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GOOD ROAD MEETING

League Will Hold Convention in
Athena Saturday Afternoon
November 20.

By order of President Schmitt of the local Good Roads League, a convention will be held in this city, Saturday afternoon, November 28, at 1:30 o'clock.

The general purpose of the convention is to instill interest in a universal effort to secure better roads in this vicinity and also to devise plans to co-operate with the Oregon good roads movement.

There is scarcely anyone who is not interested in road improvements, and the outlook for a roving, enthusiastic meeting is bright. The convention will be held in the ex-commercial association rooms, or more exactly speaking, rooms generally maintained for such purposes by Mr. C. A. Barrett.

Improves Property.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Stone are soon to have one of the finest homes in Athena. The carpenter work is now finished and the rooms when out of the hands of the painters and paper hangers will be cozy and comfortable. The house has been remodeled throughout, a library, bath and pantry, art windows and spacious verandas add to the appearance and convenience of the residence. The outside of the premises also will be improved by cement walks and new fences. It is thus we like to see Athena farmers do when they retire from active farm life,—come to the home town and build up the city.

School Children Send Box.

The children of the Athena public school are making up a box for the Orphan's home in Portland, which will be sent tomorrow. A goodly quantity of provisions, clothing and money has been donated by the children of all the grades, and much interest is manifested in the Thanksgiving offering. This is an annual gift, and propagates a helpful spirit on the part of the young folks.

NO STREET WALKING ALLOWED

Judge Gilliland of Juvenile Court is Determined to Stop it.

Boys or girls—sex makes no difference—if under 18 years of age may no longer habitually frequent the streets of Pendleton after 7 o'clock in the evening. This was the dict of Judge T. P. Gilliland, of the juvenile court in Umatilla county, warning to that effect to the parents of Pendleton. It was the first step in a crusade undertaken by Judge Gilliland against "street-walking" and street idling in that city. To a Pendleton newspaper, the Judge said:

"I am determined, to break up this habit of young girls walking the streets of Pendleton after dark. There are some of these children whom I see every time I come down town in the evening, no matter what the hour, nor how late. I see some of them gadding up and down the street, loafing on the corners, or about the depot. I can not understand what their parents or guardians mean by so allowing them to court danger of a criminal life.

"Some of the boys no doubt are just as bad, although the girls are more noticeable. But both boys and girls must keep off the streets at night. They will not be allowed to make a habit of loafing around town after 7 o'clock in the evening. That is late enough for any child to be away from home and the parents must see that they are kept in unless there is a reason for their absence.

"The path in which some children of from 14 to 17, years of age are

traveling is appalling. It is the duty of this court to put a stop to such gadding and loafing, and the delinquent child law passed by the last legislature gives me power to do so."

Compelled to Reseed.

Reports which have reached Pendleton from Waitsburg, Wash., says the Tritone, are to the effect that many of the farmers in that section are up against a serious situation, which means the work of reseeded many hundreds of acres. The wheat that has been sown was washed at the mill there, and afterwards treated with vitriol to prevent smut. It appears now that the germ of the wheat was destroyed thereby, as ample time has elapsed since seeding for the grain to sprout. Investigation has shown that none of the washed wheat has germinated.

S. P. & S. Service.

Passenger service over the Spokane, Portland & Seattle in and out of Portland was inaugurated Tuesday morning with a passenger train leaving Spokane. This train, No. 2, will be operated every morning, leaving Vancouver at 8:45 and traveling from Vancouver east on the same schedule as is now in effect. Westbound passenger No. 1 will travel on its present schedule as far as Vancouver, reaching there at 3:55 p. m. and will reach Portland at 4:30 p. m. Sunday, November 22, the through service of the road will be established, with a double daily service in each direction.

OREGON IS NOW OUT OF DEBT

The State Has Balance of \$658,320.15 in Its Treasury.

Oregon has no state debt, bonded or otherwise. This is one of the first facts stated in the biennial report of State Treasurer Steel, issued Wednesday. There is in treasury a cash balance of \$658,320.15, of which \$214,897.98 is in the general fund—an amount sufficient to pay state expenses until next March, when taxes for 1909 will be paid.

The report shows that two years ago the balance in the general fund, applicable to payment of current expenses of the state institutions, was \$212,512.03; there was received during the two years \$2,592,893.40 and disbursed \$2,590,507.45, leaving the present cash balance in that fund, \$214,897.98.

