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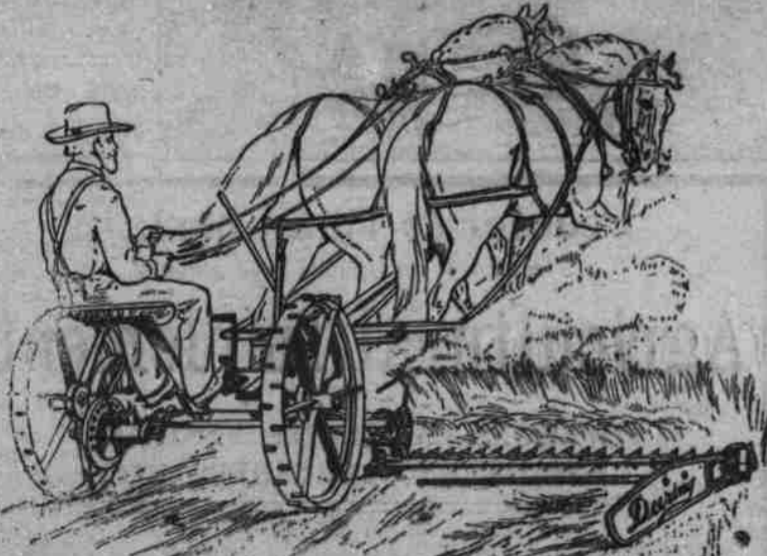
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DELL BROTHERS

CATERERS TO THE PUBLIC IN GOOD THINGS TO EAT

Athena, Oregon.

COURT WAS BUSY

Water Fight Ends in Disorderly Conduct.

JOHN VANSLYCK GETS SHOVEL

Nineteen-Year-Old Orville Duncan Charged With Assault With a Dangerous Weapon.

After a long period of inactivity, Judge Chamberlain oiled up his court machinery Friday evening and got busy. He disposed of Dave Stone and Chester Post who were brought before him on a charge of disorderly conduct by giving the boys a fatherly talk and a seven dollar and a half fine.

From the evidence given to the court the boys were indulging in a water fight with the hose at the Christian church, and when they squirted water on little Jimmie Howe, a blind boy, J. M. Hays, the janitor, admonished them to desist. The matter would perhaps have dropped there, but the boys called on Hays the next day, and told him to do something or quit "bawling them out." Hays, who has a reputation for "doing things," in this instance went to court with it, with the above result.

The judicial attention of the court was next given to John Vanslyck, a big Weston brickyarder, who came before his honor with a gash on his wrist and another on his head. He preferred a charge of assault with a dangerous weapon, and wanted the arrest of Orville Duncan, a 19-year-old Weston lad, quick at once. He was accommodated. Constable Smith drove over to Weston and brought the boy to Athena. Judge Chamberlain placed Duncan under \$200 bonds to appear before him for trial, the date of which has not yet been set.

The man and boy are both employed at the Weston brick yard. Vanslyck's tale of it was that Duncan and another boy were bandying words, when he, Vanslyck, volunteered the suggestion that if Duncan "came through" the other boy could even up matters with a club. Duncan "came through" all right, all right, and laid a shovel in a not too gentle manner against big Vanslyck's head, and followed it up with the Irish trick of throwing brick bats. The only weapon Vanslyck had for protection, was a little

"stick," which he used to ward off blows. Duncan's side of the story will be told, if it is ever told, in open court.

WOMEN IN HARVEST FIELDS

An Athena Young Lady As "Roustabout"—Women Run Engine.

Athena is the home of a practical and ambitious little maiden who is making a "hand" in her father's harvest crew. She is Miss Lula Gross, and has taken the position of "roustabout" for the season.

The young lady makes regular trips to town for provisions, extras, supplies, etc., and the other day she was successful in hiring a man to take the place of one who had quit work, when farmers in need of men were looking the town over and returning home without them.

For her work, which she does in a most satisfactory and business-like way, she is receiving two dollars per day. In addition to being competent in the transaction of business, Miss Gross is one of the brightest scholars of the Athena high school, and commands the esteem of a large circle of friends.

There are dozens of other women and girls who are doing their part in the work of harvesting the Umatilla county wheat crop, but for the most part they are employed in the cook wagons, where they receive good wages. A Pendleton paper gives the following account of women operating machinery.

"If men refuse to work in the fields, before long it will be necessary for women to do the work. Just to see what it would be like if this was the case, Mrs. Mel Shtrum of Fulton, and Miss Bertha and Ollie Hooper of St. Louis, ran the engine and sewed sacks on the thresher while they went twice around a quarter section field at the Shtrum ranch near Fulton.

