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COUNTY TRACK MEET

Will Be Held May 13—Athena Given Honor of Permanent Location For Event

Pursuant to a call the executive committee appointed to draft constitution and by-laws met at Pendleton Saturday, February 19, and on behalf of the schools of Umatilla county, drew up a constitution and by-laws, to be submitted to the schools desiring membership in the organization. The constitution will be published in full in a short time. Provision is made for an annual track meet to be held during the day with an oratorical contest to be held at night.

All the schools, including rural, town and city schools and academies are eligible for membership. The divisions of the track meet are: Division A, which includes high schools and academies; division B, which includes 6th, 7th and 8th grades, and division C, which includes 3rd, 4th and 5th grades.

The events are: 100 yard dash, 50 yard dash, 220 yard dash, 440 yard dash, 880 yard dash and one mile.

Jumping—running broad jump, running high jump, pole vault, hurdles 220 low, 28 inches high; hurdles, 120 yards, high, 32 inches. Relay races, 220 yards, 4 runners; shot put, 12 pounds. Judges to be from outside the county.

Oratorical contest, divisions, A, B and C—Division A constitutes high schools and academies. Division B constitutes 6th and 7th grades. Division C composed of 3rd, 4th and 5th grades. For divisions B and C students may select declamations.

A gold and a silver medal will be given as first and second prizes in each of these divisions respectively.

An admission of 25 cents will be charged to defray expenses. The association will own its apparatus. On account of central location and the expense of building a track, it was proposed to make the meet an annual event for Athena, though Athena has not at any time advanced any selfish motives. The Athena Commercial Association has put up a \$75 cup for the school winning the greatest number of points.

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ONE THOUSAND AND TWO FEET

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Tuesday evening the drill at the artesian well of the Athena Land and Trust company, was hoisted to the surface after having struck a depth of one thousand and two feet or two feet over the depth stipulated for in the contract.

(Since striking the present artesian flow at a depth of 390 feet, there has been no perceptible increase, neither has the volume of water decreased. Apparently there is a steady flow, the only change that has transpired is that the water is warmer.)

Work on the well commenced on the 23rd of last June, the contract price being \$5 per foot up to a thousand feet. After drilling through basaltic rock, black sand and strata of boulders, at a depth of 390 feet the drill pierced a vein of artesian water. Then for several hundred feet the big drill pounded through basaltic rock and only in the last couple of hundred feet was there any change in the character of the formation.

On several occasions the drill became fastened in the deep hole and much time and patience was required to recover it. On one occasion special tackle had to be made before the big drill could be recovered. Black sand was encountered and made it necessary to put in casing before drilling could be resumed. Aside from the black sand, loose boulders have from time to time been the cause of much worryment to the drillers. The drill

would loosen the round rock and merely turn it over and over and progress could not be made, until the stone was worked away or broken into fragments with a dynamite charge.

A new gasoline engine was recently installed by Messrs. Miller and West, which is especially adapted to deep well drilling. It is not known at this time whether the Athena Land and Trust company contemplates entering into contract for further drilling, but it is presumed that the hole will be driven still deeper.

IN HONOR OF WASHINGTON

Athena High School Function Pleas'd a Large Audience.

The teachers and pupils of the Athena High school gave a splendid entertainment in honor of the anniversary of Washington's birth, at the opera house Tuesday evening. The function was attended by a large and enthusiastic audience and the big crowd appreciated every number of the program, which was successfully carried out as printed in last week's Press.

Every number given was evidence of care and persistent effort in drilling and instruction on the part of the teachers and pupils of the grades participating in the program. Every detail was carried out with a thoroughness that could insure nothing but success.

The choruses, songs, instrumental numbers orations and recitations were all that could be expected, and greatly pleased the audience.

What may be classed as features of the entertainment were the flag drills, the military drill "Marching Like Washington" and the tableau, "Landing on the Old Camp Ground."

The flag drill, participated in by sixteen girls from the 6th, 7th and 8th grades under the supervision of Mrs. Mulkey and Miss Blanche Orswell, was beautiful and the intricate positions required to make the drill perfect were cleverly taken, to the accompaniment of a splendid march with Miss Nellie Mulkey at the piano. The girls were costumed in red, white and blue.

"Marching Like Washington," by eight little boys from Miss Beverly's primary room grade, brought roars of laughter from the audience. The little fellows, wearing colonial headgear, were preceded by Master Everett Rothrock as drummer boy, and carried out their march without hitch in step or time.

