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QUESTION OF WATER

Agitation Reaches Climax In Newspaper Statement of \$1500 Deficit—Commissioners' Report.

The city water question is the main topic for discussion in Athena. The principal contention is that the gravity system is not receiving anything like the full volume of water flowing from the water shed tributary to the intake pipes. Belief is general that water is there in sufficient quantities to supply the needs of the city for domestic purposes, exclusive of the irrigation period.

Open complaint is heard on every hand charging the water commission with negligence and inactivity in seeking to find and remove the cause for the shortage of water in the gravity system.

The water superintendent contends that there is but little water at the source of supply, and the commissioners are blamed for not doing something to find out whether there is or not.

The general supposition appears to be that the water is running below the pipes on the bedrock, and one of the commissioners favors digging a trench down to the bedrock and then if water is found, to put in a concrete wall to hold the water.

Agitation has been brought to a climax by the appearance in various papers of the statement that there is a deficit in the water funds of \$1500 for the past four months.

According to figures given the Press by Commissioner Watts, the deficit for the four months covered by the \$1500 claim, in the aggregate is \$356.88 and the total deficit for the year ending April 5, 1909, is \$623.35.

Receipts.	
Water rents for December,	\$127.25
Water rents for January,	128.25
Water rents for February,	132.75
Water rents for March,	149.25
	\$537.50

Disbursements.	
Maintaining system Dec.	\$395.67
" " Jan.	273.66
" " Feb.	76.40
" " Mar.	148.15
	\$893.88

During this period the semi-annual interest on the water bonds amounting to \$761.90 was paid.

Report for Year.	
Following is the report of the Water Commission of the city of Athena for the year ending April 5, 1909:	
Cash on hand Apr. 5, '08	\$ 97.00
Water rent receipts,	2,081.60
Special tax applied,	639.83
Borrowed from Bank,	1,025.66
Coal on hand,	200.00
Cash on hand, April 5, '09	301.56
	\$4,296.25

Disbursements	
Interest on bonds,	1,523.80
Expense water system,	2,357.69
Paid bank loans and int.	678.21
Notes outstanding,	360.00
	\$4,919.60
Deficit for year,	\$623.35

Threshermen Organize.
The steam threshermen of Oregon, some seven hundred strong, representing an investment of over two and a half million dollars, are to meet in convention in the assembly hall of the Portland Commercial club May 6 and 7.

It will be the first meeting of the state association since the organization was perfected last fall.

A Bargain.
For sale or rent, 640 acres in Whitman county, Washington. A bargain. Investigate at once.
Richards & Kershaw.

OGLE HOLDINGS PURCHASED FOR \$18,000

Athena Land & Trust Company, a New Corporation, Will Place Rich Lands on the Market in Acre Tracts, Which Means Population to Athena.

For a consideration of \$18,000, B. F. Ogle of this city has sold his land and city property, including town lots, buildings, etc., to the Athena Land & Trust company, a newly organized corporation, which proposes to sell the Ogle place in small acreage tracts.

The corporation is officered by Z. F. Lockwood, president; William Booher, vice president; A. E. McEwen, treasurer, and S. F. Wilson, secretary.

The deal for the Ogle property, which had been under negotiation for some time, was brought to a close Friday evening, when A. E. McEwen made a payment of \$500 and took Mr. Ogle's receipt for the amount. The abstract of title was made out yesterday at Pendleton and Mr. Ogle returned with the papers last evening and the final transfer of the property will be made today.

The Ogle tract of land is one of the best in Umatilla county. It adjoins the Athena city limits on the south, and is admirably situated and adapted to the production of fruit and vegetables in large quantities. The soil is a rich, black loam, and for the greater part lies in the Wild Horse creek bottom, and settled in five and ten acre tracts will be capable of giving up a good living to a large number of families.

The Press has been assured by the members of the new corporation that the city will be given an opportunity

to purchase a park in the grove at the foot of Third street. The acquisition of a park has long been talked of and now is the opportune time to secure it. The land for the park can be purchased through popular subscriptions and public patronage given entertainments, the proceeds from which can be turned into a park fund. It's not so long ago that Athena raised \$850 for a ball team, so the park proposition should be an easy one.

It is understood that the Athena Land and Trust company will throw the acreage tracts on the market so soon as the land can be surveyed and plotted. An extensive system of advertising will be taken up with the view of securing outside people to come here and make their homes.

