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CALEDONIAN PICNIC

Meeting Held Saturday Night and Plans Laid for Annual Event in Athena.

That Athena will have her annual picnic is fully assured, as preliminary steps have been taken and arrangements made.

At a meeting of the Caledonian society held in this city Saturday night, committees were appointed, as follows:

Finance committee, J. E. Froome, James Henderson; program, Ed Potts; grounds, John Bell; Sports, Hugh McLean; sub-committee on home talent program, Dr. J. D. Plamondon, James Henderson and H. A. Barrett. Secretary H. A. Barrett is in correspondence with Portland talent, and expects to secure a number of new performers for the coming picnic, among them some canny Scotts who have recently arrived at Condon, Gilliam county, from bonny Scotland. The committee expects to secure the services of jolly Jock Coleman, of Portland the best of his class ever having appeared here, and second only to Harry Lauder himself.

There will be some unique changes in the program for the coming picnic, from former entertainments which have been given during these reunions, and the resourceful gentlemen having it in charge will all see that the time does not drag for any visitor.

The committee on finance has already canvassed part of the town; and as is usual, the business men have responded liberally, and the two days of pleasure are fully assured. The date has not yet been decided on, but President McEwen has called a meeting for April 17, when final arrangements will be made, the date set and a program formulated, when full particulars will appear in the Press. It will either be a week before, or a week later than the Pioneer picnic at Weston, which occurs on the 28 and 29 of May.

PIONEER PICNIC LAST OF MAY

Weston Decides to Hold 14th Annual on May 28 and 29.

At a meeting of Weston citizens held Saturday evening, it was decided to hold the 14th annual reunion of the Oregon Pioneers' Association of Umatilla county on Friday and Saturday, May 28 and 29. Weston will make elaborate preparations to entertain the pioneers and their friends on this occasion.

This week President S. A. Barnes will announce his appointment of the committee. J. D. Lee of Portland, president of the State Association of Pioneers, has been invited to give the memorial address.

At the meeting Saturday night the vacancy in the association officers caused by the resignation of J. M. Hicks as secretary, was filled by the appointment of J. M. O'Harra.

The selection of the above date will make two events of interest to occur at Weston within a week, as the final annual commencement of the Eastern Oregon State Normal school has been set for May 23 to 25.

Big Price for Land.

A deed was recorded in the office of F. W. Hondley Tuesday in which it is shown the sum of \$16,500 was paid for 58 acres of land below Freewater. The sale was made by Mrs. Lucinda McMinn to J. L. Sharpstein, E. F. Sharpstein and John Smalls. The place is on the car line and has long been known by the McMinn dryer established there.

New Cement Walks.

By mutual agreement among property owners, on Main street, Athena is to have 150 feet of new cement sidewalk. This includes the south side of

Main street from the corner of the grocery department of the Mosgrove Mercantile Co.'s store, to the east line of the C. A. Barrett & Co.'s hardware store, and embraces property owned by these two firms and David Taylor and Wm. McBride. Other firms doing business in the buildings are Dell Bros., grocers, Dr. J. D. Plamondon, druggist, and T. M. Taggart & Co., grocers. The work is to commence very soon, negotiations now pending with gentlemen from Walla Walla to lay the cement.

HE LOST HIS NERVE

Milton Lad Plans Kidnaping Scheme but Caves In as Uncle Prepares to Deposit Money.

Foiled in his attempt to secure \$1200 from his uncle on a fake kidnaping scheme which he had worked up with himself as the alleged victim, L. A. Raup, aged 20 years and a member of one of Milton's most highly respected families, is held in the county jail. The uncle whom he sought to blackmail is S. A. Miller, president of the Milton nursery and former mayor of Milton.

Raup failed to get the money as planned simply because he lost his nerve, as the uncle was about to comply with the demands of the mysterious letter he had received. It is not believed however, that the young man would have been able to make his escape with the money, even though he had secured it.

The letter received by Mr. Miller was not signed but declared a mysterious "We" had captured his nephew and was holding him for a ransom of \$1200. He was commanded to take this sum of money at 11 o'clock Monday night, out along the railroad track east from Milton to a point where he would find a dim light. Here he was to deposit the money and after turning the light around, return home, where he was commanded to wait until his nephew appeared before reporting the incident. Failure to comply with the demands of the alleged kidnapers was to be followed by the burning to death of the nephew and also the killing of Mr. Miller's little daughter.

