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## President Taft to Visit the A.-Y.-P. Exposition Sept. 29 to Oct. 1.



THE PRESIDENT WILL ADDRESS A MONSTER CROWD IN THE NATURAL AMPHITHEATRE DURING HIS VISIT TO THE EXPOSITION.

**P**RESIDENT WILLIAM HOWARD TAFT is to be the principal actor in a varied interesting program, which awaits him upon his arrival at the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition in Seattle from September 29 to October 1. From the moment Bill Taft sets foot on the paved walks of the exposition he will have to hurry to keep pace with the various events in which he is scheduled to take part. His activities will have a wide range, too. And, then, the president's good nature is proverbial and his lieutenants have sent on word that the president will do his part to make the day a big success. His most formal appearance on the exposition grounds will be at a reception in the Washington state building at the official banquet. Following in line will be his initiation into the Arctic Brotherhood, the Alaska fraternal association. The president will also find time to address a monster crowd in the Natural Amphitheatre, mush down the Pay Streak, attend an elaborate luncheon, visit the United States government buildings and the Igorrote village.

September 30 at the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition will be one of the president's busiest days in the west and the people will be given every opportunity to see and hear him during his visit to the fair.

## SCHOOL ATHLETICS TROUBLE FOR THEM FALL TERM OF COURT

### Basket Ball Goals Constructed—Funds Raised By Subscription for Gymnasium Apparatus.

With an unlooked-for swing of vim and push, athletics are being introduced in the Athena public school. All day Saturday, Principal Case, Professor Mulkey and a large force of students were busily engaged in erecting outdoor basket ball goals for both boys and girls; placing rings and horizontal bars in position and getting the school grounds in order.

Clarence Brotherton and Floyd Pinkerton circulated a subscription paper among the business men, and met with success in securing funds for the purchase of necessary gymnasium equipment for the school.

George Kidder generously furnished paint and in a short time the basket ball goals were glowing in white and blue, the Athena High school colors. The shade trees have been nicely trimmed and the school grounds present a neat appearance.

### Marriage Licenses.

The county clerk has issued marriage licenses to the following persons: Henry F. Peters and Jane L. Stanley; G. E. Marsh and Pearl A. Wilson; Grant A. Cooper and Lalea C. Cooper; Thomas Kasinger and Saffronia Kasinger.

### Boys Involved in Dastardly Practices at Church Building May Be Apprehended.

The Press learns that for some time past a number of boys have been engaged in dastardly practices at the entrance to the basement of the Methodist Episcopal church building.

It is said the names of several of these boys are known to the church members who gave this information to the Press and in all likelihood they will be arrested with the view of stopping further destruction of property and other depredations.

It appears there is a certain crowd of boys who make it a practice of congregating at the church and their chosen pastime is to break window panes, deface the woodwork and befoul the steps and landing leading to the basement. There are eye-witnesses to these nefarious acts and the church people propose to put a stop to the abominable practice in a way that will answer for all time to come.

Another instance of pure, downright senselessness took place last Sunday evening in the Christian church vestibule, when some despicable miscreant deliberately removed the handle from a lady's umbrella, in all probability treating others in the same way.

### A Musical Treat in Store.

The musical event of the season will occur at the Christian church next Monday evening September 27. The Musical Eckards, a family of Swiss Bell Ringers are the attraction. They come highly recommended and will no doubt give a very enjoyable evening. The skill manifested in the musical ringing of bells is wonderful. If you ever heard anything of the kind you will wish to hear it again, and if you have not you cannot afford to miss it. The price of admission has been placed at a nominal figure, fifty cents for adults and 25 cents for children.

### Company Incorporated.

The Umatilla Storage and Commission Company of Hermiston filed articles of incorporation with County Clerk Saling at Pendleton Thursday. The capital stock is \$5000. The incorporators and officers of the company represent prominent and influential business men of Pendleton, among them being E. W. McComas of the Northwest Elevator Co. G. W. Phelps district attorney; William J. Clark of the Clark Hardware company and F. A. Phelps, a prominent citizen and property holder of Hermiston.

### One Murder Case, Violations of Local Option Law and Horse Stealing Cases on the Docket.

The Fall term of the circuit court convened Monday morning with Judge Bean presiding.

The Ryan murder case; three men facing charges of violating the local option law, and four charged with horse stealing are the leading features on the present docket.

The murder case is that of Michael Ryan, who was indicted for murder in the first degree for the killing of Edward Dixon, as the result of a quarrel over the use of a road running across the Ryan farm, which is located northwest of Athena. The tragedy was enacted last April, the indictment having been returned by the grand jury at the last term of court. His attorneys, J. H. Raley and W. P. Winter of Pendleton, and H. I. Waits of this city, have been busily engaged the past week in securing evidence to be used in defense of their client.

The three men who are to face trial on the charge of violating the local option law are W. A. Brown of the Hotel Pendleton, George Darveau of the Hotel St. George and M. V. Townsend of Freewater.

