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WON HIS SHEEPSKIN

"Ish" Watts Graduates From
Harvard College.

HE STANDS IN THE FRONT RANK

Athena Boy First Student of University of Oregon to "Make Good" at Harvard Law.

Homer L. Watts, who has just returned to his home in Athena, has finished his Law course at Harvard University. "Ish" is an Eastern Oregon boy, blessed with all the advantages of a country school such as Umatilla county provided years ago, and strong determination and fair motherwit.

Mr. Watts finished his public school work in the Athena public school 1893; attended Weston Normal for 2 years, was graduated from Monmouth 1897; Throop College, Pasadena, California, 1899; the State University of Oregon 1903 and from Harvard Law department, 1907, being granted the degree B. S. P., A. B. and L. L. B. "Ish" has had many obstacles in the way of education to overcome which the town and city student does not have today. His public school work was in the ungraded schools and his normal school work was far from being the best and when he entered college hard labor had to supply the defects of his early training. But with constant labor and strong perseverance he now can present himself to Athena as a man who gained honors in college and distinction in his law studies, being placed in the first rank of his class on his graduation from Harvard.

In the Harvard law school this year there were about 800 students representing 126 of the best universities in the United States and England.

Every man must have his A. B. degree first and spend three years there in order to get his L. L. B., and to those who get the law degree it goes without saying that he must study a thing which so many students little know how to do.

"Ish" prepared himself at the Oregon University for his law work and was admitted to full standing at Harvard and proved to be equal to the eastern bred man, who spends all his early days in preparation.

There were 287 who entered in Homer's class; 194 who took the examinations this June, and about 165 were successful. Of this number, there were representatives from most every, if not every state in the union, and from France, Hawaii, Canada and England. Such men as came from Oxford, Cambridge, Yale, Princeton, Harvard and the numerous other historic institutions of learning at the end no better in their work, stood no higher in their class, than did the one whose public school work was finished in Athena. "Ish" says that many times he was compelled to acknowledge the weakness of his early training and make up the deficiency by many an hour of hard labor. He is the first U. of O. man to graduate from Harvard Law, since it has been made a graduate school.

MORMONISM IS SOLE ISSUE

Ex-Senator Dubois Sees Victorious Anti-Zion Coalition in Idaho.

Ex-United States Senator Fred T. Dubois does not think the Haywood-Moyer trials a factor in Idaho politics. He recently said:

"It will make no difference politically in Idaho whether they are convicted or acquitted. It is not a political question and it cannot be made one."

Governor Gooding endeavored in the last campaign to make political capital out of the unfortunate affair, and succeeded, with the aid of some of his political dependents, in deceiving President Roosevelt into believing that there was a reign of lawlessness and disorder in Idaho. The president unwisely sent Secretary Taft to the state to instruct the people to vote for Governor Gooding in order to uphold law and order. The people of the state resented this and resent it yet. There was but one issue in the last campaign, and the people expressed themselves very plainly on that. Governor Gooding was the recognized friend, advocate and apologist of the Mormons, and he and the entire Republican ticket were elected by the Mormons. Had the Mormon vote been eliminated, none of the Republican candidates would have been successful. Governor Gooding carried but three Gentile counties in the state and these only by small majorities.

"The significance of this can be ap-

ATHENA'S BIG COLT SHOW

ROOTS STOP WATER

Fibrous Growth Penetrates Pipe Connections and Effectually Dams Water System.

Water Superintendent Gholson is having the time of his life, a strenuous time, out on the head works of Athena's gravity water system.

Last week the discovery was made that the big reservoir was nearly empty and little or no water was flowing into it. Investigation developed the fact that the pipes of the underground drainage system, through which the water supply is obtained, was clogged up in some manner or other and that the water was gushing out in several places along the line and running on the surface.

An engine and centrifugal pump was put to work, and men have been excavating in the ditch. On reaching the porous feed pipe and tapping it, a rod with a hook end was inserted. When the rod was extracted, the hook brought forth a mass of fibrous root growth, and the trouble was at once made apparent. Sand has also collected in the pipe, and this in connection with the roots, has formed a dam and effectually prevents the water flowing in the pipes.

