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Athens, Oregon.

WAS CLOSED TIGHT

NOT A PLACE OF BUSINESS OPEN HERE SUNDAY.

Saloon Men Make Complaint and District Attorney Gives Notice to Close.

Athens was closed, part and parcel Sunday. Every business house in town was locked up except drug stores, and they were open but a few hours during the day, and when open nothing but medicine could be purchased. All branches of business closed in compliance with the following notice, served on the individual business men Saturday evening:

Complaint has been made to the district attorney that you kept your place of business open Sunday, July 23rd, 1905, and that you have been making a practice of violating the Sunday closing law, and you are hereby notified that further complaints reinforced by sufficient evidence, will be followed by prosecution.

Dated July 29, 1905.

O. G. Chamberlain, Justice of the Peace.

The complaint was filed with the district attorney by the proprietors of saloons in Athens, their places of business having been closed the Sunday previous. There were no fines for keeping open houses to be paid Monday morning, for the reason that no business at all was transacted. Several instances of inconvenience were noted in cases of machine men and harvesters coming to town for repairs and extras for machinery. Finding they could not get them here they went to other towns. One man came in from his place near Helix after an extra part for a machine and got little consolation from the prospect of a long, hot, dusty trip to Pendleton, to which place he went, after sundry emphatic expressions of his opinion of a "closed" town.

Another incident was that of a man with a broken pump. He laid siege to both hardware dealers, but to no purpose. They would not open up and give him repairs for his pump, and he left for home to perform the arduous task of pulling up water hand over hand for his stock. It afterward transpired that his name was on the petition for a closed town. His inconsistency of principal was at once apparent and one man gave expression to the hope that the fellow would have to "draw water until the cows came home and then some."

In a business way Athens was con-

siderably loser, inasmuch as her business men are placed at a disadvantage in not having an equal chance with business men of adjacent towns who are allowed to keep their places of business open on Sunday. Finding business houses closed here, customers went to towns not closed and purchased supplies. Dollars count in business, and if the other fellow gets them it is their bills that are paid "below" and you have to hustle or make an assignment. This is about the way the situation looks to the average business man in Athens. The saloon man thinks it only a matter of right that if the Sunday closing law is enforced against him, he has the privilege of seeing that it is enforced against others and Sunday was an object lesson of the practical enforcement of this privilege. The wonder of all concerned is where it will end. Is Athens, already "knocked" on every side, to be made the scapegoat of other towns of the county from a business point of view by being placed and kept under the closing ban while other towns, always competing for trade in Athens territory under normal conditions, are given the mailed hand of preference and prestige? Or is the Civic League, said to be a county organization, using Athens as a "starting point," to be relied upon to keep the ball rolling to the extent of closing up saloons in other towns of the county? Should the League continue its work, and saloon men in other towns elect to exercise the privilege of closing business houses, then the Athens business man would be treated fair and equal—otherwise he is taking the short end of it. It's up to the League to demonstrate practically whether it is a county organization or purely local in its effectiveness. No one can have objection with application of its methods to the county as a whole, but to close up one town and leave others open is a policy that will wreck itself of its own weight. Athens has been closed, other towns are open, and it's up to the league to proceed.

ASSAULTED HIS WIFE.

Ed Switzer Raises Disturbance at His Home in Pendleton.

Ed Switzer, known in Athens, brutally assaulted and mistreated his wife at their home in Pendleton early Saturday morning. Mrs. Switzer has commenced proceedings for a divorce. Concerning the assault the East Oregonian of Saturday says:

Residents of Water street were awakened at 4 o'clock this morning by the screams of a woman issuing from the home of Ed Switzer, the well known timbora gambler, and before the neighbors could realize what was going on, Mrs. Switzer rushed out of her home and on to the street closely followed by her husband.

He overtook her in front of the residence of Major Lee Morehouse, and in a few seconds all the neighbors in that vicinity were gathered around them, and friends were endeavoring to make Switzer stop abusing his wife, who exhibited every sign of agitation and fear.

It is alleged that Switzer came home from his gambling debauch and immediately began abusing his wife and accusing her. Her screams and appeals to him awakened the neighbors and the greatest excitement prevailed in that vicinity for a few minutes.

