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WE DO OUR PART

ATHENA FIRST TO SUBSCRIBE
TO PORTAGE FUND.

Between Three and Four Hundred of
Umatilla's \$5,000
Is Pledged

Mayor Taylor and Hon. T. J. Kirk have done remarkably well soliciting subscriptions toward Umatilla county's \$5000 portion of the portage road fund. Athena, "the granary of the Inland Empire," comes to the front with the first subscription to be taken in Umatilla county, between three and four hundred dollars being pledged.

A telegram from Governor Chamberlain, of Oregon, to Dr. N. G. Blalock, yesterday, informed the local representative of the Open River association that an extension of time of from five to seven days would be allowed the association in which to have the necessary funds subscribed towards building a portage road from The Dalles to Celilo, says the Walla Walla Union.

If the plan falls through, and the enterprise for which the money is subscribed falls of execution, the money will revert to the subscriber, and the record of the subscribers and of the sums subscribed will be retained. Thus the subscriber is perfectly protected, no matter what happens to the road.

CITY CONTRACT FOR GALLAGHER SPRINGS

Perpetual Water Right Secured By the
City Council For Sum of \$1250.

For a consideration of \$1250, the Gallagher springs has passed into the possession of the city of Athena, and within the next year the pure crystal waters of the springs will pulse with power through the strong iron mains of the city's water system.

This means, provided of course sufficient supply exists, and there is no doubt of this, that the present unsatisfactory method of supplying the city with water will be done away with and in its place will be established a gravity system, and when it is put in Athena will be among the few towns that have good water and plenty of it.

These springs are situated on the farm of the late Thomas Gallagher, two and one-half miles southeast of the city, and which is now owned by Ray Gallagher, a minor son. The water is soft, pure in every respect, and during all the years since the settlement of this section has never been known to fail no matter how dry the season. With Colfax and other towns which derive their water supply from living springs, it has been the case that in the process of development the supply has increased from one-fourth to two-thirds.

This increase is due to the fact that tile drainage pipe with loose joints is used. This pipe is laid deep in the ground, cross sections run in all directions from the main line in the territory about the springs, thus serving in the capacity of feeders. On the Gallagher place there are three distinct springs and the water coming from them and running on the surface of the ground, even during this exceptionally dry season, is ample without further development to supply the domestic demands of a city larger than Athena, sufficient reservoir capacity considered. The reservoir will be constructed with concrete,

will have capacity for many thousands of gallons, and its location will probably be somewhere on the Coppock place east of town, where elevation is assured for pressure.

By terms of the contract entered into with the city council by Ray Gallagher and his guardian, which has been duly signed, Mr. Gallagher received \$150 for the right of the city to enter his premises and develop the springs. In event the water should prove inadequate Mr. Gallagher retains the \$150, and the city vacates; but should the supply prove satisfactory the young man is to receive \$1100 more on the day he becomes of age, which is in next November, and on payment of said sum he is to give the city of Athena perpetual title to the water rights required, Gallagher to receive water for domestic and stock purposes free of all charge, forever. Mr. Gallagher, on signing the contract received the \$150 and work of developing the water supply will begin with the opening of spring.

During the preliminary discussion of the contract by the council, Mr. Gallagher's offer of \$1250 was opposed by Councilman Barrett, who thought the price exorbitant, but Councilmen Kirk and Gross and Mayor Taylor favored giving the price, and Mr. Barrett stated he would not stand in the way of consummating the deal.

The present pumping plant will be maintained with the exception of the tank. In case anything should go wrong with the gravity system or in event of a severe fire the pump can be used directly on the mains. With this object in view the council yesterday purchased a new 30 horse power boiler, at a cost of \$330 f. o. b. Portland. It will be installed at once and the amount saved in fuel is expected to be considerable.

FOR USING TOBACCO

SCHOOL BOYS CALLED BEFORE
PRINCIPAL WATTS.

Cigarette Smoking Will Not Be
Tolerated in Scholars Attending
the Athena School.

The deplorable and nefarious cigarette habit has gained a hold to such an extent on a certain number of boys attending the Athena public school that they become so bold in satisfying the desire for tobacco that the practice was brought to the attention of Principal Watts.

On investigation it develops that a number of boys during recess and the noon hour were in the habit of going to nearby barns and out of the way places for the purpose of smoking cigarettes, and on being apprised of this fact Mr. Watts called the boys before him, with the result that tobacco and cigarette papers were found in their possession.

They were reprimanded severely and their smoking material was taken from them. The principal informed the boys that any who wanted their tobacco could have it by making application to him after school closed in the evening. He was surprised when two of the boys requested that their tobacco be returned to them.

Mr. Watts concedes that the habit may be more or less prevalent among boys, but he is determined that it shall not be carried on by the boys during school hours. It is either quit to school without tobacco in any form, or be expelled.

The principal is right in the firm stand he takes, for the reason that the example set by the older boy in smoking the deadly cigarette is soon followed by the little fellows in the lower grades. The Press is sure the parents of the boys do not know of this cigarette habit and if it will be of assistance to Mr. Watts, this paper will publish the names of any boy hereafter found smoking cigarettes at or near the school grounds.

Farmers Buying Automobiles.

