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FIRE DEPARTMENT?

City Council Tussles With Question of Whether or Not Athena Has Organization.

At the meeting of the city council Monday night, the Athena fire department was discussed.

Before the matter had been discussed to any great length, the question apparently resolved itself to a basis as to whether there was really an organized fire department in Athena at the present time or not.

Councilman Johnson had not heard the tap of a bell calling the boys to meeting for a year, and others did not remember of hearing the old familiar signal used to assemble the fire ladders at the city hall.

Then it developed that no election of officers for the year had been made. The fire chief of the department, last elected, lives on a ranch in the country, and in case of fire would not be on hand, only in event that he should happen to be in town. Mayor McEwen suggested that the department be given notice to assemble and elect officers.

On the membership roll, are the names of a number of volunteer firemen who have seen active service and who are able to give a good account of themselves as fire fighters, but the department as a whole seems to have drifted along until now it is in need of regeneration.

The ministers of the three churches of the city were present at the council meeting and plied the Mayor with questions relative to the forfeiture of Charles Grant's bond for conducting an alleged disorderly house. Pastor Harris, of the Christian Church cited as grounds for bond forfeiture the Ed Rush incident. The council took no action, and adjourned after allowing the usual monthly grist of bills.

PILOT ROCK WAS OUTCLASSED

Received Terrible Trouncing at Hands of Shamrocks, Saturday.

It only lasted seven innings, and it was awful. When it was over Manager Maskrey's togs looked as though they had been run through a cold mangle and needed pressing and his bunch of ball tossers saw victory perched upon the green banner of the Shamrocks by the score of 11 to 1. It was a terrible trouncing and fell hard on the pride of the people of the big rock, but it was deserved, for the swift little Shamrocks played 'em off their feet at every stage of the game.

Maskrey's husky men who have the distinction of winning ten games without a skip, showed that they were outclassed in the hands of a team that knows the game from a to zizzard, and plays inside ball all the time—all the time.

It was baseball murder in the first degree, but it couldn't be helped. There was nothing else to do but give it to 'em good and plenty every time the bars were down, and the bars were down the greater part of the time. Cantux?

Mr. Lobaugh promptly got his. Dr. Lieualen, ditto. The rook sluggers could do nothing with LaBrasche a-tall, a-tall. They were soon in the air and the carnage went on without interruption for 35 minutes. Lieualen was substituted for Lobaugh, but the change counted for naught and the batting average of the Shamrocks continued to swell. The tale glides into history thus:

Athena	R	H	E
Pilot Rock	1	13	2
	1	4	6

Persons persisting in using electric flat-irons without making arrangements with the Preston-Parton company will hereafter be called upon to pay meter rates for all service, including lights.

CONTENDS AGREEMENT WAS LIVED UP TO

Statements of Telephone Company Refuted by Local Manager in Face of Existing Condition of Switchboard.

Recently the Press called attention to allegations that the Pacific telephone & Telegraph company had not kept its agreement made with its local patrons at the time of consolidation with the former lines. The article in question cited the fact that a promise had been made by the company to install new office equipment here within six months after date of consolidation, but instead a second hand switch board of obsolete character had been pulled out of the Milton office and put in place of the one here at the time. In answer to the article the Walla Walla manager of the company writes the Press as follows:

Walla Walla, June 8, 1909.—Editor Athena Press, Athena, Ore.—My attention has been called to an article that appeared in your issue, May 21st to the effect that the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Company did not keep faith with the Athena patrons; and would ask that you kindly give us space in your paper to state our side of the case.

In the first place I want to say that we kept our agreement and installed a switchboard large enough to take care of all of the lines going into the Athena office, and to provide for future growth and instead of the present apparatus being obsolete, it is sufficiently equipped to take care of five additional lines to what we now have in use.

It is true that the board was formerly in use at Milton, Ore. and was taken out to make room for a larger board as the capacity for increased growth had been exhausted on said switchboard. The fact that a switchboard had formerly been in use in some other town does not make it obsolete nor interfere with giving good service.

At the present time the Plant Department of this company is arranging to replace the present 50 pair cable entering our exchange with a 100 pair cable and they are also arranging to replace some of the smaller poles for larger ones, place new cross-arms, restring some of the lines and make the necessary arrangements for changing former lines so that the local conditions will be vastly improved. All of this work will be started within a short time. Yours truly,

P. Bacon
Commercial manager.

On receipt of Mr. Bacon's letter the Press further investigated the matter and it finds that the facts do not bear out Mr. Bacon's statements.

