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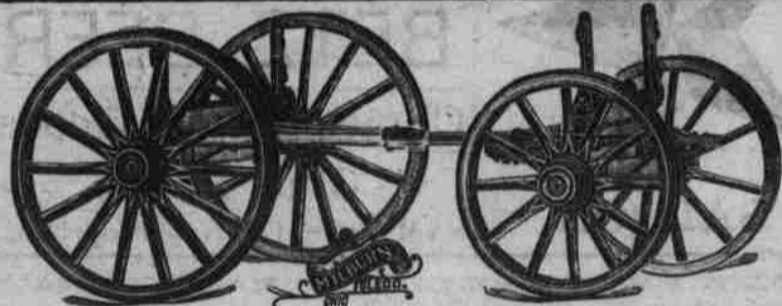
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LOCATE POLE LINE

ENGINEER BADGER AND FORCE OF MEN IN ATHENA.

The Work of Constructing the Big Electric Power Plant Has Commenced in Earnest.

Engineer Badger and a force of men in the employ of the Oregon and Washington Power Co. were in Athena Wednesday night. The men are engaged in locating the pole line on which will be hung the electric wires to be strung from the power house on the south fork of the Walla Walla river through the towns of Milton, Weston, Athena and Adams to Pendleton. The distance is being surveyed in order to secure an accurate estimate of the number of poles required.

The construction force is being increased as fast as development of work will permit, there being at present two gangs of men employed. One is excavating and grading along the six-mile flume line and the other is employed at the reservoir site where a concrete dam is being constructed.

A county road is to be constructed at once up the river. Approximately the cost of this road will be \$3900, which is to be borne jointly by the county and the company. The new road will not only facilitate the transportation of heavy loads of company building material, machinery, etc., but will be of permanent benefit to river farmers and gardeners.

Mitchell in Charge.

Frank G. Mitchell, of the firm of Brock & Mitchell, is at present in charge of the Pioneer drug store, although it is stated that the actual transfer of the stock has not yet been made, the transfer being subject to certain conditions. Mr. Mitchell is reputed to be a practical druggist and a man of excellent business qualifications. Dr. Stone will practice medicine in Athena, his office being in the Post building.

Register Now.

Remember that the registration books close tomorrow night (Saturday May 14) and if you have not registered you should do so at once.

A \$250,000 BLAZE IN PORTLAND'S MILLS

Explosion of Sawdust Cause Three Big Mills to Burn to the Ground.

Portland, May 12.—An explosion of sawdust in the furnace of the Day Lumber company's mill started a fire, just before midnight, which destroyed that mill and also those of the Multnomah Trunk and Box factors and the Ira F. Powers manufacturing company. The loss will probably exceed \$250,000. The mills are located in a cluster on the river front at the extreme southern end of the city. The night watchman was the only person about the mill at the time, and was so scorched by flames attending the explosion that it was only with difficulty that he was able to turn in the fire alarm. Owing to this delay,

and the distance from the nearest fire apparatus, the Day mill was almost destroyed before the department arrived on the scene. From the Day mill the flames jumped to the Powers mill and the trunk factory, and despite the efforts of the firemen these mills were also rapidly enveloped in flames. Although the fire department fought the fire with desperation, the highly inflammable character of the buildings and their contents rendered their efforts futile, and all three buildings burned to the ground. All the mills carried insurance, but at this hour it is impossible to state the amount.

NINETY THOUSAND GIVEN THE FORT

General Chaffee Approves Large Allotment to Fort Walla Walla.

Walla Walla, May 13.—The first fruits of Senator Ankeny's successful fight to retain the fort are soon to be seen in tangible form. The war department is about to begin the expenditure of a large sum of money in rebuilding the post, as was contemplated in the order secured by the senator retaining the old garrison on the list of permanent posts.

The information is contained in a dispatch from Washington, sent out by the Associated Press, and is definite and certain. The dispatch follows:

Washington, May 12.—General Chaffee yesterday approved the following allotments for the improvement of the

United States military posts in the department of the Columbia for the coming fiscal year as made by Quartermaster General Humphrey:

- Walla Walla post, \$90,000.
- Fort Wright, \$14,000.
- Vancouver barracks, \$39,000.
- Fort Lawton, \$18,500.
- Fort Casey, \$53,000.
- Fort Worden, \$130,000.

Fort Worden's improvement will be the most material, and requires the larger appropriation, as the post at that point is nearer in embryo than any of the others mentioned in the department.

Protests Street Pavement

Walla Walla, May 12.—A vigorous protest against the proposed method of paving is being put up by J. M. Turner, who controls a frontage of over 200 feet on Fourth and Alder streets, and who says he will resort to litigation if present paving plans are carried out. Mr. Turner objects to the proposed use of vitrified brick instead of asphalt, to a pro rata assessment according to front-

age instead of according to appraised valuation and to the adoption of more than one assessment district. He claims property of his on Fourth and Alder fronts in such a way as to involve an expenditure of 25 per cent of its value to pave with vitrified brick, and thinks property further up town should be made to pay a higher rate than that at the edge of the proposed paving districts.

