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NEW FIRE OFFICERS

Athena Fire Department Answers Call of Mayor and Elects H. A. Barrett Fire Chief.

Pursuant to a call issued by Mayor McEwen, the members of the Athena fire department met in the city hall Monday evening for the purpose of electing department officers.

Delegates from Hose companies Nos. 1 and 2 and Hook and Ladder company No. 1 were present and took part in the organization proceedings.

H. O. Worthington was elected President; York Dell, secretary and H. A. Barrett, treasurer.

A. M. Johnson and H. A. Barrett were placed in nomination for the office of department Chief. Before a ballot was taken, Mr. Johnson withdrew and Mr. Barrett was elected chief by the unanimous voice of the meeting.

On motion it was so arranged that the three companies comprising the department be awarded on a pro rata basis the members now on the rolls of the department as the foundation for reorganization.

The three companies will at once elect officers and recruit up to full membership.

RE-UNION WILL BE BIG AFFAIR

Rhinehart Will Meet at Freewater June 22-26.

Guess the northwest is not so slow or so new either, for it, like the middle west, can have family re-unions each year too. The biggest event of this character is the third annual reunion of the Rhinehart family to be held in the Freewater City park, Tuesday, June 22, and ending Saturday, June 26.

This family reunion has become one of the big events of its character for this section of the country and an unusually large crowd is expected this year. Special arrangements have been made with the O. R. & N. company for one and a third fare, provided fifty or more tickets are purchased from any station from Oregon, Washington or Lewiston, Idaho, also as far south as Ashland on the Southern Pacific, tickets to be on sale June 18 to June 22 and tickets must be bought to Milton Oregon.

The last reunion of the Rhinehart family was held at Summerville, Ore. at which six generations of the family were represented. This year, on account of death, only four generations will be represented.

Offered Position in Summer School. E. J. Klemme, principal of the Walla Walla high school, whose major work in the Northwestern university was in the department of psychology and education has been offered a position as teacher of these subjects in the summer session of Ellensburg Normal school. This session will meet at Vashon college, which is about one hour's ride from Seattle and Tacoma on the boat. The location is ideal and the position a desirable one.

Wyman Goes to Buhl. Prof. Paul H. Wyman, who has been during the past year principal of the training department at the Normal school at Weston, is being congratulated by his numerous friends there over his good fortune in being tendered and having accepted the position of superintendent of schools at Buhl, Idaho.

Editor Purchases Land. John P. McManus, editor of the Pilot Rock Record has purchased 560 acres of land, adjoining the Pilot Rock townsite, from Douglas Belts for the sum of \$14,800. The land will be divided into small tracts.

COMMERCIAL ASSOCIATION TO ENTERTAIN

At a recent meeting, the Athena Commercial Association decided to introduce social features as a means of stimulating interest in the organization. With this object in view, the plan of the Walla Walla commercial club in giving weekly lunches was adopted, and Wednesday noon of this week the association took its first luncheon at the St. Nichols hotel. The next feature of social endeavor will embrace the presence of the general public, when on Friday evening, June 25, the Commercial Association will give a basket supper and entertainment at the Odd Fellows K. of P.

hall. In connection with the entertainment it is proposed to include a general educational rally and for this part of the program an effort will be made to secure the presence of Prof. Klemme, County Supt. Welles and others, who will deliver addresses. Everybody, both old and young, interested in the welfare of Athena, is extended a cordial invitation to be present. The women and girls are requested to prepare baskets with edibles for the occasion. The committee on program arrangements will have their work completed soon, and the program will be printed in next Friday's Press.

ATTEND THE ANNUAL SCHOOL MEETING

The annual school meeting will take place at the school house, Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock. At this meeting one director and the clerk will be elected. In view of the fact that a great deal of interest is being manifested in the reorganization of the Athena high school, and also a proposed future union high school which will embrace adjoining districts, there is expected to be a large attendance at the meeting. For director, the best interests of public school education in Athena depends on the selection of a man who can and will give such time and attention as the requirements of the office demand. The Press does

not believe in the practice of electing a man to this office simply because he is a good fellow and a big tax payer, wholly in disregard of whether or not he is known to possess the requisite capabilities necessary to the administration of educational affairs.

