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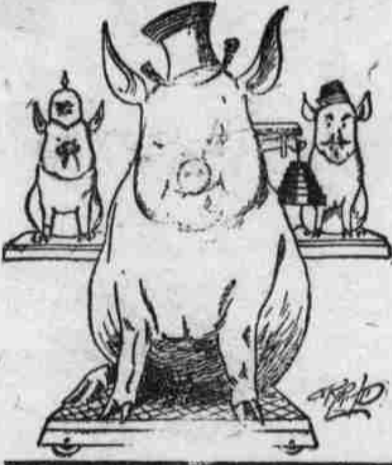
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## THIEVES CORRALLED

John Tyke and Two Sons Taken From Wallula, Paul Kruger and McIntyre From Oregon.

When an automobile bearing Deputy Sheriff Charles Painter and three prisoners drew up before the Walla Walla court-house at 3 o'clock Sunday morning after a hard run from Wallula, the last of a quintette of alleged horse thieves, whose operations are said to have cost owners \$5,000 and possibly \$20,000 were taken into custody, says the Union. Sheriff James Haviland and his deputies have been busy since last fall following clues in the case, the arrest of the three men coming as the culmination of months of effort expended by the authorities.

Those who comprise the gang are Paul Kruger, 22, and J. A. McIntyre, 30, who were arrested at Burns, Oregon, and John Tyke, 45, his son John Tyke, jr., 19 and his son Richard Tyke, 16, who were apprehended in Wallula Saturday night. The first two are range riders, while Tyke and his sons are well known residents of Wallula.

In these five, the authorities believe they have cornered the worst of a gang of horse thieves, whose systematic expeditions have cost owners of Walla Walla, Umatilla and Benton counties a pretty sum. Not only have almost all the owners whose horses were at large on the ranges suffered from the depredations, but a few of the smaller dealers have been broken up in business. At least 300 horses have been stolen during the past year of which number the authorities expect to prove in court that the five men secured at least 77. The amount of three car load consignments.

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## A MISSTATED STAND

Representative Barrett Misquoted By Correspondent Regarding Position On Statement No. 1.

The anti Statement No. 1 wing of the republican party is doing everything in its power to bring defeat on candidates who stand for the statement. In this county the wrath of the machine politicians is centered on Representative C. A. Barrett, an avowed exponent of the principle which gives the people the power of choosing United States Senators, and thwarts the corruptive practices involved in electing senators in the legislatures.

The fight on Mr. Barrett is being made for his defeat for the nomination in the primary election which will be held on Friday, April 17. Knowing that Mr. Barrett's nomination at the



Hon. C. A. Barrett, for Statement No. 1

primaries, is equivalent to his election in June, nothing is being left undone by this minority faction of the republican party to encompass his defeat for the nomination.

L. L. Mann and Claud Steen, the other republican candidates have shielded themselves behind the vote-catching phrase of "supporting the republican for United States Senator, who shall receive the highest number of votes in the general election," thus nullifying its precepts and purposes to give the people the right to choose directly by ballot the man who shall serve them as United States Senator.

But one newspaper in Umatilla county—the Pilot Rock Record—has had the temerity to thrust a barb directly at Mr. Barrett regarding the stand he takes—that majority rule.

As a consequence, his machine opponents are hard-put in support of their contentions and therefore "color" whenever opportunity affords. Their latest coloring effort unfolds itself in the columns of the Spokane Spokesman-Review. It is penned by that paper's Pendleton correspondent and in a political review the statement is made that "Mr. Barrett also says that he will support the party's candidate for United States Senator." The statement is grossly misleading and Mr. Barrett at once had the Athena correspondent wire the Spokane paper to that effect.

In the statement Mr. Barrett made to his party which is now on file with the County Clerk of Umatilla County, is found the following language:

"I further state the people of Oregon, as well as the people of my Legislative District that during my term of office I will always vote for that candidate for United States Senator in Congress who has received the highest number of the peoples' votes for that position at the general election next preceding the election of a Senator in Congress without regard to my individual preference. "C. A. Barrett."

