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THE FARMER PICNIC

Arrangements Being Made—Committees Appointed at Joint Meeting in Athena Saturday.

La Mar and Athena local Unions of the Farmers Educational and Co-operative Union of America, are busily engaged in the perfection of preliminary arrangements for the county union's first annual picnic, which is to be held in Athena, at McEwen park, Saturday, May 22.

At a joint meeting of La Mar and Athena Unions, held in this city last Saturday afternoon, the following committees were named:

General arrangements—A. L. Swaggart, George Carmichael, Henry Schmitt.

Finance—G. W. Hansell, Cass Cannon, Wm. Tompkins, E. A. Dudley.

Program—Clarence Conner, Helix; F. A. Sykes, Milton; James Price, Weston; J. T. Lieualen, Adams; Charles Gerking, Athena; A. L. Swaggart, La Mar; Mr. and Mrs. Carmichael, La Mar; Charles Maskey, Pilot Rock; W. W. Harrar, Pendleton; Charles Hill, Holdman.

Music—George Gerking, Miss Ella Anderson, Miss Mary McKinnon, Jacob Boober.

Decorations—George Sheard, Jacob Boober, D. C. Kirk, Miss Mary McKinnon, Miss Ella Anderson, Miss Lizzie Sheard, Miss Bessie Key, Ralph Cannon, Marion Hansell.

Grounds—Wm. Boober, Hugh McIntyre, Alex Johnson, Cass Cannon, Ad Pinkerton, G. M. Thompson, Gus Schubert.

Those having the picnic in charge want it understood that all who wish may have camping privileges in the park. This will prove a great convenience to farmers and their families who come from a distance. By leaving their homes Friday, they can have the pleasure of camping over night at the park, or for that matter the night following the picnic, also.

It is probable that two bands will be secured to furnish music. Negotiations are under way to secure the services of the Athena Band and Pilot Rock having a good band, the Union at that place, may decide to bring it.

The Unions will bear the expenses entailed in giving the picnic. There will be no subscription paper circulated among the business men. Every dollar used to carry the big picnic to success, will come from the farmers who are members of the different unions.

SIDEWALKS AND STRAY STOCK

Demands Attention of Councilmen at Regular meeting.

Sidewalks and stock running at large within the city limits demanded principal attention of the councilmen at the regular meeting Monday night.

Mayor McEwen called for a reading of the ordinance which prohibits its stock running at large, saying that complaints to him regarding loose stock were frequent. He instructed the marshal to see that the ordinance was strictly enforced hereafter.

Dilapidated sidewalks in front of the Gillis property and the Douglas property both on Fourth street and the Lester Swaggart property on Third street, were given special attention and it was ordered that the respective owners be notified to rebuild them.

It was noted by the Mayor that a cessation in cleaning up alleys was apparent, with the result that instructions were given that all alleys must be cleaned up at once.

Only four bills came before the council. Three of these were for officers salaries, the outsider being a small one for the Athena Truck company. The council will meet in special session Friday night to consider applications for near beer saloon licenses.

PARK COMES TO CITY AT ITS ACTUAL COST

Commercial Association Members Raise Funds and Now Hold Property in Trust Until the City Votes to Levy Tax to Purchase the Park.

At the meeting of the Commercial Association Tuesday evening the principal topic for discussion was the acquisition of the site for a city park, offered by the Athena Land & Trust company.

Mr. Wilson and Mr. McEwen of the company were both present, and stated that the object in offering the park to the city at cost was that they were interested in seeing Athena made a better town and any progressive movement that helped Athena, would help the company in the enterprise which it had undertaken. Mr. Wilson said his company offered the city 5 and one-tenth acres of ground, for park purposes only for the sum of \$867, which was the actual cost to the company at this time.

The manner of securing the land then came up for discussion. The proposition of raising funds by popular subscription to purchase the park and deed it over to the city, received practically no support whatever, and was superseded unanimously on the part of the meeting by the proposal advanced that the city buy the park at the cost above stated by the usual method of tax levy.

The arguments advanced in favor of the city as a whole buying the park, were logical in every sense. It was shown that purchase by popular subscription method, would throw the burden on the business men and a few property owners, while railroad property, the saloon buildings which are owned by outside interests, and other property owners, whose names in the past have always been conspicuous by absence from any subscription list whatever, would pay nothing, but still reap pro rata, any benefit which the town would derive from park conveniences.

