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TALKING CHATAUQUA

Plans Are Under Way Whereby Yearly Event May Be Established in Athena.

It is possible that Athena may be the home of a Chatauqua. Plans are now under way that if brought to maturity, will result in giving this city the prominence of having an annual event of this nature.

At a recent meeting of the Athena Commercial association the matter was discussed to the extent that a committee was appointed to look into details of the proposition.

It was proposed that the Chatauqua program be held in connection with the annual picnic of the Umatilla County Caledonian Society and the County School track meet, which is to be held in this city. The committee was instructed to meet with a committee from the Caledonian society, relative to arrangements.

In event that it is found inadvisable on the part of the Caledonians to hold their picnic in connection with the Chatauqua, satisfactory dates could be arranged so that no interference would result.

At the Commercial Association meeting Wednesday night the committee was increased by the addition of two more members. It is proposed to expend \$1,000 on program features, expecting the sale of season tickets and admission charges to cover the expense. No attempt at formulation of program has been made as yet, but the Press expects to give more definite information next week.

Mr. Case, who has had experience in the management of Chatauquas in the Middle states, is enthusiastic in the belief that one of moderate proportions could succeed in Athena, beginning this year. He informs the Press that several business men and citizens have taken most kindly to the proposition and without solicitation, feel disposed to encourage the enterprise.

Literary Society Programs.
The following is the program for the High School Literary for February 11, 1910: Music, High School. Debate, "Resolved: That the present policy of the United States toward Chinese immigration should be continued." Affirmative, Hugh Lienallen, Floyd Pinkerton, Dottie Conrad, Laura McIntyre, Zelma DePeatt, Luvois McEwen; Negative, Clarence Brotherton, Jessie McEwen, Glen Dudley, Ada Banister, Ruth Stewart, Mattie Caton. The judges will be three townsmen, who know the difference between the negative and the affirmative.

The following program will be given by the Literary society of the 6th, 7th and 8th grades on February 11, 1910:
1. Song - by the society
2. Instrumental solo - Bessie Parker
3. Recitation - Louis Stewart
4. Biography of Bryant, Wesley Tompkins
5. Quotations - by 2nd Division
6. Conundrums, Mannie Bryan
7. Song, by Society
8. Dialogue, Edna Jones, Bessie Parker, Resa Rothbrock, Ruth Rothbrock, Myrtle McEabern.
9. Recitation - Greta McIntyre
10. Song - by Society
11. Dialogue, Archie McIntyre and Frank Smith

O. A. C. Plans Celebration.
A celebration of the quarter centennial of the Oregon Agricultural college is to take place at Corvallis during the coming commencement week at the institution. The decision to hold the celebration was reached at a meeting of the executive committee of the board of regents held in Portland Friday evening.

"Time Not Ripe."
The Anti-Saloon league does not believe the time is ripe to try to oust the liquor business from large cities

in the northwest, according to Rev. W. J. Herwig, newly appointed state superintendent of Idaho. He says that the league advised against trying to win at Walla Walla and North Yakima, where defeats were sustained, but undertook the fight only on the insistence of the local prohibitionists. "The league is not trying to close the saloons in Spokane, Tacoma and Seattle," he continued, "not yet, but in five years the time will be ripe." Superintendent Herwig says he has hopes of seeing Idaho go dry within a short time because women vote there.

Victim of Wood Alcohol.
Mike Hoeffner, a Pendleton character better known as "Dutch Jake" died Tuesday at St. Anthony's hospital from the results of poisoning from wood alcohol given him in a near beer saloon two weeks ago. The East Oregonian says the joint where the man got the wood alcohol is known, and that if the officers apprehend the man who gave the poisonous draught a murder trial will result.

Second Degree Verdict.
Universal surprise resulted at the verdict of murder in the second degree, returned by the jury in the Arnold case Saturday evening. The case was hard fought and created great interest. H. I. Watts of this city, and Will M. Peterson of Pendleton, defended Arnold in the fight for his life. The convicted murderer was sentenced to life imprisonment by Judge Bean Wednesday.

VALUABLE FARMERS' COURSE

Lectures on All Branches of Farming Will Be Delivered.

