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PAY THE RECORDER

Water Rents Now Paid at City Recorder's Office.

WATER SYSTEM SATISFACTORY

The New Service Does Not Seem to Increase the Water Rates to Any Great Extent.

If you are a patron of the Athena water system, instead of having the city marshal hunt you up and collect the water rent due the city, you are expected to call at the city recorder's office, pay the rent and take a receipt therefor.

It must be a great relief to the perspiring marshal on hot days like these to sit in the shade and direct you to the office, instead of wearing out shoe leather chasing you down for collections.

On the first day of each month you are expected to climb the stairs to the office of Recorder Chamberlain and before you leave, pay the amount which your water meter registers. If you do not the marshal will be given the job of turning your water supply off.

So far the meter system is giving satisfactory results to both the city and the consumer. About eighty meters are now installed, the last of the lot recently purchased by the city, having been put in last week. Apparently there is no noticeable increase in the water rates occurring from the meter service. Consumers are paying for the amount of water they use and no more.

Freewater Briefs.

Cora Lawson was married to Otis Kelly in Pendleton Wednesday, by Rev. G. L. Hall of the Baptist church. Mr. Kelly is a young rancher of the Hudson Bay neighborhood.

A. E. West of the Sunnyside district, sold his place of ten acres to R. S. Dunnington of Helix for \$2700.

Miss Mae Walker has been engaged as teacher of the North Fork school for the ensuing year. This will be her third term there, and is accompanied by an increase in salary.

Set For July 21.

Attorney Peterson informs the Press that the contestants and contestees in the Turner will case have been notified to appear before the court on July 31, at which time the case will be opened.

"WOMAN AGAINST WOMAN"

Drama Was Well Played in This City By Weston Talent.

Despite the depressing stage presence of our arch enemy, Wood, and a din of boisterous racket among the gallery gods, the beautiful drama, "Woman Against Woman," was superbly presented at the opera house Friday night, by Mr. and Mrs. Albert Welch, supported by an excellent cast selected from Weston's best local talent.

Mr. and Mrs. Welch sustained their professional reputation by the admirable manner in which they enacted their parts. The amateur actors without exception, appeared in their respective roles creditably, and the audience received with pleasure the announcement made by Mr. Welch, that the company would again appear in Athena, cast in another play.

The Press' dramatic critic finds nothing but praise for the production of "Woman Against Woman," and with the same cast in the next play, makes the prediction of satisfactory results and a larger audience.

It is noted that Wood, the bloated Gardena potato "jangler," arose to the occasion with a spasmodic effort and went through his lines without a bobble, escaping a shower of aged hen fruit and decayed vegetables, a large stock of which was held in reserve by Charles Brotherton and "Link" Swagart. Properly coached, Wood may be used on the stage effectively as a footman. He would make up well to the part and his voice has the resonant twang for the "yer 'orse is ready Milord." Anything higher than this and the colonel is a target for a shower bath of decayed vegetable matter.

King Bros. Lease Land.

King Bros., the Athena liverymen, will farm on the reservation next season. They have rented the James Britten place in Wild Horse Mountain. The ranch is adapted to wheat raising and King Bros. will put in a fall crop.

O. R. & N. BLOCKED.

Construction of New Depot at Walla Walla Delayed by Litigation.

The erection of the new O. R. & N. passenger depot at the foot of Main street, for which the company has set aside \$40,000, threatens to be indefinitely delayed through legal entanglement that has arisen in acquiring title to lot 6, block 18, Ritz addition, formerly owned by E. J. McCormack, says the Walla Walla Statesman.

The O. R. & N. at the last session of the superior court brought condemnation proceedings against Mr. McCormack and a jury awarded him \$375 in payment for the property. Mr. McCormack's whereabouts were unknown, and he made no defense to the condemnation proceedings. Evidently Mr. McCormack has come to life, as the legal firm of Brooks & Bartlett to day formally filed notice in the superior court that the judgment obtained by the O. R. & N. would be appealed to the supreme court.

THE WINGARD CASE.

Mother Sues for Possession of Her Little Daughter.

The suit of Mrs. C. L. Wingard to have the divorce decree against her modified and to recover possession of a minor child was started in the superior court behind closed doors Saturday morning at Walla Walla. It was heard until noon, at which time a continuance was granted until 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

Mrs. Wingard formerly sued her husband for divorce in Pierce county, and the case was later transferred to Walla Walla county. Through what Mrs. Wingard claims, a misunderstanding, her attorneys were not present at the time the case was called and the suit filed by her husband, for a divorce from here, was granted. He was given the custody of a minor child. The mother, it is said went to Milton with the child, and about three weeks ago Wingard made a sensational attempt to take possession of the little girl. He was arrested and fined heavily at Milton. Now Mrs. Wingard is seeking to gain possession of the little girl, arguing that Wingard is an improper person to have her. The case is being fought by Wingard.

