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DEEDS QUESTIONED

Secret Service Agents Have Been Gathering Evidence

PENDELTON MEN CONCERNED

W. J. Furnish, J. H. Raley, Frank Curl and Others Brought Into Line of Fire.

The Oregon Daily Journal of Sunday morning contains a highly sensational story, which involves a number of the foremost and best known citizens of Pendleton. Different ones in Athena who are conversant with the matter do not hesitate to say that the land in question is not agricultural land, but is fit only for grazing purposes. The Journal says:

"Irregularities in the purchase of certain Indian lands on the Umatilla reservation held by W. J. Furnish, Colonel James H. Raley, John Crow, Frank Curl and Thomas Thompson are being investigated by J. H. Alexander, special agent of the government land office, with the view of setting aside the deeds issued by the government for the land. From official circles comes the quiet information that prosecutions for the making of false affidavits in the acquisition of the land are likely to result from the investigation.

"For some time Edward W. Dixon of Portland, division chief of the inspectors, has been having the condition of things looked into at Pendleton by Colonel Alexander and his assistants. Dixon either now is or has been in Pendleton directing the examination in person, and it is expected that his report will be made to the department in a short time, in which he will recommend the reversion of title in a large number of claims to the government.

"The lands involved are in the estate lands on the Umatilla reservation, which were sold at public auction some two or three years ago under the act introduced in congress by Senator Fulton providing that in all cases where allotments were left interstate by the death of the allottee the claims could be sold to the highest bidder after suitable advertisement of the sale had been made.

"When these sales were held the men now under investigation purchased claims under the act, alleging, in their affidavits made with their bids, that the lands were grazing lands and not suitable for agriculture. It is now claimed by the department that a number of the claims thus described and purchased are in the heart of the best wheat belt of the Umatilla country and that some of the land will

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produce as high as 50 bushels of wheat to the acre.

"The inspectors have been busy for several weeks in Pendleton and vicinity taking testimony from various persons regarding their acquisition of lands under the purchase of three years ago and also as to whether the land was agricultural land or good for no other purpose than pasturage. It is understood that the testimony so far taken shows that in many cases land purchased as grazing land is now producing large crops of wheat every year.

"Outside of the simple irregularity in the affidavits, the inspectors are also looking into the question of whether or not there was any contract entered into between the men under investigation and citizens of Umatilla county who bought claims under the Fulton act for the purchase of the lands after title had been granted by the government. It has been alleged that money was furnished several people of Pendleton to make their purchases and that the land was afterward leased by the person furnishing the money for lengthy terms of years. Investigation is being made as to whether or not there was any agreement to sell to the persons furnishing the funds either before or after the expiration of the leases.

"The prominence of the men involved in the investigation makes the case one of state interest, as all of them are notable figures in Eastern Oregon's political and business life. W. J. Furnish, the retiring president of the Pendleton Savings bank, is well known as the chief political figure in the republican ranks of Umatilla county. He was the nominee for governor in 1902, when he was defeated by Governor Chamberlain. It was over this contest that the republican party in Eastern Oregon was split into the Furnish and Lovell factions.

"Colonel James H. Raley is one of the old time democrats of Umatilla county. He was for several terms in the state senate, ran for congress, and was prominently mentioned for appointment by Governor Chamberlain for United States senator at the time of Senator Mitchell's death.

"Frank Curl has been the chairman of the republican county central committee and has long been the right-hand man of W. J. Furnish in his political affairs. He is the agent for a large wheat shipping and warehouse company, and farms large tracts of wheat land in Umatilla county.

"Tom Thompson and John Crow are prominent reservation farmers of Pendleton, each having large leased holdings on the Umatilla reservation, exclusive of the great stretches of land which they own. John Crow is said to farm more Indian land than any other man in Umatilla county."

SMALLPOX CASE IN ATHENA

John Q. Peebler Quarantined at His Home on Third St.

John Q. Peebler, the implement dealer, is confined to his home, which is under quarantine restrictions, with a mild case of smallpox.

Mr. Peebler had been unwell for several days. He was afflicted with a breaking out, but nothing serious was thought of his ailment until Sunday when Dr. Sharp was called. The physician at once cautioned members of the family to remain indoors and also to allow no one to enter the house, and Monday when he again visited the patient he pronounced the case to be smallpox in a mild form. The health authorities were notified at once and the Peebler home was placed under quarantine.

