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ELECTION OF BANK OFFICIALS

Dividend of 10 per cent Declared and Surplus Increased to \$25,000.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the First National Bank of Athena, which was held Tuesday afternoon the members of the old board of directors were re-elected. They are H. C. Adams, T. J. Kirk, F. S. Le Grow, P. E. Colbern, and D. H. Preston. The officers are H. C. Adams, president; T. J. Kirk, vice president; S. F. Le Grow, cashier; Edward Koontz, assistant cashier.

Mr. Koontz takes the place of I. M. Kemp, who leaves the bank and will probably engage in other business here. This change brings a new man to the clerical force at the bank in the person of Mr. Walter Preston an accountant of experience in the banking business.

The past year has been the most prosperous in the history of the bank. In no year since the organization of the institution, has the volume of business been so large. A dividend of 10 per cent was declared and the surplus fund is now \$25,000.

Installation and Banquet.

Tuesday evening the following officers of Mignonette Rebekah lodge were installed by installing officer Mrs. Mae Douglas: Mrs. Lola Payne, N. G.; Miss Kitty Sharp, V. G.; Miss Luin Gross, secretary; Mrs. Jane Gross financial secretary; Miss Carrie Sharp, treasurer. After the installation, and the appointive officers had been named, the Rebekahs, Odd Fellows and their families enjoyed the pleasure of a banquet. Music and cards were features of the evening's entertainment.

Moves to Waitsburg.

Chas. Gay and family will move shortly to Waitsburg, where they will reside in the future. Mr. Gay will engage in business there. He returned from there Tuesday after having leased a residence.

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BOY BURNS TO DEATH

Walla Walla Boy Passes Crisis in Pneumonia When Fire Destroys the House.

As he lay exhausted only a few hours after passing the crisis in a severe attack of pneumonia, Harry Kelley, 16-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kelley, farmers living eight miles south of Walla Walla, was burned to death in a fire which destroyed the home and all its contents at an early hour Monday morning. The other 15 occupants of the home barely escaped with their lives.

Joseph and Bert Kelley, father and brother of the dead boy, who were also recovering from severe attacks of pneumonia, and were under the care of nurses, had narrow escapes, and suffered exposure which may prove fatal. William Kelley, brother of Joseph Kelley, received burns about his face and hands which necessitated his removal to St. Mary's hospital for treatment. The wounds are not fatal.

The first warning was sounded by Miss Ida Smith, a nurse, who was awakened by a glare of light. Before she could rush to the rescue of Harry, who lay in the same room, flames were all about her. She made a futile attempt to reach the boy, receiving serious burns about her hands.

The screams awakened the father and brother, who occupied adjoining rooms, and who were sufficiently recovered from their illness to make their escape. The other occupants of the house had little difficulty in getting out, but several of them were severely burned.

Wrapped in old burlap, the invalids and other members of the family, clothed only in their night clothes, were taken to a neighbor's home. Nothing was saved from the house. The loss is estimated at \$4000.

Weston Visitors.

Mayor Plamondon and Editor Boyd were visiting in Weston for a few hours Tuesday from Athena, and seemed to enjoy their brief glimpse of metropolitan life after a period of gloomy seclusion in the suburbs. Dr. Plamondon called at the Leader office and was cordially received. Boyd got no farther than the door. After making an insulting and uncalled for inquiry for "fish bait" he was met squarely amidsthips with the office mallet, followed by a few iron sidesticks and other miscellaneous articles of furniture. It's a wonder that Athena's popular mayor permits such an incubus to follow in his train.—Weston Leader.

WOODMEN HAVE CHOPPING BEE

Organizer A. G. Saunders Installed Officers of Local Camp.

Athena Camp No. 71, Woodmen of the World had a large crowd of enthusiastic choppers out on last Wednesday night. Organizer A. G. Saunders, who is conducting a campaign for the Camps of Umatilla Co. was present and addressed the Camp.

The Camp accepted the invitation to join the Pendleton Camp and the war cry of every neighbor is 15 new candidates for the big initiation Feb. 20th.