Recognizing that here was Athena's only chance to procure at a nominal figure what is perhaps the finest site for a park found anywhere in Eastern Oregon, President Hawks of the Com-

mmercial Association, named N. A. Miller, J. E. Froome, F. B. Boyd and David Taylor as a committee to secure signatures of property owners on a joint note for the purpose of raising the amount asked by the Athena Land & Trust company.

The committee secured the necessary signatures, borrowed the amount of money from the First National Bank of Athena, and when the papers are made out and recorded, the park tract will be deeded in trust to N. A. Miller, chairman of the committee, until the city votes to take over the property at the next city election.

The condition on which the Athena Land & Trust company sells the park at actual cost is that it to be owned by the city and maintained for and used only for park purposes.

The reason that the transfer is made to Mr. Miller in trust temporarily, is that the land company, selling the park at a low figure in comparison with prices for which other land in the locality of the park will sell, was not disposed to hold the offer open indefinitely, which would be until the city could vote on the purchase of the land and make the levy. The nice men who went on the note for the purchase price, did so purely through public spiritedness, believing that Athena needs the park and should own it in the nature of a valuable asset; just the same as all progressive towns and cities own and control parks for the convenience and pleasure of the public.

This splendid property is located in the very heart of the famous "Richard's Grove." It is conveniently located, being just two blocks south of Main street. The park contains 5 1-10 acres including the extension of Third street on the west and the extension of Fifth street on the east. It embraces luxurious shade trees in plenty; a creek flows the entire length of the tract on the north side, and the contour of the entire plot of land makes it possible of securing pleasing landscape results.

TAKE YOUR RAKE AND JOIN THE CROWD

Everybody, including the children—and especially the children—the young folks and the old folks of the town are invited to join the park cleaning brigade, armed with a garden rake, tomorrow (Saturday) afternoon, when all are to assist in cleaning up the new city park. It is proposed to combine pleasure with the work, and so far as the children are concerned the occasion will be devoted to a sort of picnic. It is suggested that the school children chaperoned by the teachers, congregate at the park before the noon hour and enjoy a basket dinner, after which all will turn to and assist in cleaning up the park. No one is barred from assisting in cleaning up the park and it is expected a large number will be on hand during the afternoon. The occasion will give a splendid opportunity for all to inspect the new park and enjoy the afternoon there.

EPWORTH LEAGUE MUSICAL

Will be Assisted in Program, Sunday Evening by B. Y. P. U.

The Epworth League assisted by the B. Y. P. U. will give a musical program at the M. E. Church on Sunday evening May 9th, from 7 to 8. This date being their 20th anniversary. The program follows:

Voluntary — Mrs. H. E. Ryder.
Song The Cloud and the Fire.
Prayer — Rev. Ryder.
Song The New Song.
Address — Rev. Geisler.
Song He Saves With Power Divine.
Message from Epworth League to B. Y. P. U.
Duet — Sweet Will of God.
Norma Smith and Gertrude Boober.
Message from B. Y. P. U. to Epworth League.
Song Jesus Stood in the Shore.
Epworth League roll call.
Song In His Keeping.
B. Y. P. U. roll call.
Song Hallelujah for the Blood.
Benediction.

White Steamer Burns.
Dave Still of Freewater nearly lost his new White Steamer Sunday morning by fire. The oil caught fire somehow and at first it was thought the whole machine was gone but Mr. Still with the help of D. J. Kirk who was passing, managed to get the fire out after it had done about \$500 worth of damage. The machinery is thought to be all right.

Concrete Walks.
Concrete walks are being put down on Main street this week, in front of the business property of Ohas. Norris and David Taylor, the latter property being occupied by Dell Bros. Other Main street property owners are also considering replacing board walks with concrete.

A summer session of the Eastern Oregon State Normal School is announced, to occur soon after the annual commencement. The session opens June 1 and close July 10, and the following courses are announced by the management:

Methods of Teaching.
Preparation for State Teacher's Examination.
Latin, German, Music.
In addition, during the first two weeks of the session, instruction will be given in 8th grade work to pupils desiring it. This will enable pupils who failed at the May examination to review in the necessary branches for the June examination.

An able corps of instructors will be headed by President Freuch. These are Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Russell, Mr. Paul H. Wyman and Mrs. A. Z. Crayne. Mrs. Russell will have charge of the work in music.