WILL RAISE BREWING BARLEY

Weston Is Likely to Become a Center for its Production.

Weston farmers are going into barley year by year on a larger scale. It is found by experience, says the Leader, to be a successful and profitable crop. Soil and climatic conditions are similar to those at Dayton, where a specialty is made of brewing barley.

Heretofore barley has been barley at Weston; nothing more, nothing less. Hereafter it will be brewing barley, and will command top figures in the export market. A carload shipment of mountain barley was made to Portland the other day by S. A. Barnes, agent of the Pacific Coast Elevator company, and he has since been advised that it will grade as excellent brewing barley. This is the first attempt to establish a market, but it will not be the last.

F. C. Greer, who harvested 2500 sacks of barley this year and had an average of 81 bushels per acre, expects next year to raise 5000 sacks.

W. A. Barnes grows barley exclusively on his foothill farm, and had about 2000 sacks this year.

J. A. King raised 1000 sacks this year, and will continue to give considerable attention to barley. O. C.

and Otis Turner have already put in a larger acreage of barley than they had this year, being encouraged by a remarkable yield.

G. DeGraw harvested 80 acres this year and will seed more land to barley for 1907.

A number of farmers contemplate putting in 40 to 80 acres, and in a few years there is no reason why Weston should not win an enviable reputation as a center of production of good brewing barley. It takes work to keep the ground free from foul seed, and there must be equipment to harvest the crop the instant it has matured. There are compensations, however, in big yields and a steady market. And barley may be put in the sack and realized upon quicker than wheat. Moreover, there is said to be an opportunity to raise two crops every three years.

Big Yield of Potatoes

The mountain country tributary to Weston is celebrated for its richness. Without irrigation, which is wholly unnecessary the production of irrigated regions is often rivaled—sometimes surpassed. That it is surpassed with regard to potatoes the writer is able to bear witness. The mountain crop is a good one this year. Sam R. Caplinger especially has all local records beaten. From one-fourth of an acre he dug 82 sacks, or at the rate of 328 sacks per acre. He has more ground than this in "spuds," but of course the above average cannot be maintained. The potatoes are beauties—round, smooth and free from knobs and other blemishes. He brought a dozen to town—a fair sample of the entire crop—that weighed 17 pounds and 12 ounces. Each hill yielded from eight to sixteen potatoes, all of first class quality. Mr. Caplinger also has fine crops of cabbage and celery, and finds that truck farming pays.—Weston Leader.

The Weston Colonel

The Weston colonel, Wood of the Leader, was the guest of the Press family Sunday. After showing him the town, the Press man drove Wood out to the big reservoir of the Athena water system. The intention was to immerse Wood in the water until the last dogged breath left his miserable body, but he pleaded for his life so earnestly that Boyd caved in to his pitiful pleadings and allowed him the privilege to live. With the understanding that he is to hereafter walk on the opposite side of the street from us, he was permitted to ride back home.

Telephone Connections Made

Manager McGillivray of the Pacific States Telephone and Telegraph company, Mr. McNulty, wire chief, and Lineman Smith were in the city Saturday. Connections were made with the rural lines and the long distance system by installing the rural lines in the long distance switch board. While here Mr. McGillivray again made the promise to give Athena a modern switch board as soon as the appliances could be obtained from the factory.

Bridge Material Arrives.

At last the material for the new steel bridge to be constructed on Wild Horse creek, near this city, is here. The steel trusses, which have long been on the way from Red Oak, Iowa, came in Saturday, and the contractor will have a force of men at work putting the bridge in place at once.

Purchased a Drug Store.

Alvin and Wildy Turner, who recently disposed of their farm land in the Helix neighborhood, have purchased a drug store at Grangeville, Idaho, and will take possession of the business in a short time. They are favorably impressed with the progress and future prospects of Grangeville as a town.

Land Will be Sold

Bids are now being filed with Major Edwards at the agency for the purchase of Joseph Stone's 40 acre farm south of Athena. The bids will be opened January 19. This place contains excellent farm land. This year it turned off 719 sacks of wheat. There is a fairly good house on the place, splendid water, etc.