The present board has given to Athena one of the ablest educators in the Northwest to head its school. He is to be assisted by a trained corps of instructors and it is up to the voters of the district to see that when the votes are counted next Monday afternoon, the man elected shall be one who is competent in every way to do his part in securing full educational measure from the school.

AWFUL ATTEMPT AT SUICIDE

Insane Man Uses Fork to Drill Into Throat.

Although every reasonable precaution had been taken to prevent just such an intended tragedy, John Norton, insane, attempted suicide Saturday night about midnight in the Baker City jail.

The man, fearing that others were intending to kill him, determined to cheat his pursuers. As a result he lies at the point of death, not from the injuries he inflicted upon himself, but as a result of the nervous convulsions which followed his awful act. Norton had been looked alone in an individual cell of the jail, but Deputy Sheriff George Hertert, who had charge of the prisoners, had arranged the cell so that it might be opened by other prisoners in case of emergency.

The insane man's cell had been carefully searched, but in some inexplicable manner he had managed to hide within it one of the forks which the prisoners are allowed for use in eating. With this the crazy man attempted to cut his throat. He waited until a time when every person about the jail was asleep, then taking the fork, bent the prongs together and plunged them into his throat on the right side just above the carotid artery.

The man used the fork like one would use a brace and bit; he bored into the flesh, making a hole almost half an inch across, from which the blood flowed freely.

Before he had accomplished his purpose, however, H. Franks and Bob Alexander, two other prisoners, had discovered the man's attempt, and rushing into his cell, overpowered him. Had Norton been left alone another minute, according to the surgeon, he would have been able to force his way to the artery and made death certain.

Brakeman Saves Baby.

The noon O. K. & N. passenger for Pendleton Wednesday when within a few miles of La Crosse was compelled to stop, when one of the brakemen saved a 2-year-old child trudging in the center of the track with the train almost at its heels. The little one had wandered away from its home, a half mile distant. The engineer saw the baby just in time to stop the train. Just as the little one was being lifted over the fence the passengers saw the frantic mother running through the wheat field.

Echo After Pheasants.

The Echo Gun club has purchased China pheasant eggs and the farmers along the river will donate hens to hatch the eggs, and then care for the young pheasants until their natural wild instincts cause them to leave. In this way it is thought that part of the county can well be stocked with pheasants in the next four years. The game law is that no pheasants can be killed until 1913.

Indians Will Get Money.

The semi-annual payment to the Indians of the Umatilla reservation will be made today and tomorrow. At this time the agency office force is busy with the rolls and until the work is completed the exact amount to be paid out will not be known.

WAS AN OMAHA PIONEER

Mrs. Bradley Was Authority On Early Nebraska History.

Concerning the death of Mrs. A. R. Bradley, the Omaha World-Herald says:

"Mrs. Grace I. Allen Bradley, of one of the pioneer families of Omaha, died at her home, late Monday afternoon.

"Mrs. Bradley had been sitting on the front porch in the afternoon, sewing comfortably, when she remarked that she was feeling tired and went into the house to lie down. While asleep she passed away. Her death followed several months of ill health, which a trip to Southern California did not benefit.

"She was one of the best known of Omaha women, her circle of acquaintances extending through the pioneer families and their children and in the varied spheres in which she was a very active worker. She was regarded also as an authoritative historian of Omaha and a woman much loved for her kind heart and unselfish work.

"As a little girl Grace Allan was in the center of activity in the new town of Omaha, and throughout her life memories of these days were subjects of rich narration in conversation or in newspaper articles written in her interesting style.

"Mrs. Bradley was born in the old Oteo Mission house, August 9, 1857. Her father managed the Herndon House, the first hotel of consequence in Omaha, and a part of which still stands in the Union Pacific headquarters building at Ninth and Forman streets."

Tabooed Cap and Gown.

"This court has been conducted for the past 56 years without such wearing apparel being worn and in my opinion, I do not think that any dignity is added to it. I make no apologies for not appearing in the prescribed cap and gown as I am not a believer in the wisdom of it." These were the words of Judge Thomas Brents when he took the bench in superior court Monday morning, to open the present jury term, says the Union. He was clad neither in gown or cap and from the above remarks evidently does not intend wearing them.

No Cigarettes in Washington.

