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HERE ON THURSDAY

PORTLAND EXCURSION STOPS IN ATHENA 40 MINUTES.

President Gillis of the Commercial Association Will Arrange to Meet Portland Business Men.

Athena business men, through the commercial association, will greet the Portland business men, who will arrive in Athena by special train next Thursday, October 19, at 10:10 a. m., remaining 40 minutes, leaving at exactly 10:50.

The party of Portland business men is en route to Lewiston-Clarkston fair at Lewiston, and will participate in the Portland day exercises, which takes place October 20. The train is chartered by 75 of Portland's leading business men and consists of six cars, including a baggage, diner, buffet and three Pullman cars.

It is the intention to meet the party at the railway station, when a committee of Athena business men will express to the excursionists the good will of the city and escort them up town to the commercial association parlors. Tuesday evening is regular meeting night for the association, and at this meeting the reception committee will be named by President Gillis, and other steps taken for the entertainment of the visitors while here. For this reason it is desired that as many as possible will attend the commercial association meeting Tuesday evening.

A Slight Increase.

There are 18,083 people in Umatilla county according to the state census that was taken here last spring, and which has just been entirely footed up. In taking the census last March the Indians of the reservation were not enumerated for some time, owing to the illness of the deputy who did the work there, and when all the reports were in, the force in the assessor's office was so busy at other work that the census was not added up until yesterday, says the East Oregonian. The population of the county according to the present census is greater than it was in 1900 by just 34 souls, for the federal court made that year, placed the number at 18,049.

Realty Transfer.

P. E. Colbern and wife to Lucetta Sherman, lots 10, 11 and 12, block 8, in Athena; consideration \$1000.

THE MATTER OF EXCUSES.

Rules and Regulations as Adopted by the State Board of Education.

For the information of parents and guardians of pupils attending the Athena public school the following rules and regulations, adopted by the State Board of Education, relative to excuses in cases of absence or tardiness, is published by order of the school board. These rules will hereafter be rigidly enforced by the school faculty. Rule 40 reads:

"Teachers are authorized to require excuses from the parents or guardians of pupils, either in person or by written note, in all cases of absence or tardiness, or dismissal before the close of the school, and no excuse shall be deemed valid except that of sickness or necessary employment. The teacher shall be the judge of the sufficiency of excuses, subject to an appeal to the directors: Provided, that the boards of directors may, by formal adoption, change the charter of the which shall be deemed valid in compliance with the powers of directors as set forth in subdivision 9, section 48 of the Oregon school laws."

Section 41 reads:

"Whenever the unexcused absence of any pupil during any term shall amount in the aggregate to seven days, he shall be reported to the directors, and the teacher may suspend him until the opinion of the directors can be taken. For this purpose an unexcused absence or tardiness for half a day or less, or for more than one hour at any one time, shall be deemed a half day's absence; and such absence or tardiness for more than half a day at one time shall be reckoned as an absence for a whole day: Provided, that boards of directors may establish a less time of absence or tardiness as cases for suspension or expulsion, which shall be deemed valid in compliance with the powers of directors, as set forth in subdivision 9, section 48 of the Oregon school laws."

UMATILLA ONE OF FIVE.

Exhibit of This County Tied With Lane, Marion, Wasco and Coos.

A special to the East Oregonian says a prize of \$1000 was awarded to the best group of five Oregon counties by the awards committee of the Lewis and Clark fair, the counties included in this leading group being Marion, Lane, Coos, Umatilla and Wasco. The prize was for the best general exhibit and the \$1000 will be divided equally among the five counties in the group.

Umatilla county has received the greatest number of gold medals of any county exhibited at the fair. The total number received to date by Umatilla county is 45 gold, 83 silver and eight bronze medals.

Other awards are yet to be made, which will swell the total number of medals received by Umatilla county to perhaps 100. The exhibit of Umatilla county covered more points in the general contest than any other county having an exhibit at the fair.

The excellent showing made by Umatilla county at the fair is largely due to the painstaking and tireless work of Superintendent Dan Bowman who has had charge of the exhibit and who has used excellent judgment in decorating the booth, preparing the exhibit, and replenishing them as was necessary.

