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## A FARMER'S PICNIC

McEwen Park Pulls First Annual Picnic From Pilot Rock to Be Held in Athena.

The first annual picnic to be given under the auspices of the Farmers' Educational and co-operative Unions of Umatilla county, will be held in McEwen Park, Athena, Saturday, May 22.

This was the decision of members of the different Unions in the county, in mass meeting held at Pendleton Saturday. Pilot Rock was represented at the meeting with a large delegation which was active in much hard work to secure for that town the honor of entertaining the Farmers of the county and their families in their first annual picnic.

Athena was represented by Mayor McEwen, Henry Schmitt of Athena Union, and A. L. Swaggart of La Mar Union. Mayor McEwen, not being a member of the Union did not attend the meeting, but authorized Mr. Schmitt and Mr. Swaggart to offer the use of the fine park free of charge as Athena's offering as a meeting place of the picnic.

The Pilot Rock boys worked like beaver for the Birch Creek town, and to their credit be it said that the inducements they offered were good ones and worthy of the efforts they put forth. The pendulum of location swung in Athena's favor, however when the offer of the splendid park was made; Helix and Adams fell into line, and to make it unanimous, the gallant Pilot Rockers came over to Athena's selection, to a man.

While Athena will be expected to do her share in entertaining the big crowds on that day, the real hosts will be the La Mar and Athena Union members, and everything possible is to be done to make the big picnic a success in every particular. Weather permitting on Saturday May 22, 1909, there will be more people gathered in Athena on that day than ever before in the history of the town.

There will be a joint meeting of La Mar and Athena Unions in this city tomorrow, when preliminary arrangements will be perfected and the necessary committees selected.

## WATER SUPPLY FOUND SHORT

David Taylor's Prospect Hole Inspected By Citizens.

Several citizens drove up to the source of Athena's gravity water supply Friday afternoon and peered into a prospect hole, previously dug by men taken there for the purpose, by David Taylor.

Water Superintendent Gholson accompanied the crowd and showed the men over the entire system, including the dark and capacious reservoir. The man holes were unlocked and close inspection made as to the amount of water flowing through the pipes.

From the head of the works, Mr. Gholson, after having turned off the gate at the reservoir, escorted the crowd down to the escape pipe located between the reservoir and the lower man hole. Here the water was let out and later the pressure had subsided for the back flow each way, the four inch pipe flowed about one-third full with all pressure released showing the exact amount of water the gravity system is supplying.

In the estimation of practically all those present, the system is taking up all the water tributary to the wings leading into the pipe line, and if there is any water which the pipes do not reach and carry off, the supposition is that it can be found only on the bed rock, and to demonstrate this a trench down to bed rock would have to be excavated.

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Funeral services took place Tuesday at the Catholic church, with interment in the Catholic cemetery at Walla Walla.

## COMMERCIAL ASSOCIATION RE-ORGANIZED

Enthusiasm Uncorked at Booster Meeting Held in Masonic Hall, Tuesday Evening—Every Man There In Sympathy With Movement.

There was more than enough enthusiasm uncorked at the organization of the Commercial Association Tuesday night to cover boosting requirements of a town four times the size of Athena. Every hammer handle was broken and in every speech made, reference of a condemnatory nature was emphatically registered against the use of that abominable, progress-shattering implement.

About thirty of Athena's leading business men and property owners were present at the meeting, and there was not one but what was willing to pull off his coat and work for enthusiastic new life into the arteries of the towns progress and enterprise.

The assemblage was called to order by Mayor McEwen, in the capacity of temporary chairman. S. F. Wilson was temporary secretary, in a short time the organizing of the Commercial Association was under way. The officers were all elected by the unanimous vote of the meeting.

Byron N. Hawks, was nominated by H. I. Watts for president of the Association. Attorney S. F. Wilson proposed Mr. Watts for vice-president. T. M. Taggart nominated B. B. Richards for secretary and F. B. Boyd named James Henderson for Treasurer.

The officers of the Association are all young business and professional men, and their selection to head the association seemingly meets the approval of all. These newly elected officers have the best interests of the city at heart and that they will perform their duties conscientiously and well, is the prediction of the Press.