### Died at Age of 92.

Mrs. Sabro Hopper, one of the oldest pioneer women in Umatilla county, died at her home in Nolin, aged 92 years. Mrs. Hopper was a native of Tennessee and was born on December 20, 1815. She was therefore more than 92 years of age at the time of her death. Her husband, Benjamin Hopper, has been dead for over 25 years. With her husband, Mrs. Hopper crossed the plains with an ox team in '65, and the family settled at Nolin, where they have lived permanently ever since and where Mr. Hopper died.

### The Bee Moth.

The bee moth, a destructive worm, new to this section, has been working havoc among the bee hives in this vicinity the past winter. The moth feeds on the honey in the comb, thus depriving the bee of its store of food. The result is that the bee starves to death, and in its place is found layers of thrifty moth worms snugly encased in cones which line the hive in layers, situated between the casements holding the comb from which the honey has been extracted by the moths.

## HE IS LAID TO REST

Sterling Worth of W. H. H. Scott—Highly Esteemed Character of Man, Friend and Neighbor.

One of the largest funerals held in many years at Athena, was that of W. H. H. Scott, at the Christian church, yesterday afternoon. Minister Hoven preached a powerful sermon at the bier of the dead, and his eloquent words eulogistic of the splendid character of the departed pioneer citizen fell as a balm of solace on the grief stricken family and friends of a man whom to know was to love, honor and esteem.

The passing of W. H. H. Scott from this life leaves upon the dial plate of the community in which he resided for so many years, an ineffaceable niche. It is indelibly marked there by his nobleness of character and the true worth of a man who stood as a man among men.

Hospitable, kind and sympathetic, his handclasp was the lasting bond of true friendship; while his love for his family and regard for his friends was an attribute resplendent in character that ever sanctioned and upheld all that was elevating to his fellowman.

The editor's acquaintance with Mr. Scott extended over a period of nearly eighteen years, and it seems to us that we have never known a better man. And from the many evidences of esteem in which he was held by all, there are hundreds who will say the same. Thus, in brief lived the man, W. H. H. Scott.

W. H. H. Scott was born in Montevideo county, Illinois, March 10 1841, being at the time of his death, March 19, 1908, aged 67 years and 9 days. With his parents, he went to Sullivan county, Missouri about the year 1855, where he resided until 1863, in which year he crossed the plains to Oregon. On coming to this state, he settled in Marion county, where in 1867 he was married to Mary M. Gerking, who has preceded him to the grave. To their union was born six children, one of whom died in childhood. Three sons, Joseph N. and Arthur of this city, and William R. of Seattle, and two daughters, Mrs. James Potts and Mrs. Otis Ingle, survive him. In 1872, Mr. Scott moved to Umatilla county, where on Gerking Flat west of this city, he took up the homestead which he developed into the splendid farm that has since been his home. He was an active and honorable member of the Christian church of this city, in which he held an important office for many years and up to the time of his death.

## IMPRESSION REGARDING TAXES

Umatilla County Pays \$49 On \$1,000 of State Tax.

During the past few weeks there has been considerable comment regarding high taxes. Many theories in support of arguments have been injected into controversialies and "that man Strain" has been mentioned frequently in these discussions.

There is an erroneous impression among the people of the county that a high assessment causes a high state tax. As a matter of fact the state taxes are apportioned each year as provided in Sec. 3091 of Bellingier & Cotton's code, pages 1053 and 1504 of Vol. 2. According to this table Umatilla County has to pay \$49 of each thousand dollars of state taxes, or 4.9 per cent.

Assessor Strain, in company with deputy Pinkerton, has been in the city this week rating the valuations of city property. He called at the Press office and in an interview said:

"High taxes in the city of Athena and other towns are mainly due to local levies.

"If property owners will examine their tax receipts covering city property, they will notice that Athena city tax equals that of the county and state and that the school tax is nearly half as much as the city tax.

"There are 14 1/2 mills within the city, six mills county and state, six mills city and 2 1/2 mills special school tax. I did not raise assessments in Athena last year and am in no way responsible for high taxes.

"The board of equalization was compelled to go up to full value, and they accordingly multiplied my roll - all of it - by four, in order to get the O. R. & N. assessment to full value.

