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OPENING OF SCHOOL

High School Department Has Larger Enrollment Than Expected—Progressive Policy Is Outlined.

The Press has set aside a department in which will appear articles and news items concerning matters of interest to its readers pertaining to the Athena public schools. Hereafter this department will be allotted regular space, with appropriate heading announcing the school editorial staff.—Ed.

The Athena schools commenced Monday with a splendid enrollment, especially in the High school department. The opening was most auspicious. The school board and Messrs. Richards, worthy clerk of the board, and Attorney Beverly were present and made appropriate addresses. Principal Case and Assistant Principal Mulkey outlined the progressive policy of the school year.

Teachers and pupils are enthusiastically entering upon their work with apparent purpose and resolution. There is a marked and needed emphasis placed upon discipline and supervision. There is snap and hearty response being introduced throughout the grades and the High school, and consequent efficiency must grow out of advancement throughout the grades. Others are to enter next week.

This week was devoted mainly to organization and preliminary work in various subjects, pending arrival of text books needed in some subjects, and it will be a day or two before the school machinery gets down to smooth, hard work, but all the better work will be done for having an intelligent beginning.

The new piano was placed in the High school department Tuesday, and the pupils of the more advanced grades greatly enjoy the morning exercises.

The total enrollment will probably exceed 200 before the week is out. Arrangements have been started to have athletics and students are very enthusiastic over the plans for the year's work.

We want everyone interested in securing an education to join us. Never mind age limit. Come and take up work. We can offer just as good a Training Course for teachers as can be had in Eastern Oregon. We invite graduates and any others contemplating teaching to join us.

Enrollment By Grades.

- Miss Beverly—Primary department, 1st and 2nd grades, 39.
- Miss Wilkinson—3rd and 4th grades, 33.
- Miss Orswell—4th and 5th grades, 33.
- Miss B. Orswell—6th and 7th grades, 39.
- Mrs. Mulkey—8th grade, 13.
- Principal Case and Mr. Mulkey—High school, 21.

Total enrollment, 177.

Preparations are being made for a gymnasium, basket ball team, track team and other exercises.

The school board has rented a piano from Eilers' piano house in Pendleton, and the students hope to purchase the instrument by giving entertainments.

Students are all enthusiastic and willing to do anything in their power to help build up the school. All are well pleased with the teachers.

Mr. Case and Mr. Mulkey are doing everything possible to get the school started right and to offer the students amusement as well as plenty of work. Mrs. Mulkey will take one high school study and Miss Beverly is to have charge of the German class.

A very interesting incident occurred at school on Wednesday afternoon. Prof. Case was seen to clear the hall in a single leap and charge down the stairs three or more steps at a time. It is believed that these extraordinary maneuvers were performed for the purpose of inducing a small dog to

leave the school house. Now, taking more than one step at a time in ascending or descending the stairs was strictly prohibited at the beginning of school but it is thought that this will be pardoned as it was a remarkable show of agility.

TWO MILES OF RAT TRAPS

Seattle Health Commissioner Wars On Wharf Pests.

Giant rat traps to catch water-front rats will be installed by the city department of health and sanitation of Seattle, according to plans now under consideration by Dr. J. E. Crichton, commissioner of health. Dr. Crichton hopes to install about 15 corrals or traps as an experiment under the wharves in the district from Smith cove to the Centennial mill.

A large V-shaped corral will be built at regular intervals, the sides of high wire netting, the opening of the V facing the water and the point extending back to the rear of the overhanging wharf. At the point of the V a small opening will be given into a barrel sunk flush with the ground and covered with a balanced door, so hinged that it will drop anything coming upon it into the barrel beneath. By means of this pitfall Dr. Crichton hopes to take care of the greater part of the rats congregating under the wharves.

The traps will require about 40 feet of wire netting, protected at the top to keep the animals from crawling over. The expense is estimated as slight. They will extend along a district about 1 1/2 miles in length.

THE READING ROOM

Its New Location Will Be in Basement of the Christian Church—Games and Gymnasium for Starter.

More as an experiment than anything else, the pastor of the Christian church, encouraged by several friends opened a small reading room in a building on Main street, which during the closing months of the past school year proved so successful that it has been decided to reopen the reading room in larger and more commodious quarters.