The men labor at a great disadvantage. The capacity of the pump was inadequate to keep the water down, the men work in mud knee deep and it is necessary to timber the excavations to prevent the sides of the ditch from caving in. An opening was made through the pipe yesterday and it is thought water will be running into the reservoir today.

preciated by the mere statement of the fact that if the Mormon vote in Idaho were eliminated, and the people voted their own party principles, the Republicans would carry every county in the state with the possible exception of Custer county, which casts the smallest vote of any county in the state. Idaho is naturally, and reckoned in percentage, the strongest Republican state in the union, yet the Republican party is doomed to disastrous defeat if the alliance between its leaders and the Mormon hierarchy continues their attempt to dictate and control in politics.

"In the recent session of the legislature, notwithstanding the fact that there were but 13 Democrats in the lower branch, a majority of the Republican members, some 19 or 20 in number, joined with them and passed a 'test oath' bill, and also an act against those living in the polygamous relation.

"The power of Governor Gooding and the Mormon senators prevented these measures from becoming laws, yet the issue has been made so plain and the temper of the people is so pronounced that there will be no other issue in Idaho, to speak of, until the Mormons are compelled to live in accordance with the provisions of our state constitution and to quit their polygamous practices.

"The people of Idaho will not submit to the continued domination of the Mormons in our politics. No one can be elected now, senator, congressman or governor, or even nominated for these offices, without the sanction of this Mormon hierarchy. No one can receive their support if he opposes the practices of the hierarchy.

"This is the undisputed political situation and it will not be tolerated much longer.

"The Mormons are about one third of the voting strength of the Republicans, in state convention and at the polls, and if the Republican leaders who make their combinations with them, through their federal and state patronage and organization, can control enough votes in addition to the one third to make a majority in state convention, and exercise that power, the rank and file of the party will not support the unholy alliance. This was plainly evidenced by the last election and by the last session of the legislature.

"There will be a strong effort made by the anti-Mormon Republicans to control the next Republican state convention. If they succeed they will demand the reenactment of the 'test oath' and adequate laws to put a stop to polygamous living. The Democrats will have the same platform on this subject, and in this way only can the question be eliminated as the one controlling issue in our state politics."

Father Sherman's Lectures.
Father Thomas Sherman, the noted Catholic lecturer, Sunday night closed a week's series of lectures, in Pendleton, with the subject, "Why I am a Catholic." His lectures are said to have been of a very high intellectual standard, thoroughly covering the different phases of religious life.

AWARDS IN 14 CLASSES

Largest and Finest Collection of Horses and Colts Ever On Exhibition in Umatilla County.

Through the energetic efforts of Chas. Norris, Henry Barrett, W. R. Taylor and other Athena lovers of good horse flesh, the largest and highest bred collection of horses and colts ever assembled in Umatilla county, participated in the big street parade and were exhibited in the ring at the Annual Colt Show, in this city Saturday.

In years gone by, the annual colt show has been the center of attraction for horsemen of both this and Walla Walla counties. Some of the best horses on the Pacific coast, with their get, have been entered in these exhibitions.

In the light harness classes, Chehalis, the greatest pacing stallion the West ever produced, pranced about in the Athena Colt show ring, when a 3-year-old and when he passed out of the gate, wore the blue ribbon prize of his class.

Other noted light harness stallions which have won honors here are Caution, the sire of many of the best roadsters in Eastern Oregon, and himself a speed performer of merit; Westfield, a splendid specimen of the light harness class; Banner N. B., the old veteran of the track, and others equally as well known.

Their places in the show ring Saturday, were taken by standard bred stallions of another generation. In place of the beautiful, ebony black Chehalis, stood the beautifully groomed and symmetrically formed McElropa. Old Caution, standing in his

business department of the colt show. This interest resulted principally from the fact that the greatest number of entries were made in the draft classes, and inasmuch as the judges found it difficult to pick the winners from the large number of foals at foot, and spent considerable time in making their decision, expectations and counter expectations went with the ebb and flow of the hour's time it took to select the prize winner of the bunch.