"If this raise by the board of equalization has produced more than the full value of any property, I will reduce the assessment in 1908. The supreme court overruled the exemption law and this made the poor man's taxes higher than formerly."

### Prepare for Great Meeting.

The members of the Methodist Episcopal church in this city are making extensive preparations for their protracted meetings, which begin April 22. Evangelist Corradine of St. Louis, one of the strongest and best known church workers in the east, will be here to take charge of and conduct the meetings.

## LOCKED BOXES ONLY

Improvement to Be Made at Athena Post Office Beginning On First of April.

Beginning with April first, which is the commencement of the second official quarter, a new departure will be inaugurated at the Athena post-office.

The new regulations include the installation of a section of equipment containing 65 lock boxes which will replace a like number of call boxes. Postmaster Gibbons recently purchased two sections, consisting of 130 lock boxes, but only one section of 65 boxes will be installed at present.

With the putting in of these additional lock boxes the lobby of the post-office will remain open until 8:30 each evening and all day on Sundays, thus affording renters of lock boxes the privilege and convenience of securing their mail at any time optional.

With the introduction of the new regime, general delivery will be confined to one hour on Sunday, from 2 to 3 o'clock p. m. after which hour, the general delivery window will remain closed until Monday morning at the usual hour for opening the office.

The new method will undoubtedly be greatly appreciated by the patrons of the office. However, there may be objections on the part of a very few, but even these will see the advantage of having a locked box, when they take in consideration the convenience of being able to secure mail at all hours.

It is postmaster Gibbons' intention to abolish the call box system entirely if possible, and he has made arrangements to secure as many sections of lock boxes as the patronage of the office will demand. It is believed that in a short time all regular patrons of the office will carry keys to lock boxes, thus confining the general delivery department to transient patrons.

## A HIGH CLASS ENTERTAINMENT

Miss Crosser, Elocutionist and Miss Bartholomew, Pianist.

A high class entertainment will be given at the Athena opera house tomorrow evening, when Miss Hazel Crosser, elocutionist, and Miss Fay Bartholomew, pianist, will appear together in recital.

Miss Crosser, late of Ohio, but at present connected with St. Paul's school at Walla Walla, where she has the chair of elocution, is said to be a young lady of extraordinary talent, and at Pendleton, where she has appeared in recital, she is a great favorite.

Miss Bartholomew ranks among the leading musicians of the Pacific Northwest and the few Athena people who have heard her at the piano, speak in high terms of her musical ability.

The faculty and students of the Athena High School are taking considerable interest in this recital and pupils are selling tickets for the entertainment. The price of general admission has been placed within reach of all—25 cents, with privilege of having seats reserved at Dell Brothers, for 10 cents additional.

### Base Ball in Athena.

The Athena base ball team defeated the Milton team Sunday at Milton, by a score of 17 to 14. While the score was high, it resulted from heavy tugging on both sides, and the game was an interesting one. Milton will come here Sunday for another game. The game will be played at 10 a. m. in order that the Weston team may be accommodated with a game in the afternoon. The game with Weston will begin at 3 o'clock.

### Auxiliary Meeting Postponed.

The meeting of the auxiliary of the C. W. B. M. which was to have occurred next Wednesday, has been postponed till the following Wednesday, when a centennial rally will be held. At that time the ladies of the auxiliary will be at home to their friends in the church parlors. An excellent program is being prepared and light refreshments will be served the guests.

### Petitions for Road.

Louis Ringle through Attorney Wilson, has petitioned the county court for a road. Ringle resides on the old Purdy place on Wild Horse creek, above town, and to get out to the county road, it is necessary for him to cross his neighbor's land.

### P. D. Mann Is Sued.

Attorney Wilson has brought suit against P. D. Mann for collection of rent owed to Mrs. Instell Taylor. Mann's skating rink equipment has been attached in order to collect amount due, which is about \$100.

### Caledonians Will Meet.

A meeting of the members of the Umatilla County Caledonian Society will be held tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock, in the Commercial Association rooms. All members are requested to be present.