The military drill by pupils of the 3rd and 4th grades was carried out with precision of detail that brought applause from the audience. The character of Uncle Sam, impersonated by Master Charles Brotherton, was cleverly executed.

The tableau was given by boys from the 6th, 7th and 8th grades who were in the foreground in the capacity of soldiers on bivouac guard duty. In the background stood a tent, with sleeping soldiers and a stand of arms.

After the exercises, at the instance of Prof. Case, the students and teachers were grouped about the stage and the audience reversed its sitting position, so that it faced the gallery. The lights were then extinguished and a flash light picture taken of the assemblage by a photographer.

The Band and Orchestra.

The Athena band made a favorable impression on the public when it made its appearance at the school entertainment Tuesday evening. In the rendition of a couple of selections, the organization demonstrated that considerable improvement has resulted from diligent practice in rehearsals. The orchestra, the personnel of which includes band members, was also on hand and was warmly received.

Kicked By a Mule.

Earl Simington, a young man of Adams was kicked in the face by a mule last Saturday and quite severely injured. The young man was engaged in placing a bridle on the animal when it suddenly wheeled and kicked him. A physician dressed the deep gash, out in his face, and Simington is getting along nicely.

Basket Ball at Pendleton.

Tonight the first boys' team and the girls' basketball teams of the Athena High School go to Pendleton, where they will play the Pendleton Academy teams. These teams have met before this season and the Academy was victorious so Athena High hopes to retrieve its laurels tonight.

New Postmistress.

Edith M. Bell of Stanfield has just been appointed postmistress for that town. Her appointment was made to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of R. B. Stanfield, who has been postmaster since the post office was established, several months ago.

Do You Want to Sell?

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RATE CASE DECIDED

Judge Wolverton Hands Down Decision Which is Important to Local Merchants

Local merchants will be pleased to learn that the Oregon railroad commission has won another battle in its long rate war with the O. R. & N. company.

Federal Judge C. E. Wolverton has handed down an opinion in the Oregon distributive rate case, sustaining the demurrer of the Oregon railroad commission and dismissing the amended bill of complaint of the O. R. & N. In all probability, the decision of the court will bring to a close the legal battle between the commission and the railroad.

Judge Wolverton's opinion comes as a climax to a fight which has lasted for two years between the railroad company and the commission. The clash was brought about by the commission's order declaring the railroad rates to Oregon points east of The Dalles from Portland prohibitive, and reducing them one-seventh.

As its first action the O. R. & N. filed in 1907 a bill attacking personally the whole commission act for alleged conflict, with both the federal and state constitutions. It particularly attacked the order of the commission made in the action of the Portland chamber of commerce against the Oregon Railroad and Navigation company.

The point was particularly raised by Mr. Cotton that the railroad commission had exceeded its powers in attempting to enforce the order regulating class rates from Portland to Oregon points east of The Dalles, and had undertaken to regulate the rates of freight upon the transportation of interstate as well as intrastate commerce.

"Whether the rates prescribed apply depends on whether the freight specified falls within the category of interstate or intrastate commerce," said Judge Wolverton in his opinion.

"But this discussion brings back to the proper interpretation of the act. I have heretofore interpreted the rate as fixed as applying and intended to apply to intrastate freight only. The order here requires the complainant to cease from charging any higher rate within the state for the transportation of merchandise."

TO START NEW DRY FIGHTS

The Washington Anti-Saloon League Will Start Campaign.

Although the Anti-Saloon League and its allies were defeated in the recent special elections at both Walla Walla and North Yakima, when the liquor question was submitted to a vote under the local option law, plans are being perfected for starting new campaigns in both places, according to a Spokane report. Lewis R. Horton, superintendent of the league for eastern Washington, is directing the first work along that line.

Field day, March 13, will start the campaign in North Yakima. Every pupil in that city will be filled by a representative of the Anti-Saloon League, and with over a dozen active men speaking in that city at the same time it is anticipated there will be more than the usual interest. During the same month a similar day will be observed at Walla Walla.

Superintendent Horton says that the anti-saloon campaign in that state will be along two lines this year. The first effort will be made to secure additional "dry units" and the second effort will be to secure nomination and election of senators and representatives who favor a county-unit local option law.

Realization of Dream.

