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WATTS IS PRINCIPAL

Scott of Adams Elected Assistant Principal.

ONE TEACHER YET TO CHOOSE

Salary of Principal \$100 per Month and Wage Scale of Teachers Is Raised.

The board of directors of School district No. 29, composed of A. M. Gillis, M. L. Watts and Jerry Stone, elected a principal, an assistant principal and all but one in the corps of teachers in the Athena public school, for the coming school year.

The selections made by the board seem to meet with popular favor and many expressions of satisfaction are heard, and the belief that the Athena school is again to be placed in the rank where it justly belongs is general.

Mr. Homer I. Watts, the choice of the board for principal, is a young man of sterling quality, recognized ability, and is well known to the people of Athena and vicinity. He is just from Harvard, where he graduated with high honors, and has had experience in teaching. He is a normal school graduate from Monmouth, having finished the normal course there after two years spent in the Eastern Oregon State Normal School, at Weston. From Monmouth, Mr. Watts took a two-year course at Throop College, Pasadena, California, then the full course of the Oregon State University at Eugene, then to Harvard.

His assistant, Mr. Scott, gave splendid service and thorough satisfaction in the Adams school last year, and comes recommended in high terms to the Athena school board.

Miss Carrie Sharp and Miss Gibbons, both excellent teachers, are on the roll of instructors again this year, and Miss Keller, considered one of the best teachers who ever worked in the Weston school, has been elected, leaving but one teacher to be selected from a long list of applicants.

The school board has recognized the inevitable demand for a higher teachers' wage scale, and commencing with the head of the school at \$100 per month, a general raise in salary has been made.

GIRL HORSETHIEF MADE FREE

Child That Caused a Sensation in Pa-louse Country at Liberty.

Myrtle Tipton, the girl horsethief who was convicted at Colfax and sentenced to a term of two years in the Walla Walla penitentiary, was released from that institution Sunday. For a long time previous to her arrest and at the time she was taken into custody she was attired in men's clothing, and worked out in the fields like a man. Myrtle grew up without schooling, and was denied the care and advice so necessary to the well being of a young girl in this age.

Tiring of her humdrum life of drudgery at home Myrtle finally decided upon a change and one fine morning she took one of her father's horses from the field near Tekoa and rode into the country, where the following night she stole a span of horses and drove to an adjoining town, where she sold them and was in the act of purchasing clothes and finery with the proceeds when she was arrested and put in jail at Colfax on the charge of horse stealing. Later she was convicted of the charge and sentenced as above stated.

The W. C. T. U. of Walla Walla made an effort to secure her release through petitions to Governor Mead for a pardon, but the girl's defiant demeanor and utter indifference to the situation stood in the way of her release, even if it had met with favorable consideration at the hands of the chief executive.

She left Walla Walla on the Spokane train Sunday afternoon, but what she intends doing could not be learned. When the effort was made to secure her release her mother came to Walla Walla and promised in case she was given her liberty she would see that she had proper care and would be given a home with her.

Prostrated By Heat.

Frank Smith, a young man employed in the hay field on the Walters place west of town became prostrated by heat Monday and suffered a slight attack of sunstroke. Mr. Smith had a severe stroke about a year ago, since when he is easily affected by the sun's hot rays. Dr. Plamondon was called and no serious results followed the prostration.

COUNCIL GRANTS CONCESSION

ROBIE BUYS CATTLE

Sells His Reservation Ranch and Invests in Le Grow and Taylor Herds.

Hugh Robie has purchased from W. R. Taylor and F. S. Le Grow their herd of 325 head of cattle, which was taken to the range near Kamela this spring.

The stock is in fine condition, there being at this time considerable beef in the herd. These cattle were purchased by Messrs. LeGrow and Taylor early this spring, principally in the Cold Springs and Juniper settlements, and were taken to the mountain range about two months ago.

Hugh Robie recently sold his reservation ranch to George Ferringer, of Pendleton, and at once began negotiations for the purchase of the Le Grow and Taylor stock.

He will move the cattle from their present location to what is considered the finest range in Eastern Oregon—the territory tributary to the head of squaw creek, in the southern part of the Umatilla Indian reservation. In that section, virgin bunch grass, and that has not been cropped for years by stock, is abundant with plenty of water and shade.

DEATH OF MRS. SARAH STAGGS

Pioneer Resident of Weston dies in Walla Walla Hospital.

Mrs. Sarah Staggs, one of the pioneer residents of Weston, Ore., died at St. Mary's hospital Monday morning after an illness of two weeks, death being caused by dropsy. Deceased was 62 years of age, and has been a resident of Weston since 1852, when she crossed the plains with her husband and family. She lived continuously in Weston, and was one of the best known pioneers of that section of the state.