As an indication to the outside world, perhaps carrying more weight than a detailed statement of the crops and prices in this favored section of God's country, it is stated to be a fact that the farmers in Umatilla county have been investing in automobiles, thus using their surplus cash from this year's crop. Only one more stage will make the limit, and next year we may hope to hear that the farmers have begun buying airplanes. We hope that they can do so for none are more deserving. —Dayton Courier-Press.

Weston's City Election.

With the exception of a few scattering votes the following officers were unanimously elected Monday at Weston, there being no opposition ticket in the field: Mayor, S. A. Harnes; councilmen two years, M. A. Bryson, M. A. Baker, J. R. King; councilmen one year, H. A. Brandt, C. H. Fagerfeld, P. T. Harbort; treasurer, J. H. Killgore; recorder, L. B. Wood.

Milton Ships Rock.

Monday last 40 carloads of rock, averaging 80 tons to the car, were shipped from the Milton depot to Walla Walla to be crushed and placed on the roads. Milton is hard to beat on any proposition and we challenge any other town in the county to equal the above record. —Eagle.

Mrs. Stanton Dead.

Mrs. Charles Stanton, wife of a prominent Helix ranchman, is dead of heart failure. The funeral was held in Walla Walla Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Stanton had lived in Umatilla county for several years, and was about 40 years of age. She had been in ill health for several years.

Returned from Lewiston.

Mr. and Mrs. William Bocher have returned from a visit to friends in Lewiston, Idaho, and Clarkston, Wash. Mr. Bocher reports that the Halligan and Bocher families, who are well and prosperous, showed them a royal good time.

Pendleton After a Fair.

Pendleton is looking for a suitable site for a race track and fair ground. Inasmuch as nearly all other cities the size of Pendleton are now holding annual fairs from which wide benefit is derived, there is a strong sentiment in favor of a fair association.

SLAV RIOTS AT HOME

The Red Flag Flaunted By Hundreds
in Streets of St. Petersburg.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 12.—More than 100 arrests were made and 50 persons injured in rioting which took place here yesterday. The socialist labor party had planned a big anti-government demonstration and the police fearing trouble had issued warnings to prevent congregation of crowds. The newspapers also contained notices not to gather, and appeals were issued in many forms.

Despite these notices, however, the crowds assembled until the Nevsky prospect was black with demonstrators, as well as hundreds of curious but innocent spectators. Not a mounted police

man was in sight, however, at 1 o'clock when the red flag was hoisted as a signal. Instantly after, hundreds of red emblems were flaunted and the crowd surged forward, singing the "Marseillaise." Mounted police and gendarmes then charged at a gallop and dispersed the crowd. The demonstrations continued in smaller groups throughout the day.

Anti-war demonstrations in the streets of the capital were prevented today. Serious trouble was feared by many and the utmost precautions were taken by the police to prevent the gathering of large crowds.

The Spokane Flyer Saved

Pendleton, Dec. 12.—A Portland special to the Tribune says: Four masked and heavily armed men while waiting to hold up the Spokane flyer on the O. R. & F. company's line at the Montavilla switch just east of the city limits tonight were met by a young man named Bert Yetter returning from a hunting trip. Yetter was carrying a Winchester rifle and when seen by the bandits was commanded to throw up his hands. The young fellow refused to do so and the robbers opened fire on him, which Yet-

ter returned. Yetter was hit in the side and slightly wounded and from the fact that he heard one of the men cry out "Oh God, I'm shot Joe," Yetter thinks one of the bullets took effect. The night was pitch dark and Yetter was unable to see what became of the men who abandoned the attempt to hold up the train.

The robbers had started to run when they fired the last shot, but as Yetter was considerably weakened by the loss of blood, he was unable to pursue the men and they escaped.

Lawson Hammers Stocks

New York, Dec. 12.—Thomas Lawson of Boston was again too much for the combined wealth of the Standard Oil party. Today was Lawson day in fact on the exchange and almost every stock on the huge list is showing a sensational

slump from the closing of Saturday. The entire wealth of Standard Oil was not sufficient today to keep the market level and try whichever plan it might the huge combination was unable to hold back the tide which the man from Boston had started.

XMAS GOODS



price

too, stands for something here. It's lower.

It is now time to select your Xmas gifts, and what is more difficult than to pick out presents for Father, Mother, Sister, Brother, Baby, Friend or Sweetheart? We had years of experience in buying and selling Holiday goods, and are therefore in a position to help you in making your selections; especially as we offer for your consideration the neatest and most up-to-date line ever shown in Athena. A glance at the following will convince you that we have the goods. Come in and make your choice.

Watches	Graphophones	Shaving Sets	Smokers Sets
Clocks	Violins	Manicure sets	Choice Cigars
Silverware	Guitars	Toilet Sets	Photo Albums
Jewelry of all kinds	Mandolins	Comb and Brush Sets	Autograph Albums
Fountain pens	French Harps	Collar and Cuff Boxes	Hand Mirrors
Gold Pens	Birch Bark Novelties	Necktie Boxes	Triplicate Mirrors
Furnished Wrist Bags	Xmas Tree Decorations	Handkerchief Boxes	Caid Games
Perfumes	Xmas Tree Candles	Choice Candies	Crokinole & Checker Board

Pioneer Drug Store

Prompt Service Always — Courteous Treatment

Groceries, Crockery,
Gents' Furnishings

THE DELL BROTHERS

South Side Main Street, Athene, Oregon.