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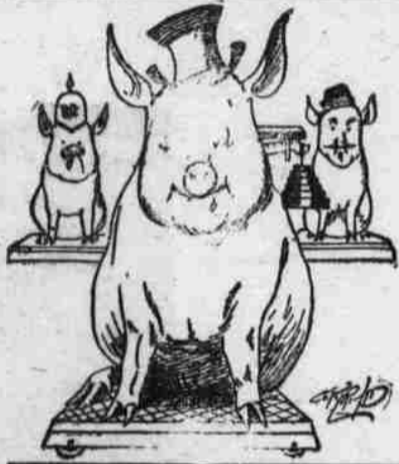
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ONE OF THE BEST

Everything Conspired to Make the Caledonian Picnic the Best Ever Held in This City.

The ninth annual gathering of the Umatilla County Caledonian passed into history Saturday, as being one of the most successful events of the kind ever held in Athena.

Perfect weather aided materially to the success of the occasion, and the result was that large crowds were in attendance both days of the picnic. The details of conducting the picnic fell principally on the shoulders of four men, J. D. Plamondon, president of the society; H. A. Barrett, secretary; A. B. McEwen and W. E. Potts. To the undivided attention and hard work on the part of these men, nothing was left undone that would add to the convenience and entertainment of all who attended the big picnic.

The program was replete with characteristics dear to the Scottish heart. Song and lore of old Scotland, blended with the thrilling notes of the bagpipe, brought to memory many an incident of Highland deed and glory. The Portland participants in the program acquitted themselves with their usual cleverness and were honored to the echo.

Miss Stanton, Miss Lytle and Prof. Epping, accomplished vocalists, pleasingly rendered old Scotch ballads; the Potts sisters, Miss Best and Masters D'Aroy and King, were splendid in their Scotch dances. Mr. Jock Coleman, monologues and character artist, was superb and Frank Hennessy proved himself to be a clever entertainer.

Weston and local talent appeared in several numbers on the program. Pipers McDonald and McKinley, in their bagpipe selections captivated the crowds.

The concert given at the opera house Friday evening, was one of the leading features of entertainment and was largely attended. Saturday after-

noon was given over to sports, games and political speaking. Both parties were represented by speakers and the political pot was boiling hot. The sports and games were interesting and held the attention of a large crowd of spectators. The winners of the different events, follows:

Best dressed lady in Highland costume, Miss Jessie Pottage, first; Miss Agnes Pottage and Miss Jeanie Best of Portland tied for second prize.

Best lady dancer, Miss Jeanie Best won first prize, and Misses Agnes and Jessie Pottage tied for second.

Best dressed gentleman in Highland costume, Piper McDonald first; Piper McKinley, second.

Best dancer, Highland fling, Frank D'Aroy, first; James King, second.

Putting the shot, Ed Potts, first; D. C. McIntyre, second.

Tossing the cater, Ed Potts first; Sanford Stone, second.

Horse race, running, purse \$25; "Joe," owned by Fay LeGrow, won.

Horse race, trotting, purse \$15, Lester O'Hara's "Sadie Best" won.

Bicycle race, Scott Bannister first; Sheldon Taylor, second.

Hurdle race, Taylor first; Rugg second.

Foot race, 50 yards, Rugg first; Taylor second.

Foot race, 100 yards, Taylor and Rugg tie.

High jump, Frum first; Taylor second.

Standing jump, Taylor first; Kirk second.

Three standing jumps, Taylor first; Hill second.

Hop, step and jump, Rugg first; Hill second.

Pole vault, Rugg first; Taylor second.

CLASS GRADUATED

Exercises Held at the Christian Church Monday Evening, Attended By Large Audience.

In the auditorium of the Christian church, amidst profuse floral decorations in class colors, red and white, the graduating class of the Athena High School, held its exercises Monday evening.

The exercises commenced at 8:30 and a large audience was present to witness the program. Homer I. Watts, principal of the Athena School read an address, and later in a few remarks addressed to the class, spoke in strong praise of the excellent school work accomplished by the students during the past year. The oration of Mr. Maurice Hill who took for his subject, "International Arbitration," and Miss Cecile Boyd's essay on Edgar Allen Poe, were well rendered, and displayed profound thought and excellent composition.