The people of the different parts of the county have responded well to the requests for exhibits and credit is due to every one who has contributed to the exhibit.

Will Rotate Crops.

Fall plowing is well under way in Nez Perce prairie. The heavy rains of the past week have put the ground in excellent condition for the work and farmers are making the most of it. Nez Perce prairie farmers have learned the lesson that spring grain does not pay, and as fast as each farmer can arrange it he will give up spring seeding altogether. Most of the farmers are dividing their farms into three parts, and by rotation each field will produce crops two out of three years. Fall grain is almost invariably a big success on the prairie, while spring wheat is often subject to the hot weather.

A Farmers' Warehouse.

For the past five years the farmers of the Milton country have been talking about building a warehouse, but never took any definite action until this summer. A meeting was called and a farmers' union for storing their own grain was organized. A committee was appointed to look after the probable amount that would be stored, and build accordingly. The result of this is that they have a building 80x110x14 feet full to the top.

Valuable Horse Dies.

Edgar Boy, Walter, L. Cadman's fast pacer, poisoned a week ago last Saturday while being shipped from Walla Walla to North Yakima, died at Yakima Tuesday morning. The horse was taken ill at Pasco, while on the train en route to Yakima October 1.

KNOW WHAT THEY WANT.

Elective System is Working Very Well Since Inception.

"The elective system seems to be working very satisfactorily at the University of Oregon," says President P. L. Campbell, of that institution.

"We have but fairly started on this year's work, and it is too early to say finally whether the newly adopted plan will be all that we expect of it, but our experience thus far is gratifying. We find that students who come to the university have a pretty well defined idea of the studies they should pursue and they exercise good judgment in their selections.

"Of course, the choice of studies is not left entirely to the student. The student has the absolute choice of major study, such as economics, history, mathematics, etc. There is no effort to influence the student in this regard unless he seeks advice, which the members of the faculty are always ready to give. When a student has chosen his major study he is assigned to a member of the faculty who will be his advisor in the selection of the other studies he will pursue.

"The student has the right to select the remainder of his studies with the aid of his advisor, but if they cannot agree, the advisor has the power to designate not to exceed 40 per cent of the work. This gives us an elastic system which is yet rigid enough to prevent a student from making unwise selections of studies. Thus far there have been no disagreements over the studies to be pursued and the members of the faculty have not been compelled to exercise arbitrary power.

"The students, when they enter the freshman class at the University of Oregon, average about 20 years of age. If a child starts in the common schools at 6 he should complete the grammar school at 14 and the high school at 18, but we find that many lose two years or more before they enter the university. Some must stay out of school to work and others lost a year from school from other causes, so that in theory they should enter the college at 18, the average age at entrance is about 20. At this age young men and young women have generally learned what lines of study they are best fitted to pursue, and they seldom make mistakes in choice of studies."

OLD SUIT TAKEN UP.

G. W. Hunt Seeks to recover Damages From C. B. Upton.

The civil suit started by G. W. Hunt against C. B. and W. H. Upton to collect a sum approximating \$1500 alleged to be due on a contract to pay for a subsidy for building a railway line from Hunt's junction to Walla Walla, was taken up in the superior court this morning, says the Statesman. The suit is one of several started by Mr. Hunt at the time he contracted the Hunt system from Hunt's junction to Dayton nearly 20 years ago.

The contract given by the Uptons dates back into 1889 and originally was for \$2000. Interest since that time amounts to more than the principal, the aggregate sum being sued for, amounting to nearly \$4500. The case is being heard by Judge Mitchell Gilliam of Seattle. Judge Brents was disqualified from sitting on the case owing to having been employed as an attorney for Mr. Hunt in similar cases started years ago. Mr. Hunt is being represented by Col. C. E. S. Wood and William Muir of Portland and Garrecht & Daughy of Walla Walla. Sharpstein & Sharpstein appear for the defense.

Later: The jury in the case of George W. Hunt against C. B. and W. H. Upton, being out less than ten minutes, returned a verdict in favor of plaintiff for \$3860. This is the amount of a subsidy subscribed to assist in building the Hunt road from Eureka Flat to Walla Walla. It is a test case and will determine the status of many others.

A Splendid Company.

