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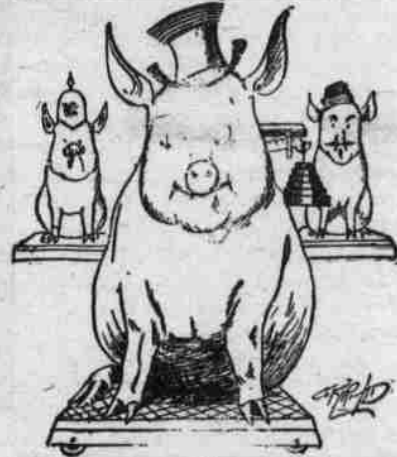
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## TRAFFIC INCREASING

Both Passenger and Freight Business Shows Healthy Growth Over Last Year's Returns.

The balance sheets of both the O. R. & N. and Northern Pacific lines of railway entering this city show a satisfactory increase of passenger and freight business this year over that of 1907.

The business of several months in this year almost double that of corresponding months in last year. Especially is the increase in freight traffic noticed, although there are some months in which the passenger business has increased by large margins.

The flour milling industry in Athena has been conducive largely to the gain made in the freight business, while the local passenger service between Pendleton and Walla Walla, accounts for increased passenger traffic.

The Northern Pacific caters little if any, to local passenger business, and that company is apparently content with the large volume of freight business it handles here. The Northern Pacific commands freight traffic to Sound markets, which from this point as increased in proportion to that handled by the O. R. & N. to and from Lewater.

## READ YOUR HOME MAGAZINE

Pacific Monthly for September Begins Jack London's "Martin Eden."

Of all the magazines which will be read by Pacific Coast people in September, the leaves of the Pacific Monthly, that great Oregon publication, should be the first of all to be out with the paper knife.

Thousands of dollars are being spent each month by the publishers to make this splendid magazine the peer of any this side of the Mississippi and the equal of any in America. The Pacific Monthly is a home production and not only Oregonians but every home in Washington, Idaho and Montana should be proud of the opportunity of having a copy each month on the reading table.

The Pacific Monthly for September will be found of especial interest. It contains the opening chapters of Jack London's thrilling story "Martin Eden" for which the publishers pay the great author of "The Call of the Wild" and "Sea Wolf," \$7,000 for exclusive rights. The gifted pens of Charles Erskine Scott Wood and other writers of national and international note trickle through the pages of the September number, in all comprising the cream of thought, fact and fiction; a grand collaboration of all that is best in current literature.

### Kentucky Foxhounds.

Bob Chapman and John Ross received two thoroughbred Kentucky foxhounds direct from the bluegrass state last week, says the Milton Eagle. They already have three North Carolina foxhounds and the new arrivals will give them a pack that will strike terror to the coyotes that are becoming numerous and troublesome on the upper river.

### The Biggest Crop.

Sam Bannister had the champion yield of the season at his place near Weston, says the Leader. Thirty-four acres of red chaff wheat averaged 49 bushels per acre, counting two and a quarter bushels to the sack. His entire crop of 140 acres averaged 40 bushels, and Sam doesn't feel at all displeased over the harvest of 1908.

### Fencing Out Coyotes.

Fencing the range to protect sheep from the attacks of predatory animals has met with excellent results in the Wallawa National Forest, Oregon. The problem was to find a strong fence

that would make the sheep secure, even without the care of a herder. The closed fence, which is built of woven wire with barbed wire on the top, has kept out all the minor animals such as wild cats, lynxes and coyotes, but has not withstood the attacks of the grizzlies, which are apparently able to pass through it with little trouble.

### A Nine-foot Cougar.

Lou Williams of Milton has returned from the mountains, going as far as the breaks of the Umatilla, where he shot a monster cougar after an exciting chase. The animal measured nine feet from tip to tip and was in prime condition. Mr. Williams will have the animal stuffed. As the hunters of this animal were in the neighborhood of the place of the disappearance of little Cecil Brittan many people in the mountain section believe that the little fellow met death from the claws of the cougar. Many of the smaller domestic animals belonging to the ranchers of Linkton mountain have been killed and carried off by cougars.

## BREEN FAILED TO MAKE GOOD

Father of Brittan Boy Still Believes That Convict Can Produce Child.

James Breen signally failed to "make good" his word and return to Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Brittan their lost son, Cecil, in accordance with his promise that if given one more opportunity he would find the boy, says the Walla Walla Union.

When the party reached Toll Gate Sunday afternoon, Breen directed them to a cabin some three miles distant where he said they would find the boy. But on investigation of the cabin revealed the fact that there had been no one around the place for years, and after Breen had surmised that his friends "had moved down to the river where they could get better feed and water for their horses," the searching party returned.