The Pinkerton orchestra, composed of two young ladies, violin and guitar and two young men, piano and mandolin, greatly pleased the audience with several selections. The piano numbers by Miss Kitty Ghoslon and the Misses McIntyre were among the best on the evening's program, which follows in full:

Song - "America."
Invocation - Rev. Geo. T. Ellis.
Music - Pinkerton Orchestra.
Duet - "Village Chimes."
The Misses McIntyre.

Music - Pinkerton Orchestra.
Oration - International Arbitration, Maurice B. Hill.

Instrumental Solo - "Vienna Waltz," Kitty Ghoslon.
Music - Pinkerton Orchestra.
Essay - "Life of Edgar Allen Poe," Cecile A. Boyd.

Address - H. I. Watts.
Music - Pinkerton Orchestra.
Remarks - Jerry Stone.
Presentation of Diplomas.
Benediction.

SHAMROCKS LOSE AND WIN

Adams Took Home a Score of 7 to 5 - Eleven Innings With Normal.

Picnic crowds saw the Shamrocks lose a game and win one during the Scotch reunion here last week. In Friday's session the Adams bunch caught the Irishmen a comin' and a'gwine, and tucked away the game by a score of 7 to 5.

Saturday's game with the strong Weston Normal School team, was sparkling and spectacular. "Lefty" O'Smith had everything known to the twirling fraternity and won his game with a spanking bingle which broke the tie by sending in the winning run in the eleventh.

The matinee was tied up 4-and in the sixth, and errorless ball, together with fine inside work by both teams held it there until "Lefty" swabbed out the leather for a two base hit and ended the agony.

Mail Clerk and Messenger.

A mail clerk and express messenger service is now a convenience installed by the O. R. & N. company on its Pendleton-Walla Walla local passenger train. The new departure went into effect Sunday. Mail is now handled between intermediate points

on the branch line, and these towns have four daily mails. Express sent out from Portland on morning trains now arrives at Athena on the evening train.

After Oregon Frauds.

District Attorney McCourt has filed three suits to recover 9250 acres of Linn county land. Charles A. Smith of Minneapolis, is the principal defendant. The land is valued at \$1,000,000. The statute of limitations prevents criminal proceedings. McCourt is making all necessary preliminary arrangements for expediting the work of the federal grand jury, which was called Monday afternoon. An investigation of the alleged Umatilla land frauds was the specific purpose for which the jury was requested, and the district attorney will lose no time in submitting to the jury such evidence as he has on the subject.

Took Malheur Land.

Prof. W. S. Mayberry, formerly of Milton, but now principal of the Vale school, and Prof. R. J. Davis, formerly of Milton, but now principal of the Nysa public school, have located on quarter sections of land in Malheur county, near Vale, and will become permanent residents of that county. Fifteen teachers of Malheur county have just filed on land and will become farmers under the irrigation projects of that section.

Snow at Briggson.

F. J. Lucas came down from Briggson Monday morning and says that at that place and in that vicinity on the Blue mountains about two inches of snow fell Sunday night and Monday afternoon.

PROTECT THE FISH

Oregon Hatcheries Compelled to Close for Want of Spawn Caused By Fresh Water Fishing.

The state of Oregon has thousands of dollars invested in fish hatcheries, some of which are now closed down for want of salmon from which to obtain spawn. It is evident that fish wheels, operated by greedy cannerymen, in too close proximity to the fresh water spawning beds in the Columbia river, is the direct cause of this. Therefore, it would seem that the state should have more stringent laws to regulate the taking of salmon by the fish-wheel process, or better still, abolish the fish wheel altogether.

The home of the salmon is in the ocean. There he is found in prime condition for food. He enters fresh water only for nature's purpose of spawning and propagating his species. After dodging the meshes of the gill net in the lower river, to reach his spawning grounds he must run the gauntlet of fish wheels, which are located in the narrow channels of the upper Columbia among the cascades in the river.

By the time he has reached here he is sluggish and as a marketable food product he is vastly inferior to his standard when he left salt water, and he is easily taken prisoner in the revolving shelves of the fish wheel, which are directly in his path to the spawning beds.

Oregon protects water fowl on its breeding ground. Why not give the same protection to the fish industry? It would appear that the proper and only legitimate field for commercial fishing is within the vast domain of tide water and not in the narrow confines of a river, a narrow and tortuous trail that nature alone prompts the fish to ascend.