On taking the Chair President Hawks briefly outlined the purposes of the Association and his remarks met with the hearty approbation of all present. He admonished all that harmony should be the watchword, and that harmonious efforts would soon push Athena into the rank where she justly belonged. He closed by saying that it gave him great pleasure to be a member of the Association and that he would do all in his power to make the organization a success.

Vice President Watts followed President Hawks. His principle desire was to see all "knockers" knocked out, and the surest way to knock them out was to show them that community growth

was their growth, and that to grow they must grow with the community. He expressed the hope that all would come together and work for the best interests of the town. He paid a high tribute to the new acreage tracts and thought Athena had superior inducements to offer the home builder.

General Richards believed in the all-together pull doctrine, and stood ready and willing to do his share in making the association a factor in the city's progress.

James Henderson believed the Association would be of great help to Athena.

Attorney Wilson was ready to help the officers to accomplish all the results possible, through the association, even to the extent of time and money. He believed the town could be resurrected and put on a basis of progress. He was pleased with the idea of placing young men at the head of Association affairs and advised that the organization stand firmly on such policies as would from time to time be evolved. Speaking of the acre tracts in which he is interested, he said that five acres would give a man a better living than working at \$3 per day and that 10 acres would produce an independent living. He considered the possibilities of hill land to be just as great as the bottom land and predicted a great future for Athena and surrounding country.

Messrs. A. B. McEwen, Chas. Betts, H. A. Barrett, David Taylor, Dr. J. D. Plamondon, N. A. Miller, T. M. Taggart, J. E. Froome, Ora Rhodes, Edw. E. Koontz, W. C. Miller, Harry McBride, Mr. Young, J. H. Jones, Fred Gross and J. H. Stone, also made short addresses, which showed a universal sentiment favoring the undertakings of the Association.

Before adjournment three committees were, on motion, appointed. They are as follows:

On constitution and by laws, B. B. Richards, H. I. Watts, and S. F. Wilson.

On securing place for association quarters, F. B. Boyd and Henry A. Barrett.

On advertising and stationery, B. B. Richards, James Henderson, Dr. Plamondon and Ora Rhodes.

The next meeting will be held in Masonic Hall Tuesday evening.

## ST DENNIS CROSSES DIVIDE

Well Known Reservation Character Died at Walla Walla.

Deal's St Dennis, a reservation character, known the country over by the sobriquet of "Jerry" died at Walla Walla, Friday night as the result of a general break-down in health which had been coming on for several months.

He was 70 years of age, having been born in Montreal, Canada, December 24, 1839. He came to Walla Walla in 1863 and for fourteen years packed into the mines with Dan Hays, John Gaston and other well known pioneers. After this he married and settled near Frenchtown.

At the time of his death he owned a valuable wheat farm near Athena. St Dennis achieved some notoriety last fall by marrying Agnes Kennedy, his wife's nurse, three days after his wife was buried. She passed away October 1, 1903, was buried the next day, and October 5 he was married to Miss Kennedy, who survives him.

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## STRAWBERRY CROP ASSURED

Milton Only Slightly Affected on Early Varieties, It Is Said.

Contrary to reports being circulated that the strawberry crop of the Milton district was fully half or more destroyed on Saturday night by frost, several fruit growers of that locality have been interviewed on the matter by a representative of the Milton Eagle, with the result that a gratifying situation has been discovered which has completely placed the talk of any shortage in the nonsensical column. In every instance the growers interviewed declared that they will have and that they believe the district will have a full crop of strawberries unless something turns up in the future to destroy them, and this is considered entirely unlikely at this lateness of the season.

There may be spots where the light frost of Saturday damaged the more tender varieties to some extent, but this is not general by any means.

In every community there are to be found people whose sole aim in life seems to be to always look upon the side tending to destroy the good reputation of their country, even though they may have been life-long residents of the community. Such reports as they have circulated during the past few days have done much to start a wrong rumor afloat. The true situation, however, is well known to the owners of the land.

## MAN KILLED BY RUNAWAY PLOW TEAM

Edward Wilcox, a farm hand, met a horrible death yesterday forenoon at the Casper Woodward place, west of town.

Just in what manner the young man met his death will never be known, except that he was thrown from a gang plow, and when found he was lying on his face dead, with the skull fractured back of the right eye.