The basement of the Christian church is to be utilized for this purpose. Many new features are to be introduced, and it will be made a place which is strictly first class in every way, a place where parents can permit their boys to go, with the full confidence that nothing but good influence will surround them. One has but to go down town after the dismissal of school to see dozens of boys loafing around, many in very undesirable places, to see the need of such an institution.

The Press feels that Mr. Harris and the church should be commended for this undertaking, and further that the community should show its appreciation by liberal donations to the expense fund.

This work will be enlarged just as fast, Mr. Harris assures us, as funds are available to do so. It is hoped in time to add a well equipped tub and shower bath to the plant, and other features which will make the place attractive to young men and boys.

The place will be opened about the first of October, and will be thrown open to the public for inspection and patronage.

Baptist Church Rally Day.

A great day is expected at the Baptist church on Sunday. It is Rally Day and Harvest Home Festival. Every one is enthusiastic in preparation for it. The church will be beautifully decorated and there will be a fine display of all kinds of fruit and vegetable—it is to be a public recognition of the goodness of God in giving a bountiful harvest. The service at 10 a. m. will be unique and very interesting from the start, when you will be welcomed and decorated at the door by the reception committee, and—well, you must come and see for yourself all the good things awaiting you. Every one attending, young or old, will receive a pretty souvenir. There will be several new and interesting features in the service, which will please you greatly. Don't miss this 10 a. m. service.

Then at 11 o'clock will follow the Harvest Home Festival service, with special singing and special sermon by the pastor, Herbert E. Ryder.

At 7:30 p. m. there will be a special musical program, interspersed with bright three minute addresses. These services on Sunday, especially the one at 10 a. m. will probably be among the brightest and most interesting the Baptist church has ever had. Don't forget, a souvenir for all who attend the 10 o'clock service. Come and welcome.

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NEW MEMBERS JOIN

Thirty-Two New Members Added to Commercial Association Roster Wednesday Evening.

The first meeting of the Athena Commercial Association held since cessation for the harvest season, was held Wednesday evening. There was fairly good attendance and enough enthusiasm was uncoined to swim several ordinary Association sessions.

The climax came when the names of the thirty-two new members, which were secured at the basket social and educational rally, was by unanimous vote made members of the association. These 32 names added to the association roster, do not include those of the Ladies' auxiliary, which has for its purpose certain lines of work separate, though in conjunction with that of the association.

Several new members addressed the meeting and pledged their support to the work of the Commercial body and to the advancement of the city's progress.

Mr. J. F. Brown, of the new Mercantile firm of Steward & Brown made a short address, which was well received. He was followed by Prof. Case of the Athena High school, who in a pleasing and convincing manner, talked on the relationship of the school and the influential effort of the commercial association along educational lines. He outlined, in a measure, the needs of the school, the character of support it should have from the patrons and citizens generally to insure its success, and appealed for the enforcement of the curfew ordinance during the school year. Mr. T. H. Beverly interested the meeting by relating his experiences with the successful results accrued from the labors of commercial and other organizations with which he had been connected.

Several committees were appointed for special purposes and the association went on record favoring the abolition of the steeples on the building at the corner of Main and 2nd streets; the enforcement of the curfew ordinance and the construction of a sidewalk south from the city hall to the park.

REDUCTION OF RATES

Commissioner of Washington Thinks O. R. & N. Must Make 12-1-2 Per Cent Reduction.

Several thousand dollars annually is to be saved to the wheat growers of Umatilla county as a result of the recent rate reduction ordered by the Washington state commission, according to a member of that commission, says a county exchange. A 12-1-2 per cent reduction has been ordered and as the present rate from Pendleton to Portland is 9-1-2 cents the reduction will make a difference of more than a cent a bushel or a saving of \$55,375 on a 5,000,000 bushel crop.

In view of the Washington decision the decision of the Oregon commission on the same question will be watched for with all the more interest.

After declaring that wheat rates on the O. R. & N. in Oregon will be reduced in accordance with the 12-1-2 cent reduction on the Northern Pacific in Washington, John C. Lawrence of the Washington state railroad commission, went on to say:

"The order of the commission applies only to the Northern Pacific, but we confidently expect the reduced rates will be met by the O. R. & N., otherwise shippers at competitive points will naturally divert all the grain to the road which will give the cheapest haul to tidewater markets."

The O. R. & N. officials certainly will not covet such a diversion of traffic. The grain haul revenue is a big item in O. R. & N. earnings. When the O. R. & N. meet the cut it will announce tariffs making rates for Portland identical with the Tacoma-Seattle rates ordered on the Northern Pacific.

