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Monslin Embroideries. They look like silk but wears better.

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DELL BROTHERS

CATERERS TO THE PUBLIC IN
GOOD THINGS TO EAT

Athena, Oregon.

FULTON WOULD BALK

WILL NOT DISCUSS ATTITUDE TOWARD STATEMENT NO. 1

Expresses Himself in Favor of Popular Election of United States Sena- tors by the People.

In Washington Wednesday Senator Fulton expressed himself in favor of the popular election of United States senators, and stated that were his term expiring and he had no stand for re-election, he would take his chances before the people, and retire if not re-nominated. The senator stated that he was not prepared to discuss his attitude in reference to statement No. 1 of the Oregon direct primary law, which is such an issue in the senator's state this year. He opposes the idea of one party electing a member of another to the senate even though by will of the people. Senator Fulton said:

"I have always favored the election of United States senators by the direct vote of the people.

"Were I a candidate for reelection I would submit my claims to the people under the direct primary law and failing to secure the approval of the people by a majority vote I would retire from the contest.

"I am not, however, prepared to discuss statement No. 1. I have not a copy of that declaration with me and have given it no critical examination.

"I cannot assume, however, that it was the intention of the people in voting for the law that a republican legislature would under any circumstances elect a democratic senator or vice versa."

TO BOOST MILTON DISTRICT.

Club Organizes and Decides on Adver- tising Campaign.

A mass meeting of Milton residents and farmers of the vicinity took place in Alliance hall Friday and perfected the permanent organization of the Milton Progressive Association. An enrollment of 35 members was secured, and it is expected this number will be increased to more than 100. At a previous meeting a partial organization was effected and the following officers were elected: President, E. J. Davis; first vice president, J. F. Slower; second vice president, J. L. Miller; secretary, S. D. Peterson; treasurer, Henry L. Frazier. An organization committee was appointed, consisting of C. T. Godwin, S. A. Miller, E. J. Davis, J. F. Slower and W. E. Putnam.

A report from the permanent organization committee was received, which included the constitution and by-laws, which were adopted.

An appropriation of \$25 will be sent to the Umatilla county Development League for advertising purposes. Literature describing the resources and advantages of this section of the Walla Walla valley will be prepared for distribution in eastern states. Many women were present, and it was decided to allow them to become honorary members of the association without the payment of dues.

Train Cuts Off Legs.

Ben Batz, a son of J. Batz, a prominent business man of Walla Walla, was run over by a freight train in the yards at Pasco Wednesday night and one leg was cut off below the knee and the other was almost severed just below the hip. The unfortunate man was dragged a hundred yards by the train. He had been put off the blind baggage of an overland passenger and as he was intoxicated it was supposed he tried to ride the brake beams of the freight. He died while being taken to Walla Walla.

OPEN BEAUTIFUL HOME.

Impressive Ceremonies Attended Dedication of Temple at Walla Walla.

Tuesday night was a red letter date in the history of Free Masonry in Walla Walla and was celebrated fittingly. The local lodges participated in the beautiful and impressive ceremonies incident to the dedication of the magnificent Masonic temple, henceforth to serve as a permanent home for the order. Walla Walla's handsome temple just completed was brilliantly lighted from base to peak, and its spacious halls were filled with members clothed in the rich regalia representing their rank in the grand procession for the dedicatory march. Walla Walla Lodge No. 7, A. F. and A. M., being the senior lodge, was given the distinction of taking charge of the services.

The dedication was conducted by Past Grand Master Dr. E. H. Van Patten of Dayton, who was deputized by Grand Master A. L. Miller. After Walla Walla lodge No. 7 had assembled in its new lodge rooms a committee was appointed with instructions to wait upon the grand lodge in session in the Knight Templar room and convey the announcement that the Walla Walla Masons had erected a temple and desire the grand lodge to dedicate the same. Thereupon the procession was formed by the grand lodge which entered the lodge room and relieved the officers of Walla Walla lodge. The dedicatory ceremonies under the direction of Dr. E. H. Van Patten were carried out in accordance with the ritual. At the conclusion addresses were made by Past Grand Master Patten and Gilbert Hunt. This was followed by the following program:

Vocal solo, Guy Allen Turner; Masonic quartette, Lee F. A. Shaw, George Brown, J. E. Meadows and J. G. Franklin; duet, Mrs. Catton and Guy Allen Turner; Masonic quartette; solo, Guy Allen Turner; quartet. An orchestra of 12 pieces furnished splendid music for the evening. After the exercises the Masons, which included the Walla Walla lodge, the Blue Mountain lodge, Walla Walla chapter, Washington Commandary No. 1, and the Order of the Eastern Star, adjourned with wives and guests to the spacious banquet hall, where the women of the O. and E. S. served a fine banquet.