Breen appeared to be nervous throughout the day, and gave the officers belief long before Toll Gate was reached, that he would be unable to make good his promise and assist in the recovery of the lad. But the nervousness which he displayed on the way up, in a measure disappeared on the way to the location of the lonely cabin with the air of a man who was sure of his ground, and had no doubts but that the missing child would be where he said it would.

Warden Reed, of the prison said that the ex-convict, made a total failure of his opportunity to gain his freedom, and that, as far as the man was concerned, the incident is a closed book, and the remainder of his days will probably be spent in the penitentiary. He is now serving his sentence of five years for passing a worthless check, and it is likely that as soon as he has completed that term, he will be tried under the habitual criminal law.

Mr. Brittan said in regard to Breen, "I realize that the officers have lost faith in the stories of Breen but I have every reason to believe that he was telling the truth. I personally have never caught him in a falsehood."

"Every story which he has told me and which I have investigated has proven to hold. I do not know what the officers intend to do with him, but I am confident that Breen knows where Cecil is and that had he not been arrested he would likely have produced the child."

### The Sheepmen's Case.

East Oregonian: When Circuit Judge Bean returns to the city he will be asked to resolve the Washington sheepmen's injunction which Judge Gilliland recently granted, so it is intimated. That there was no proper basis for an injunction is freely declared by Dan P. Smythe, secretary of the sheep commission, for he holds that Dr. Lytle, state sheep inspector, had done nothing to warrant the order made by Judge Gilliland.

### Horses Died from Thirst.

W. J. L. Anderson met with an unpleasant surprise when he went out to his ranch a few days ago, says a Medford item. He left four head of horses in a field on the ranch when he left there, four weeks ago, and at that time there was ample water running in a creek in the field, but when he returned this week he found the creek dry and three of the four horses dead from thirst.

### "Peach Day" at Freewater.

"Peach day" will be celebrated at Freewater on Wednesday, September 2, when speakers from Umatilla and Walla Walla counties will be present and a general picnic will be held. This event has now become a fixed holiday, and will be celebrated each year in the midst of the peach harvest. Five hundred visitors from Umatilla and Walla Walla counties are expected.

### Pioneer of '62.

Nathan Keith, a pioneer of 1852, and one of the best known men in the country, died at the home of his granddaughter, Mrs. Dick Abraham on Willow creek, near Dayton, Wash. The immediate cause of his death was dysentery, coupled with the infirmities of old age.

## OGLE SELLS LAND

M. M. Johns Purchases 43 Acres Adjacent to Athena and May Build Residence Thereon.

The most important real estate transfer to take place in Athena for some time was the purchase of 43 acres of Ben Ogle. The price paid was \$4,000.

The land is located just west of the city limits and is a portion of the old Richard's estate, it corners just west of David Taylor's warehouse at the foot of Main street, and was in crop this year, yielding a fairly good yield of wheat.

Mr. Johns, who left Athena Wednesday for his home in Los Angeles, California, would not commit himself for publication, as to what his intentions were regarding his investment, but intimated that eventually he may build a residence on the land and with his family, make a home there. Mr. Johns is owner of a considerable acreage of wheat land in this section and now that his son's health is greatly improved, the family may come north to reside.

### Land Slide Puts Out Light.

As a result of a land slide on the Walla Walla river, below the power plant, Sunday night, Athena, Weston and Pendleton were without electric lights and power. A heavy rain caused the land slide which filled the tail race with rock and debris, which caused the water to back into the power house, flooding it. The Preston-Mill in this city was closed down. The Press type setting machine was propelled by a gasoline engine and the shut down interfered only with the job department.

### "John L." May Appear.

In case satisfactory arrangements can be made, John L. Sullivan, one-time champion of the prize ring, may be secured to entertain people at Walla Walla during fair week. Sullivan, who has been on the road for some time as an attraction at like events, gives a speech of a few minutes, which is followed with a 10-minute sparring bout with the trainer who welded him into such a formidable opponent on the mat.

### Found Ancient Relic.

Ad and Will Pinkerton, "Vest" King and the editor fished on the Umatilla Saturday and Sunday with fairly good success. "Billy" found an antiquated fire arm which no doubt found its way across the plains in an early day. It is now on exhibition at the Palace Drug store.

### Club Party.

The Athena Harmony club will give a farewell party next Tuesday afternoon at the home of Miss Reta Rothrock, in honor of the members of the club who will soon leave Athena to attend school. The weather permitting, the party will be given on the lawn, and the club from Weston is expected to attend en masse.

### Appointed as Delegate.

Governor Chamberlain has appointed C. A. Barrett delegate to the National Irrigation Congress which convenes, September 29 to October 3 at Albuquerque, New Mexico. Inasmuch as the governor did not enclose transportation with Mr. Barrett's commission, a proxy may be named.

### Visit Near LaGrande.

Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Colbern went over to La Grande Wednesday, where they will be guests at the home of the Misses Mont and Vada Smith, neices of Mr. Colbern. They will be accompanied home by Miss Jessie Smith, who will enter the Normal school at Weston.