The four men accused of rustling horses are Clarence Morse, his son, Harry Morse; the young man's father-in-law, Lum Pambrun and Roy Ellsworth who makes his home on the Morse ranch. They are accused of stealing four head of horses belonging to Will Jameson, Thomas Marquis, J. Thompson and R. C. Hager. The horses were taken from their range in the Wenaha forest reserve on the upper Umatilla river and were found in the Morse pasture on McKay creek. The crime is alleged to have been committed June 20, of this year and the four men are indicted on two counts each. The first count charges them with the theft of the animals and the second with driving domestic animals more than ten miles from their range.

In addition to the two counts named above, Harry Morse was indicted on the charge of stealing a mare from Gottlieb Miller. June 10 is the date named for this crime.

Friends of Pambrun in Athena, where he has always been a good reputation express relief in his innocence and are confident of his acquittal.

Sept. 28 to Oct. 2, the O. R. & N. will sell round trip tickets Athena to Pendleton for \$1.00 each account Umatilla-Morrow county Fair. Tickets good until Oct. 4.

## IMPROVED SERVICE

Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company Complies With Request of Commercial Association.

Some months ago the Press called attention to the unsatisfactory service given Athena patrons by the Pacific States Telephone and Telegraph company. Afterward the Athena Commercial Association took the matter up and voted resolutions demanding reconstruction of the local system.

The company soon had men on the ground, with the result that a portion of the equipment was replaced by new, a change was made in the management of the local office and with other necessary changes, the service since rendered by the company has been all that could be desired.

The Press is in receipt of a communication from C. P. Van Houtte, Commercial manager at Walla Walla, requesting that we print a letter written by him to the Commercial Association committee on Telephone service, and also the answer he received from Mr. S. F. Wilson, of the committee which the Press does with pleasure. However, attention is called to Mr. Wilson's statement relative to a cable line up Fourth street. The company put in insulated tree wires in lieu of the proposed cable, and these wires are answering the purpose very well.

The two letters follow:  
Walla Walla, Wash., Aug. 18, '09. To the Committee on Telephone Service Athena Commercial Club, Mr. H. A. Barrett, Mr. John E. Poome, Mr. S. F. Wilson, Gentlemen:—In reference to your recent resolution on "Telephone Service," I beg to advise that certain reconstruction work on our outside and inside plant in Athena has been completed, and other changes made, which I trust has resulted in the members of your Commercial Club and our patrons generally noting improvement of the service rendered. Assuring you of the interest of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company in doing their share in promoting the welfare of your community, I am Yours very truly, C. P. Van Houtte, Commercial Manager.

Athena, Oreg., Aug. 28, '09. Mr. C. P. Van Houtte, Walla Walla, Wash. Dear Sir:—Yours of recent date to hand and will say that the reconstruction work on your plant here has put it in first class condition and with the present cable line up Fourth Street, there can be no room for complaint. Your recent improvements as an evidence of your interest in the community is very gratifying to the people of Athena. Assuring you of our interest and willingness to be of service at any time, I am Yours very truly, S. F. Wilson.

### North Coast Road.

A Kennewick dispatch says that eight carloads of steel for the North Coast road arrived there Sunday with a big gang of men and track laying was begun at once under the direction of W. H. Saxton, the new master mechanic. Material for seventy-five miles of track was in the shipment, and came from the Pueblo, Colo. foundries. The work up Yakima valley also toward Spokane will be rushed wherever the grading is completed. The first engine on the new road is expected in a few days from eastern shops. Others completed are on their way. The line will possibly be landing freight to Spokane this fall. The road is believed to be a Pacific extension of the Northwestern.

### Declaration Day.

The one hundredth anniversary of the Declaration and Address by Thomas Campbell out of which directly grew the Restoration Movement of the Nineteenth Century, will be celebrated at the Christian church next Sunday. Appropriate services will be held and the sermons will be such as deal with this movement. The morning theme will be: "Where the Scriptures speak, we speak, and where the Scriptures are silent, we are silent." At night the subject will be, "A generation of Bible Students." Special music at both services. Everyone is most earnestly invited to be present.

### Cremated Himself.

Helpless, with his lower limbs paralyzed, without money and friends, Lee Chung, a well known resident of Walla Walla Chinatown, in a fit of despondency ended his life Monday morning by setting fire to and perishing in the shack in which he lived. His badly charred body was discovered by firemen shortly after the alarm had been turned in. With true Oriental stoicism, the crippled celestial had apparently lain down on his bed on the ground floor of the building and then set fire to the bed clothing.

### Had a Bad Trip.

Ed. Koontz, Byron Hawks and Henry LaBrache returned Tuesday night from Woodward's tollgate, where they went with the intention of hunting and fishing. With the exception of one day, when they had excellent fishing in the north fork of the Umatilla, the boys encountered bad weather and were compelled to remain in camp,