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ENGINEER IS COMING

WILL GIVE ESTIMATE OF COST ON WATER WORKS.

Special Election to Be Called for the Purpose of Voting on Question of Bonds.

Civil Engineer Miller, who in all probability will have charge of the construction work of installing Athena's new gravity water system, is expected to be here some time next week, when he will make preliminary investigation with the purpose of investigating the supply of water at the proposed source, and also of giving an estimate of probable cost. Mr. Miller is now at Colfax, where he is just completing a splendid gravity water system for that city. He is known throughout the Northwest as one of the most advanced and competent men in the business, having superintended the building of Pendleton's sewer system, and at Walla Walla and other places has given excellent satisfaction in services rendered.

The matter of holding a special election for the purpose of voting bonds has been placed in the hands of the fire and water committee of the city council. The committee has secured the services of Attorney Carter of Pendleton who is perfecting the necessary legal arrangements preparatory for the special election and the sale of the bonds.

Everything pertaining to the preliminary steps in obtaining the new water supply is well under way. Being in competent and painstaking hands, an early installment of the new system is anticipated.

A Slight Freeze.

The falling weather which has prevailed for some time came to an abrupt end Wednesday night after a light fall of snow, with a slight freeze. Whether or no fruit trees, which are in bud and nearly ready to bloom, are injured to any great extent, cannot at present be told.

Final Homestead Proofs.

Assessor Strain has just received the list of homestead proofs that have been made in this county during the past year, says the East Oregonian. The record was secured from the land office at La Grande, and shows that between March 1, 1904, and March 1, 1905, there have been 122 final proofs made and accepted.

PROMISES TO CALL AN EXTRA SESSION

Railroad Rate Legislation, Tariff Revision and Santo Domingo.

Washington, March 30.—The president told a number of senators and congressmen this morning that he expected to call an extraordinary session of congress for consideration of railroad rate legislation about October 15.

In addition to the railroad rate question there are other great problems for congress to consider that demand early solution. By the date set by the president it is more than likely that the Santo Domingo situation will take an acute turn necessitating vigorous action by

this government. The rate question is certain to gather strength during the summer and the solution of this great problem will be demanded from the first day of the extra session. Tariff revision in some shape, it is now admitted, probably cannot be postponed another year. Finally the question of revenues will have to be dealt with sooner or later, and the chances are that by next fall the condition of the treasury will be such as to demand some adequate action on the part of congress, either by additional revenues or reduction in expenditures.

Money Raised For Road

College Place, Wash., March 30.—The Improvement club, organized to raise money to build a macadamized road from the county road south a mile and a quarter to the Blalock fruit farm through to the southern limits of College Place, reported that \$2900 of the \$3000 had been pledged and that the road is assured. The county commissioners will furnish the necessary rock crushing and road rolling machinery, with skilled

help to operate them, which will minimize the expense of building the road. The rock for the road will be obtained partly from Garrison creek and from Mill creek, which will also make a saving of considerable importance over Milton rock. The first layer of rock on the proposed road will be uncrushed, but otherwise the road will be the same as was built under the supervision of the government officials last fall.

Roads and Bridge Work

Pendleton, March 30.—County Treasurer Sommerville has received \$1900 from the state treasury to be added to the road fund of this county. The money is this county's portion of the United States five per cent land sales fund which is derived from the sale of public lands in this state during each year. Under the law now existing the

whole amount must be used in road and bridge work by the county court, and in the letter to the county treasurer are instructions that the money be applied to the road fund. Last year the amount received from the state was \$2779, which amount was added to the general fund as was required under the law then existing.

Spent a Year In Europe

Pendleton, March 30.—Dr. Fred Koepke arrived in the city yesterday after having been absent from Pendleton for over seven years. Dr. Koepke is the son of Henry Koepke, the wealthy farmer of Athena who is well known in this city and Umatilla county. He will remain in the city until tonight when he will leave for Portland where he will

visit for a few days before going to Los Angeles, where he will take charge of a sanitarium until this fall. He expects to return to San Francisco, where he received his medical training, and will engage in practice there. Dr. Koepke is just returning from a trip to England, Germany and France, having set sail on a training ship from San Francisco over fourteen months ago.

Surveyors Are Called Off

Pendleton, March 30.—Has the Northern Pacific abandoned the Pendleton Railroad & Coal company's project? This is the question that is being asked today. The surveying crew that has been working near here for the past week or two has been drawn off, and it is understood that they are to be taken

from the field permanently. Most of them have been spending the day in town and apparently are making preparations to return to their homes or to other posts. Last night J. G. Culler, treasurer and chief engineer of the W. & C. R. company, was in town, and it is said that the order for the removal of the forces came from him.