### Lands His Man.

A postoffice inspector dropped into Freewater Saturday and arrested John Jensen, who had formerly been a Spokane mail carrier. Jensen, who went by the name of Klamer at Freewater, had purchased a home there and followed the carpenter's trade.

### Baker City Leads.

In point of number of people going on Friday evening's excursion to the coast, Baker City leads. Baker City, 165; Union, 10; Elgin, 52; Imbler, 10; LaGrande, 115.

### Mrs. Waterman Ill.

Grandma Waterman is reported very ill with dropsy, at the home of her son in Spokane. Mr. and Mrs. Eben Waterman went up from Walla Walla this week to attend her.

### Will Resume Operations.

The Weston Brickyard company is making preparations to start up for a short season's run. Intentions are to begin active work next Monday.

### A Bad Check Man.

James Letbridge, a farm hand working near Helix, passed three forged checks at Pendleton aggregating \$100 on Bond Brothers, Max Baer and Livingston, local merchants. Letbridge

signed the name of W. E. Ruthers, a Helix wheat farmer for whom he had worked, and succeeded in passing all three checks before the fraud was discovered. He lingered in soft drink resorts, where he was arrested by Sheriff Taylor while partly intoxicated. When searched still another check, for \$39, with Ruthers' name forged was found in his possession.

### Irrigate 20,000 Acres.

That the Grande Ronde valley will be, in the course of a few years, one solid mass of flourishing fruit orchards and will be frequently dotted with farmhouses where wheat fields now run up to 2000 acres each, became an assured fact at a mass meeting of farmers at La Grande, when almost a third of the entire amount demanded to finance the proposed irrigation scheme was subscribed. The semi-arid lands of the valley will be supplied with water from Meadow brook, 20 miles away. The water at that place will be dammed by a cement structure 70 feet wide and 105 feet high, which will harness sufficient water to irrigate 35,000 acres, though the project as it stands calls only for 20,000.

## THE AMERICAN NATIONAL BANK

Old Pendleton Savings Bank Makes a Progressive Forward Step.

Just before going to press this morning news was received over the telephone that the Pendleton Savings bank had been converted into a national bank, and in future would be known as the American National Bank of Pendleton.

The announcement was made upon the receipt of the following telegram from the comptroller of the currency at Washington, addressed to J. W. Maloney, cashier:

Washington, D. C., Aug. 28.  
"J. W. Maloney, Cashier, Pendleton, Oregon: The American National Bank of Pendleton, No. 9238 is today authorized to begin business; charter is mailed.  
"T. P. LANE,  
"Acting Comptroller."

The old Pendleton Savings bank was the largest and best known financial institution in Oregon outside of Portland, and was successful on account of its liberal treatment of its patrons, at the same time being conservative in its management decided to convert it into a national bank, under the direct supervision of the United States government. The change will add much to the popularity of the institution, especially in this part of Umatilla county. The new bank retains the same officers as the Savings bank, Jim Maloney, who was raised in Athena, being cashier, and the same liberal policy toward all deserving enterprises will be continued.

### Soldiers Get More Pay.

Bulletins announcing the increase in pay granted by the last congress to United States soldiers have been received at the government recruiting station, says a Spokane item. Advances are made all along the line, the best increase of course being for the men in the higher grades of the service. The increase at the time of enlistment varies from \$2 per month for the ordinary private, who now gets \$15 per month, to a much more substantial raise for master electricians and other skilled lines of service drawing from \$45 to \$75 per month.

### Harvest Is Over.

Harvest is practically over in this section of Umatilla county and about all that remains to be done is for the farmers to get their grain to the warehouses. Most of the threshers have completed their runs and are now in the sheds. While they had not expected much of a run this year, most of the threshing men had figured on a longer run than they were able to get. Many of the farmers are busy hauling grain and are making every effort to get it to the warehouses in as short a time as possible.

### Girl High Diver.

Ethel Chapman a 16-year-old Pendleton girl won the \$10 prize given at the Lehman springs summer resort this year, for the high diving record in the swimming pool maintained at the resort. Miss Chapman dived from a height of 12 feet into the lake. Scores of men and boys engaged in the contest during the summer.

### Lawyer Turns Waiter.

W. C. E. Pruitt, the Pendleton lawyer, who left that town recently without giving his designation to relatives and friends has been located at Sheridan, Wyoming, where he is employed in a hotel dining room as waiter. Pruitt informed a Pendleton man who met him that Chicago was his objective point.

Kennedy's Laxative Cough Syrup is especially recommended for children. It tastes nearly as good as maple sugar. Sold by Palace Drug Co.

### For Sale.

Mrs. May Jorgenson offers 80 acres of fine reservation land for sale at \$90 per acre. The land description is N 1/2 of N W 1/4 sec. 17, T. 35 E W M. Inquire of F. S. LeGrow, Athena.