Information worth hundreds of dollars to the farmers of the state will be offered at the Oregon Agricultural College during Farmers' Week which opens February 1. Lectures and expressions covering the most vital and important information which science and experience have gathered, will be given by experts. Work will commence at 8 o'clock in the morning and continue until 10 o'clock at night. Ample opportunity will be offered for questions and discussions. The first College Poultry show will be held on Friday, when prize winning birds from some of the best flocks in the state will be exhibited. A summary of the work follows:

Five lectures on Diseases of Farm Animals, by Dr. Withycombe; five lectures on Stock Feeding by Dr. Withycombe; ten hours practice in Apple Packing under expert instruction. Enough to learn the principles of good packing. In the Willamette valley each year, thousands of boxes of good fruit are not marketed because farmers do not know how to pack for market; five exercises in Pruning, Budding, Grafting, etc., by Prof. Cole; five lectures on Farm Dairying by Prof. Kent; five lectures on Forage Crops by Prof. Souder; five lectures on Farm Bacteria by Prof. Pernot; five lectures on Orchard Diseases by Prof. Jackson; five lectures on Vegetable Gardening by Prof. Boquet; five lectures on Farm Drainage by Prof. Powers; five lectures on Hot Beds and Cold Frames by Prof. Boquet; ten lectures on Orchard insects by Prof. Bridwell; five lectures on Landscape Gardening by Prof. Pook; five lectures on Chemistry of the farm by Prof. Bradley; ten or more lectures by prominent men who have been significantly successful in some special branch of agriculture.

New Channel is O. K.
The widening and construction of the new channel for taking care of the water through the acre tracts of the Athena Land and Trust company so far this winter has proved to be a success. At no time has the water raised high enough to give the new passageway a test. It is thought the channel will be amply sufficient to take care of the big spring freshet that will come with the melting of the mountain snow.

Winter Weather Again.
After a few balmy days, just sufficient to make one think of spring, a continuation of winter was forcibly introduced with the hardest snow storm of the season, Monday. Over six inches of the beautiful fell on water soaked soil, so that when the snow melts, the greater part of the moisture will be absorbed. The mercury kept monkeying on its downward course until it fell five below zero Tuesday night.

Refuse to Sell Hay.
Farmers of the Nolin neighborhood are refusing to sell hay. There is plenty of alfalfa hay in that section to supply the stock there, but owners will not dispose of any until they are sure that spring has opened. A small amount has been sold at \$12 per ton.

Echo Won from Columbia.
The Echo school basket ball team defeated Columbia college at Echo Saturday evening, by a score of 18 to 8. Echo has a good team and is scheduling games with other teams of the county.

HERMANN FENCING

Prosecutor Heney and Defendant Oppose Each Other in Hard Fought Legal Battle.

Yesterday afternoon the attorneys for the prosecution and defense in the Hermann trial at Portland, battled over the introduction of the testimony of former Secretary of the Interior Hitchcock, now dead, or rather some of the statements made by him in that testimony given in Washington both directly and in cross examination.

Most of the morning session was taken up by the struggle between Heney and Hermann over Hermann's interpretation of the forest reserve law on the power of the president to exclude boundaries of any proposed reserve at will. Heney pressed Hermann for his interpretation of the meaning of the law, or his belief in the power of the president in creating the boundaries or withdrawal of forest reserves by a proclamation under the forest reserve law of 1891. After much fencing he explained it was his belief that a reserve could be created by a proclamation, of outside boundaries to the inclusion of all public unclaimed lands when these boundaries were within the reserve, and to the inclusion of all privately owned or claimed lands. In this way Hermann claimed a reserve could be created, and private holdings still be excluded, even though they were surrounded by forest lands of the reserve. Owners would have to cross the reserve lands to gain access outside of their domain.

Crop Conditions.

The long continued cold weather of the winter has not had a bad effect on crops, as might have been expected, but has been rather beneficial to them, according to reports from different parts of the state. Fruit prospects throughout the Northwest are now the brightest in years, it is said, the cold weather holding back the buds so long that there is little fear of damage by late frosts. This is shown particularly in the apple and pear orchards, where the crop during the past year was the smallest in several seasons. The snowfall of the winter is said to have been generally ample to protect fall sown grain except in some portions of the Willamette Valley. The snow, too, has added moisture to the ground in the drier sections.

Rare Presence of Mind.

Dayton Chronicle: Extraordinary presence of mind and knowledge of just what to do saved Mrs. Wm. Zebley from being the victim of a horrible accident last Saturday afternoon. The lady was arranging her toilet and stepped to the kitchen range to stir the fire; the blaze from the stove flared up and ignited the robe she was wearing. Instead of rushing out into the open air and calling for help as most people would, Mrs. Zebley smothered the flames with a portion of the garment she was wearing.

Athena Jurors.

Of the 300 names of citizens and taxpayers who will be subject to jury duty during 1910, the following are from Athena: Henry Barrett, merchant; Frank Berlin, farmer; Hamp Booher, farmer; French Crigler, farmer; Bud Sanders, farmer; Jerry Stone, farmer; Link Swaggart, farmer; Thomas Taggart, merchant; John Tompkins, farmer; Andrew Wagner, farmer; Charles E. Williams, farmer; William McBride, farmer.