"This done, the interstate commerce commission rules will apply, which will require that the O. R. & N. charge no more nor higher rates from intermediate points in Oregon than the rate from Falouse points to Portland. In other words, meeting the cut in Washington means the O. R. & N. must make lower rates in Oregon. By relationship of rates, this reduction will extend to all points in the latter state."

FAKE MINISTER A BIGAMIST

Left Wife in North Carolina and Married Freewater Girl.

Rev. Edgar H. Ward, who according to wife No. 3 has four wives and many affinities now reposes in a cell in the Walla Walla jail charged with bigamy. He was arrested at his home at Sunnyside, Oregon, near Freewater, by Deputy Sheriff Painter. As Prosecuting Attorney Everett J. Smith

protes into the past of the prisoner he seems to have unearthed startling facts. It now looks as though Ward, who resigned his charge at Freewater only after talk of his arrest was heard about three weeks ago, is not a Baptist minister as he professed to be and besides has four wives living, three in the east and one at his home in Sunnyside.

August 12 Ward was married to Miss Myrtle Harris of Freewater. A clipping containing the account of the wedding from the Union was sent to Bakersville, North Carolina, and appeared in the Bakersville paper. The clipping and comment the editor of that paper saw fit to make is as follows:

Rev. E. H. Ward, pastor of the Freewater Baptist church, and Miss Myrtle Harris, also of that town, were married at the home of Rev. A. L. Thoroughman, pastor of the Marvin M. E. Church August 12. The couple left on an evening train for Freewater where they will make their home. Both contracting parties are well known.

"The above is from a Walla Walla, Washington paper. Mr. Ward is also well known in Bakersville, where he kept a small store at the north end of the bridge up to the time of his leaving here less than three months ago. Of course the news of his marriage to Miss Harris was a surprise to many of his Mitchell county acquaintances, who knew he left a wife behind him. As it is such a short while since he left here, it is rather strange that he should have forgotten that he was a married man, but are not familiar with the combined effects of a sudden change of climate and the multiplicity of ministerial duties upon some men. However, a man that will forget to pay the printer before leaving is also liable to soon forget that he is bound by the ties of matrimony after taking his departure."

A letter from Mrs. Minnie Ward, the minister's deserted North Carolina wife, has also been received by Prosecutor Smith. In the same the former wife exposes Ward thoroughly as a liar, crook and a rascal.

OFFERS A SOLUTION

Pendleton East Oregonian Offers Suggestion For Solving Saloon Question.

Recognizing that the operation of the local option law is a failure in Pendleton as it is in many other towns which are on the "dry" list, the Pendleton East Oregonian, which was a warm supporter of the local movement, in its issue of Monday, offers the following editorial solution to the liquor question:

"It is evident that a year from now the people of this county will again have to vote on the question of prohibition. Then there is a suggestion for those who do not believe prohibition furnishes the right solution of the liquor problem—do not allow the fight to be waged on the same lines it was a year ago—a straight fight between the saloon element and the prohibitionists. If such a fight is made the county will go dry again."

"There is a way by which the people of Pendleton and of other towns of the county may offer the voters something new—a third solution of the question. At the coming city election the Pendleton charter can be amended so as to limit the number of saloons, provided the liquor business is legalized again, to one saloon per thousand people or fractional thousand. This would give Pendleton six or seven saloons, less than the city has now under prohibition. Then an ordinance should be passed, under the initiative, prescribing how these saloons shall be run, in case they are allowed at all. The ordinance should be an ordinance that will regulate. It should provide for Sunday closing; for the rigid enforcement of the blacklist and of the law against selling liquor to minors; there should be some character qualifications for men who want to enter the liquor business; a saloonman who violates the law should lose his license; the barrooms should be entirely open to inspection from the streets; there should be neither chairs nor card tables within the barrooms and other restrictions might be imposed. Each saloon should pay a license of not less than \$200 per annum."

"Now if Pendleton will adopt such a charter change and such an ordinance and if the other towns of the county will do likewise then when the people vote on the liquor question a year from this time they would have the assurance that if they legalized the liquor business again the business will be conducted along proper, civilized lines—not as in the days of old. They would know that the laws for the regulation of saloons would be enforced for the simple reason that unless they were enforced the county would go dry again at the next subsequent election. What do you think of it, gentlemen?"

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