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## MR. TAYLOR'S CANDIDACY.

Ere another issue of the Press is printed the result of the city election will be known. Interest centers in the office of water commissioner, and the Press, being the "subsidized organ" of Mr. Taylor, naturally believes him to be eminently the right man for the office, the recognized qualifications of his opponent to the contrary notwithstanding. Mr. Taylor's candidacy raises questions in connection with the water system which are of vital importance to water consumers and property owners.

He has had considerable experience with the water works, at the time of installation of the gravity system being Mayor of the city and consequently he has knowledge of the needs of the system in detail.

He stands on a platform of his own making; a platform which is pre-eminently on the side of the consumer and broad enough for the consumer to stand with him.

He does not believe water consumers are getting the worth of their money, either in quality or quantity.

In the first instance he would endeavor to improve conditions by further developing the source of supply in the gravity system, believing the flow of the watershed is at present gravitating below the intake pipes and getting away on the bedrock. This he would relieve by prospecting to see if sufficient water is there to justify the construction of a concrete wall below the intake pipes, and thus force the water up so that it could find its way into the reservoir. This would also solve the problem, if successful, in the second instance.

Mr. Taylor favors a thorough investigation and overhauling of the water question in all its different phases.

He questions the present method of the commission in taxing the city \$54 per month for hydrants for fire purposes, believing the city should pay for what it uses in case of fire, and no more.

He would have a yearly report made to the city council, setting forth the financial condition of the water department, and published so that property owners would know the exact conditions.

He favors an equitable adjustment of salary payment of the city marshal and water superintendent, averring that in as much as the greater portion of this official's time is directed to the duties of water superintendent, that department should bear its just pro rata of expense or in accordance with the time devoted by the official to his duties in that department, thus placing the expense where it belongs.

In short, Mr. Taylor stands for bet-

ter methods in the Water Commission business all around, and if elected will do all he can to bring about better results.

With the coming of the Caledonian picnic, the county school track meet and the Chataqua, Athena is preparing to do her share in affording entertainment for Umatilla county people this year. Thus it will be seen that the park is a valuable asset in the matter of giving the city the prestige of being the center of entertainment and pleasure. People have long since tired of the amusements afforded by hot, dusty streets for picnics and celebrations and greatly prefer to attend gatherings where recreation may be had beneath cool shade trees.

Even though the present water commission has clipped off approximately \$100 per month by substituting electric power for steam, at the pumping station, something like \$83 per month is still being paid out for pumping—a constant drain on the city's resources, without anything being done to improve the condition of the gravity system in which thousands of dollars have been expended with practically no returns at present from the investment. It would seem that there is room for some improvement.

The first snowfall of the winter of 1909-10 was on November 13, and from that time to this with scarcely an intermission, there has been snow on the ground in Athena. This state of affairs has made a long feeding season for stockmen and farmers, and feed of all kinds is running low.

Taft's Lincoln Day speech, made in New York is to be franked through the mails, through an order by congress that it be printed in the Congressional Record. Thus the rank abuse of the mails continues and the cause of the postal department deficit encouraged. Seeds next.

With nine feet of snow at Kamela, the summit of the Blue mountains and more than ordinary depth in the foothills reported, there is evidently a prospect for floods in the streams leading from the mountains when the breath of the chinook gets in its work.

The sum of \$54 was paid in admission fees at the basket ball game Saturday night. This is a pretty good showing to be made for a town of this size, and would indicate that clean, wholesome athletics has the approval of Athena people.

### Wanted: One Big "Chinook."

The Indians have tired of the winter weather and long for the big "chinook." Their ponies are becoming mere skeletons and unless the snow disappears from the hillsides shortly, their herds will be greatly depleted in numbers. "Mebby so cum hiyu chinook nyemby; spose no cum soon, then halo cayuse, halo cow, halo mowituh." Thus spoke one of the Umatillas yesterday, and the condition of the cayuse he was riding more than verified his statement.

### Will Have Deer Park.

J. J. Williams, residing in the Crockett neighborhood, near Free-water, will establish a deer park on his farm. In this venture Mr. Williams seems to be outclassing his neighbors in diversified farming.

### Sudden Death of Child.

Violet Hulda, the little four year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James G. Bryan died Monday evening after a short illness from bowel complaint. The little one was taken sick Saturday noon and a little later a physician was called, and no apparent alarm was felt. Sunday a notable change for the worse was noted, and Monday Dr. Smith of Pendleton was called in consultation. Monday evening the little one passed away. Funeral services were held yesterday at 11 o'clock, a. m., Rev. Denney conducting the services.

### Not for Union.

Pendleton, February 17.—To the Editor.—We the pastor and deacons of the Baptist church of Pendleton have been informed that it has been reported in Athena that the Baptist church of Pendleton is going to unite with the Christian church. We wish to state that there is no truth in the report and that the union has not even been considered. Ralph E. Storey, pastor; L. E. Penland, E. Coffman, A. F. May, John W. Welles, and J. H. Morris, deacons.

### Teachers' Association Dates.

Special preparations are now under way for the meeting of the Inland Empire Teachers association at Pendleton, March 23, 24 and 25. It is the intention to make this meeting the largest and most successful of any of the sort ever held in the inland empire. The association comprises all of the teachers of eastern Washington, eastern Oregon, Idaho and western Montana.