Besides two daughters and one brother, who survive her, Mrs. Staggs leaves a host of friends throughout the state to mourn her death. The surviving relatives are Mrs. Ella Duncan, of Weston, and Mrs. Martha Staggs, of Weston, and Gabriel Cox.

The remains were shipped to Weston, at which place the funeral was held Wednesday, interment taking place at Keys cemetery.

Who Will Do the Dirty Work?

According to Ray Stannard Baker in the July American Magazine, the question in the south is who will do the dirty work. Mr. Baker met at Montgomery, Ala., a talented lawyer named Gustave Frederick Mertins. Mr. Mertins made a striking remark, not at all expressing the view that Mr. Baker heard from some of the strongest citizens of Montgomery, but excellently voicing the position of many southerners.

"It's a question," he said, "who will do the dirty work. In this country the white man won't; the negro must. There's got to be a mudsill somewhere. If you educate the negroes they won't stay where they belong, and you must consider them as a race, because if you let a few rise it makes the others discontented."

The Charming Woman

is not necessarily one of perfect form and features. Many a plain woman who could never serve as an artist's model, possesses those rare qualities that all the world admires: neatness, clear eyes, clean smooth skin and that sprightliness of step and action that accompany good health. A physically weak woman is never attractive, not even to herself. Electric Bitters restore weak women, give strong nerves, bright eyes, smooth velvety skin, beautiful complexion. Guaranteed at Wm. McBrides, Druggist, 50c.

Will Report Train Wrecks.

A policy of informing the public of the details of all accidents on all railroads composing the Harriman system was put into effect Monday by order of E. H. Harriman, according to an official announcement by the Union Pacific. It is stated that Mr. Harriman has ordered that full reports all be made and promptly given to the press concerning all accidents on the Union Pacific and the Southern Pacific systems and on the Oregon Short Line, and the O. R. & N.

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STREETS OPEN TO FAIR

Association Given Right to Control Territory Including 2nd, 3rd and 4th From Jefferson to Current.

At the regular meeting of the City Council Monday evening, a concession was granted the Athena Agricultural and Live Stock Fair Association the right to use portions of certain streets on which to hold its first annual fair, the dates of which will be Thursday, Friday and Saturday, September 19, 20 and 21.

The streets selected by the Association committee on grounds include Second, Third, Fourth and Fifth streets bounded on the north by Jefferson and on the south by Current streets, the portions of the two latter streets being also included in the concession.

Of course, the exhibits will not cover the area of the streets named, but the territory embraced in the concession was desired by the committee in order that the Fair Association could be in a position to assign locations of all exhibits and amusement features. By having control of the streets named it will be impossible for any counter attraction to exhibit near the fair grounds and will serve as a leverage to bring all under the supervision of the association.

While the exact location of the grounds has not been selected by the

committee, it is probable that Third street, from Main to Current will be enclosed and the exhibits, booths, band stand, etc., will be under a pavilion covering that space. This location is looked on with much favor for the reason that the firm of Peetler & Chamberlain has offered its splendid grounds, together with the live stock and poultry exhibits.

The taking care of the livestock exhibits has been a problem which from the first has confronted the association, in that to provide suitable quarters would entail considerable expense. In the use of the Peetler & Chamberlain sheds, which are contiguous to the grounds above named, the principal expense entailed would be in moving and returning the machinery and cleaning up after the fair. The space is amply large enough to afford all room needed for the livestock display, and has the advantage of being situated so that this exhibit would be directly connected with the main pavilion.

This situation, briefly outlined, would leave the shows, merry-go-rounds and other attractions to be located on Current street, at the intersection of Third.

AFTER A DRIVEWAY THE GLORIOUS 4TH

Athena Horsemen Have Option on Brotherton Land Suitable for Track Location.

Charles Norris, Fay Le Grow, W. R. Taylor and other Athena horsemen have united in the general purpose of securing race track, or perhaps, more properly speaking, a speedway, on which the light harness and running stock of this portion of Umatilla county may be properly developed.

With this end in view a five-year option, at a rental of \$125 per year, has been secured from Chas. Brotherton, the owner of a piece of land considered by those interested to be perfect for the construction of one of the fastest tracks in the Inland Empire.

Mr. Norris estimates that the cost of placing a half mile track in first-class condition will be, approximately, \$1,000. If this sum of money can be raised, the track is assured, and to secure the sentiment of horsemen in the matter, a meeting is called for 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon at the office of B. B. Richards. Mr. Norris has mailed cards to a number of horsemen, announcing the purpose of the meeting.

