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Athena—Snow and Bad Roads  
Holds Back Crop.

Have you sold your spud crop? If you have not, you have good prospects to sell at an increase in price for the market is demanding potatoes and the price continues to climb upward.

Three carloads went to the Sound from Athena this week over the Northern Pacific. They were shipped by D. B. Jarman, the Athena-Weston merchant, who paid potato raisers \$1.50 per sack, delivered in Athena. The shipment came from the foot hill ranches east of town. The crops being held by mountain ranchers are inaccessible so far as delivery is concerned for the reason that snow and bad roads make it impossible to get the spuds from the pits where they were buried last fall.

At the best the mountain potato crop was short last season, but there is reported to be several carloads available as soon as weather conditions permit of handling them.

Other points in the county are up against a short supply this spring and are importing from other states. Echo dealers this week received two carloads which they are selling strictly for feed only.

## MILTON EASY FOR THE COLTS

One Sided Game Sunday When Score  
Went 15 to 5.

Athena's managerless ball team, the nifty "Colts," played horse with the Milton aggregation Sunday afternoon, and lambasted the strawberry boys awfully awful. When the carnage was over the score board read 15 to 5, Milton taking the short end.

The first inning resembled a ball game, neither team scoring. In the second the colts took the bit in their mouths and piled up five runs. Milton ambled one over in her part of the second. Athena scored two in the third and murdered young Storm in the fourth for six hits which netted seven more runs. Storm was relieved by Hick who held the Colts down to four hits and one run during the remaining three innings.

Stone pitched five innings and was relieved by Wilson who also did good work. Straus, the lad from Seattle, showed up well at short for Athena. Milton scored once in the eighth and two in the ninth.

The score:  
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9  
Athena — 0 5 2 7 0 0 1 x — 15  
Milton — 0 1 0 0 1 0 0 1 2 — 5

Carload of Automobiles.  
C. A. Barrett & Co., selling agents for the Mitchell Automobile company, are expecting their first carload of autos to arrive shortly. The shipment which comes direct from the factory includes two popular "30" touring cars and one runabout. Henry Barrett takes one of the touring cars for personal use and J. T. Liehallen, of Adams, the other. Henry Keene of this city, will take the runabout, a 20 horse power machine.

Walla Walla Marathon.  
Walla Walla is going to have a Marathon race a week from next Thursday, April 8—Arbor Day—that is going to be a "bumdinger." The race, announced for several weeks has brought out and developed a number of long distance runners that are the real thing.

A Live Wire.  
Mrs. Esson, of Eugene, Oregon, is a live wire. She will speak on the development of spiritual life among children as relates to Sunday school work, at the Christian church next Sunday evening. Go and get a shock.

## WILL YOU "BOOST" FOR A PUBLIC PARK?

Agitation Prevails for Acquiring Tract of Ground—Location  
May be Selected Either on Estes or Ogle Property,  
and Purchased Through Public Subscription.

The ease with which a public reading room has been established in Athena has naturally led up to agitation for acquisition of a public park—a spot set aside and beautified by tree, vine and shrub, where the populace could spend leisure hours and where picnics and community celebrations could be enjoyed.

Other towns are making small parks a feature of their municipal possessions. Echo has just closed negotiations for a 10 acre tract of land to be used for park purposes, Pendleton and Milton have the proposition under way; the women and school children of Walla Walla, constituting themselves into a park club, last Saturday raised \$1,000 through the "tag day" process of procuring funds.

Of course, Athena could not be expected to raise a thousand dollars in a single day for park purposes, but the Press has never seen the town lie down on a legitimate proposition yet, and if the park question should be properly taken up and submitted to the people, we will wager the price of a year's subscription that proceeds from a "tag day" contest here would make an equal showing with Walla Walla—size of the towns taken into consideration.

A 10 or 15 acre park could be easily

snatched from the possibility column and made a reality, if some one would give the matter the necessary time required to organize park committees, interest churches and lodges in the work of a common cause, in fact, instill the spirit of community interest in the project.

It can be accomplished. The matter of dollars and cents is no obstacle against a united community bending every effort to accomplish a purpose that has for its goal, lasting benefit to every man, woman and child in the town.

The site for a park should be an easy matter of selection. There are two excellent locations to choose from; one on the Estes place the other on the Ogle property.