Cheese Factory at Ukiah

Ukiah, March 30.—Ward Emigh, proprietor of the Walla Walla creamery, will establish a cheese factory at Ukiah. The machinery has a capacity of 24,000 pounds of milk a day, but as the dairy interests have declined of late,

Mr. Emigh does not expect to receive nearly that much at first. Ralph Hood, from Lone Rock, Wis., and a graduate of the Wisconsin Dairy school, with 10 years experience in cheese making, will have charge of the plant and accompany Mr. Emigh to Ukiah.

Kershaw is Under Bonds

Pendleton, March 30.—H. B. Kershaw, a grain dealer of Walla Walla, was arrested yesterday afternoon by Constable J. M. Bentley on the charge of larceny by bailee. The complaint was made by George Hartman, Sr., and on being brought before Justice Fitz-

gerald Mr. Kershaw waived examination. His bonds were thereupon set at \$1000, and was bound over for trial in the circuit court. His bail was furnished by J. L. Sharpstein, an attorney of Walla Walla. The case involves 557 sacks of wheat that were stored at Hillsdale station several years ago.

High Lodge Official Here

The meeting of Pythian Lodge No. 29, K. of P., last night was largely attended. More than usual interest centered in the meeting because of the fact that Grand Chancellor Commander L. M. Curl, of Albany, was present. The members listened to an entertaining and

instructive address by the grand chancellor, and the team which is to work before the district convention at Pendleton April 8, went through the drill. A sumptuous supper followed, and seated at the table were about 60 persons, including the Knights and Rathbone Sisters.

ECHO TO HAVE BANK

PEOPLE HAVE BEEN CLAMORING FOR IT.

Articles of Incorporation Ready—W. J. Furnish, J. H. Koontz and R. B. Stanfield Incorporators.

Pendleton, March 29.—Articles of incorporation for the Echo state bank were yesterday forwarded to the secretary of state at Salem. The incorporators of the new institution are W. J. Furnish, president of the Pendleton savings bank; J. H. Koontz, a merchant of Echo, and Ralph B. Stanfield, a Butter creek stockman. The capital stock is \$25,000, all of which has been already subscribed by farmers, merchants and stockmen of Echo and Butter creek.

The people of the Echo country have been clamoring for a banking institution for some time and will now have their hopes realized. As Echo is a growing town and the surrounding country is in a most prosperous condition, the promoters are confident that the new bank will be a successful venture. The bank will be opened and ready for business as soon as possible. Arrangements are being made for a building and it is expected the new institution will open by May 1st.

ONLY SMALL LOTS.

Mills Get Supplies Only for a Week at a Time.

W. W. Raymond, the grain buyer, has returned from a trip to the coast, where he has been on grain business. Mr. Raymond says that few movements are being made from the big ports except to supply the coast mills with grain. The mills, however, are buying supplies for only a week ahead, and as that runs out buy another small lot. The agents for the big shipping concerns who have heretofore dealt in monster shipments destined to foreign ports, declare this season's business "kindergarten" grain buying, as so few large sales have been made.

Prices have dropped off a trifle during the past week in the coast centers, and has had the effect to stop all sales for the time being. Except the usual wagonload sales which are brought to the mills daily nothing is reported. No flour is being exported, and what is not consumed in the local market is stored for future shipments.

Death of John Berlin.

John Berlin died at his home near Weston, Tuesday, after an illness which has extended over a period of several years. The funeral was conducted from the Baptist church, of which he was a member, in this city Wednesday afternoon by Rev. Geo. T. Ellis, and was attended by a large number of his friends and neighbors. Mr. Berlin was aged 43 years, 11 months and 27 days. A sister, Mrs. Bartlett, died two weeks ago at Weston and was also buried in the Athena cemetery. He was a brother of Frank Berlin, who resides near Athena.

Northwest Tournament.

The 21st annual tournament of the Sportsmen's Association of the Northwest will be held in Portland June 22, 23 and 24 under the auspices of the Multnomah Rod and Gun Club. The prizes will be medals and trophies to the value of over \$2000 and the club will also add to purses from \$1000 to \$2000 in cash. The association consists of Oregon, Washington, Idaho, British Columbia, Montana, Utah and California, and will be open to trap shooters residing in this territory.

Lawton Is no More.

After the 31st day of March there will be no more Lawton postoffice. On that day the business of the office will be closed and the remainder of the supplies on hand will be returned to Washington, says the Granite Gem. This will be the finish of the boom town started about five years ago at the junction of Granite and Clear creeks by Pendleton promoters.

Diphtheria at Adams.

A child in the family of Editor Ferguson of the Adams Advance, has been critically ill the past few days with diphtheria. Dr. Stone of this city was called Tuesday night and found the little patient in a precarious condition. Toxine was administered without delay, and last reports were that the child was improving with fair indications of recovery.