State Treasurer Steel makes a number of recommendations to the legislature, among them these: That the inheritance tax be made applicable to the excess of \$2000 on all collateral inheritances and on all bequests and devises exceeding \$500 to persons not related to the donor; that the depository law be made applicable to the school funds; that counties be required to pay the maintenance charge for care of insane, in the first instance, the counties collecting from the persons to pay the charge; that such special funds as the pure food fund, the veterinary fund, the board of examiners' fund, etc., be turned into the general fund and all claims now paid out of these funds be paid out of the general fund; that provision be made for inspection of weights and measures so that the law regarding the same may be enforced.

700 Ownerless Sheep.

Seven hundred head of sheep without an owner is the peculiar state of affairs which exists in southern Baker county, according to a letter received from there today. The sheep were found and are being cared for by a rancher who, thinking they belonged to some Umatilla county man, wrote to Pendleton.

Big Irrigation Scheme.

O. D. Teel of Echo, has filed on 25,000 miner's inches of water in Camas creek, and will organize a company for the purpose of constructing a 50-mile ditch, which will carry water to irrigate land in the vicinity of Echo.

Church Supper Nets \$930.

To assist in furnishing the new parochial residence just completed on Poplar street Walla Walla, the women of St. Patrick's Catholic church gave a sale and served lunch and dinner Thursday, netting \$930.

Lienallen-Hawks.

Dr. Fred Lienallen of Pilot Rock and Miss Myrtle Hawks were united in marriage at Walla Walla Saturday. The contracting parties are highly esteemed in this county and are well known in this city, where they have numerous friends who unite with the Press in extending congratulations. The doctor is a son of J. T. Lienallen of Adams and his bride is a daughter of R. O. Hawks of Pendleton, and spent a portion of her girlhood in Athena.

Miller

will tell you all about his big stock of Christmas Goods next week.

THE ELECTRIC ROAD

Lumber Being Hauled for the Big Flume—Amended Water Notices Have Been Filed.

Actual work on the new power plant of the Washington and Oregon Traction company, was commenced this week, when teams began hauling the lumber which is to be used in constructing the big flume. By the time the dam is completed, the flume will be well under way.

It is said to be the intention of the company to employ as large a force of men as will be practical as soon as the material is on the ground, with the view to completing the work as soon as possible.

E. S. Isaacs and John Smith, of Walla Walla, members of the company, filed two amended water notices with County Recorder Hendley, Saturday.

These amendments to papers previously filed are for the purpose of making changes in the details of filings made on water power sites on the Walla Walla river, above Milton, the sites being located in this county.

Want Bounty Law.

A bounty of from \$1 to \$1.50 per coyote will be asked of the legislature of this state when it convenes this winter and the request will be backed up by not only the sheepmen of eastern Oregon, but by those of the Willamette valley as well, for the bill pest is already creating great havoc among the flocks of the western part of the state. It is estimated that the coyotes during the past year have done over \$1,000,000 damage to the flocks of the state, and the sheepmen are willing to be taxed for one-half the bounty.

Umatilla County Booklet.

Twenty thousand copies of the booklet published by the Sunset magazine publishing company has been received for distribution by the Pendleton Commercial club. The booklet, which is an exquisite production of the printer's art, very creditably advertises Umatilla county.

PEEBLES HAS PASSED AWAY

Well Known Educator Died Near Salem, Sunday Morning.

George E. Peebles, a well known Oregon educator, died at the L. C. Griffith residence in the Waldo Hills Sunday after an illness of several weeks.

Mr. Peebles was born near Salem in 1854 and was educated at Willamette university, from which he was graduated in 1877. He began work as a principal in the Salem public schools in 1879 and while teaching pursued the study of law until 1881, when he was admitted to the bar.

For ten years he was a principal in the Salem schools and for seven years city superintendent. He served two years as county superintendent of schools. From 1889 to 1893 he was principal of the McMinnville schools, and from 1893 to 1905 was professor of English literature at Weston Normal school. His work as teacher was completed last June.

Mr. Peebles left a widow, Virginia Griffith Peebles, and two daughters, Mrs. Herbert Junk of Berkeley, Cal., and Miss Alice Peebles, a teacher in the Portland schools.

No Diseased Sheep.

That Oregon flocks are free from scabies or other sheep diseases is demonstrated by the fact that though 11 government inspectors have been searching diligently for two weeks, they have so far been unable to find a single case of scab among the sheep of this state. Dr. S. W. McClure, head of the bureau of animal industry in the northwest, who has been directing the work, says he believes the work of the department two years ago was even more successful in eradicating the scourge than supposed.