A large attendance is expected, and Weston will be the center of much educational interest during six of the summer weeks.

Spokane Elects Democrat.
N. S. Pratt, democrat nominee, defeated J. T. Omo, republican, for mayor of Spokane, Tuesday, by a majority of from 500 to 700. While Pratt ran on the democratic ticket, he stood pledged to a nonpartisan administration. Extraordinary interest was taken in the contest from the fact that the issues were sharply drawn between the liquor and brewery interests, who supported Omo, and the civic league and nonpartisan club, composed largely of church people, and those opposed to wide open town tendencies, who were for Pratt. Omo also had the support of the street railway companies.

OLD HALL SECURED

Commercial Association Will Meet in Home of Former Organization—Committees were Appointed.

A fairly good attendance of enthusiastic boosters were seated in Masonic Hall Tuesday evening, when President Hawks called the second meeting of the re-organized Commercial Association to order.

The committee appointed at the previous meeting, to secure a meeting place for the Association reported. Three propositions were offered as follows: C. A. Barrett's proposal to rent the Commercial Association room furnished with chairs, carpet, stove light, and desk, for \$6.50 per month; H. O. Worthington, unfurnished building on Main street, \$7 per month; A. B. McEwen, Masonic hall, including janitor services, meetings on basis of two meetings per month, at \$8 per month.

The matter of location was discussed at length. On motion it was decided to choose between the Masonic Hall and the Association room, the latter carrying the privilege of meeting at any time, by ballot, with the result that the former meeting place was selected.

The committee on stationary submitted for inspection a design for letter heads, which met with the approval of the Association. The question of securing an appropriate electrotype for advertising purposes on envelopes was referred to the committee on advertising. It was proposed that suitable literature setting forth the resources of Athena and tributary territory, including the Athena Land & Trust Company's sub-irrigated acre tracts, and a committee of two, H. A. Barrett and N. A. Miller, was appointed to solicit funds for publicity purposes.

The question of membership fees was discussed, and the amount charged will be decided at the next meeting which will be Tuesday evening, May 11.

Attorney Wilson stated that the O. R. & N. company had offered to distribute any publicity matter which the association saw fit to furnish and a like offer was made by the Northern Pacific through David Taylor.

The plan of securing the park for the city from the Athena Land & Trust company resulted in the president appointing N. A. Miller, J. E. Froome, F. B. Boyd and David Taylor as a committee to procure signatures to a joint note for the purpose of securing \$867, the amount needed as the purchase price, and to have the property deeded in trust until such time as the city takes ownership.

LOCATION OF RURAL MAIL BOXES

Must be Placed in an Easily Accessible Position.

Uncle Sam's mail routes are a great convenience to patrons, and are really run at a loss. In return he asks that patrons make things handy for the carriers. Below is an excerpt from an official letter received by postmasters handling rural routes mail:

You are, therefore, directed to require each rural carrier at your office to submit to you without delay, for transmission to the Department, the names of all patrons whose boxes can not be served without leaving the road, dismounting, driving in deep ditches or on steep inclines, or on or across railway tracks involving danger, or the approaches to whose boxes are obstructed. It is not required that boxes should be erected beside wheel tracks, nor on any particular corner of the crossroads; but they must be erected within the confines of the road, and accessible, on any corner.

It is not desirable that boxes be attached to telegraph, telephone, or electric light poles, or to fences or to buildings, but boxes should be securely fastened to neat and strong posts firmly set at the side of the roads, at a sufficient height to be served by carriers without rising from their seats or reaching through wheel spokes.

Milton Early Fruit.
That Milton is the earliest fruit center in the Pacific northwest was proved Monday morning when Joe Irons picked a box of bright red straw berries from his place southwest of the depot says a Milton item. The berries were of first class quality and had all the flavor that is found in the later fruit. The box was worth \$1. Strawberries in the vicinity of Milton are ripening very fast and it will only be a short time until large quantities will be placed on the market.

Athena's Big Sales Day.
Big posters announcing Athena's annual sales day are being distributed throughout the county. The posters announce that \$9,000 worth of property including 50 head of horses, new buggies, wagons, etc., will be offered for sale to the highest bidder in this city Saturday, May 15. The men having the sale in charge have all necessary arrangements made, and every indication points to success.