The parade, announced to take place at 1:30 p. m. was delayed in order that photographer Danner might obtain a photograph of the ladies on horseback, and did not move from the starting place at McBride's livery stable, until 2 o'clock. The procession moved up Main street. In the lead in a carriage, was Mayor Plamondon and members of the city council. Following rode 30 young ladies on horseback. Then came "Babe" Dudley, mounted on a mule and dressed in the costume of a clown.

The turnout of horses and colts was large and representative of the best stock in the state. One hundred and eighty-three head of horses, colts and mules passed in review before a throng of people estimated at from 1500 to 1800 in number. The parade passed from Main street north on Fourth to College, thence to Fifth and down Fifth to Main and on to the exhibition grounds. The following ladies rode in the parade: Miss Eva Froome, Pendleton; Miss

LID ON ALL OREGON

Phelps Thinks Sunday Closing Will Spread Over Whole State—Only Matter of Time.

That all of Oregon will be thirsty Sunday in the sweet by and by is the opinion of George W. Phelps of Pendleton, district attorney for Umatilla and Morrow counties, who reached Portland, hot and dusty from his eastern Oregon home Monday, just in the middle of the weekly dry spell says a Portland dispatch. Mr. Phelps came to the city to attend the session of the Oregon railroad commission, which was to hear the Oregon Railroad & Navigation company tell why it would be inconvenient to give Pendleton a local train between that place and Portland.

Mr. Phelps, being a district attorney with a large territory under his jurisdiction, is naturally much interested in the venture undertaken by Mr. Manning. He has not quite figured out what started the crusade in Multnomah county, but thinks that, irrespective of the cause, the result will be the ultimate enforcement of the state law throughout the whole state. "In my opinion it is only a matter of time when the whole state will follow the lead set by Mr. Manning and call for the strict observance of the law," said Mr. Phelps.

"The question has been agitated throughout the state for a long time, but the people as a general rule have made no definite and insistent demand and it has been a problem whether or not the majority would favor such a course. Sentiment seems to be changing, however, and it would not surprise me to see a renewal of the agitation which would result in the other judicial districts following the example of Multnomah county and of Portland. Pendleton now has a 'half lid,' all the saloons being closed at 1 o'clock on Sunday morning and opened at 1 in the afternoon. From comment I have heard, however, I believe that the time is not far distant when the Sunday law will be put into effect throughout the state."

STALLIONS MEET AND CLASH

Prestons "Joe Fountaine" Slips Halter and Escapes From Stall.

A flurry of excitement was pulled off down in the vicinity of McBride's livery stable Wednesday morning. The stallion, Joe Fountaine slipped his halter, and emerging from the barn door, encountered another stallion, Prince Nero, in charge of his keeper A. L. Douglas.

The beautiful bay fellow, with wrathful, blazing eyes and dilating nostrils, trumpeted his battle cry and flew at the big black in a tempest of rage.

Mr. Douglas had all he could do to control Nero, and for a short interval of time Joe had things pretty much his own way. With snapping jaws, he tried to get a hold on the Douglas horse, but the latter proved nimble enough to keep him at a distance with a handy pair of heels.

Once Joe was kicked full in the chest with powerful force. Not subdued, he came on again and was finally turned away by men coming to Mr. Douglas's assistance. The horse then ran out of the barn, and running across a gelding in the south part of town proceeded to run it, until headed off, captured and returned to his stall.

Big Merchant Teut.

Big, jovial, popular Lee Teutsch, proprietor of the big department store in Pendleton, has purchased three stocks of general merchandise in the lively town of Preston, Idaho. The stocks of goods have been combined and placed on the shelves of one store which has been named The Fair. Teutsch is a bustling business man with a purpose—his purpose is to "get there."

UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

Beginning with this issue, and until further notice, the Athena Press will be published on Fridays, only. The reason for temporarily suspending publication of the Tuesday issue is that the busy season of the year is at hand, and the majority of subscribers get both papers at the latter end of the week. The size and form of the Friday paper will be as it is found today—both Tuesday's and Friday's papers combined in one.

MEEKER'S REMEDY

Ezra Will Orate to President Roosevelt July 4.

A CONTINENTAL WAGON ROAD

Would Mark "Oregon Trail" With a National Boulevard From the Missouri to Puget Sound.