Long Live The King!

is the popular cry throughout European countries; while in America, the cry of the present day is "Long Live Dr. King's New Discovery, King of Throat and Lung Remedies!" of which Mrs. Julia Ryde Paine, Truro, Mass., says: "It never fails to give immediate relief and to quickly cure a cough or cold." Mrs. Paine's opinion is shared by a majority of the inhabitants of this country. Now discovery cures weak lungs and sore throats after all other remedies have failed; and for coughs and colds it's the proven remedy. Guaranteed by Wm. McBride, Druggist. 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

Reservation Man Dead.

Joseph LaRoque, a well known old time resident of the Umatilla reservation died at his home Tuesday after a long illness. Death was due to consumption. LaRoque had been on the reservation for years, and was allotted a fine farm, to which he received title shortly before his death. The funeral took place yesterday.

Tramps Lift Clothing.

As the result of a supposed depredation by tramps, Alex McRes and an employe lost their overalls and working clothes from the Peetler & Chamberlain implement yard. Tuesday night. Only the wearing apparel was "lifted," a choice lot of tools near by being unmolested.

Athena People Sought Amusement Elsewhere and the Town Was Deserted.

The glorious Fourth was quietly observed in Athena—very quiet in fact for the reason that nothing was doing here on a large scale, and people generally deserted the town and sought hilarious amusement at Pendleton, Bingham Springs, or enjoyed nature's quietude along the banks of the Umatilla and Walla Walla.

In Athena the natal holiday was ushered in all right, all right. A ton of powder, more or less, was burned on an old anvil between the hours of midnight and dawn, and the patriotic sons of America who handled the explosive and "touched 'em off", fired salutes in honor of everybody from George Washington down to Jim Hayes.

After this siege of bombardment, active demonstrations ceased until evening, when Mr. Theodore Russell of Spokane, who is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Bannister, run a corner on all the fireworks in town and generously entertained young and old with a pyrotechnic display of brilliant hue in rapid fire order.

Those who went to Bingham Springs report having a fine time, and those at Pendleton, ditto. Athena stores and business houses closed at noon, and for the most part, the proprietors made it a point to be on hand this morning to open up their places of business.

Minister Is Surprised.

The many friends of Rev. and Mrs. Curry surprised them on Saturday evening (which was the 20th anniversary of their wedding) with a china shower. Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Stone, Mrs. Howe, Mrs. Booher, Mrs. S. F. Sharp, Mr. and Mrs. Cannon, Professor and Mrs. Henry, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Foss, Professor and Mrs. Perryman, Mrs. Masterson, Mrs. Buel, Mrs. Barto, Mrs. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Smith, Attorney Wilson, Mrs. Wm. McBride, Mrs. Marsh of Walla Walla, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Betts, Mrs. Maloney, Mr. and Mrs. Kirk. The evening's entertainment consisted of violin selections by Prof. Henry and recitations by Miss Bernice Curry.

A Memorable Day.

One of the days we remember with pleasure, as well as with profit to our health, is the one on which we became acquainted with Dr. King's New Life Pills, the painless purifiers that cure headache and biliousness, and keep the bowels right. 25c. at Palace Drug Store.

UNDER WATER TANK

Wagon Tongue Breaks and Throws Man Underneath Heavily Loaded Vehicle.

A young man named Lyons, is barely able to move about on crutches down at the Athena Hotel as the result of a serious accident which happened to him Tuesday evening while driving a water wagon on the Bryan place, north of town.

In descending a hill, the strain on the neck yoke was so great that it broke. The wagon tongue fell, penetrated the ground, the shock throwing Lyons to the road in front of the heavily loaded wagon.

The man was rolled along the road before the heavy water tank and his escape from instant death seems miraculous to all who have visited the scene of the accident. The momentum of the wagon, carrying the big tank filled with water, was so great that the tongue tore up the hard road in places and finally was buried in the ground, splintered beyond repair.

Lyons was brought to town and on investigation by Dr. Sharp, the man's back was found to have suffered a severe strain. He was taken to the Athena Hotel, where by the aid of crutches he was able to leave his bed today.

W. & C. R. RAILWAY IS EXTINGUISHED

Line is Now Operated as Part of the Northern Pacific.

Washington and Columbia River Railway is a title that has been used for the last time, for commencing yesterday that road became officially a branch of the Northern Pacific system. No outward evidence of the change, however, was manifest, and even the officials themselves in Walla Walla said there was no difference in the office work, says the Union.

Headquarters of the Pasco division, as the old W. & C. R. will now be called remain in Walla Walla and all of the old officers remain with much their former duties. S. B. Calderhead, formerly general freight and passenger agent, now has the title of general agent. J. G. Cutler becomes assistant superintendent of the Pasco division; George O'Conner is now traveling freight agent with increased territory. The subordinate officials remain with identical titles and duties.

The train schedules are unchanged, but Northern Pacific tickets are substituted for the old W. & C. R. combined tickets. In many cases these will be simpler in form than the old tickets used.