Switzer was seized by friends and held until he became quieted, when he returned to his home. Mrs. Switzer went to the home of W. T. Ayers, where she told, with almost breaking heart, the story of her drunken husband's abuse and assault upon her.

Switzer is one of the leading timbora of Pendleton and has been on a drunk for several days and in his morose mood has accused his wife, who is an estimable lady, in the most disgusting manner.

Mrs. Switzer has a host of friends in Pendleton and the sympathy expressed for her is universal, but little toleration is shown for her husband. It is possible that a complaint of wife beating will be lodged against Switzer.

PENDELTON A CLOSED TOWN.

District Attorney Has Notified Sheriff to Close Saloons On Sunday.

The Pendleton East Oregonian reports that District Attorney Phelps yesterday morning issued an order to Sheriff Taylor to close and keep closed all the saloons in Pendleton hereafter on Sunday, in accordance with the statutes of Oregon.

This action is the result of opening all saloons last Sunday in the forenoon.

For some time past, says the Pendleton paper, the saloons have remained closed in the forenoon, by mutual agreement none of them opening until 1 o'clock in the afternoon, but of late some of the dives and second class places have broken their contract and agreement and have been opening early Sunday morning.

Because of this failure on the part of the dives to observe their agreement, all of the saloons agreed late

last night to open as usual Sunday morning, and accordingly everything was in full blast yesterday from early morning until after midnight Sunday night.

Complaint was made of violation of the Sunday closing law this morning before District Attorney Phelps and accordingly he ordered the sheriff to close everything and see that it is kept closed. All violations of the law will be prosecuted to the limit hereafter. If the saloons violate the law, complaint will be made against each one, and each proprietor will be bound over until the next term of circuit court, on each separate offense, between now and the time court convenes, which will be in October.

EASTERN OREGON WEEK.

Attempt Will be Made to Bring People of Interior to Exposition.

Henry Blackman, commissioner for Morrow county, is promoting a plan for an Eastern Oregon week during the livestock show at the exposition, which will be from September 19 to 29, says the Portland Journal. Colin H. McIsaac, in charge of the excursion department of the exposition, is striving to arrange with the railroad company for rates to apply at that time, and in the event the are granted efforts will be made to bring to the fair thousands of persons from the counties of the eastern part of the state.

"I believe that, were such a week to be arranged late in September," said Mr. Blackman, "the people of the eastern part of Oregon would respond and come here by the thousands. By that time the harvest will be over and the people will be preparing for the fall work. They will wish to take vacation and it will not be difficult to induce them to come here. They will come in large numbers from the counties which are not on the railroads, and the livestock show would be a special inducement. The stock interests are paramount in such counties and the people who live there are always glad to see exhibits of fine animals. I am informed that the show is to be really creditable and that the management looks for one of the finest displays of blooded cattle, hogs and sheep that ever was made in the United States. Many stock ranchers in Eastern Oregon are raising the standard of their herds and they will have an opportunity to select what they want at the stock show here in September.

"The Eastern Oregon people are prosperous. Wheat crops are good, wool has brought unusually high prices, the livestock markets have been attractive and the country is in such a condition as to enable the residents to go where they please."

"A DOMESTIC BLIZZARD."

The Weston Company Will Present It Friday Night.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Welch and a company of Weston talent will produce "A Domestic Blizzard" at the Athena opera house Friday evening, Aug. 4. The same company presented East Lynne here about three weeks ago and the show made a big hit. "A Domestic Blizzard" is a comedy strictly, there not being a serious line in any of the four acts. The piece is an adaptation from the same German play from which William Gillette wrote "All the Comforts of Home."

It has met with unqualified success in all the large cities, and the management promises one of the best shows ever seen in Athens, as well as clever comedy as was ever written. Between acts some of the latest song successes will be introduced by Messrs. Ralph Saling, Albert Proebstel, Gilbert Baker and Misses Lela Gordon and Wilma Du Pais. The accompaniments will be played by Miss May Stevens, and the Athena orchestra will furnish the overtures. The prices of admission have been placed at 25, 35 and 50 cents. Reserved seats are on sale at Dell Bro.'s store.