ATHENA WAS ERRORLESS.

The Last Game Played by the Old Yellow Kid Ball Team.

The arrival of Frank Willard in town brings to memory the last game he pitched for the Yellow Kids on the Athena diamond back in 1902. The following is the account of the game as appeared in the Press at the time:

"The Yellow Kids played errorless ball yesterday afternoon. The three hits Dayton got off Willard were as scattered and mangy as the average Injun cayuse. The little fellow was well nigh invincible, and the peerless support he received is heard on the tongue of the small boy, even.

"Mr. Bolin, the Dayton slab artist, did good execution, the Yellow Kids connecting but four times safely with his slants. The game was a good one, well played and not until the fifth inning was home base touched. Then it was that two Yellow Kids passed over the Rubicon. It was due to G. Brown being hit by a pitched ball, Shea's safe hit and errors by Dayton's first and third basemen. The single and two errors came just right to score G. Brown and Shea.

"In the sixth Dayton scratched in a run on two singles. They were both long ones and the throws were good for the lap of a base each. Brown for Dayton scored in this inning and two Daytonites died on bases when the side was retired. This was the only inning that first base was populated by a Dayton player. It took an hour and 25 minutes to play the game. Athena's column was errorless and Dayton had but two. Score by innings:

R H E
Athena.....0 0 0 0 2 0 0 0—2 4 0
Dayton.....0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0—1 3 2

Cheap Phones for Farmers.

The Pacific States Telephone and Telegraph company, which operates the telephone system in Salem and vicinity, will put into effect what are believed to be the cheapest farmer line rentals existing anywhere in the country. The regular rate of \$5 a year will be charged for the country lines, all of which run into the main office in that city and have connection with the long distance lines. For farmers who furnish their own instruments on these lines a still lower rate is made. The rental for these 'phones will be but \$1 a year or 3 1/2 cents a month, giving them telegraphic communication with their neighbors and with the tradesmen in the city.

For State Senator.

I hereby announce my candidacy for the state senate, subject to the votes of republicans under the direct primary law.

T. J. Kirk.

PUTER USES GUN.

He Escapes From Detective Burns in a Crowd at Boston

Stephen A. D. Puter, wanted by the United States government in connection with the land frauds in Oregon, was arrested in Boston by Secret Service Agent Burns, of Washington, D. C., but after being in custody less than half an hour Puter drew a revolver and succeeded in escaping.

Burns was delegated by the government to go to Boston and search for Puter. He located him at the Fenway branch postoffice where he learned Puter was in the habit of calling for his mail addressed "John H. Brownell."

Puter agreed to accompany Burns to a private room in the postoffice. Burns understood that Superintendent Swift of the branch office had gone for the police, but it developed later he had misunderstood Burns.

Supposing the officers were outside the building Burns placed Puter under arrest and took him to the sidewalk. After asking a question or two about his removal to Washington, the prisoner suddenly drew a revolver and leveled it at Burns' head and exclaimed, "I'll kill you Burns, if you dare move."

The crowd about the two men was quite dense but fell back rapidly at the appearance of the revolver, but Burns, although considerably older than the prisoner, jumped at him and pushed up his hand.

Puter struggled and succeeded in pointing the muzzle at Burns' breast for a second time. Again the officer closed with him but could not wrench the weapon away. Puter finally got free from Burns' grasp and gradually backed away with the revolver still pointed at Burns. He suddenly turned and darted down the street followed by the officer and many other persons. The fugitive, however, escaped.

LOWELL HAD TROUBLE.

Had Difficulty in Filing His Petition as Candidate for Senator.

Stephen A. Lowell, aspirant for the republican nomination for United States senator, had some difficulty in securing the filing of his petition at Salem asking that his name be placed on the primary ballot. When he filed the original copy of his petition he incorporated in it a declaration of principles, and a motto to be placed after his name on the ballot. When he circulated his petition for signatures, he did not make this declaration and motto a part of the petitions and when the signed petitions were presented to the secretary of state that official was in doubt as to his right to file the same as the original filed.

Mr. Danbar, in pursuance of his policy of liberal interpretation of the law, finally decided to file the petitions, but held that in order to do so he must treat the declaration of principles in the original as superfluous. This was agreed to by Mr. Lowell and the petition was filed.

The law requires that the petition first filed should be a copy of the one circulated for signatures. The only difference in this instance will be that Mr. Lowell will not be entitled to have his motto appear upon the official ballot.

Dr. Bingham Left \$50,000.