Slab Wood Trust Formed.

The Oregon Daily Journal says of the slab wood trust in Portland: An ironclad contract binds the sawmills of Portland to sell slabwood only to certain retail dealers, who buy it at 50 cents a cord and sell it to the public at prices ranging from \$3 to \$4, with delivery charges added. In times past any person could go to the mills and buy all the slab wood he needed and the combine now control the situation. It is openly predicted by members of the combine that even the high price now prevailing will be exceeded this fall.

Carrie Nation

certainly smashed a hole in the bar-rooms of Kansas, but Ballard's Horebound Syrup has smashed all records as a cure for coughs, Bronchitis, Influenza and all Pulmonary diseases. T. C. H., Horton, Kansas, writes: "I have never found a medicine that would cure a cough so quickly as Ballard's Horebound Syrup. I have used it for years."

Sold by W. McBride.

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is a stage, and Ballard's Snow Liment plays a most prominent part. It has no superior for Rheumatism, stiff joints, cuts, sprains, and all pains. Buy it, try it, and you will always use it. Anybody who has used Ballard's Snow Liment is a living proof of what it does.

Buy a trial bottle. 25c, 50c and \$1.00. Sold by W. McBride.

According to the reports of the growers, cherries are beginning to fall off, though about five to seven tons daily were shipped out last week from Freewater.

WATER IS PLENTIFUL

Root Growth Removed From the Drainage Pipes.

WATER OVERFLOWS RESERVOIR

Weeping Willow Roots Prove Vexatious and Troublesome—Pipe Joints May Be Cemented.

The big reservoir of the Athena gravity water system is again full and overflowing with pure, cold spring water, and the peace and contentment of Water Superintendent Gholson's mind is correspondingly apparent.

It was a problematic question solved only by hard labor and clever head work to release the great cinders of roots and sand which for nearly a week clogged up Athena's water supply and forced consumers to use aqua pura furnished by means of the old pumping plant.

Digging down through mud eight feet to the porous clay drainage pipe, a section was tapped and found to be packed full of long, slender roots, some of them no larger in circumference than a pin. The roots were matted in clusters and in one instance, where sand mingled with the root growth, a team of horses had to be used at the end of a stout iron hook, before the mass could be dislodged.

The cause of the trouble is correctly lodged against a couple of rows of weeping willow trees which grow along the pipe line and near the springs, which are the source of supply for Athena's excellent water system. Tiny, fibrous roots, in search of life-giving sap to these big trees, penetrate through the soil, and, reaching the pipe, creep through the open joints and thrive and grow in the water. Cluster and cluster mat together, and soon a great nest of roots form in the pipe section.

Sand slowly filters in and in a short time the flow of water, choked out from its channel in the pipe, gurgles up through the ground and runs over the surface. Then the reservoir runs dry and pumping from the old city well must be resorted to.

The supposition is that in a few months the same trouble will again result unless something is done to abrogate the nuisance.

The intake pipe of the drainage system is manufactured from porous clay pipe, such as is used for tiling purposes, except that it is of larger size. To thoroughly drain and secure the full supply of water from the springs and the ground acquired for the purpose, the joints of the sections of this pipe were not closed. A two-inch space was left between the sections, and wrapped with jute cloth. Packed around this jute cloth is crushed rock, so that in time when the cloth had served its purpose, the rock would still remain intact and allow the water to filter its way into the pipe. Through these open joints the roots feed their way into the pipe.

It is believed that before the roots cease to become a standing annoyance, the joints of the pipe in the vicinity of the willow trees must be cemented with a concrete covering.

NIFTY YOUNG PITCHER SIGNED

Johnson, Weiser's Boy Wonder Signed By Washington D. C.

Athena base ball fans will be interested in reading the following "dope," which comes up from Weiser, Idaho: Walter Johnson, the famous boy pitcher of the Weiser baseball team of the Idaho State League, has signed with the American League club of Washington, D. C., and will leave for that place July 15.

C. D. Blankenship, representative of the Washington club, is in the city and succeeded in landing Johnson after several attempts. The Idaho state league schedule ends July 14, and Johnson would not leave until after that date, although flattering inducements were held out to him to leave Monday.

Johnson's record as a pitcher is without a parallel in baseball records. He has pitched 75 innings without a run being scored against him and has struck out 166 men in 99 innings. The Weiser team has played seven straight shut-out games and has made 98 runs, while the opponents have made but 5.

The First Threshing.

The first threshing to be done in Umatilla county this season says the East Oregonian, will be done by John Muir on the farm of R. H. Patton, on McKay creek, next Monday morning, July 8. Mr. Patton has about 180 acres of barley which will yield, it is estimated, from 40 to 50 bushels per acre.