To Import Birds.

Importation of mocking birds and red birds into Walla Walla county is being urged by District Fruit Inspector C. L. Whitney. Both of these birds feed on insects, bugs and worms, and are valuable because of their assistance in exterminating these pests. For starting a fund to import these birds for experimental purposes, Inspector Whitney is urging the wealthy ranch-owners to contribute.

Wenaha Reserve Open April 1.

Wenaha forest reserve, in charge of the Walla Walla office of the national forest service, will be open to grazing for horses and cattle April 1 and June 10 for sheep. The grazing season for horses and cattle ends October 10, while grazing season for sheep extends until October 30. The charges for the entire season will be probably the same as last year, 40 cents for horses, 30 cents for cattle and 7 cents for sheep.

Wireless at Walla Walla.

Word has been received at the office of the Wireless Telegraph company at Walla Walla that the overflow station at St. Helens, on the Columbia, has been completed and that the Walla Walla station will be opened this week. Mayor Tausick will send out the first message, and a committee is arranging a program for the opening exercises.

Busy Roadmaster.

D. F. Lavender, county roadmaster, and his local deputy C. P. Smith, have been kept on the jump this week,

looking after damaged roads, says the Leader. Considerable trouble was caused by Wild Horse creek between Adams and Pendleton, but the county will sustain nowhere the loss it has in former seasons. The new steel bridges were built to stay and more thorough work has been done on the roads. With the experience he gained in 1909, Roadmaster Lavender expects to do better work than ever the coming year.

Mrs. Huston Attempts Suicide.

Mrs. Jack Huston wife of a Pendleton printer lies at St. Anthony's hospital in a critical condition as the result of what is believed to have been an attempt to end her life, says the East Oregonian. She was found unconscious by her husband Saturday evening and while the physician has not yet been able to determine what poison was taken she is convinced that some kind of poison was taken with suicidal intent. This opinion is also shared by Mr. Huston who attributes the action of his wife to mental derangement as the result of a nervous breakdown. He says she has never been herself since the death of her mother, several months ago and that her trouble was aggravated by his recent serious illness.

Basket Ball at Adams.

The boys second team and the girls team of the Athena High school play basket ball at Adams this evening. This will be the first instance where Athena has played away from home, except at Weston.

BALLINGER FINDS NO PROMISE

Secretary Answers Umatilla Water Users' Association Resolution.

The following letter has been received by G. H. Uptegrove, of Hermiston secretary of the Umatilla River Water Users' association, in response to a resolution mailed to Secretary Ballinger of the Interior November 27, 1909, asking that water be delivered to the highest practicable point of every 40-acre subdivision in the second and third units the same as in the first unit. The third unit will be open to entry February 10, according to notice of January 6:

"The subject matter of the resolution has been considered and your statement is noted that it was promised to the stockholders that water would be delivered to the highest practicable point on each 40-acre subdivision by the reclamation service. No record of such a promise to your association can be found on file, and engineers of the reclamation service do not appear to be aware of any such promise. The service has constructed laterals to high controlling point in or in the vicinity of most of the 40 acre subdivision or of individual holdings when the latter exceeded 40 acres. In a number of cases delivery was not actually made to the 40 acre subdivision within the first unit. The same general rule was applied to the construction of laterals within the second unit and is being carried out in connection with the third unit.

"Owing to the fact that within the second unit a large proportion of the holdings are large and cultivation has not been attempted, the construction of a few small ditches, particularly in the northeasterly portion of the second unit, has been deferred. It is planned, however, to build some additional sub-laterals in that vicinity as soon as the owners are ready to begin cultivation.

"From the examination of a plat showing the three units, the treatment in the matter of distribution within the first unit is carried to a somewhat closer point than has been found feasible in other units. Absolute equality of treatment in cases of this kind is impossible. All ditches built are being operated by the reclamation service except in four cases where informal arrangements exist among the water users to distribute the supply. It is not proposed that small laterals shall be maintained by the United States."

Indian Murderer Pardoned.

The pardoning of Columbia George, the Umatilla Indian murderer by President Taft, recalls one of the most interesting murder cases with which the county of Umatilla has to deal. George has been confined in the federal prison on McNeil's island for several years, and was released on telegraphic information from President Taft. It will be remembered that Columbia George and Toy-toy murdered an Indian by the name of Anna Edna by giving strychnine in alcohol.

Again in Business.

B. Luna has purchased the blacksmith shop which he recently sold to Charles Coomans. Mr. Coomans will seek another location. He offers his residence property for sale.

It is said that cattle can be purchased in the John Day country for \$5 per head, but they are expensive at that price, for the reason that no hay is to be had and the animals are too weak to be driven out to where it can be obtained.

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