Boy Drowns at Wallace

Wallace, Idaho, May 11.—While playing on a raft this morning on the lower dam of Placer creek, a short distance from the city limits, Every Brunnell, the 10 year old son of Thomas Brunnell, fell into the water and was drowned. He was on the raft alone at the time of the accident, two playmates being on the shore. While poling about he suddenly lost his balance and fell into the icy water, which is about 10 feet deep. His

companions saw him rise once. He screamed loudly for help, but they were unable to render him any assistance. They watched the spot where he sank, and when he did not rise again they rushed off for help. Alvin Brunnell, an older brother, hastened to the dam and recovered the body. It was necessary for him to dive and bring it up. After sinking once it remained on the bottom of the pond.

Considers Wheat Injured

W. H. Reeder and Rev. Jenkins returned last evening from a trip through the wheat producing country north of town. Mr. Reeder, who has large farming interests in that section, gave particular attention to conditions the plant was left in after the frost. He found the grain damaged to some extent in various

fields and in others the damage he considers to be serious. In some instances the stalk is dead clear to the ground and young shoots are beginning to spring through the ground from the root. These gentlemen consider the wheat crop in that section as being considerably damaged.

IS NO EXEMPTION

PERSONAL PROPERTY MUST BE ASSESSED THIS YEAR.

Special Session of Legislature Failed to Attach Emergency Clause to Repeal.

No property is exempt from taxation this year, and all property of every description will be assessed. There is no exemption whatever. Assessor Charles E. McDonnell and County Judge Webster arrived at this conclusion yesterday morning after a brief discussion of the matter, and the assessor will go ahead and assess everything.

At the regular session of the legislature in 1903 the clause in the statute exempting personal property to the amount of \$300 from assessment and taxation was repealed. When the legislature met in special session in December, 1903, it was decided that a mistake had been made in repealing the exemption clause so it was reenacted. The bill, however, did not carry an emergency clause, and therefore did not take effect until March 21. The assessment is made as of March 1, and consequently the exemption clause does not apply this year, for the reason that the statute repealing it was in force on March 1. This year, therefore, no property will be exempt.—Portland Oregonian.

If other county courts, says the Tribune, should follow the decision of the Multnomah county as above noted there will be a universal howl go up all over Umatilla county this year when the tax statements are made out. People expect the usual \$300 exemption and the taxes are already high enough to take the wind out of a cyclone cellar. But perhaps if there is to be no personal property exemption the increased amount of property would be sufficient to warrant a reduction in the rate.

It is clearly evident that the legislature intended to exempt the \$300 personal property and the county court will probably be prevailed upon to take no notice of the fact that the law did not take effect until March 21. As yet this question has not been raised in Umatilla county.

Democratic Rallies.

Democratic rallies have been arranged for almost every point in Umatilla county within the next two weeks. Beginning with a monster mass meeting at Echo, on Friday, May 20, under the auspices of the Echo democratic club, in which Colonel James H. Raley and F. B. Holbrook will be the principal speakers, the following weeks remaining before election will be studded thickly with democratic meetings. At Pilot Rock on the evening of May 23 a democratic mass meeting will be held. At Alba on May 25 at 2 p. m. and Ukiah on May 24 at 7:30 p. m., rallies will be held in which all the democratic candidates will take part and it is the intention of the campaign managers to have several prominent outside speakers, if possible. The date for the rally in Athena has not been announced.

Murry is Ill.

Pendleton, May 12.—J. J. Murry, who was arrested at Ritzville, Wash., a short time ago on the charge of supplying Annie Githens, a 15-year-old girl of Athena, with whiskey and getting her intoxicated, is said to be quite ill at the county jail. He will not be arraigned before Judge Ellis until he shows some signs of improvement. He refuses to talk concerning the charge for which he is being held.

Cougar in Spokane.

Spokane, May 12.—A full grown cougar, measuring 6 feet from tip to tip, was killed in Spokane yesterday morning by Dr. C. E. North and Martin J. Freeberg. The beast was killed at the place of Freeberg Bros., proprietors of the Liberty dairy, in Minnehaha park, one and one half miles this side of the city pumping station.

Call for Warrants.

The county treasurer is at work on the call for the warrants for January and February, 1903. They aggregate \$20,298, with interest amounting to \$1,617 to be added to that amount. When these warrants are called in there will be no outstanding warrants against the county older than 14 months.

Wired for Electricity.

J. E. Froome's new brick building, which will be completed in a few days, is the first business house in Athena to be wired for electricity. The upper portion contains six fine rooms and as an annex to the St. Nicholas hotel will be fitted up for sleeping apartments.

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