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WALLA WALLA MURDER TRIAL

Bert McIntyre Alleges Self Defense In the Case.

Bert McIntyre was placed on trial in the superior court at Walla Walla, Tuesday, charged with the murder of B. B. Moorehead at Wallula about two months ago. Twenty-seven names were drawn before the jury was selected, only four men objecting to capital punishment. McIntyre alleges self-defense as justification. Moorehead was killed by being struck in the head with a slugsnot made from a rock tied in a handkerchief. The testimony showed that Moorehead and McIntyre had trouble before. Some of the state's evidence is good for the defense, as it was shown that Moorehead had threatened the life of McIntyre. Practically no interest is taken in the case, not over 30 or 40 spectators being present. After ten minutes' deliberation the jury returned a verdict of not guilty.

The trial of Ed Sinclair for the killing of Gust Kotsyovos was set for yesterday. This murder also occurred in Wallula.

Bitten by a Spider.

Through blood poisoning caused by a spider bite, John Washington, of Bosqueville, Tex., would have lost his leg, which became a mass of running sores, had he not been persuaded to try Bucklen's Arnica Salve. He writes: "The first application relieved, and four boxes healed all the sores." Heals every sore. 25c. at Wm. Mc Bride's druggist.

THE SCHOOL TO CLOSE

Perryman's Incompetency Disrupts the High School Department.

It is understood that the board of directors has decided to close the Athena public school on Friday, April 26, or one month earlier than usual.

This action is doubtless the result of taking into consideration the deplorable condition in which the high school department is found.

The higher grades of the school have diminished until there are but six pupils left in the 9th grade. The 10th and 11th grades have melted entirely away, the last four pupils in those grades leaving school in a body, Monday of this week.

No criticism is heard regarding the work in the lower grades, but it has been known for months that conditions in the higher departments were such that it would have been better for all concerned, had they been closed long ago.

The patrons of the school who have children attending this department are practically unanimous in declaring that the head of the school, Prof. Perryman is incompetent; is incapable of enforcing discipline and that the chaotic method in which he conducts his department, has extended to and more or less affects the work in the lower grades.

It is recognized that the directors have erred to some extent, in not raising the salary of principal to correspond with wages paid in other towns of Athena's size and prominence, which would have attracted competent talent in applying for the principalship of the school here.

The salary paid here this year under a 15-mill tax, is \$85 per month. As against \$100 to \$150 per month paid to principals in other schools of like importance, it is easy to see where Athena is getting the worst of it, in

large doses. True, the bonded indebtedness has been practically wiped out by holding the salaries down. But which is the more expensive—considering a good school to be the principal asset of a town, in that it attracts desirable people to reside in it—the payment at one swoop of the bonded indebtedness, which draws as low as 5 per cent interest, and to do so, killing the school, or; leaving a portion of the indebtedness stand at a low rate of interest, pay decent salaries and have a good school, thus offering the main inducement for people to make their homes here?

Under such men as Jarvis, Reid, Watts and Marquis, the Athena school raked with the best in Eastern Oregon. What a contrast exists under the present regime. With absolutely no discipline; no system or order, is it any wonder that the reins of school government in Athena have snapped and lie dormant to the extent that patrons have taken their children out, and in some instances are sending them to country schools? And not because these children are less amenable to school rule or discipline than scholars were in the days of Jarvis, Reid, Watts or Marquis, can present conditions be attributable, but because it's a mere matter of fact that they were left to shift for themselves, despite the counseling of members of the board with the principal that the rules and regulations of the school be enforced.

The announcement that the educational fiasco in Athena is to be drawn to an early close is received with universal gratification, and out of the dreary of the dismal failure is drained the impressive, though expensive lesson, that hereafter principals of the Athena public school are to be worthy of their hire.

FEAR BIG FRAUD SCANDALS

Umatilla Cases May Be Brought Up at Portland.

A Pendleton dispatch to the Spokesman-Review says: In anticipation of the convening of the federal grand jury in Portland during the present week, because it is believed that the Umatilla land fraud cases are to be in the list of interesting topics, the atmosphere here is surcharged with the feeling that this city is to be made the center of one of the most startling land fraud scandals yet uncovered.

Government agents have been working constantly in this section for many months. It is known that if the rumors of "big deals" having been pulled off in recent years are found to be correct, the prosecutions which will follow the findings of the grand jury will involve the highest rated financiers in the Inland Empire.

Federal Inspectors Dixon and Alexander have been at work quietly for many months in and about Pendleton gathering facts that have to deal with the illegal gobbling up of government lands.

Has New Vinegar Process.

The new vinegar plant established at the farm of the Blalock Fruit company near Walla Walla, last fall, and the only one of the kind west of the Rockies and the second or third in the United States, is now in operation. The process of fermentation is a radical departure from any heretofore employed. Round vats 10 feet high and four feet in diameter are used for this purpose, and instead of being left open for the air to act upon the contents and the fermentation produced by the ancient process, the vinegar is employed to transform the sweet cider into vinegar. The principal stockholders are: J. A. Finch, A. B. Campbell, Spokane; Miles C. Moore, W. W. Baker and H. McArthur of Walla Walla. The place consists of 1400 acres. It is the largest fruit and vegetable farm in the state of Washington.

Lid Is On In Montana.