In the first place, the company promised a new switch board. Instead it installed the old one that had done service in the Milton office.

In the second place, the apparatus is obsolete, in face of Mr. Bacon's statement that it is "sufficiently equipped

to take care of 5 additional lines to what we now have in use," for the reason that four of the five drops are worn out and will not perform their mechanical functions. Further, Mr. Myers, the local manager says there are other drops connecting with the lines in present use that will not work. Again, Mr. Myers says the buttons are worn to such degree that when pressed, they do not correctly respond and consequently the rings are not always accurate.

Mr. Bacon's contention that a switchboard formerly used in another town does not necessarily make it obsolete, nor interfere with its giving good service, is altogether irrelevant, and immaterial, so far as concerns the Athena case, for when the company installed the old Milton apparatus here it evidently recognized its promise made to local patrons for it covered the second-hand installation behind the statement that the San Francisco disaster was levying on all new apparatus in the restoration of its demoralized system there.

Later, in excuse for not coming through with its agreement, the company alleged the factories were so behind with orders that it could not secure the necessary equipment, all of which shows that the company, while the matter was fresh in mind, at least considered that it was a party to the agreement. Afterward it received complaints with its customary silence.

Man who have worked on the switchboard pronounce it worn out, according to H. A. Barrett, who was instrumental in bringing about the consolidation of the lines and who feels that he stands in the light of misrepresentation as the result of the company's evasive action in not keeping faith with its patrons.

There is another matter of agreement which the company is short on, and to which the Press would respectfully cite Manager Bacon. It was understood that Athena was to be given an all day service, Sunday included. The present Sunday service is about half a day and during the time Sunday service is not in operation three mail trains pass through, incidents where the telephone service is greatly needed.

The Press is glad to note that improvements in the line are being made here. The changes enumerated by Mr. Bacon will be greatly appreciated in view of the fact that a number of phones have been out of commission a part of the time, the Press phone to the extent that on demand a rebate for a half month's service was made not long ago. Time, that great leveler of all things, may also bring about the realization of installation of the promised office equipment. Let us hope so.

MILTON'S STRAWBERRY DAY

People Feasted on Luscious Fruit and Enjoyed Hospitality.

The gates of Milton swung ajar to hundreds of visitors Tuesday, the occasion being the city's annual strawberry day. Visitors thronged the streets, feasted on luscious fruit and were hospitably entertained after a fashion known only to the good people of Milton.

A feature of the day was the horse parade which took place in the afternoon, following the exercises in Nichols grove. Following is the program: Music - Fourth Cavalry Band
Address of Welcome - Mayor N. A. Davis

Duet - Mrs. Ida Avery and Miss Wills
Address - Hon. H. S. Blandford
Vocal Solo - J. P. Nail
Address - Prof. Neiland
Vocal Solo - Mrs. Ida Avery
Address - Prof. A. J. Jackson
Duet - Mrs. Ida Avery and Miss Wills
Address - Col. O. R. Ballou

A base ball game was played after the horse show, and in the evening a band concert and vocal selections were enjoyed at Columbia College grounds.

Section of Seats Fall.
During the afternoon exercises at the Caledonian picnic Saturday, a section of the seats collapsed and in the crush Henry Barrett was caught and seriously injured. His left leg from the knee down received a severe strain and was badly bruised. Others narrowly escaped injury.

Broncho Busting.
One of the features which claimed interested attention at the Caledonian picnic, was "Jinks" Taylor's band of Indian broncho busters. Fine exhibitions of horsemanship were given on both days of the picnic, among the best riders being a couple of white boys.

BAPTIST CHURCH CHILDREN DAY

Interesting Services Announced for Next Sunday.