The people of Snake River Valley look forward to a very prosperous year on account of the new railroad which will be built during 1910 and 1911 by the Central Idaho Railroad company. This line branches off from the Oregon Short Line at Oviwiza. This new line will run through fertile valleys and will be used for the through trains of the Oregon Short Line, realizing the perennial dream of Boise, putting it on the main line. It will connect with the Short Line again at Payette.

Annual Fireman's Meeting.

On next Monday evening the annual meeting of the Athena Fire Department will be held at the city hall. This meeting includes the presence of the department delegates and also the members of the different companies for the purpose of electing a fire chief for the ensuing year. H. A. Barrett, the present chief, desires the presence of all members at the meeting.

Warns Against Grain Waste.

In four or five years, the way things are going now, the country will not be growing enough to feed itself, according to Professor R. W. Thatcher of the State College at Pullman, speaking before the Farmers' Insti-

tute. "You feed 500 pounds of grain to a steer," he said, "and while you may like the taste, you get only 100 pounds of that grain back in food. The other 400 went to keep the machinery of the animal, so to speak, running. You feed a dairy cow 100 pounds of grain and get only four pounds of food in return."

In New Quarters. Stone Brothers have moved their meat market into the building two doors east of their old stand. They now have a neat and clean looking little market.

BASKET BALL TOURNAMENT

Athena Won from Milton and Adams Teams; Lost to Weston.

Six teams, representing four towns, participated in the basket ball tournament at the Athena opera house, Saturday evening. The first and second boys' teams and the girls' teams of Athena High school played against teams from Milton, Weston and Adams.

The evening's entertainment opened with the second teams of Athena and Weston high schools on the floor. This half was followed by the first team of Athena High and a team from Adams. Then followed the first half between the girls' teams of Athena High and the girls' team from Columbia College, Milton. The second halves were played out in like order before a large audience.

The game between the first team and Adams was productive of considerable roughness, the boys from the town down below on several occasions resorting to football tactics, which served to materially hold their end of the score down. The game easily went to Athena by a score of 20 to 7.

Athena's girl team took a cleverly and closely played game from the young ladies of Columbia College, the score resulting 7 to 2. In this game the Athena team displayed a marked improvement both in team work and shooting goals. Miss Myrna DePeatt won distinction and loud applause from the big crowd by tossing three baskets for Athena. Miss Belle McIntyre made the other point for Athena by tossing a goal from the foul line.

The fastest game of the evening centered in the conflict between the Athena and Weston second teams, which resulted in victory for Weston by a score of 17 to 11. The work of the boys in this game was snappy and clean throughout.

Refreshments were served after the game to members of the visiting teams and the spectators, also. The proceeds from the game amounted to \$64. A remarkable incident transpired when the expense account was audited by Prof. Case. A charge of \$15 was entered by the Milton management for a four horse team and sleigh, the conveyance used by the players from that town. The bill was paid and the incident resolves itself into a closed one, even though it is regarded as being an outrageous graft on the part of the owner of the team.

New Drug Store Proprietor.

Mr. C. E. Goff, late of Spokane, has purchased the Palace Drug store, which for some time has been under the management of Dr. J. D. Plamondon, president of the Palace Drug Company. Mr. Goff is in charge of the business, having taken possession Saturday. The new proprietor is a graduate of Washington State College and has been connected with a large drug house at Spokane, since leaving college. He is an accomplished musician and band instructor, having been leader of several of Washington's best musical organizations.

Large Fruit Tree Order.

H. H. Hill, local agent for the Washington Nursery company of Toppenish, Wash., has filled an order for H. G. Case of this city, for fruit trees amounting to \$308.63. The trees which consist principally of Royal Ann and Bing cherry and a large number of prune trees, will be sent to Mr. Case's fruit farm near The Dalles, where they will be set out this year. Mr. Hill informs the Press that orders for fruit trees from people in this vicinity are much larger and in greater number than ever before since he has taken the agency for this part of Umatilla county.

Meldrum Elected Pastor.

A. McKenzie Meldrum was elected to the pastorate of the Christian church of this city at a meeting held for that purpose last Sunday. Mr. Meldrum comes from Pendleton, where he has been pastor of the Christian church in that city. He has preached to Athena congregations and has proven himself to be an exceptionally strong and convincing speaker in the pulpit. Mr. and Mrs. Meldrum are expected to arrive in the city at once to take up residence in the parsonage. The new pastor will probably begin his work here on Sunday, March 13th.

Mrs. Lester O'Harra and Mrs. Isham Davis were in the city yesterday from Weston.

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