Organizer Saunders installed the following officers, who will have charge of Camp affairs during the coming term: C. C. J. C. Stamper; A. L. Henry Keen; Esort, Fred Flint; Clerk, J. D. Plamondon; Banker, H. O. Worthington; Manager, Cass Cannon, Wm. Boober; Watchman Wm. Pinkerton; Secretary, Gus Schubert.

At the close of the installation Camp adjourned to the banquet room where a pleasant hour was spent by every neighbor present. Three applications for membership were presented. The Camp will meet on Feb. 5th when Organizer Saunders will again be with them.

Circuit Court.

A busy term of the circuit court is in session. Yesterday afternoon, the three Indians, Minthorn, Mitchell and Corbett, accused of robbery, plead not guilty. Ralph McBain plead guilty to horse stealing and was given an indeterminate sentence of from one to five years. Willie Haskins charged with assaulting L. W. Keeler, principal of the Echo school was found guilty and Judge Beau will pass sentence on him tomorrow.

WHEAT SHIPMENTS DELAYED

Railroad Companies Fail to Furnish Cars in Washington.

According to the Walla Walla grain dealers the shipment of thousands of bushels of wheat, stored along the Snake River Valley branch of the O. R. & N. is being delayed through the failure of the railroad to furnish cars, although several hundred "empties" have been hauled into eastern Washington the past two weeks and shunted onto side tracks at Walla Walla and other points along the line. Wheat ready to ship September 15, is still being held in the warehouse, through lack of cars, says the Walla Walla Statesman.

Reports from Portland and Tacoma state that the big accumulation of wheat that has poured into those ports the past two months is being rapidly loaded for export and shipments from interior points, it is expected, will be resumed in a short time.

In anticipation of a resumption of the wheat business, the railroads have been sending out large numbers of empty box cars to interior points. It is estimated that about 85 per cent of Walla Walla's 1907 crop is yet to be moved to tidewater. This amount is about equally divided between the O. R. & N. and Northern Pacific.

The local wheat market has taken on a stronger tone, although little grain is changing hands, farmers with their last season's crop on hand, holding for better prices. Choice blue stem was quoted at 75 cents in the warehouses today.

ADAM'S POSTMASTER DEAD

Died Sunday Afternoon, As Result of Brights Disease.

John H. Kirby, an old resident and postmaster of Adams, died Sunday afternoon, at his home in that town, aged 58 years.

Mr. Kirby had for years been afflicted with heart trouble, but his death was due directly to Bright's disease, which attacked him several weeks ago. He leaves a wife and one son, A. H. Kirby of Adams. The funeral services were conducted at the family home Tuesday, by Rev. Isreal Putnam, interment taking place in the Athena cemetery. Mr. Kirby was an Oregon pioneer, coming to the state when but three years of age, crossing the plains by ox team from Indiana. In 1875 he came to this county, settling at Adams.

December 15, 1878, he was united in marriage to Mrs. Susan Hales. The fruit of the union was two sons, one of which died at the age of two years.

Grand Jury Called.

In requesting a grand jury for this term of court, District Attorney Phelps said: "It has been my custom," said Mr. Phelps this afternoon, "to ask for a grand jury once each year. By having a grand jury those who have complaints that have not been taken up by my office are given an opportunity to present the cases again. There are always a number of such cases, one of them at present being the case of Marshal Lavender of Weston, who shot a young man named Reed last winter. I did not consider that there was any criminal case against Lavender and did not indict him. However, if those interested wish to take the case further they may go before the grand jury and do so."

Hermiston Attracts Capital.

James D. Loman, a Seattle millionaire, has just purchased 26 lots from the Maxwell Land and Irrigation company on the west side of the O. R. & N. tracks at Hermiston and will begin building upon and improving the property at once. The price was \$4,070.

Other wealthy Seattle people are now looking over the ground. The definite announcement that at least 7,000 acres of the government irrigation project at Hermiston will be opened for settlement within a few weeks has greatly stimulated building at that place and a large amount of capital is being invested in permanent improvements.

Card of Thanks.

Mrs. Henry Koepke and sister, Mrs. R. F. Heyden, wish to express their appreciation and sincere thankfulness to all neighbors and friends for the interest and many kindnesses shown them during their recent bereavement.

WANT TILL TAYLOR FOR SHERIFF AGAIN.