The members of the Baptist church are looking for all the services on Sunday to be at high water mark. The Bible school will commence at 10 a. m., and every one is asked to make an effort to be on time. At 11 o'clock the hour for worship and Pastor Ryder will preach. The B. Y. P. U. 7 p. m. will be led by Mrs. Watts; the topic is: "The Life of Francis Willard." The service at 8 o'clock will be the climax of the day. It will be the Children's Festival of Song. Children's day is always an interesting time and this year a good program has been prepared. Everybody is welcome. The program follows:

Hymn, congregation; song, school; prayer; responsive reading; recitation, Evelyn LaRue; song, "Jesus Bids us Shine," primary class; recitation, Louise Knight; song, "God Cares for Me," Mrs. Watts' class; exercise, "Children's Day," primary class; recitation, Gertie LaRue; address, "Look Into the Future," Chas. Betts; exercise, "The Givers," Mrs. Watts' class; song, "Welcome Fair Day," Louise Knight; exercise, "Pussies' School," four girls; recitation, "Let the Children Come," Vera Gross, Verda Payne, Edna Jones; exercise, the "The Flower's Message," Mrs. Barrett's and Mrs. Watts' classes; address, Pastor H. E. Ryder; recitation, Reta Payne; offering for the work of the Baptist publication society; song, "At the Name of Jesus," school; Hymn, "Onward Christian Soldiers," congregation; closing prayer.

Byron Hawks, of the Pioneer drugstore finds ready sale for his Peroxide Greaseless Skin Food. It is just the lotion for the removal of freckles, sunburn and the softening of rough skin. It is best for complexion and leaves the skin free from grease.

AN ARTESIAN WELL

Contract Will Be Let to Miller & West and Work Will Start Within Fifteen Days.

The contract for boring an artesian well on the Athena Land & Trust company's tract has been drawn and forwarded to LaGrande, for the signature of Miller & West, a firm of well drillers who for several years have been in the employ of the O. R. & N. Co.

S. F. Wilson, secretary of the Athena Land & Trust company, informs the Press that work on the well will begin within 15 days. The contract specifies that Miller & West are to receive \$5 per foot for boring the well and the depth is limited to 1000 feet.

The firm to which the contract is let is responsible and operates a first class drilling machine. The men have been in the employ of the O. R. & N. company for several years and the deepest wells on the system have been bored under their supervision.

Mr. West was here last week and looked over the ground carefully. He pronounced conditions here to be ideal for artesian prospects.

While the Athena Land & Trust company is taking great interest in securing artesian water, property owners looking to the best interests of the town and community have signified their intention of financially aiding the enterprise, and probably a stock company will be organized as a result of the universal interest shown.

The plan to use the city well as a base of operations does not meet with approval on the part of machine men. They say it will be more satisfactory to bore a new well outright than to attempt to ream out the present hole to larger size.

THE JUDGE FINES FIGHTERS

Two Cases Disposed of By His Honor—Docket Cleared.

Scrapping appears to be contagious in Athena and consequently Judge Richards continues to deal out justice at the old stand.

Friday an incipient fire in a woodpile called out Hose Co. No. 2. During the process of extinguishing the blaze, "Slim" Miller took exception to direction issued by Chief Shick and turned the nozzle on Shick. The chief worked his way up the hose and landed a couple of blows. Later in the day the boys answered to their names in Judge Richards' court. Shick was fined and the same was remitted.

Monday the Brotherton-McAlexander case was heard. Attorney Watts appeared for the city and Attorney Wilson for Brotherton. Brotherton was fined \$25 outright and McAlexander a like amount. Payment of the latter's fine was suspended pending good behavior. The Brotherton case clears the police docket to date.

BAR MINORS FROM GAMES

Provisions of New Law of Last Session Drastic.

Billiard parlors and soft drink resorts will be hard hit if the provisions of the law passed by the last session of the legislature and now in effect are enforced. This is senate bill No. 29 and prohibits the owners of places of amusement permitting minors to engage in games there, and also provides a penalty for those minors who misrepresent their ages.

The following are the provisions of the law:

Section 1. If any person being the owner, lessee, proprietor or employe of any cigar store, public card room, saloon, barroom, public billiard room, public pool room, soft drink establishment or other public place of amusement, shall suffer or permit any minor to engage in any game of cards, billiards, pool, bagatelle, dice throwing or other game of chance in such cigar store, public card room, saloon, barroom, public billiard room, public pool room, soft drink establishment or other place of amusement, either for amusement or otherwise, such person shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$25 nor more than \$100.

Section 2. If any minor shall represent and pretend to the owner, lessee, proprietor or employe of any place enumerated in section 1 of this act that such minor is 21 years of age or upwards for the purpose of inducing such person to suffer or permit such minor to engage in any of the things enumerated in said section a fine of not less than \$10 nor more than \$100. Filed in the office of the secretary of state February 23, 1909.

Mountain Pasture.
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