Aside from a commercial point of the salmon industry which should be of vital interest to those engaged in it, every lover of the rod should stop and consider that a large run of salmon in fresh water streams means an abundance of trout. To protect fish, vote for bill 332 and against bill 319.

Has Failing Health.

Weston regrets to learn that Prof. Gto. A. Peebles of Salem, Oregon, has been obliged to resign from school work on account of failing health. For 30 years Prof. Peebles has held prominent positions in the educational field of Oregon and his loss from the force will be keenly felt. During the years he was connected with the normal as vice president and teacher, the town looked upon him as an influential, estimable citizen.

Helix Will Celebrate.

Arrangements are being made to celebrate the Fourth of July at Helix this year. The matter is now being discussed by the citizens, and in a short time committees will be appointed and the arrangements will be well under way. It will be one of the biggest celebrations of the kind ever held there.

Made a Hit.

Grangeville will go to the contest with a bunch of clever ball tossers. Henry La Brasche, the star twirler, arrived Saturday evening from Athena, Oregon, and warmed up with the local boys at the ball grounds Sunday. He made a decided hit with local fans. — Grangeville Glote.

MOST VITAL ISSUE

Statement No. 1 Legislature Means More to the People Than Issues of Recent Years.

Of supreme importance to the people of Oregon is their action Monday, June 1, at the polls which will result in the election of legislators.

The greatest and most vital issue of the present campaign, with the exception of the United States senatorship, is the success of the principle of Statement No. 1.

The election of a Statement No. 1 legislature means more to the people than any other one issue that has come before them in recent years.

The election of a Statement No. 1 legislature means that the people will have pledged the men elected to represent them in the legislature to carry out the wishes and desires of the people, expressed at the polls.

It will mean that the people will have kept in their hands the right and power of the direct election of United States senators.

Failure to elect a Statement No. 1 legislature will mean that the unpledged members of the assembly will have it in their power to disregard the voice of the people, expressed at the polls June 1, and throw the senatorial selection back into the hands of the old-time politicians with all the accompanying corruption, trading and disregard of the best interests of the business of the state.

This issue is before the people; whether they desire to retain in their hands the power to say who shall represent them in the United States senate or whether by the election of a legislature unpledged they care to trust to the politicians of the state the selection of the United States senator.

Throughout the state in every legislative district there are candidates before the people who have pledged themselves to Statement No. 1 as well as those who have refused to take any such pledge and who for the most part are members of the old-time factions now seeking to once more secure control of the politics of the state through the discrediting of the direct primary law and Statement No. 1.

In order that there may be no mistake the list of candidates for the legislature from this county who are pledged to Statement No. 1 should be voted for next Monday. They are Joseph N. Scott, democrat; C. A. Barrett, republican; W. M. Blakeley, democrat.

"STRAWBERRY DAY" JUNE 4

Milton Will Celebrate Annual Event Next Month.

The Milton Eagle says of the celebration of "Strawberry Day" in that town on June 4:

June 4 will be "Strawberry Day" in Milton this year, and the regularly appointed committee should see that it is made a brilliant success. As many non-residents as possible should be induced to attend, as all Milton needs is to get people to come and see, and the excellence of our products will do the rest.

Already the berries are red on the vines, some completely matured having been exhibited, and with a few warm days the army of pickers will be gathering the crop from 600 acres in the Milton Freewater district, to be shipped to people less favored by the gods with soil and climate.

The strawberry season means busy and prosperous times in Milton and it is proper that one day should be devoted to a glorious celebration. "Strawberry Day" in Milton this year will be the worth coming far to enjoy. It's the Milton way.

Oil at Coos Bay.

Oil has been discovered on Coos Bay. Large options are being taken. Machinery for development has been shipped from 'Frisco. Gas has been found in many places, the strongest on South inlet four miles from Marshfield, where machinery will be installed. The first gusher was opened near Bandon.

Shipping Strawberries.

Strawberries are now being shipped out in great quantities from the Freewater-Milton country, and in a few days' time the berry picking season will be at its height. A great many have been shipped to Spokane, Seattle and different points, and good prices are being received for them.

Pilot Rock Wool.

At the wool sale held at Pilot Rock Tuesday morning, nine clips, aggregating over 200,000 pounds of wool, were sold at prices ranging from 10 1/4 cents to 13 3/8.

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