The team had evidently run away, and Wilcox's body had been circled by it several times, and finally stopped where it remained standing from about 9 o'clock until the dinner hour. Not coming to dinner, investigation was made and the man was found as above

stated. The coroner was notified and came up from Pendleton and viewed the body. The cause of death being determined to be the result of accident, no jury was empanelled. The only marks of injury were disclosed on the left side of the head. The denture, as it appears, could have been made either by falling against the frame work of the plow, one of the mould boards, or could have resulted from the blow of a horse's hoof. The body was brought to this city last evening and is being held at Miller's undertaking parlors. The relatives reside in California, and they have been notified of the death.

## JAMES C. STAMPER

Died Suddenly at His Home Wednesday Night—Death Resulted From Heart Failure.

James C. Stamper, a resident of Athena since 1870, died at his home in this city Wednesday night at 11 o'clock, as the result of heart failure. His death came suddenly, no one being present except his wife when he expired.

Shortly after retiring Mr. Stamper awoke feeling ill. He got up from the bed and started to make a fire in the stove. Growing rapidly worse, he sat down in a chair and Mrs. Stamper hastily sent her daughter to a neighbor's that Dr. Plamondon, his physician might be called. Mr. Stamper said it was too late, that he had no use for a doctor now. He passed away before his daughter's return, or the arrival of the doctor.

Mr. Stamper had not been in good health for several months, though nothing serious was anticipated, and yesterday morning the announcement of his sudden death shocked the community in which he had lived for so many years.

He served in the capacity of peace officer during the town's early history, and until late years was a deputy sheriff. Many were the deeds of bravery shown by him during these years. Lately he followed painting as a vocation.

He was a member of the Odd Fellows and Woodman orders, and carried life insurance in the latter for \$3,000.

James C. Stamper was born in Tennessee, October 26, 1849, and with his parents crossed the plains to the Willamette valley in 1864. He came to Umatilla county in 1870 and has since resided here. He was united in marriage to Miss Lizzie Bush, who with one daughter, Miss Lela, survives him. Virgie the eldest daughter died several years ago. Besides wife and daughter he is survived by his mother, who lives near Pendleton, three brothers, Henry, of Weston, Nelson, of Potlatch, Idaho; Jesse, of Peck, Idaho; two sisters, Mrs. Brown, of Pilot Rock and Mrs. Rainey of Lexington.

The funeral will take place from the Methodist Church Sunday at 11 o'clock a. m. Rev. Geisler will preach the sermon and the funeral will be conducted by the Odd Fellows lodge.

## CIRCUS SIGHTS IN ATHENA

Fire Halts the Parker Shows for a Time Sunday.

The Parker shows put in a date Sunday that was not on their touring schedule.

The long train, on which was loaded wagons, animal cages, horses, tents and other circus paraphernalia, rushed into the O. R. & N. yards with the car containing the tent equipment in a sheet of flame. The train was brought to stop, and the burning car was uncoupled from the train.

Where the stop was made was outside of the limits of the fire department, although the west side hose cart was taken to the scene.

A large crowd soon gathered and the wagon containing the burning canvas was dumped from the car and a half hour's work smothered the flames, but not before the tents had been damaged to the extent of \$1200, according to the estimate of Manager Tyler.

"Park Addition."

The Athena Land & Trust company has given its acre tract property adjoining the city on the South, the appropriate name of "Park Addition." A big canvas sign, setting forth in bold letters, the advantages offered home-seekers in these tracts floats across Main street at the O. R. & N. depot, and attracts the attention of passengers on all trains coming into the city over the O. R. & N. and the Northern Pacific. The surveying of the Ogle property has been completed and the tracts will be put on the market in a few days.

Pendleton vs. Athena.

The Pendleton Indians will meet the Colts on the Athena grounds Sunday afternoon at 1:30. The Colts gave the Pendleton team a hard game two weeks ago, losing by one score, and are prepared to scalp every injin in the bunch when they strip for the fray Sunday. La Brasche will probably be in the box for the Colts and the general line up will be a strong one. As this will be one of the most scrappy games of the season, a big crowd is expected to be in attendance.

Lost First Game.

Pearsons Academy baseball team of Walla Walla lost their first game Saturday, when they went down in defeat before the Weston Normal team at Weston Saturday afternoon, by the score of 11 to 1.

Miss Dora Myrick was up from Pendleton Sunday, visiting her parents in this city.