"Miss Ollie Hooper handled the throttle of the engine, while Mrs. Shtrum and Miss Bertha Hooper handled and sewed the sacks of wheat."

EDITORS TO BOLT TICKET

Whitman County Newspaper Men Forming a Combination.

That the days of political bossism are nearing a close in Whitman county Washington, has been manifested many times, but never so forcibly as by the editors of the county who, at their convention held last week, entered into a secret agreement not to support straight party tickets in the future, but to pick candidates and support only those agreeable to the editor. No more will the chairman of the county central committee arrange with the county editor for support of the "straight ticket."

All of the newspapers outside of Colfax entered into this agreement, and the editors have agreed to stand rigidly by the new rule. A scale of prices for political support was arranged on the basis of advertising rates, and the candidate is expected to pay this scale. The tickets of every political party will be run, without editorial comment, at advertising rates.

This is a radical change from conditions existing in the past. Heretofore it has been the custom of the chairman of the county central committee to send out copy "booming" the candidates of the party to the editors of the papers in the smaller towns of the county. A small check was usually sent, with apologies for the smallness thereof and regrets that the meagerness of the campaign funds and the heavy expense for speakers, etc., left but little for the papers, which were expected to work for the "interests of our great party." That Colfax papers, the republican Gazette and the democratic Commoner, usually got the big end of the campaign funds is alleged by the editors of the county papers, and what little was left was divided out among the editors of the smaller towns.

SALT LAKE ELKS WON.

Silver Elk Valued at \$1000 Taken by the Mormons.

The Salt Lake lodge of Elks has been awarded the silver elk, valued at \$1000, by the committee of awards, for having the greatest number of ladies registered at the Elks' reunion in Denver last week. Kansas City lodge received the second prize, \$300, in this contest and Davenport, Iowa, the third prize, \$200.

The Colorado awards will not be announced for another week, owing to the fact that some of the state lodges had not properly certified their actual membership on July 1.

The outside awards are: Lodge having the largest attendance—Kansas City first, prize \$500; Pittsburg second, prize \$300; Butte, Mont., third, prize \$200. Greatest average mileage—Pittsburg

first, 98,000 miles, prize \$750; Brooklyn second, 88,000 miles, prize \$300; Syracuse, N. Y., third, \$49,000 miles.

WOULD ASK FEW CONCESSIONS

Predicted Outcome of the Demands Made by Association.

Saturday was the day scheduled for a conference between the local wheat-buyers and the executive committee of the Wheatraisers' association upon the subject of sales day and rules and warehouse charges. However, up to 3 o'clock the members of the farmers' committee had failed to meet and so no conference had been held.

During the afternoon Dan P. Smythe, secretary of the wheat raisers, was given a copy of changes in the sales day rules desired by the buyers. Some of these are regarded as reasonable and will doubtless be granted. The complete rules will be published after adoption.

Regarding the matter of warehouse charges the buyers have intimated that no concession will be made by the companies having warehouses over the country. At present the warehouse charge is 50 cents per ton for storage of wheat and 10 cents extra if the wheat be left until after January 1. The farmers object to the additional 10 cents and also insist that when they sell their wheat in the field and the same is delivered directly to the warehouse, no charge should be made.

Should the warehouse companies continue to refuse concessions it is very probable that independent warehouses will be erected over the county by the farmers. Under a state law they may do so, and railroad companies are required to lay sidetracks for the same if enough wheat is guaranteed.

It is held that independent warehouses would be of benefit to the farmers in numerous ways. At present they declare the buyers decline to purchase wheat when stored in another company's warehouse, thus leaving the farmer at the mercy of the company having his wheat. By having wheat in independent warehouses it is held that a farmer would be in better position to sell to any of the local buyers, and would also be free to sell to independent buyers should such enter the field.—East Oregonian.

NO TRACE OF LOST BOY.

Story From Portland is Unfounded as No Gypsies Have Been Seen.

The story of a Portland woman having seen Cecil Britton in the custody of a Gypsy outfit in Portland is wholly unfounded. The parents of the child have run the story down through the Portland police and find that there is no grounds for it whatever.

Absolutely no trace of the child has been found and while the belief that he has been kidnapped is growing stronger, yet the mystery is as deep as ever.

