Athena and vicinity this week.

M. W. Hansell, B. E. Richards and Lou Hodgen spent Tuesday in the Umapine district.

Misses Ellen Henry and Blanche Johnson are spending the week at the Hamp Boucher home in Weston.

Mrs. F. J. Jackson and children, who are in Weston, spent Sunday on the home farm with Mr. Jackson.

Joe Cannon, who has leased the Ernest Koeple farm for a number of years, has moved his family and belongings to his new place.

This is primary election day and tonight at eight o'clock the fate of the festive candidate will be sealed when the ballot box is opened.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Russell and daughter Thema, will motor up to Leon Lake, Wash., to visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Al Norbren.

The Warren Construction company will open a new quarry in connection with one now in operation, to secure material for highway construction.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Hall are moving their household effects to Haines, Union county, where Prof. Hall will head the school for the coming year.

Building Joe Hodgson was in town from Weston Wednesday. He says his son, who was recently operated on at Walla Walla, is improving in health.

Miss Bertha Murdoch, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Louis Keen, for some time, has accepted a position as teacher in the high school at Twin Falls, Idaho.

Stirling Farris will farm the Ira McDonald ranch northwest of town and while living there will also assist his father, S. S. Farris, at the home farm.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Haynie left Athena Wednesday for a fortnight's visit in Nebraska, Kansas and Missouri. Mr. Haynie's father will probably return with his son to make his home in Athena.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Norris have been in Athena this week, from Walla Walla. They disposed of their residence property in the north part of town to Mr. Charles Dieky, who is coming from Umapine to Athena to reside.

Carl Shafner, who resided with his parents for several months a couple of years ago, when they conducted a restaurant here, was drowned in the Spokane river a couple of weeks ago, and the body has not been recovered.

In company with his brother-in-law, Roy McPherrin, he was boating on the river, when the boat capsized, throwing the two men overboard. McPherrin reached the river bank in safety, but Shafner drowned.

The May Pole



By vigorous wielding of shovel, hoe, rake and ax, Athena Commercial Club members earned a sumptuous basket dinner today at City Park. From 10 o'clock this morning until noon the work of transforming the appearance of the park, so far as a general cleanup process is concerned was in progress, and the result is very satisfactory, indeed, to the members of the civic club, who sponsored the event and served the basket dinner.

Of five pupils enrolled in the Waterman school northwest of Athena, Mrs. Lillian Dobson, teacher, four have been taking the state examinations this week. The school closes today and the pupils are this afternoon enjoying a weenie-marshal-mallow treat as a special treat. Mrs. Dobson has signed up to teach the same school next year for a term of nine months at a salary of \$1200.

Clarence Gay, who spent a good portion of his time in the hospitals of France during his service in the world war, as the result of a wound received in battle, spent Tuesday in Athena, visiting friends. As a memento of the war, Clarence carries in his pocket the bullet that ploughed through his rugged anatomy and put him out of active participation in the grim game on July 18, 1918.

W. E. Dobson, former Athena city marshal, is expected up from Portland soon for a short stay here while preparing his household goods for shipment. Mr. Dobson has been improving his 40 acre ranch near Portland, and will be accompanied back by Mrs. Dobson, who will spend the summer there, returning here in the fall to resume her school work.

Wednesday night at its regular communication McKenzie Chapter No. 112, Order of Eastern Star, was held to Busbee Chapter, No. 19, of Pendleton. The local chapter was gratified at the generous response to its invitation, when fifty members from the visiting lodge arrived in automobiles to share their hospitality.

President Watts of the Commercial Club has asked the civic club to solicit funds to be used for the purpose of cleaning up and improving the appearance of the cemetery. The civic club members will take up the work at once in order that it may be completed before Decoration Day, May 30th.

The city council has decided to grade and macadamize the road leading from Third street west to the Preston-Shaffer mill. The improvement will be started if possible in time to have the work completed before the heavy traffic of wheat hauling begins in the latter part of the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Sims Dickson will arrive from Arizona to again reside on their wheat farm northwest of Athena. They have been residents of Arizona for several years during which time the Dickson farm has been leased out.

A case of scarlet fever is reported from the country west of town, the little nine-year-old son of Rev. C. E. Maxwell of the M. E. church, South, having been ill with the disease last week. Dr. Sharp is the attending physician.

Electric light and telephone poles, now on Main street, between Fourth and Second streets, will be removed and located in the alleys that parallel that portion of Main street which is to be surfaced with bitulithic pavement.

Pendleton plays Athena on the local grounds next Sunday and the contest promises to be a hot one.

Retired Wage Delay is Dangerous. Chicago—The heads of the 17 railroad brotherhoods issued a statement here expressing apprehension as to the effect of further delay in meeting the workers' request for increased wages. The brotherhood officers arrived in Chicago for the resumption of wage hearings before the railway labor board.

House Bill Aimed at Sugar Dealers. Washington—Sugar dealers would be required to sell their holdings, according to uniform prices filed with the Federal Trade commission or pay a tax of two cents a pound on all sugar sold under a bill introduced in the house by Representative Stearns, Minnesota.