About the first of July, says a New York dispatch, Ezra Meeker, who has come out of the farthest west in a prairie schooner drawn by oxen, expects to lay before President Roosevelt at Oyster Bay a plan for the overthrow of Mr. Harriman and the solution of the problem of railroad monopoly in the United States which deserves careful consideration. The plan contemplates nothing less than the construction of a great continental roadway from the Missouri river to Puget Sound over the line of the old "Oregon trail," and possibly continuing eastward from the Mississippi to the Atlantic seaboard over the old Cumberland pike, a national road built by the federal government in the early part of the nineteenth century. Twice Mr. Meeker has traveled the trail in an ox team. The first time was in 1851, when he left Indianapolis and crossed to Puget Sound. A few years ago he conceived the idea of returning east over the same route and interesting the inhabitants of the towns along the way in erecting monuments to mark historic points along the old highway. He set out with his ox team and the original prairie schooner in January, 1906. After reaching his old home at Indianapolis he evolved his scheme for a reconstructed Oregon trail, free to all who could find any means of conveyance, as likely to point the way to a solution of the whole problem of railway oppression and monopoly, and determined to continue his journey across the continent and lay the matter before the president. As Mr. Meeker has been promised the support of the National Good Roads association and the national automobile organizations, it is not at all impossible that he may yet see his dream come true.

FOR A GIRL'S SCHOOL AT COVE

Bishop Scadding Takes Steps to Revive Church School.

The residents of Cove will remember that several years ago Mr. French left in his will a farm to the late Bishop Morris for the purpose of supporting a church school for girls, says the Union Republican. Up to this time, for various reasons, it has not been found possible to establish such a school permanently.

The present bishop is very desirous of carrying out the terms of the will exactly, and to this end he has made arrangements this summer to start the school once more. He has secured the service of two teachers from St. Helen's Hall, Portland—Miss Edna Jacques, who took her degree of M. A. at Harvard university, and Miss Margaret Nash, a graduate in 1904 of Smith college, with the degree of B. A.

Miss Jacques had charge of the classical department of St. Helen's Hall for the last three years, while Miss Nash has taught English and history at the same place for two years. Both are teachers of experience and ability.

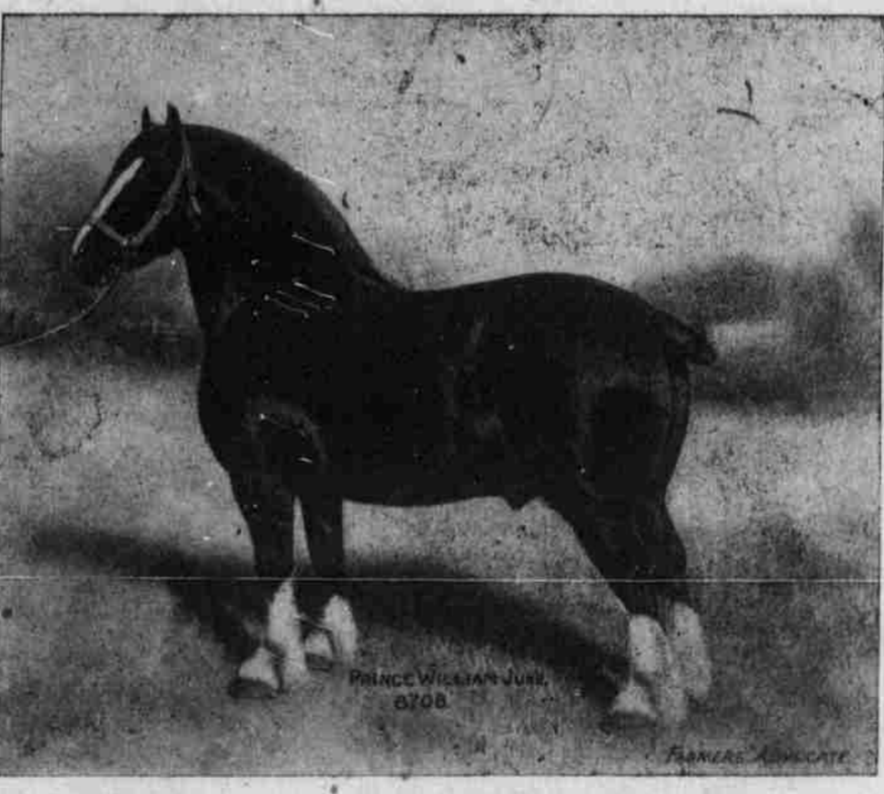
"They expect to arrive in Cove about June 23, when they will begin to make arrangements for opening the school. The regular intermediate and academic courses of study will be offered. Parents desiring their daughters to take advantage of this opportunity should communicate immediately with the Sister Superior or Miss Nash at St. Helen's Hall, as only a limited number of pupils will be received."