Both are ideally located for park purposes, though the Press would give preference to the Ogle location. A 10 or 15 acre plot of ground south on Third street from Main, as a matter of convenience of access, gives the Ogle property a slight advantage over the tract further west. Soil quality would be considered the same on these two tracts, and ample foliage for shade exists. Flowers and shrubs could be planted, walks and driveways laid out, and from the stert Athena could enjoy the boon of a real free public park. You are next! Will you be a "park booster."

## FREE READING ROOM

Backed by the Christian Church and  
Loyally Supported by the  
Whole Community.

A few Sundays since the pastor of the Christian church in a sermon on "Practical Christianity," dwelt at length on the value of a public reading room in Athena with the result that the movement is actually started. The first idea was to properly equip the basement of the church and open it to the public and this would have been an ideal scheme but for one reason viz. the church being some distance from the business section of the city it was feared many who otherwise would avail themselves of the advantages offered might not do so. This led to the plan of opening such a place on Main Street. Investigation led to the fact that neat quarters could be had of Mrs. DePeat on east Main at a reasonable rental. A subscription list was then started among the business men and others all of whom contributed with one or two exceptions and most of them liberally with the result that enough was raised to justify a start.

Following is the plan being worked to. The building is divided into two rooms. The front room will be used for a reading room which will be free to access of visitors. The very best magazines, periodicals, weeklies, dailies and class publications. These are furnished by parties who now are taking such publications. Already a list of about thirty of the best has been secured. If you are taking a paper or magazine you will confer a favor on this movement if you will leave it with the manager, and at the same time help to make the place attractive to our young people who otherwise might seek a less desirable place to "loaf." The back room will be fitted with tables and all classes of harmless and beneficial games will be supplied for those who desire such recreation. This is now open to the public.

The establishment will be under the personal supervision of the pastor of the Christian church, who will be assisted by a corps of efficient volunteer helpers.

On being asked, "what can interested friends do to encourage this enterprise?" Mr. Harris replied, "Bring us chairs, small tables, suitable pictures for decoration, magazines, money, and last but not least by any means, your presence and frequent words of encouragement and commendation. You can have more and better literature here than you can possibly afford at home. It will be a place so conducted that you will be proud of it. Encourage boys and girls to come, and be surrounded with noble influences, rather than run the streets."

Gentlemanly and ladylike decorum will be expected and required of all who patronize the institution. It will be open alike to lady and gentleman, boy or girl, stranger or resident. All will be given hearty welcome. A writing desk, with suitable writing materials will be supplied for free use. Other features will be added as they occur to the management. Suggestions will be gratefully received. It is hoped that they will be justified in moving into larger quarters soon.

## Sunday Climax at Union.

Excitement is intense in Union, and the result of the stores remaining open Sunday in open violation of the Sunday closing ordinance is being awaited with interest. It is not known what action will be taken by the mayor and the council for the prosecution of the violators. A petition signed by the voters and taxpayers, requesting the resignation of the mayor and council was tabled indefinitely at the meeting Tuesday night. A new petition is being circulated, asking the council to repeal the Sunday closing ordinance. Neither the mayor nor any of the councilmen have tendered their resignations. It is said some of the councilmen want to resign, providing they are let down easy; that they are sick of their jobs. The mayor says he will not be bulldozed.

## Freewater Postmaster Dead.

The body of the late Jesse N. Baskett, Freewater's postmaster was laid to rest Monday in the family plot in the Walla Walla cemetery. The funeral took place from the residence of the deceased and was conducted by the Rev. D. C. Sanderson pastor of the Congregational church, assisted by the Rev. Priecheck. A petition has been circulated asking the appointment of the widow as postmistress.

## Prohibition Convention.

That a prohibition convention is to be held in Pendleton on April 23, was the decision reached at a meeting of the ministerial association held at the Methodist church in that place Sunday evening. The ministers' meeting followed a mass-meeting of the churches, at which E. F. Zimmerman, Oregon representative of the Anti-Saloon League, was the speaker.

## ARBOR DAY SCHOOL EXERCISES

Program in Compliance With Board  
of Education Suggestions.

Friday, April 9, will be observed as Arbor Day by the teachers and pupils of the Athena public school, according to the law of Oregon.