Pendleton Academy Victorious

In the last game of the season to be played on the Weston Normal gridiron the Pendleton academy football team defeated the normal team by a score of 6 to 0. The game was warmly contested throughout and the Pendleton aggregation earned every point they gained.

Seven Weeks with Fever

John Benson has returned from Walla Walla, where for seven weeks he was confined in a hospital with typhoid fever. John is simply a shadow of his former self, but having a ravenous appetite he expects that "Richard will be himself again" soon.

Just received by express at the Manasse store, a fine line of the late new paid belts, also new hand tags.

MAKING A COMBINE

Tharp Bros Have Filed Cavaet to Protect Rights

GASOLINE TO FURNISH POWER

First Machine Will Cut Ten Foot Swath, Requiring But Eight or Ten Head of Horses.

Tharp Brothers, the well known blacksmiths and machinists of this city, have filed a caveat with the United States patent office to protect their rights on the different parts of a combined cutting and threshing machine which they will later have patented and manufactured at their shop in Athena.

The Messrs. Tharp have for a long time been studying, experimenting with and perfecting the principles of a combine which the model of the machine demonstrates to be a radical departure from the styles of combines now in use. All the heavy, cumbersome structural work of the present combine is done away with entirely, and by the use of gasoline engines for power used on both the cutting machinery and the separator, the Tharp machine will require only a sufficient number of horses to pull the weight of the machine over the field, the number of horses to pull with ease a 10-foot machine being placed at six or eight head.

The main feature and predominant principle of the new machine is embodied in the arrangement and location of the cylinder and concaves. In appearance the machine has nothing in common with the present day combine. The cylinder is located just back of the sickle and the grain is conveyed to the cylinder head first, just as it falls evenly on the draper. Passing through the cylinder and concaves, the wheat and chaff falls underneath to a conveyor, which carries it to an elevator, which passes it into the cleaning apparatus. From there the cleaned grain goes into the sack. The straw passes from the cylinder to the rear of the machine over drapers, to the ground.

The inventors will construct a machine this winter which will have a 10-foot cut capacity. A double cylinder Fairbanks-Morse gasoline engine will be used for power.

Judge Upton's Peculiar Will

The will of Judge W. H. Upton, who died last week at Walla Walla, is one of the most peculiar instruments of the kind ever filed in that state. One of the conditions imposed is that no monument except the most simple headstone shall mark the grave of the deceased until the grand lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Washington, or some other Masonic grand lodge recognized by it, shall unite with some organization of these Masons commonly known as Negro Masons, in creating near his grave a monument to himself and his wife. Judge Upton was one of the most prominent Masons in the west, having taken 150 degrees and been an enthusiast in the work all the latter part of his life.

School Report.

Following is report of school district No. 45 for month beginning Oct. 15 and ending Nov. 9:

No. days taught, 20; No. pupils enrolled, 11. Those pupils who have neither been absent or tardy and are on the roll of honor are: Zala Ferris, Dora Ferris Hazel Clark, Floyd Ferris, Gladys Ferris, Edna Schubert Lawrence Pinkerton. Visitors for month are as follows: Mrs. R. E. Stewart, Miss Willie Runyan, Floyd Pinkerton, Frank K. Welles, Mrs. Wm. Schrimpf, Miss Edna Hopper, Pearl Pinkerton and Eva Schrimpf.

Lillian Downs-Dobson, Teacher.

Peterson to Pendleton

Will M. Peterson, the attorney, will locate in Pendleton sometime during the coming spring for the purpose of engaging in the practice of law. In Athena Mr. Peterson has been very successful in his profession, and goes to Pendleton only for the reason that he requires his presence at the county seat. He will continue to maintain a law office in Athena, which will probably be looked after by a young lawyer friend of Mr. Peterson's who is now practicing law in Tennessee.

Down From Etopia

Harry Rosenzweig is down from Etopia, Wash. Harry is engaged in farming when not employed in a wheat warehouse. He has faith in the future prospects of Franklin county and is glad that he owns a piece of land there.

Good Groceries, Coffee and Tea

In this trinity should the grocer build his business temple. The difficulty is not great, but it is exceedingly difficult to build well without these 3 things. We have highest grade goods in every line

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