Timothy A. Paul, attorney in Walla Walla for the estate of Dr. J. E. Bingham, deceased, passed through Athena to Pendleton, where he had probated the will of the deceased. The probable value of the estate in Umatilla county which consists of the famous Bingham springs summer resort and other interests, is about \$50,000. The late Dr. Bingham left other property in Oregon in the counties of Clackamas and Multnomah of the probate value of \$20,000. His estate in Washington and around Walla Walla is said to be quite large. F. S. Le Grow, cashier of the First National Bank of Athena, has been appointed administrator of the estate in Oregon.

Snake River Mystery.

The body of an unidentified man was found floating in the Snake river near the Ainsworth bridge and taken to Walla Walla. The names, J. Severson, E. F. Peterson and S. J. Fritz appear in time books found in the dead man's clothes. The authorities believe that the stranger was murdered, as there is no indication of water in the lungs and several bruises appear on the head. From the appearance it is believed that the man was employed in construction work on the Riparia-Lewiston railroad.

Back In Iowa.

The Yellow Kid ball team is already giving Athena something in the way of advertising. The following is from George Brown's Iowa paper:

Athena, Oregon, will revive the famous Yellow Kid ball team this summer. There were five Lin county ball players on that team when it was champion of the Inland Empire. Bert Cartano, formerly of Springville, is the only one left there and will manage the new team.

WILL ASK FOR BIDS

SAGE BRUSH PLAIN WILL SOON BE BLOWN NOW.

Engineers are Ready to Ask for Bids On Umatilla Irrigation Pro- ject Construction.

Provided there are no unexpected complications and everything goes favorably, says a Portland special, it is likely that advertisement will be published within the next two weeks by the United States reclamation service asking for bids for the construction of the big earth dam that will store the surplus waters of the Umatilla river in Cold Springs canyon, Umatilla county. Conference over plans and specifications are now being held in Portland by D. C. Henry, supervising engineer, and A. J. Wiley and E. G. Hopson, engineers attached to the reclamation service.

"It looks as though everything was in good shape," said Engineer Henry. "John J. Whistler, an engineer, is now in Umatilla making an examination of the conditions there with regard to how fully the requirements of the secretary of the interior have been met. He will return to Portland in a few days. I will then make a report on the situation and this, together with the plans and specifications now being prepared, will be forwarded to Washington. There they will pass through the hands of Chief Engineer F. H. Newell, of the reclamation service, and after he makes his recommendations, they will go to the director and to the secretary of the interior.

"I hope to have the construction of the big dam in Cold Springs canyon started within a short time. This promises to be one of the biggest structures of earth in the world. It will be ninety feet high, over a quarter of a mile in length and will contain about 600,000 cubic yards of material. It will store about 30,000 acre-feet of water, and eighty three feet of water will stand against the dam. This amount will be sufficient I think, in connection with the flow of the Umatilla river, to irrigate the 2000 acres of the project contemplated. Flood waters from the river will be stored in this reservoir for use during the dry season of the year. Floods in the Umatilla commence usually about May and sometimes extend into June."

Will Take Issue Into Court.

Stating that he was guided by the advice of his attorney, City Treasurer Thompson informed the Lewiston council that he could not comply with the order of the latter relative to placing on deposit in the First National bank the sum of \$9000. This step means that the validity of the depository ordinance providing for the deposit of the city monies in banks on an interest bearing basis will be tested in the courts. A short time ago, complying with the terms of the ordinance, the First National bank filed a bond of \$10,000 which entitled the institution to a deposit of \$9000, bearing 4 per cent interest.

Heavy Stock Loss.

If reports are true the loss of stock along the Snake river is great, says the Cambridge News. It is reported that one sheepman drove his sheep to the hills before the storm and now he can neither get the sheep out nor feed them except by pack animals, and that the sheep are dying by the hundreds. It is also stated that the banks of the Snake, especially on the Oregon side, are literally strewn with dead animals. Just how much these reports are exaggerated is hard to tell, but it is to be hoped that conditions are not as bad as described.

Woman and Preacher.

A Walla Walla special says: W. H. Villiers, a former well known minister, swore out a warrant this afternoon for the arrest of Mrs. Anna Gallagher on a charge of assault. Villiers allowed his cattle to stray over Mrs. Gallagher's ranch and she corralled the animals. Villiers tried to take them out and Mrs. Gallagher backed up to the gate and when he became insistent belabored him with chunks of coal, finally routing Villiers. Villiers came to this city, paid the fine on his cows and filed charges against Mrs. Gallagher.

Legal Holiday April 20.

April 20, primary election day, will be a legal holiday. A decision to this effect has been given by Attorney General Crawford, and notice has been sent to the various county superintendents by State Superintendent Ackerman. According to the school law it is illegal for a teacher to hold school on any legal holiday.