The morning will be spent in cleaning up the school yard, as suggested by State Superintendent Ackerman in his Arbor Day leaflets. In the afternoon a tree will be planted and the following program rendered:

1. A Song by the School.
2. Address.
3. Song of Arbor Day, Rulon Smith.
4. Old Fashioned Posies, by Erid Cartano, Martha Hutt, Helen Russell, Bessie Redfield and Mary Wilkes.
5. Daffodils, Raymond Wilkes.
6. Select Reading, 8th Grade Pupil.
7. Chorus, The Sower Grammar Grade Glee Club.
8. Little Brown Seed, Arnold Koepke.
9. The Plant, Vernita Watts.
10. We Love the Grand Old Trees, Alta Feeler.
11. Song of Spring Lucile Taylor, Pauline Myrick, Hazel McFarland, Zola Keene.
12. What Do We Plant? Ellis Hopper, Ernest Rothbrock, James Allen, Everett Knight.
13. Four Leafed Clover, Lloyd McPherson.
14. Mother Nature's Work Box, Jeannette Miller.
15. Flag Recitation, Primer Class.
16. Double quartet, Lightly My Bark, Grace Myers, Ethel McIntyre, Ethel Kidder, Hope McPherson, Ruth Stewart, Bessie Parker, Merua DePeat Dottie Conrad.
17. When the Green Comes Back Again, John Wall.
18. Tree Drill, 24 girls.
19. Planting Tree Upper Grammar Boys
20. Song, America, by School.

Clay Walker left Saturday for his new field of labor on the Hailey, (Idaho) Daily Times. He was accompanied to Pendleton by Mrs. Walker, who spent Sunday with friends there.

## NORMAL WILL FINISH YEAR

Baccalaureate Sunday Is Set for May  
23, Earlier Than Usual.

The annual commencement at the eastern Oregon state normal school will be earlier this year than usual, on the following dates: Baccalaureate Sunday, May 23; class day and alumni meeting, May 24; commencement exercises, May 25. These dates were announced by President French on returning from Salem. He says:

"The local financial board at a meeting of the board and faculty Saturday agreed to pay \$3000 toward the expenses incurred this year in closing the present semester's work, which includes the months of March, April and May. This is to be paid directly to the faculty.

"Not being permitted to contract any indebtedness which is not provided for by a sufficient sum in the hands of the state treasurer, the state board of normal regents is obliged to have a sufficient amount available to cover all obligations—if the contracts with the teachers are to be fulfilled and the school maintained as a state normal.

"The faculty therefore will turn over to the state treasurer for his disbursement whatever payment they receive for salaries, every penny of which will be returned, pro rata, to the faculty on the presentation of the monthly payroll.

"Already plans are in progress for an educational campaign in Oregon which will put the normal school question before the people in its true light. A committee at Portland is at work on a normal school bill which will provide for continuing maintenance, so that appropriations for the three normals will never come before the legislature again, leaving only improvements for legislative action.

"The state board assures me that everything will be done at the next session of the legislature to cover all the indebtedness of the normal schools. The feeling on the part of the board is that there will be no difficulty in securing satisfactory adjustment of every legitimate claim."

## MAJOR CORNOYER, INDIAN FIGHTER, DEAD

Major N. A. Cornoyer, one of the best known pioneers in the state of Oregon, lies dead at his home south of this city, having passed away yesterday morning. He had been in failing health for a number of years and his constitution, weakened by the weight of the long span of 88 years, could not withstand the ravages of disease.

Major Cornoyer's life has been one of strenuous activity. The light of the golden west beckoned him when a young man, and he obeyed California's adventurous call in 1849. The next year found him in Oregon, located in the Willamette valley, where the year following he was united in marriage with Miss Sophia Bellique, of Gervais.

He participated in the Rogue River Indian war, having the rank of captain, and later in the Eastern Oregon

battles with Indians, where he left the fields of battle, a major of a company of volunteers. He served ten years in the capacity of federal agent of the Umatilla Indian reservation, later moving to a farm on Dry creek, where he resided until he moved to his present home on the reservation.

He was born in St. Clair county, Mo., November 11, 1820, and died April 1, 1909, aged 88 years, 4 months and 20 days. He was the father of 12 children, five of whom, with the mother, survive him. They are: Mrs. E. J. Somerville, Pendleton; Mrs. Joseph Forrest, Athena; Mrs. A. O. Kirk, Adams; Mrs. D. C. Kirk, Weston, and Gus Cornoyer, Gibbon.

The remains will be taken to Walla Walla tomorrow by train. Funeral services will be held in the Catholic church at Walla Walla tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock.

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