A Rough Rider.

"Dug" Flynn, who for years was employed by W. R. Taylor, on his Grant county stock ranch, is in town. Mr. Flynn will be remembered by Athena people as the man who broke cavalry horses here several years ago for Taylor and Nate Pinkerton. He is recognized as the most skillful rider in the Inland Empire, and the horse does not live that he will not tackle to conquer. He will compete in the broncho busting contest at Heppner on July 4, for a purse of \$85 and a lot of \$200.

DAN CUPID BEATS PETER WEST

Twenty-Four Licenses Issued During June and Ten Divorces.

The battle between Dan Cupid and Peter West during the month of June resulted in the rout of the latter to the tune of 24 to 10, says the Tribune.

Twenty four happy swains marched up to the desk of County Clerk Saling and passed in the \$3 necessary for the privilege of leading blushing brides to the altar.

But the ringing of the wedding bells for some has silently receded into a forgotten past and ten couples claimed that marriage was an illusion and received permission from the court to again walk the single path.

The exact cause of the annual matrimonial contagion which breaks out in June has not yet been disclosed by Beatrice Fairfax. It remains for some young scientist to place his name high in the annals of science by explaining the epidemic which annually recurs during the rose month.

The following are the twenty-four made happy. Peter is singing "When shall the Harvest Be?"

Harry C. Thompson and Ethel Johnson, Neils Hendrickson and Corina Mand Robinson, Louis Sutton and Etna Kopittke, Theodore W. Sharer and Nellie Hoyt, Thomas Fix and Gertrude Taylor, Paul L. Belts and Eugenia McAllister, Robert S. Richardson and Clarice Claeres Gaily, Edmond A. Riggs and Jessie McFall, Henry C. Perry and Helen Whittemore, James W. Benedict and Anrona E. Verette, Bradford B. Lane and Jessie Sommerville, Henry H. Jones and Fannie E. Monsey, Walter G. Huffard and Florence E. George, Peter Sheridan and Laura Harrison, Charles W. Myers and Jessie Hartman, Charles Graham and Birda Bonowitz, Otis E. Kelly and Cora Lawson, Charles W. Jones and Gertrude Helfron, George E. Hamblen and Hattie M. Bowman, Verne C. Moore and Sarah E. Ledgerwood, Luke Cawapoo and Julia Dixon, J. Fred Gross and Laura May Keen, George W. Kelley and Abbey Miller, Samuel J. Reynolds and Lula Carlisle.

SWAGGART'S CAT.

The Feline Is Satisfactorily Disposed of By Ely, Swaggart, Wood & Co.

The cat incident has been effectually disposed of by Ely, Swaggart, Wood & Co. through the columns of Wood's vile sheet at Weston. There is a woman in the case, her identity being lost in the "Co" end of the above blackmailing firm. The following appeared in Friday's edition of Wood's disreputable, slanderous paper:

"While the less the Leader says about Boyd the better, since his very name is a disgrace to these columns, it nevertheless becomes the painful duty of this paper to take cognizance of his latest plunge into the noisome depths of misrepresentation and falsehood. Tuesday's issue of Boyd's slanderous sheet contains the following attack upon a most worthy and reputable young business man, under the caption, 'Ely Shot the Cat:'"

"The above is merely a wanton and malicious effort to divert suspicion from himself. In a signed letter in the same issue A. L. Swaggart complains of editors and other careless persons making targets of his farm stock, and especially deplores the untimely death of his beloved cat. Beyond question, Mr. Swaggart knows that Boyd killed the cat, but does not say so because in that event his communication would be waste-basketed. The Leader has no doubt whatever that Boyd killed the cat with a view to providing rabbit stew for his impoverished household, but was unable afterward to remove the carcass without detection."

Gross-Keen.

A pretty home wedding took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Keen, west of town Sunday afternoon, when Rev. Geo. T. Ellis united in the holy bonds of matrimony, Mr. J. Fred Gross and Miss Laura May Keen. Relatives and intimate friends were at the wedding, and after the marriage ceremony a splendid dinner was served. Many beautiful presents were in evidence. The contracting parties are well known in this part of the county. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Keen, and the groom is the only son of Mr. and Mrs. George Gross, of this city.

The Attermath.

Perhaps the defeat of W. J. Furnish for governor four years ago was a disguised blessing, says the Umatilla Chronicle. He who causes two blades of grass to sprout where not even one grew before leaves a better record to prosperity than by a century of office-holding. But a few summers hence and thousands of acres under the the Furnish ditch in Umatilla will be producing alfalfa and grain and their higher results, butter and cheese. There are greater and better things than politics in Oregon.