Christmas Goods.

The Mosgrove Mercantile company has received a splendid stock of holiday goods, and when the stock is arranged in display, it will be found to be one of the largest and most complete ever seen here.

THE POPE-ANKENY WEDDING

Bride's Wedding Gown Was Lace Robe Over White Satin.

At the home of Senator and Mrs. Ankeny in Walla Walla, Wednesday evening, occurred an elaborate wedding, when Miss Harriett Ankeny became the bride of Captain Francis Pope, of the Fourteenth cavalry.

The Ankeny home was a blaze of small electric lights, while the decorations of flowers consisted of designs in white and yellow chrysanthemums, white and yellow being the colors of the Fourteenth cavalry. Banks of these fragrant blossoms were everywhere, while the altar at which the

ceremony took place was formed of thousands of the exquisite blooms. Bishop Paddock, bishop of the Episcopal diocese of Oregon, performed the ceremony.

The bride was gowned in an elaborate lace robe over white satin, en train, with a bride's veil of tulle and orange blossoms. She carried a beautiful bouquet of lilies of the valley. Mrs. John Ankeny, as maid of honor, was gowned in white liberty satin trimmed with old point lace. She carried a shower of white sweet peas. The bridesmaids, Miss Winslow and Miss Thompson, wore pink liberty satin, empire effect, and carried yellow chrysanthemums.

Washington in Oregon.

Valuable timber lands along the Columbia river have been declared to be a part of Oregon by the United States supreme court, thus ending the boundary line dispute existing between Washington and Oregon for several years. In 1905 a suit was brought by Washington to restrain Oregon from disturbing the people of Pacific county, Washington, in the possession of their land.

A Wife Conqueror.

A man named Williamson, has been arrested in Pendleton for whipping his wife. The woman was formerly Mrs. Lee Price of Adams, and was the cause of her husband engaging in a gun episode in Pendleton, last spring. The Prices separated, were divorced, and each married again.

UMATILLA'S BIG TAX ROLL

Total Value of Taxable Property is Given at \$25,272,960.

The wealth of Umatilla county as shown by the tax roll just completed by Assessor Strain is \$25,272,960.70, something like \$16,000,000 less than that of last year when Umatilla county had the greatest roll of any county in the state except Multnomah, but sufficient to give it the rank of third when the rolls are footed up for the coming season. The loss in valuation is not due to prohibition in Umatilla county declares a Pendleton paper, but to the fact that the assessments this year are made on a valuation of between 60 and 70 per cent of that of last, a reduction made by Assessor Strain to make the assessment more equitable with regard to the assessment of other counties in the state.

The figures of the assessor show that almost half of the wealth of the county lies in its lands, tillable and non-tillable and improved and unimproved, when over one-fifth of the wealth of the county is credited to the railroad roadbeds.

The city property of the county is improved to a value of \$200,000, approximately, more than the land upon which the improvements stand.

According to the assessor's return, out of the \$25,000,000 of wealth that Umatilla county boasts there is only \$18,000 cash, while the value of stocks in various enterprises amounts to \$115,000 more.

Owing to the exemption of \$300 per person which in many instances was given on stock, the number of head of various domestic animals shown is less than last year, while the value, due to a fall in prices of stock, is also considerably less.

Mr. Strain's summary of the roll is given herewith:

Summary of Umatilla county tax roll of 1908.	
Tillable land 443,664.35 acres	\$ 9,456,957.00
Non-tillable land, 608,064.14 acres	1,899,658.00
Improvements on deeded land	894,750.00
Town and city lots, 11,059	1,413,086.00
Improvements on city property	1,696,491.00
Improvements on undeeded land	93,205.00
No. miles R. R. bed, 231.16	5,471,948.70
Miles telegraph and telephone line 567.33	178,293.00
Railroad rolling stock	431,442.00
Steamboats, Mfg. machinery, etc.	104,000.00
Mdse and stock in trade	619,405.00
Farming implements, etc.	198,095.00
Money	118,815.00
Notes and accounts	889,495.00
Shares of stock, 5300	415,110.00
Household furniture	69,370.00
Horses and mules 14,769	743,890.00
Cattle, 15,754	188,490.00
Sheep and goats, 155,604	378,040.00
Swine, 3592	12,590.00
Gross value of all property	\$25,272,960.70

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