Josephine Deffry, supported by an excellent company appeared last evening at the opera house in the powerful society drama, "A Wicked Woman." Miss Deffry is perhaps the greatest actress that ever appeared before an Athena audience, and not since the days of Mattie Choate, the Lindsays and Vincents, has Athena theatre goers had the opportunity of seeing a real actress with excellent, well balanced support in plays that are the products of the leading playwrights of the world—the plays that are the standard set for the entertainment of metropolitan audiences. Mr. Thomas B. Loftus is well up in the ranks of the best actors, and has lately been leading man in stock companies in San Francisco and Portland. His face was familiar to all who read the theatrical pages of the Sunday papers, his portrait having appeared there from time to time. Tonight will be seen "A Broken Heart," a piece that throbs with heart interest, in which Miss Deffry, Mr. Loftus and the entire company stand out strong and brilliant in their respective rolls.

FIRE SWEEPING ON

BERKELEY UNIVERSITY IS IN PATH OF FLAMES.

Faculty and Students Fight Desperately But Wind Fans Flames Beyond Control.

Berkeley, Cal., Oct. 12.—A fire is sweeping over hundreds of acres of grass and brush adjacent to the state university grounds, endangering some of the college buildings. In the midst of a drill of 1000 university cadets, President Benjamin Ide Wheeler dismissed the battalions and personally led the student soldiers to fight the fire.

Despite the fact that hundreds of students, including nearly every collegian at the state university, fought the fire that swept back of the university grounds today, the flames, fanned by the steadily increasing north wind, broke away from their control and swept toward Oakland. Not only the students, but professors and instructors joined in the fire fighting. The local fire and police departments, as well as many Berkeley citizens, responded to the many calls and are still fighting desperately.

LAND BOARD IN SESSION.

Arguments Heard on Amount of Water Used By Arid Lands.

The state land board in session at Salem Tuesday heard extended arguments upon the question of the amount of water which must be provided by the Deschutes Irrigation Company before the state will certify that they have reclaimed the land covered by their reclamation contracts. The meeting of the board was held behind closed doors, the only persons present besides the members of the board being the representatives of the company and State Engineer Lewis.

The various contentions made will not be disclosed, but it is announced that the board fixed one cubic foot per second of time for each 100 acres as the minimum amount of water to be furnished during the growing season. This is not the amount of water to be supplied to settlers, for the board did not pass upon that question. This amount the company must provide for the land as a whole before the board will report the land as reclaimed and ask the department of the interior to issue a patent. State Engineer Lewis will now ascertain whether the company has provided the quantity specified for the tract of 77,000 acres, for which it desires a patent issued. Before arriving at its conclusion the board learned that in Klamath county it is estimated that one foot per second for 150 acres is required; in Yakima one foot for 160 acres, and in Idaho one foot for 60 to 80 acres is required. The Deschutes company's contract with settlers calls for one foot for each 160 acres.

Acid Given By Mistake.

Mistaking the contents of two bottles sitting side by side, Mrs. Jenny Winn of Walla Walla, gave her mother, Mrs. J. A. Taylor, a fatal dose of carbolic acid at 6 o'clock Tuesday night. Mrs. Taylor died in great agony Wednesday morning. Mrs. Winn is prostrated over the accident. Mrs. Taylor was the wife of Judge J. A. Taylor, one of Walla Walla's oldest and most respected pioneers. She had been an invalid for years and Mrs. Winn was waiting on her. Mrs. Taylor was 80 years of age. The carbolic acid was used for a disinfectant and set beside the bottle of medicine. The funeral was held yesterday afternoon.

Grand Lodge Officers.

The officers of the grand lodge of the Knights of Pythias, who were elected in Portland Tuesday, are as follows: Grand chancellor, Marion F. Davis; vice-grand chancellor, J. M. Wall; grand prelate, G. C. Moser; grand keeper of records and seals, L. R. Stinson; grand master of exchequer, J. W. Maloney; grand master at arms, C. J. Howard; grand inner guard, L. Bronough; grand outer guard, Frank Thompson; supreme representative, Judge H. M. Cake; grand trustee, L. M. Curl.

For Sale.

O. G. Chamberlain, the real estate dealer, offers for sale:
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