He lost his nerve, however, and appeared at his uncle's house about 8:15 that evening, after having spent a night and a day hidden in a deserted house, the property of his grandfather. To those at the house he declared he had been seized by two men and taken to a straw stack Sunday night and that he had escaped from his captors while they were drinking and playing cards.

His story of the kidnaping was to the effect that he had left his boarding house to go down to purchase some tobacco and that he was seized by the alleged kidnapers while on the road. He said his captors were Freewater men.

To an East Oregonian representative, Raup while not wishing to say much admitted he had planned the whole thing himself and that the kidnapers did not exist.

He denies having been inspired to try the scheme by reading the Whittier or any other kidnaping stories, insisting that he had become badly involved financially and becoming desperate sought this means of squaring his accounts.

Raup said he had no intention of carrying out the threats contained in the letter, saying it was his original intention to skip the country, if his attempt to get the money was a failure.

He declared that he sought his uncle for the purpose of making a clean breast of the whole affair and that he fixed up the other story after he reached the house and found his uncle was not at home. He says he would not have told the story of the kidnaping, had his uncle been home, but he would have told him the truth.

When Miller, who is a brother of Raup's mother received the letter, he secured an automobile and sent a man with the letter to Sheriff Taylor. The sheriff and Deputy Bert Wilson immediately left in the auto for the scene of the supposed kidnaping.

When they arrived at Milton Mr. Miller had drawn the money from the bank and was preparing to comply with the demands of the letter. About the same time word was brought that young Raup had appeared at his uncle's house. As it had been practically decided by this time that Raup was at least a party to the affair he was immediately arrested by Constable Dykes and taken to Pendleton by the sheriff and his deputy.

Raup is small, not being more than five feet seven inches, but he looks to be the age he claims, twenty years. His father is dead and his mother lives in California. With the exception of the last two years which were spent in Cour d'Alenes, his entire life has been spent in Milton and vicinity.

He is an inveterate smoker of cigarettes and while denying that he is a booze fighter admitted he had "gone out for a time" on different occasions. He will probably be held in jail pending the action of the grand jury which will be called Monday.

PROSPECTS OF PARK

Mr. Ogle Refuses to Consider Sale of Plot and Condemnation Proceedings May Result.

Agitation for a city park to be located on the Ogle property at the foot of Third street, continues without abatement.

Attorney Watts interviewed Mr. Ogle regarding the purchase of land for park purposes, but the owner emphatically refused to consider an offer for the plot wanted. He will not consent to dispose of the acreage desired, and gives as the reason for his refusal, that it cuts into the very heart of his land, and he believes that it would consequently spoil the prospective sale of his land as a whole.

Since Mr. Watts' report those interested in securing a city park have advanced the proposition of bringing about condemnation proceedings to acquire the property wanted. This procedure would entail the circulation of petitions for a special election that the proposition could be voted on.

At a meeting of business men held in the Masonic hall Tuesday evening the park question among other matters of interest to the town, was touched upon, and suggestions of condemnation proceedings were also injected into the discussions which took place there.

FIRST TERM OF FEDERAL COURT

Convened in Pendleton Tuesday, Called to Order by U. S. Marshal.

Pendleton's first term of federal court was convened in that city Tuesday morning though the judge to sit on the bench is yet to be appointed. The court was called to order by United States Marshal Read, who came up from Portland for the purpose, and who read the proclamation creating the term of court for Pendleton. He then adjourned court until June, by which time it is expected the judge will have been appointed.

George H. Marsh, clerk of the court, was also up from Portland to make a record of its convening and adjournment. If the judge is not appointed by this time the court is scheduled to continue its sessions, the same officers will meet there again and will again postpone the session.

As the bill which provided for sessions of the federal court in Pendleton in April of each year and at Medford in October of each year, and provided for a judge to sit at those places and times, did not create a separate district, the officers of the Portland court will be the officers of the Pendleton and Medford courts. It is probable however, according to Mr. Read that a deputy clerk will be appointed and that this man will be a resident of Pendleton. A deputy United States marshal will also probably attend the sessions there.

THE QUEEN OF THE FLOAT

Preparations Now on Foot for Selecting Queen of Umatilla County.

Secretary J. M. Kyle of the float committee is now in correspondence with representatives in the several towns of Umatilla county seeking candidates for queen of the Umatilla county float, to be seen in the great rose pageant of beauty in Portland in June, says the Tribune.