Owing to the publicity given the disappearance of the child the parents feel that every community in the entire northwest is aware of it and it would be impossible for any traveling outfit to exhibit the child anywhere without immediate detection.

Small searching parties will continue in the mountains, in hopes of locating the remains by means of odor should the child be dead on the mountain.

Donald Victor Raley Peterson.

Will M. Peterson, all round good fellow, our well known attorney, or to Clark Wood's courage, "Athena's legal luminary," never does things in halves. He has the sweetest baby boy in all Oregon, and he knows it.

He has christened the little fellow Donald Victor Raley-Peterson, and Colonel J. H. Raley of Pendleton, in appreciation of his name being selected in connection with the christening, has sent a \$50 check which is to be used in the purchase of a fine baby buggy, wearing apparel, etc.

A Fine Present.

Frank Swaggart has been conducting harvest operations for his father on the Birch Creek ranch, and so well did the boy fill the position of manager, the father made known his appreciation for services rendered by making him a present of a fine gold watch. Frank was not "swelled" up to any great extent over the presentation speech made by his dad, and yesterday morning assembled himself to the high seat of a combined harvester, where he will handle the reins over 18 head of horses during harvest.

Convict Labor Problem.

The competition of convict labor with the regular workingman is constantly assuming a more serious aspect. This is the conclusion reached by the bureau of labor upon completing a third investigation of the subject after a year's interval. It is evident that reasonable grounds for the complaint of manufacturers employing free labor that such competition is ruinous and unfair.

THE HARVEST FIELD

Wind Whips Forty Fold Wheat to the Ground.

DRY AND SHATTERS OUT BADLY

Only Seven Sacks Per Acre From Field That Gave Promise of Forty Bushels.

The value of Forty-fold wheat does not appeal very forcibly to A. J. Wagner and Wm. Tompkins, farmers who are engaged in wheat raising north of town.

While there are many instances where this variety of wheat has been known to yield well in this vicinity, the instances are not to be found this season, which for the past month has been marked with excessive heat and draught. With these conditions, which began when the stalk of the grain was rank with sap, wheat ripened so rapidly that the head shatters out badly when struck by wind, and the straw necessarily weak, breaks to the ground easily. This year the above is true with all varieties of wheat, but the condition of the Forty-fold variety is decidedly worse than any of the others.

On the Wagner place a field gave every indication of yielding 40 bushels or better to the acre three weeks ago, only netted seven sacks to the acre. The grain was there but the most part of it lay shattered out on the ground, and the only way it can be picked up is by turning hogs into the field, and there is enough wind-shattered wheat there to fatten several car loads of hogs.

Mr. Tompkins' experience with Forty-fold is much the same as that of Mr. Wagner, and he will not raise any more of it.

Harvest Notes.

Like "Jinks" Dudley, Tom Defreese, after thoroughly testing the Campbell method of cultivation unhesitatingly denounces its practicability when applied to the wheat raising soil found hereabouts. The whole of last season Tom virtually lived on his summer fallow land and diligently cultivated. The result is that his grain "nearly all went to sap." He says that the yield will be light.

Harvest hands are still scarce, but it is thought the condition will be somewhat relieved in a week or ten days, when the machines now at work in the Walla Walla valley, will have finished and moved over in this section.

M. L. Watts' steam outfit pulled over from the home place Sunday, where it had finished harvesting a crop of wheat that averaged better than 45 bushels per acre.

Wheat is shattering and falling so badly that farmers in some localities are said to be offering a bonus for threshers who will enter their fields at once and thresh the grain.

Bill Booher's 160-acre crop of wheat on the reservation went between 40 and 45 bushels per acre.

THE Y. P. S. C. E. IN EUROPE

The Great Pan-American Convention in Session at Geneva.

Christian Endeavorers from all parts of the world are assembled at Geneva, Switzerland, to attend the World's Christian Endeavor convention and the all-European Christian Endeavor convention, which will be held in connection with each other. The all-European convention opened Saturday and will continue until August 1, when the world's convention will be called to order. The number of delegates is larger than at any previous world's convention. Showing a healthy growth of the Christian Endeavor movement throughout the world.

During the little more than 25 years since the founding of the Christian Endeavor society, many millions of young people have enlisted under its banner in all parts of the world and its literature has been translated into scores of languages. There are now more than 70,000 Christian Endeavor societies with nearly 4,000,000 members.

Miners' Strike Is Off.

The strike of 8,000 miners, which has been on in Eastern Ohio since April, will be officially declared off today. The miners and operators have agreed to accept the terms drafted by the scale committee.