### New \$37,000 School House.

Teachers and pupil at Milton this week used the new \$37,000 central school building for the first time. The new building contains eight rooms of uniform size and appearance, each having a capacity for accommodating 60 pupils.

### Administrator Appointed.

Earl Dudley of this city, has been appointed administrator of the estate of his deceased wife, Mrs. Estella Lee Dudley.

### Card of Thanks.

We take this method of expressing our thanks for the kindness shown us during the illness and death of our little daughter, Violet.  
Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Bryan.

### QUEER VILLAGES.

Some Peculiar Ones That May Be Seen in England.

The English village is very dear to the hearts of poets and painters, and thousands of them are certainly charming. A few, however, are more amusing than anything else—as, for instance, one which consists entirely of old railway carriages, even the chapel being composed of four horse trucks. Another village, with a population of 1,100 and taxed at the valuation of \$8,000, has neither school, church nor other public building, the only thing of the sort being a letter box on a pillar.

Villages with but a single inhabitant are not unknown, one of them being Skiddaw, in Cumberland. The single villager complains bitterly because he cannot vote, there being no overseer to prepare a voters' list and no church or other public building on which to publish one, as the law requires. The lonely rate payer in a Northumberland village has declined to contribute money to maintain the roads, remarking that the one he has is quite good enough for its use. In the Isle of Ely is a little parish with about a dozen inhabitants that has no rates, as there are no roads or public institutions of any kind and consequently no expenses.

Kempton, near Bradford, can probably lay successful claim to the distinction of being the longest village in the world, as it straggles along the road for a distance of seven miles.

Sometimes a village will entirely disappear, having been built either on the edge of the crumbling cliffs that make part of the coast line or over an ancient mine. One of the latter class is in Shropshire, and each year one or more of the cottages tumbles as the earth sinks beneath it.—Harper's Weekly.

### His Little Scheme.

"Great Caesar, old man!" exclaimed the gunner as he opened the door and found his friend's house brilliantly illuminated at noonday. "What does this mean? Why are all these blankets over the windows, and why is the gas burning in the daytime?"

"Sh!" whispered Guyer cautiously. "It's a scheme of mine."

"What kind of a scheme?"

"Why, my wife is on a visit to her mother, and I tell her I remain home every night and read. I've got to get rid of some gas somehow so it will go on the bill at the end of the month."—Atlanta Constitution.

### A Little Sarcastic.

Maid (to lady at door)—Mrs. Spencer is not at home. Caller (who knows differently)—Oh, I'm so sorry! But never mind. Tell Mrs. Spencer when she comes in that I called to say that I'm awfully glad she goes out more than she did. I've always wondered why she kept herself cooped up in the house all the time.—Boston Transcript.

### Generous.

"What was the prince's gift to the bride?"

"A receipt in full for the price she was to put up for him."—Chicago Record-Herald.

### Smile by All Means.

"De world," said Uncle Eben, "is sumpin' like a 'lookin' glass—your g'in'er ge better results if you smiles dan if you frowns faces."—Washington Star.

# The Athena Land Company

Post Building, Main Street, Athena, Oreg.

## Farm Lands and City Property Listed for Sale at Right Prices

Good wheat land, 800 acres five miles Southwest of Pendleton—500 acres in wheat, which goes with the place. It all lies in one body and is level enough for any kind of machinery. Plenty of water. Price, \$24 per acre if bought within the next two months. A real bargain for some one.

Four sections of wheat land in Township One, Morrow county, can be had for \$25 per acre. Well watered and all fenced—2000 acres tillable and level enough for a combine. Owner will either sell or exchange for Portland suburban property.

480 acres of finest wheat land in Umatilla county and highly improved, can be had now for \$85 per acre—\$15 below adjacent lands. A splendid opportunity.

We have a first-class Stationery Steam Threshing outfit for sale cheap. Full equipment and ready for the field.

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# Colonist Rates to OREGON

And the Great Northwest.

The management of the Oregon Railroad & Navigation Co. and Southern Pacific Co. (Oregon Lines) takes great pleasure in announcing that the low rates from Eastern cities, which have done so much in past seasons to stimulate travel to and settlement in Oregon, will prevail again this Spring DAILY from March 1 to April 15, inclusive.

## People of Oregon

The railroads have done their part; now it's up to you. The colonist rate is the greatest of all homebuilders. Do all you can to let Eastern people know about it, and encourage them to come here, where land is cheap and homebuilding easy and attractive.

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Gentlemen—I was afflicted with Kidney and Bladder trouble for six years and had tried numerous preparations without getting any relief and had given up hope of ever being cured when FOLEY'S KIDNEY CURE was recommended to me. After using one bottle I could feel the effect of it, and after taking six fifty-cent bottles, I was cured of Kidney and Bladder trouble and have not felt so well for the past twenty years and I owe it to FOLEY'S KIDNEY CURE. James Smith, Bentons Ferry, W. Va.

A Veteran of the Civil War Cured After Ten Years of Suffering.

R. A. Cray, J.P., of Oakville, Ind., writes:—"Most of the time for ten years I was confined to my bed with some disease of the kidneys. It was so severe I could not move part of the time. I consulted the best medical skill available, but got no relief until FOLEY'S KIDNEY CURE was recommended to me. I am grateful to be able to say that it entirely cured me."

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