The men who have secured control of the land are well known and highly respected in the community and have the best interests of Athena at heart. They have purchased Mr. Ogle's holdings with the sole object of assisting in making a better and bigger Athena. They are public spirited and will push their enterprise to speedy success.

The deed calls for 146 acres more or less, and the property transferred to the corporation includes 24 lots and the residence of Mr. Ogle. Some of the property is located on the south side of Main street. The lots extend south from Main street and are desirable building property.

A FATAL ACCIDENT

Joel Stanton Thrown From Buggy— Concussion of Brain Results—Dies Immediately After Operation.

Joel Stanton, one of the best young men that ever lived in Athena, is dead as the result of being thrown from his buggy to the hard street, Tuesday evening, shortly after six o'clock. The young man never regained consciousness after the fall, and died Wednesday afternoon after an operation by Drs. Cole, Plamondon and Cropp.

Mr. Stanton, who was employed by the Preston-Parton Milling Co., drove down town Tuesday evening and tied his horse at the rack on third street. Attending to his errand he returned, untied the horse, and while climbing into the buggy, the animal whirled suddenly pitching Joel out of the rig onto the hard macadamized street. He struck on his head and lay motionless until lifted by willing hands and taken to the Palace Drug Store, where after a hasty examination by Dr. Plamondon, the injured man was taken to the home of his brother, John Stanton.

Dr. Cole was summoned from Pendleton and pronounced the case a hopeless one, having found concussion of the brain to be the status of the terrible injury. Wednesday morning, Dr. Cropp was called from Walla Walla, and as a last resort, in the hope that a chance for life might remain, an operation was decided upon.

The operation revealed a fracture at the base of the skull, which necessarily produced hemorrhage of the brain. The victim lived about an hour after the operation.

Joel Stanton was an honest young man, steady, and of exemplary habits. Years ago he assumed the responsibility of caring for his invalid father and was true to the core in the performance of his duty. He was a faithful wage earner and his employers speak of him in highest terms which taken in connection with his obedient loyalty to afflicted parents makes his loss doubly felt.

He was born in Napa county, California, October 15 1871. He leaves father, mother, five brothers and two sisters. The funeral will take place tomorrow at 11 a. m. at the Christian church, and will be in charge of the Odd Fellows, of which order the young man was a member.

WHEAT ACREAGE IS LARGE

Crop Prospects Are Bright—Much Attention Given Potatoes.

There is probably the largest acreage of winter wheat in the Athena country this year than ever before. This wheat was sown last fall on summer fallowed ground, and as the winter was a favorable one with plenty of snow it did not freeze out, the result being that it is now growing rapidly, the hills being carpeted with a coat of green.

Spring plowing has been going on for weeks and now it is on in full blast. The farmers have every

reason to believe that there will be a bumper crop here this season. Last year was what the farmers termed "an off year" but in spite of the long continued drought the wheat made from 30 to 45 bushels an acre in this district.

Potatoes are very high in price here and have been since last fall. There will be a large acreage of potatoes planted in this district this spring and already potato growers are getting ready their ground for planting. Hundreds of acres will be planted, renters paying as high as \$2.50 and \$3 per acre cash rent for the ground to plant them on.

ATHENA DEFEATED PENDLETON

Strenuous Six Inning Game Goes to the Colts 5 to 3.

The Colts waxed it to the Pendleton "Winged Ps" in a six inning contest Sunday to the tune of 5 to 3.

(La Brasche had everything and at no time during the matinee was Pendleton dangerous. Catcher Lieullen hooked a dislocated digit out of the scrimmage and was relieved by Booher behind the bat.)

Milne pitched the first inning for Pendleton, and was replaced by a clever twirler named Hutchinson who had good speed and control. McGinnis served at the receiving end of the Pendleton battery.

Arrangements for the game were made on short order, with the result that it was not generally known, and consequently attendance was small.

The Colts put up their usual good game and again demonstrated that all the team needs to hold its own with any team in the county, is a little financial lift and a capable manager to head the club.

IMPROVE TELEPHONE SYSTEM

Material Here to be Used In Reconstruction of Lines.

The Pacific States Telephone company will rebuild its system in Athena, a portion of the material for reconstruction being on the grounds.