The float which is now being built to advertise Umatilla in the parade will cost about \$900. The work will be done in Portland by the firm which does the decorative work for the mardigras in New Orleans and also for the Veiled Phobtes in St. Louis. It will be a work of art.

The float will have a throne surmounting it to be occupied by the queen of Umatilla county. The committee of which Mr. Kyle is chairman is desirous of having the contest so arranged that each part of Umatilla county will have an interest in the contest and any young lady who desires the honor will have an opportunity of getting her friends to vote for her. The successful candidate for queen will have an opportunity of attending the rose festival free of cost and will also attend the Seattle exposition at the expense of the committee.

TREE DAY AT HERMISTON

Forty Thousand Shade Trees Set Out—The Occasion a Gala Event.

Tuesday was tree planting day at Hermiston. The day opened warm and sunshiny. A load of 40,000 trees arrived Saturday and were immediately unloaded and scattered among the property owners who wished to join in the planting. Trees of every kind and description were received, but, perhaps, the poplar and locust varieties were the most transplanted. It is only fair to say that the tree planting day originated with Mr. E.

P. Dodd, says the Tribune, and that he has worked untiringly and unselfishly for success of the project.

Most of the stores closed part of the day and every property owner entered fully into the occasion. The city water department had water running in the ditches through the streets and alleys, and Water Superintendent Crandall was on hand to see that nothing went wrong. City Engineer Warren had set tree line stakes on all the streets and all trees set out were lined truly to these stakes. The planting did not consume the entire day and when the property owner had completed setting out his trees he returned to his regular routine work.

The day finished with a program of speeches and music at the First Baptist Church and a dance at the hall of the Hermiston Mercantile Company.

CITY COUNCIL DOES THINGS

License Resorts—Contract for Street Sprinkling—Protect Grocers.

At a meeting of the council Monday night, the contemplated legislation relative to licensing near beer resorts was carried through, and a license of \$100 per year imposed upon each place, two doing business in Athena. It was also stipulated that proprietors remove all screens and blinds from their places of business.

The mayor was authorized by the council to contract with the dray company for street sprinkling during the summer months, for the same rates as those prevailing last year.

The ordinance committee was instructed to investigate the proposition to draw an ordinance prohibiting traveling grocers from soliciting trade within the city limits without a license, thus protecting resident grocers.

WAITSBURG "DRYS" WIN OUT

Fight in Monday's Election Centers On Councilmen.

Victory resulted for the "dry" faction in the Waitsburg city election held Monday. The fight centered in the election of councilmen. Five councilmen were elected, among them E. M. Denton, a former resident of Weston.

R. M. Broeze was reelected mayor, receiving 179 votes. W. G. Shuhan was reelected treasurer. The vote on the question of whether the town shall have saloons resulted 144 to 77 in favor of the "drys."

The election was marked by a demonstration at the polls during the afternoon by a parade participated in by women, children and men, who stood in front of the voting places and sang hymns and urged the voters to vote "dry."

Little Child Crushed.

The little son of Kyle McDaniel of Vincent is in a very bad way, the result of being run over by the front wheels of a hay wagon loaded with hay. The hired man had sent him to the house and supposed that he had gone and started up his team, with the result above mentioned. The lad's limbs were paralyzed and when he tried to walk his leg gave way beneath him, it having been cracked and broke. He is now under the doctor's care.

Wants Home For Children.

The assistance of Judge Gilliland and the juvenile court has been called upon by Mrs. Alice Ryan of Milton, who has four children she cannot take care of and desires to have committed to the Boys' and Girls' Aid Society of Portland. The petition is signed by a number of citizens and it is probable the children will be received.

Burial of Miss Picard.

The body of Miss Ida Picard, daughter of George Picard, a resident of the Umatilla reservation, arrived in Adams Tuesday morning from Chemawa, where the deceased has been a student at the Indian school. The remains were taken to the reservation and interred in the Indian cemetery.

Eight Days From Chicago.

C. A. Barrett & Co. have received from Chicago what is considered the quickest freight shipment made to this point. A carload of cutting machinery via O. R. & N. arrived in eight days.

Mosgrove Store Burned.

Wm. Mosgrove's store at Waitsburg was destroyed by fire last night. No particulars have been received, but it is reported that the fire started in the Thomas restaurant.

Notice.

Notice is hereby given that all rubbish must be removed at once from premises and alleys within the corporate limits of the city of Athena. This notice is given by order of the mayor.

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