WILL GET RELIEF

Railway Commission States Rates Are Unreasonable.

THEY WILL FIND A REMEDY

Joint Wheat Rates Also Granted—Eureka Flat Question in Air at Walla Walla.

While the state railway commission findings favor Walla Walla and Eastern Washington in the demands made, the remedy has not been chosen, but will be in a short time and the formal findings, and order will then be made, says the Bulletin. The commission read a generalized summary of its findings this afternoon and in this it is shown that the joint wheat rate would be granted, and that Walla Walla would receive some relief at the hands of the commission. The Eureka Flat farmers however, will not know what will be done for their benefit until the formal findings are made.

Although the commission acknowledges that relief is necessary it does not prescribe the remedy, but will do so at a later date. It is stated that it would take considerable time to work out the details and in the meantime would welcome suggestions from shippers, railroads or other interested parties regarding the work.

The findings are as follows: "Upon the question of establishing joint rates on wheat, the commission is satisfied that the complaints have established by the evidence that the markets of Portland and that an injury results to the producer and shipper unable to reach Puget Sound markets, and that an order should be made establishing joint rates on wheat. The commission has not worked out the details connected with the promulgation of such an order and the formal findings and order upon this question will be announced at an early time as the commission can do so. And the further hearing on this question is continued by the commission for this purpose.

Under the evidence adduced at this hearing the general distance tariff rates now in force by the railroads are, in the opinion of the Commission, unreasonable, discriminatory and unjustifiable. The adjustment of the different general distance tariffs of necessity involve a great amount of detail work and the most careful consideration, having regard to the rights of all the sections of the state, and will require time and care in the preparation. While considering the details, the commission would welcome any suggestions from the shippers, railroads or any other interested party.

Regarding the complaint of discrimination against the shippers on the lines of the Eureka Flat branch of the Washington & Columbia River railway company, the commission is not prepared at this time to announce what its findings will be, and the matter will be taken under advisement by the commission.

BAD MONEY MAKERS CONFESS

Four of Eastern Oregon Counterfeiters Make Statements to Officials.

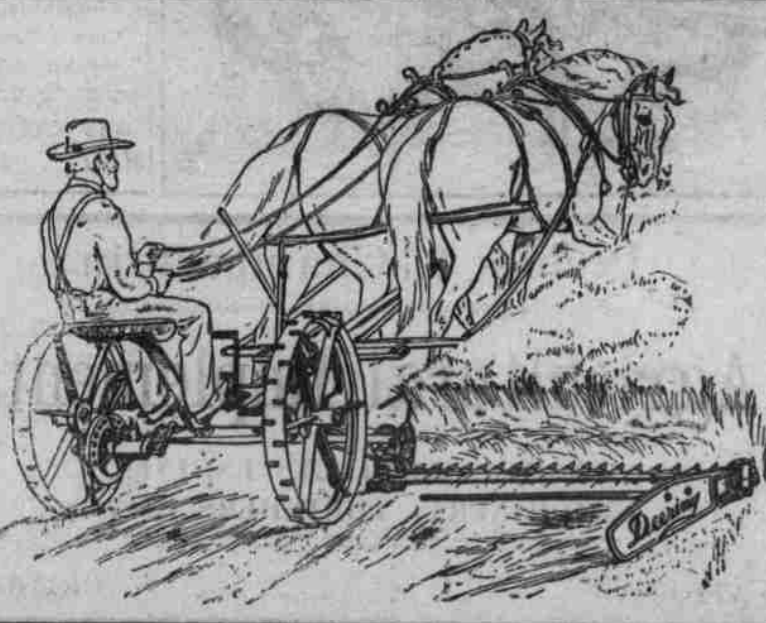
United States Secret Service Director B. W. Bell has succeeded in securing confessions from four of the men arrested in connection with the finding of a counterfeit plant on the Eastian ranch near Huntington, Oregon, last week.

Eliza R. Coon, a reputed teacher of the gang, and three of his partners, Elmer Turner, A. J. Turner and C. K. Mills, have told the secret service agents all they know about the plant, but John H. Williams and Joe Hansen, who are also in custody, decline to say anything in regard to their alleged associations with the other members of the gang.

Mary Bastian and a man for whom warrants have been issued, are still at large. The Turner brothers are cattlemen of Weiser, Idaho.

Jute Mill in Oregon.

At a meeting Saturday afternoon in Pendleton, the Inland Empire Wheat-growers' association adopted a resolution calling on the next legislature to use every possible means to secure a jute mill for the state of Oregon for the manufacture of grain and wool bags, and also asked the legislature to memorialize congress to remove the tariff from jute and the manufactured products of jute.



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