Poles will be removed from private property and all cross outs will be eliminated. New cross arms will replace those in present use and the wires will be strung further apart with the object of overcoming demoralized condition which result with every recurrence of high wind.

The farmer lines will also find location on the company poles, within the city limits, and H. A. Barrett has taken up the matter of interesting the farmers in improvement of their lines leading into the country.

Two Ribs Broken.

Orville W. Reeves, formerly a member of the Pendleton high school football team is nursing a couple of broken ribs. The painful, though not serious injury, was sustained while ploughing on the Geo. Hansell ranch near Athena, where he has been working this spring.

ON DOWNWARD PATH

George Hewitt Declared Dangerous—Squandering Fortune—Friends To Have Guardian Appointed.

George Hewitt, who once owned a drug store in Athena, and who recently disposed of his fine farm, is on the downward path and drink is fleching his fortune from him.

While drunk in Walla Walla, his attorneys were battling for him in court at Pendleton Monday, in a suit brought against him to collect \$500 as commission on a land sale. The jury awarded Wade, the plaintiff, \$400.

That George Hewitt is dangerous to be at large and should be taken in charge was the substance of a telephone message received at the sheriff's office Tuesday morning from Walla Walla, says the East Oregonian. Wm. Scott, a Helix grain grower and former president of the Inland Grain Growers' association, now residing in Walla Walla, was the man who telephoned to the sheriff's office.

According to Mr. Scott, Hewitt is insane and should be taken in charge by the officers. He declares he will kill Tom Montgomery, assistant cashier of the Commercial National bank, and then kill himself. Other rash statements are also being made to everyone he meets in Walla Walla, with whom he is acquainted.

Mr. Scott has been acquainted with Hewitt for years and he was so concerned about his condition that he telephoned to the sheriff's office to have some steps taken looking towards his care.

Hewitt's anger at Mr. Montgomery is based on the illusion that Montgomery is the man who applied to the court to have a guardian appointed. He did not, however, have anything to do with the matter and he was designated as guardian by the court because he has been a friend of Hewitt for several years and has assisted him in caring for his business affairs.

F. A. Gerrecht of Walla Walla, Hewitt's attorney, admits the need of a guardian, and has consulted with Judge Gilliland in the matter.

MOSGROVE'S WAITSBURG FIRE

Damage to Stock Amounts to \$15,000—Partly Insured.

Details of the fire at Waitsburg which destroyed Wm. Mosgrove's store at that place Friday morning, have been received.

The fire started from the explosion of gasoline at 6:30 a. m. and did about \$22,000 damage, destroying two buildings and burning out Wm. Mosgrove's store, the damage to the stock being not less than \$15,000 and to the buildings about \$7000. The loss is partially covered by insurance.

The building used by Mosgrove is owned by Lewis and Nease, while the other one destroyed is the property of the Stahl Brewing Company and was formerly used as a saloon, but at the time of the fire there was nothing in the place but a lunch counter.

A gasoline stove was used to prepare food and the fuel exploded setting fire to the partition between the buildings.

The blaze spread rapidly, owing to the oil, and got in under the floor, where it could not be reached.

Four streams of water were thrown on the fire by the volunteer company, but because of the inaccessibility of the flames the fire was not extinguished until the store had been destroyed.

Large School Appropriation.

The largest apportionment of school funds ever made in Umatilla county was made Monday by County Superintendent Welles. The total amount to be distributed among the several school districts of the county is a little more than \$35,000, or about \$6 for each boy or girl of school age in the county. The increased apportionment is due solely to the promptness with which the taxes have been paid, which shows the prosperous condition of the tax payers. The apportionment is based upon the census taken in November, 1907.

Nearly a Million.

Almost a million dollars has been raised for the greater Whitman movement and President Penrose and Denn Hendrick, who left last week for Eastern points, are expected to get the remainder, or most of it, while in the East. The officers of the school now say there is hardly a chance of the movement for the greater college failing, and that the New Whitman will soon be a reality. Architects are now laying plans for a new conservatory of music to be built on the site at Frenchie Hall.

M. Wyrick Is Very Low.

M. M. Wyrick, who is suffering from blood poisoning, was brought home yesterday from Hot Lake. He is in a critical condition and doubts are entertained for his recovery. Mrs. Wyrick, who has also been at Hot Lake, is improved in health.—East Oregonian.