Pendleton Votes Bonds.

At a special election held in Pendleton Monday, for the purpose of voting an amendment to the city charter all charter changes carried by an overwhelming majority. The city is now authorized to issue bonds in the sum of \$67,000 for levee improvement; sewer bonds in the sum of \$10,000; street improvement bonds \$30,000, and \$40,000 bonds for a city hall; the raising of the limit on city taxation from 66 2/3 to 80 per cent, and the increasing of the amount of per centage of the property fronting on any street, necessary to block the improvement of that street.

150,000 Pound Wool Clip.

The last of this season's wool clip in Umatilla county, passed into the hands of the buyers Monday, when the Cunningham Sheep and Land company, sold 150,000 pounds at 13 1/2 cents per pound.



PRINCE WILLIAM JR., No. 8708, BY CEDRIC; DAM, FAIR PRINCESS. Awarded first prize in the Draft Stallion class, Athena Colt Show, June 22, '07.

stall at the Walla Walla race track. has given place to Election Bells, a beautiful bay stallion, imported from the Stanford stud and owned by George Perringer, of Pendleton. Bonner N. B., and Westfield have given up their places to Joe Fountaine and other splendid young stallions.

With such stock to breed from it is little wonder that the success of the Athena Colt show stands paramount. The horses mentioned above have the gamest blood coursing through their veins that experienced and competent breeders of the world know of. The offspring of these highly bred animals swelled the list of the light harness entries, in the five different classes, and the groups, from the matured drivers in double harness, down to the foals' at foot, gave an impressive lesson as to what could be accomplished by strict adherence to bloodlines in the production of the American driving horse.

In the Draft Classes.
The veteran of the draft classes, the beautiful black Clydesdale stallion, Star of Kansas, owned by A. B. McEwen and past winner of 1st and 2nd prizes in draft stallion classes, was afflicted with pink eye this year and did not enter the contest. The high honor of first prize this year went to the Helix Clydesdale stallion Prince William Jr. If anything, there was more interest manifested in the draft classes than in those of the light har-

Gertrude Sheridan, Pendleton; Miss Ethel Jamieson, Weston; Miss Lola Rogers, Adams; Miss Bauster, Weston; Miss Richmond, Weston; Miss Laura McIntyre, Miss Bell McIntyre, Miss Zelma DePeatt, Mrs. Charles Norris, Mrs. Harry McBride, Mrs. John King, Mrs. Hugh Worthington, Mrs. Ernest Bostwick, Mrs. J. D. Plamondon, Mrs. Ira Kemp, Miss Eva Johnson, Miss Mattie Caton, Miss Lucille Kemp, Miss Josie Danner, Miss Eva Wright, Miss Della Danner, Miss Irene Dudley, Miss Goldie Williams, Miss Etta Bell Swaggart, Miss Cecile Boyd, Miss Kittie Gholson, Miss Ruth Rothrock, Miss Hattie Pinkerton, Miss Lucille Taylor, Miss Pearl Pinkerton, all of Athena.

The Different Classes.

The exhibition embraced 14 classes, the principle class being No. 6, containing draft foals at foot. There were 28 entries made in this class. The classes complete, for entries were as follows:

- Class 1—Roadsters, double in harness, first and second prizes.
- Class 2—Roadsters, in harness single, first and second prizes.
- Class 3—Registered light harness Stallions with one or more foals at foot, first and second prizes.
- Class 4—Registered Draft Stallions, with 3 of his foals at foot, first and second prizes.

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