FORTY FOLD WHEAT.

It Gives Promise of Becoming One of the Leading Varieties.

The new variety of wheat known as Forty Fold promises to become one of the leading varieties to be produced in Umatilla county. Wherever it is raised it finds favor with the farmer.

In this vicinity, Warren Raymond, Salor Parris and others have it in crop this year. Mr. Raymond sowed his in May and is using it for pasture, with the intention of taking the stock off this fall, and after this rigid experiment, confidently expects a fair yield of grain next season. Forty acres of grain on the Parris place just threshed yielded 50 bushels per acre and the entire field netted over 42 bushels per acre. On the Ira McDonald place Forty Fold yielded 41 1-2 bushels per acre. In appearance the new wheat resembles bluestem.

The head is long and slender, is well filled and the kernal is hard, giving evidence of first class milling quality.

BLUFF TO BE CALLED

TAFT MADE MISTAKE IN EXCLUSION SPEECH.

Secretary of War Said Laws Were Harshly Enforced Without Citing Any Proof of Assertion.

A Washington special says the state department is watching closely the individual efforts of Chinese merchants to put this government in a hole by the boycott of banking corporations and other lines of business. No official opinion is yet expressed publicly by the department, but the absolute official opinion is that if China could officially endorse the action of certain organizations in Hongkong and elsewhere, then this government would be obliged to take a stand.

It can be stated on authority that the United States will not allow the merchants of a few cities in China to bully it into acquiescing with an irrational demand for the better treatment of Chinese interests in this country even though the secretary of war, while acting as secretary of state said in a public speech that the Chinese exclusion laws were harshly enforced against the Chinese. It is admitted privately that Mr. Taft made a mistake in two regards.

First, he did not take into account the number of fraudulent Chinese admissions known to the department of Secretary Metcalf; second, he did not specify one case in which the law had been construed unjustly against a single Chinaman.

There is the best of reason for stating that Mr. Taft after his visit to the east, and especially to Manila, is expected to bring back with him some reasons or at least excuses for his statement in which he will be combated before congress by Secretary Metcalf, by Mr. F. P. Sargent, commissioner-general of immigration and by the facts known to this government. The issue between Taft and the anti-Chinese element has been only half made up. His answer is awaited.

Chinamen through the world have been banded together for the purpose of raising a fund to fight the Chinese exclusion law of the United States. This information was conveyed by oriental advices received by the Wa Chong company, the leading Chinese firm in Seattle. No details are mentioned as to the amount the local Celestians will be asked to contribute, but the statement is made at the Wa Chong store that no matter what the amount asked is, it can be raised in a day.

All the funds gathered will be forwarded to an association recently formed in China and by it disbursed. Agents of this association, it is stated, are expected to arrive in the United States in a few weeks and will be distributed from San Francisco, Portland and Seattle.

Local Chinamen say they have been aware of the movement for some time and declare that the present boycott by the laboring element of China against the United States is a part of the original plan.

Body Still Under Water.

The Snake is a most treacherous river. It has probably buried in its bed more dead bodies than any other river in the Northwest. The current is swift and the sands are continually shifting. News brought to Baker City, says the Herald, is to the effect that the body of the young man who was drowned about a week ago near Weiser, has not yet been found although several tons of dynamite have been used and rescuers were on the scene only a few minutes after the man fell in the river. Every nook and corner of this stream for miles below have been carefully dredged and explored and yet no evidence of the body brought to the surface. They are still using dynamite in the hope of recovering the body.

Lewis and Clark Rates.

The O. K. & N. Co. announces the following rates from Athens to Portland for the Lewis and Clark fair: Individual tickets will be sold daily from May 29 to October 15, inclusive, continuous passage in each direction; final return limit 30 days from date of sale, but in no case to be later than October 31, 1905, for one fare, amounting to \$1.

Party tickets—three persons—will be sold October 15 inclusive in each direction; 10-day round trip, at one single fare, or Children one half fare of the above particulars call on R. & N. agent.