The Griffin anti-gambling law became effective in Montana Monday, and as a result all games of chance are strictly tabooed. It is the first time since the discovery of gold in 1863 that nowhere in that state can a public game of faro, roulette, poker, dice, card games of all kinds, and even slot machines be found. All the latter were removed from cigar stores and other establishments and hereafter the transfer of goods and merchandise will be a strictly commercial affair.

FREEWATER WANTS THE ROAD

Steps Also Taken to Secure a Good Hotel Building.

An important session of the Free-water Commercial association was held Saturday evening, at which \$125 was reported subscribed toward the opening up of Washington street and \$25 was pledged by the club itself to insure the immediate furtherance of this movement.

The opening of the Hudson Bay road directly into that city was discussed, and E. P. Jensen and Frank Holman offered 20 feet of land 80 rods in length along the Hudson Bay ditch for \$300 towards the consummation of the scheme.

The need of a modern hotel in Free-water was brought up, and a committee was appointed to immediately take the matter up and select a suitable site for such a building. Chas. L. Swain, Mayor Evans and C. T. Godwin were named as a committee. A stock company will likely be incorporated and the building constructed soon.

Students to Fight Sheep Disease.

Four Oregon Agriculture College students are leaving college today to take positions on the Government staff for eradicating sheep diseases in Oregon. They are G. A. Dodson, Walter Foster, Edgar W. Donnelly and Henry Rooper. They receive good salaries and have their expenses paid. The work will extend from now to the end of the summer. Their appointments are received from the bureau of Animal Industry at Washington. Dodson, Donnelly and Foster are to operate in Eastern Oregon and Rooper in the Willamette Valley.

The Price of Health.

"The price of health in a malarious district is just 25 cents; the cost of a box of Dr. King's New Life Pills," writes Ella Slayton, of Noland, Ark. New Life Pills cleanse gently and impart new life and vigor to the system. 25c. Satisfaction guaranteed at Wm. McBride's druggist.

W. A. Rullison has a few more of those beautiful art calendars which go with the brown herb tablets, which he has sold with such success for some time. See him about it.

SALTPETER IN CURED MEATS

Commission Will Shut Up Men in Club Room and Feed Them.

A dispatch from Urban Ill., says: "It is the plan of the commission to make the most elaborate tests ever made in the country to determine the effect of the saltpeter contents of cured meat upon the health," said President James of the University of Illinois in discussing the work of the national food commission.

"The work," he added, "is undertaken at the solicitation of the packers themselves, who have long wanted to know whether or not saltpeter when consumed in small quantities is injurious.

"The investigation will be carried on at the University of Illinois under the direct supervision of Professor Grandley of the University. A squad of 30 men will be housed at a club under the most favorable conditions. Half of the men will be fed meat cured in the ordinary way and the others on exactly the same diet except that the meats will not contain any saltpeter. A doctor will examine the men daily, and their weight and physical condition will be carefully noted. The investigations will extend over six months and the results will be accurate in every particular.

"The men composing the commission are the most noted in the country. They will direct the work and their presence on the commission insures that the results achieved will be final. The work is of great importance. Owing to the immense amount of cured meats consumed in the country it is imperative that the people know of the injurious or non-injurious use of saltpeter."

As soon as the saltpeter in investigation is finished other work in connection with nutritive problems will be undertaken.

Defeat New Water System.

At a special city election held Saturday in Enterprise, the \$30,000 bond for the new water system was defeated by a vote of 79 in favor as against 88. A two-thirds majority was necessary to carry the measure, which was designated as the E. M. and M. franchise, it having been refused by the council last Friday.

REPUBLICANS WIN IN CHICAGO

Fred Busse, Republican, Elected Over Edward Dunne, Democrat.

The most sensational municipal campaign Chicago has experienced in many years closed Tuesday night with the election of Fred Busse, the republican candidate for mayor over Edward F. Dunne, his democratic rival for reelection, by a plurality of between 14,000 and 18,000. The issues in the campaign have been largely based on improvements of the local traction system. Both parties were agreed that the present conditions were intolerable but differed as to the best method to be employed in revising them.

The democrats, headed by Dunne, stood for municipal ownership through condemnation of the street car properties if result could not be obtained in any other way.

The republican party favored the ordinances which were recently passed by the democratic council over Dunne's veto. These ordinances provide for twenty year franchises, the city retaining the right to purchase the system for \$30,000,000 plus the amount spent for immediate rehabilitation of the lines, six months notice being necessary to acquire the property.

The fight for and against these ordinances by a referendum vote has been exceedingly bitter. They were carried by a majority of about 40,000 votes.

Doing Business Again.

"When my friends thought I was about to take leave of this world, on account of indigestion, nervousness and general debility," writes A. A. Chisholm, Treadwell, N. Y., "and when it looked as if there was no hope left, I was persuaded to try Electric Bitters, and I rejoice to say that they are curing me. I am now doing business again as of old, and am still gaining daily." Best tonic medicine on earth. Guaranteed by Wm. McBride druggist. 60c.

Osteopath Coming.

Dr. Van Hatteron, Osteopath physician, a graduate of the American School of Osteopathy, Kirksville, Mo., contemplates locating in Athena to practice his profession. In company with his wife, the doctor has been at Garfield Wash.

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