British Soldiers Rushed to Ireland. Cork—Two thousand troops from England were landed at Dantry Saturday and immediately distributed throughout West Cork. Troops to the number of 150 also arrived at 8th berdeen. They commanded several buildings there.

BRITAIN AFTER WORLD'S OIL

President Tells Senate John Bull Would Exclude Aliens. Washington—Great Britain's policy with reference to world petroleum supplies is reported to be to exclude aliens from the control of petroleum supplies within the empire, and to endeavor to obtain some measure of control over oil properties in foreign countries, the senate was informed in a state department report transmitted by President Wilson. The report, signed by Under Secretary Frank L. Park, was furnished in response to a resolution by Senator Gore, democrat, Oklahoma, asking what disabilities were being imposed upon American exploitation of world oil resources by other countries.

An agreement has been reached between representatives of the Tri-state Terminal company and the Wheat Growers association of Washington, Idaho and Oregon for a cooperative marketing association for farmers of the northwest. C. W. Nelson will become manager of the Washington, Idaho and Oregon associations and the Tri-state company will help to provide facilities for handling the 1920 crop, while Mr. Nelson will have charge of sales.

The management of the Spokane Interstate fair has secured the pipe band of the 72d Seaforth Highlanders of Canada, a splendid kilted battalion which was one of the few Canadian organizations to preserve its numerical identity when drafted for service overseas. The band is under the direction of Pine Major John Gillies, 18 years with the Scots Guards and a veteran of the South African and world war.

Notice, Horsemen. Prince Albert II, No. 113661, will make the season in and around Weston. For reference, see Lufe McBride. S. I. BIRDSSELL.

Statistics show, according to the war department statement, that Oregon's enlisted strength for its national guard is 2152 men, of which 1346 have been enlisted. During the month ending May 1 there were enlisted in Oregon two companies of infantry, two companies of coast artillery, one company of engineers with 117 men and four officers, and one quartermaster detachment of 21 men, composed mostly of commissioned officers.

WESTON SCHOOLS

The graduating exercises of Weston High school were held in Memorial hall Wednesday evening, May 19. The auditorium was filled with enthusiastic school patrons and friends of the Senior class.

The first number upon the program was a piano solo by Mrs. F. D. Watts which was well received. The invocation was given by Rev. Mark A. Phinney, after which Lela G. Saling sang "Villanelle" in faultless style. A group of songs by Victor M. W. Orr, Columbia college instructor in voice, pleased the audience. The speaker of the evening, Dr. H. E. Bollen, pastor of White Temple, Walla Walla, was then introduced, and delivered a splendid address upon important world problems which are demanding solution. He challenged the class to avail themselves of the opportunity to aid in overcoming the difficulties presented. Mrs. Saling contributed another solo, "Il Bacio," which delighted her hearers. Professor F. C. Fitzpatrick awarded three scholarships from Whitman college, Willamette university and an associated group of colleges, to Gail Miller Williams, Miss Anna Lavender and Miss Goldie Nesbit, respectively. Joseph Hodgson, president of the board of directors, in a wholesome and happy vein spoke briefly before presenting diplomas, and echoed the sentiment of Weston citizens when he remarked: "We can turn out as smart and good-looking a graduating class as any of them."

The following young people are members of the 1920 class: Misses Anna Lavender, Goldie Nesbit, Jessie Davis, Lois Liouallen, Ruby Hall, Worth Watts, Theodore Walden and Gail Miller Williams. It is probable that Weston can claim the distinction of having the youngest high school graduates in the state, Gail Miller Williams having completed the course at the age of fourteen years.

Finch Brownell, a Cheney, Wash., lad who belongs to one of the boys' pig clubs, made \$300 out of his pigs last year and expects to realize a profit of \$1500 in 1920.

GOVERNMENT CONTROL ASKED BY RAILROADS

Officials Request Interstate Commerce Commission to Handle Crisis.

Washington.—Railroads of the country, through the association of railway executives and the American Railway association, have asked the interstate commerce commission to exercise its emergency powers to relieve the car shortage and freight congestion. In a statement filed with the commission, the railroad officials declared the situation was such as to "warrant and to require emergency action similar to that taken when this country entered the war."

The railroads' formal petition asks the commission to assume its emergency power under the Esch-Cummins bill, which gives it power to supervise distribution of cars and motive equipment, curtail passenger service and issue priority orders. Appeals of the railroads for help have brought to light new dangers. Developments showed that a decidedly menacing condition confronted the commercial world through the tie-up of the financial resources of business houses. Delay in movement of products was declared to have brought many plants face to face with an immediate shutdown.

Interest rates at this time are so high as to make it out of the question for most of the manufacturing concerns that borrow to finance further production, according to treasury officials. It was said the congestion was costing the nation "millions a day" through under-production. Wholesalers and retailers alike are suffering through inability to obtain delivery of goods, railroad men said.

Newberry for District Attorney. S. A. Newberry, Pendleton attorney will have his name on the ballot at the democratic primaries today for district attorney. His decision to make the race on democratic ticket for the office of district attorney was decided on this week.

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