"We have been instructed by the prosecuting attorney to enforce every section of the new criminal code and as it is a penalty to smoke or have the makings of cigarettes about your person according to this law, the cigarette will have to go." This was the statement made by Chief of Police Mike Davis of Walla Walla, when asked about the report that the police would arrest any or all persons caught smoking the "pills."

Roadster Caught Fire.

While driving to Walla Walla from Dayton, Dr. C. H. Day's Reo roadster caught fire and was partially destroyed before the flames could be extinguished. J. J. Edwards, who was with the physician, carried water in his hat from a nearby stream and prevented the total destruction of the machine. The car was driven to Walla Walla.

Mountain Pasture.

Good mountain pasture for horses. Enquire at Loveridge's livery stable, Weston.

CHANGE BEING MADE

New Cable System for Telephone Lines - Sunday Service to Be Inaugurated at Once.

The Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company is now at work on two important and beneficial changes, which when completed will greatly improve the service in this city.

The foreman of the line department has been here for several days supervising a thorough reconstruction of the company's lines on Main and Fourth streets. New poles are being put in and heavier cross arms are replacing the old ones in the localities carrying the larger number of wires.

The disadvantage to which the service has been heretofore subjected through cause of high winds and tree branches is to be obviated entirely by the installation of a cable which will encase all the wires running from the central office, north on Fourth street.

A change was made in the operating force here on Wednesday, when the company accepted the resignation of Cleve Myers, the local manager, and turned the office management over to C. Griswold, of Walla Walla. She will be assisted in the operating service here by Misses Alta Sharp and Minnie Tharp, the present operators.

Another notable improvement, and one which patrons have long wanted, and one which has been greatly needed, will be a better Sunday service.

Beginning next Sunday the company will institute service from 9 o'clock a. m. to 9 o'clock p. m. The company will find that its efforts in improving the service here will be appreciated by its patrons. Mr. Bacon, superintendent at Walla Walla, is expected to be in Athena this week.

PEDDLING WITHOUT A LICENSE

Seller of Groceries Will Be On Trial Next Week.

George W. Kennett was arraigned in Justice Parkes' court Tuesday morning on a charge of peddling groceries in the county without a license, says the East Oregonian. He gave the \$100 bonds required of him by Justice Parkes and will be brought to trial next Monday morning.

The law under which the peddler was arrested was passed at the last session of the legislature, and so far as is known here this is the first arrest under the statute. It will, therefore, probably be made a test case, especially since Kennett has manifested disposition to fight the case.

He was using a back and team of horses to distribute his groceries and the amount of the license required for an outfit of this kind is \$150.

He insists that he is a representative of a San Francisco grocery house, but his statement is questioned by the local authorities. They think it probable that he purchased his goods from the San Francisco store, but they think that as far as his connection extends and that the house he refers to will not take any part in the trial.

The complaint was sworn out at the instance of the Pendleton Retail Grocers' association. This organization was first informed that Kennett was operating among the farmers in the northern part of the county about a week ago.

Later.—It seems that after considering the case, Kennett decided not to make a fight and gladly availed himself of the opportunity offered to escape by agreeing to pay what costs had accrued and leave the country.

GOVERNMENT CROP REPORT

Condition of Spring and Winter Wheat and Barley.

Spring wheat condition averaged 95.2 per acre; winter wheat 80.7; acreage sown to spring wheat, 18,390,000. This summarized was the report of the department of agriculture on crop conditions.

The spring wheat condition is compared with 95 per cent a year ago and 10 years' average of 92.6. Winter wheat average is against 83.5 a month ago, 86 a year ago and a 10-year average of 80.5.

The spring wheat acreage is 6.9 per cent more than shown last year. The condition of rye a month ago was 88.1 a year ago 91.2 and average of 89.4 for 10 years.

The condition of barley is compared with 89.7 a year ago and a 10-year average of 90.6. The area sown is about 6,881,000 acres, or 3.5 per cent more than last year.

The 1909 acreage, the June 1 condition and the average on June 1 for 10 years for spring wheat in Washington are 905,000 and 93 and 94. The June condition and 10-year average for winter wheat in California are 75 and 80; in Washington, 90 and 95, and in Oregon 87 and 92.