The friends of T. D. Taylor, now serving the third term as sheriff of Umatilla county, are urging him to accept the primary nomination for a fourth term. He has the record for continuous service. In eastern Oregon no sheriff has served more than two terms in any county, so far as known. He also has another record; that of being the most capable man who has held the office of sheriff in any county in

eastern Oregon. His percentage in the capture of law breakers and criminals ranks higher than that of any sheriff in the state and since the fee system has been abolished and the sheriff's office is on flat salary, the old political bars corraling county officials in the two term pasture have been broken down, hence the people want Umatilla county's sheriff to accept the nomination for the fourth time.

NEW MOTIVE POWER

Hudson Maxim's Motorite Will Double Speed of Torpedoes Submarine Vessel and All Ocean-Going Boats.

A new motive power known as "motorite," which is expected to revolutionize torpedoes and torpedo boats and possibly in the future replace steam as a motive power for ocean-going vessels, has been invented, it is announced, by Hudson Maxim, the well-known inventor.

It is said that Maxim has already made extensive tests with models of torpedoes and torpedo boats and has notified the government of his invention.

"Motorite" the new motive power which is the basis of the torpedo and the torpedo boat, is said to be a companion of certain powerful explosives and by means of it torpedoes and torpedo boats are propelled through the water at great speed. Maxim says that an ordinary sized torpedo can be sent through the water at a speed of sixty miles an hour. Maxim's new model torpedo boat, which is practically submerged can be propelled, the inventor says, at a rate of from fifty-five to sixty miles an hour. With a boat going at this speed and a torpedo traveling at twice the present speed, and for more than twice the distance now possible, Maxim believes he has made a discovery which will revolutionize the building of warships.

The inventor is also of the opinion that his new motive power will sooner or later come into use on merchant vessels and will double their speed.

He declines to give details of "motorite" until his application for patents, now pending, have been acted upon.

Miniature Railroad War.

A big railway fight is on at Milton between the Oregon Railroad & Navigation company and the Walla Walla Valley Traction company. The O. R. & N. has a spur to the Peacock mill and the Traction company has been asked to put a switch in. In order to keep the Traction company out of the O. R. & N. has torn up its track and dumped two or three freight cars across its right of way. Guards to protect the rights of both companies have been placed at the spot and a battle royal may come off at any moment. The spur of the Traction company would enable Northern Pacific cars to come into the Peacock mill yards and enable the Northern Pacific to compete with the O. R. & N. for the products of the Peacock mill, which is a great traffic producer.

GROOMING FOR THE CAMPAIGN

Pendleton Tribune 'Sizes Up Locally. Its Side of the House.

Speaking of local politics the Pendleton Tribune says:

"Representative C. A. Barrett, of Athena, who was in Pendleton yesterday to attend a meeting of the hardware men of the county, said he had not finally decided yet what he would do, but that he would probably be a candidate for reelection. As before, he says he will make the campaign on a straight statement No. 1 platform.

"Barrett made a good record in the legislature last session for a first term and was one of the hard working members of the house. He was instrumental in securing legislation favorable to the county and says the only thing that would induce him to ask to be returned to Salem is the great desire he has to see that other legislation of great interest to this section of the state is completed.

"Two of these particular measures are the water code and the bill providing for the extension of the portage road. The latter would now be a law but for the serious illness which prevented Barrett being present to vote on the day it came up for final action after he had arisen from a sick bed to have it again referred to the committee when it had been side tracked.

"The proposed water code which came so near passing after a very hard struggle is one of especial interest to Umatilla county. It was defeated through the efforts of the 'vested interests' and by aid of votes from western Oregon, a part of the state which does not yet realize the necessity for water legislation.

"Barrett says he has been given the promise of much support through the county and urged by those, not of his political faith, to again make the race, being assured of their influence as well as their votes."

The Pendleton paper speaks of Salting and Fulsom for clerk, and Hendley for recorder.

Mrs. Warner Again.

Mrs. Mabel Young Warner, defendant in a criminal prosecution on a charge of forging a will to an estate of \$40,000, was attacked by an unknown man while at work in her kitchen Sunday night at Pendleton and badly choked and beaten. By fighting vigorously she drove off her assailant and fainting on reaching a neighbor's door to give the alarm. No arrests have been made.

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