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## BLAST IN DEEP WELL

Big Blast of Giant Powder Shoots Volume of Artesian Water Heavenward.

A long, galvanized iron tube containing 258 sticks of giant powder, was lowered into the artesian well of the Athena Land & Trust company Sunday afternoon and was discharged by switching on an electric current.

The tube containing the explosive was lowered to the depth of 390 feet, the distance at which the vein of artesian water was encountered, in the hope that the blast would open the crevice and that an increased volume of water would gush forth.

When the electric current set the blast off water shot into the air above the derrick, and an instant later a second geyser shot heavenward, this being the result of the downward concussion. The blast evidently wrought havoc in the deep hole, for the water receded and not until long afterward when the excavation was pierced by the drill the morning following, did the water come to the surface again. It is now flowing about the same quantity that has issued all along.

It is the firm belief of Messrs. Miller & West, the drillers, that artesian water in vast quantities may be had in this vicinity at the depth of the present flow obtained, and that it is only a question of drilling in the right place to strike the mother vein. They believe that the present flow is from a small fissure leading from the main subterranean water course.

The venture has cost the company quite a sum of money, and while not meeting with all the success the men in it merited from the enterprise, they have demonstrated that Athena is located in an artesian water belt.

These men have set an example that may well be emulated, and already there is talk of taking advantage of the new law that gives districts the privilege of bonding for the purpose of developing artesian projects.

## LAND COMPANY SELLS TRACTS

Twenty Acres Disposed of This Week—New County Road.

Considerable activity is noted in the dealing of the Athena Land and Trust company this week. Tuesday the company sold a ten-acre tract to Mr. Vic. Harris. This acreage lies south of the creek, on the west side of the road which is to be extended south from Third street. Mr. Harris will commence to improve this land at once.

The day following Mr. Harris' purchase the company closed a deal by which Miller & West became the owners of ten acres in the southeast corner of the company's holdings, and it is understood that this tract will be improved without delay by Mr. S. F. Wilson, who in turn purchased, individually, the land from Miller & West.

The company has men and teams at work clearing off ground and breaking soil preparatory to putting its acreage in cultivation. Surveyor Kimbrell is engaged in laying out the county road which will run the entire length of the property on the south side.

Case Cannon, who purchased a tract last year has his ground nearly cleared off, and will soon be ready to make improvements.

### A Stag Party.

Clarence Brotherton entertained a number of his friends at a "Stag party" last Friday evening, from 8 to 11:30 p. m. Special music was furnished by Messrs. Pinkerton, W. McDonald, Achilles and Goff. A sumptuous feast was served by the host's mother. The affair was a reception to Mr. Clarence Goff and a farewell to Mr. "Ohio" Hastings. Those present were: Messrs. Floyd Pinkerton, Leon Miller, Herbert Parker, Hugh Lienallen, Emery Achilles, W. McDonald, Charles Hastings, Luvois McEwen, Harry Coomans, Clarence Goff, Carl Christian, Roy Burke, W. Davidson and Clyde Brotherton.

### Winter Over at Gurdane.

Gurdane correspondence in East Oregonian: The ever welcome chinook wind is here and the backbone of the winter is broken. Nearly all the hay is gone and there is some lively rustling for feed. Andy Rust is running three teams daily from Pilot Rock. Chas. Ely and J. L. Hall are hauling hay and grain from the same place. D. R. Cate has driven his cattle to Pine city where he purchased hay. French and Brosman have their stock near Echo, where they secured feed. A number of Camas Prairie stockmen have driven their stock to Pilot Rock where they can get hay by the carload. The warm wind is melting the snow so that every gully is a raging torrent and the roads are almost impassable. Bridges are washed out daily and the grades are out in many ditches from two to seven feet deep. Marion Smith, road boss of the Pilot Rock and Camas district, has a crew of men on the road every day.

## CAN SEND LETTERS BY WIRE

Telegraph Company Would Keep Wires Busy at Night.

The telegram letter service of the Western Union is now in effect and available for use by residents of Pendleton, according to instructions just received by local Manager George Gillette, says the East Oregonian. According to this innovation, a fifty word letter will be handled at night under the same rates and conditions that a ten word message is now handled by day rates.

The purpose of this plan is to secure business for the idle wires of the company at night. At present the wires are practically unused after midnight and it is necessary for the company to keep its men on duty without having enough to keep them busy. The new plan provides that the letter may be filed any time during the day or evening but they will not be sent until the day work is all off the files. Then they will be delivered the next morning by messenger or mail.

The rules specify that the "night letters" must be written on forms provided for that purpose, that they must be written in plain English and not in code or any foreign language.

The rate charged will be the same for a 50-word or less letter as for a ten word message by day rate and for each additional ten words after the fifty is reached, a charge of one-fifth this rate will be made. For instance between points where the rate is 25 cents for ten words, the rate for the 50-word "night letter" will be 25 cents and for 60 words, it would be 30 cents.

### Both Parties to Suit Die.

Not only have the defendant and plaintiff died in the case of Richard Clinton vs. Dan Healy, since the case was appealed to the supreme court from McMinn county, but the supreme court was been notified that a third substitution of the parties has become necessary by the death of the wife of the deceased plaintiff. The wife had been previously substituted for the husband. All the parties involved in the suit have died since the case was appealed to the supreme court and the peculiar coincidence might be taken as an example of the slow pace at which the wheels of justice move in Oregon were it not for the fact that the case was filed only slightly more than a year ago, during February of 1909.

### Saved From Drowning.

Mrs. Henri March narrowly escaped drowning at her home on Dry creek Tuesday afternoon, and had a dangerous and exciting experience, says the Western Leader. She attempted to cross the stream on a footboard which slipped precipitating her into the swollen and angry flood. She was instantly swept away and carried some distance down stream. Mr. March and Sidney McLean were near and both essayed her rescue, but were swept from their feet. Finally they managed to reach Mrs. March and bring her ashore, just as she was about to be carried into deep water under a drift. She was unconscious for some time after her rescue, but the passing spark of life was restored and she is now well on her way to recovery.

### Farmers' Sales Day.

The members of the Pendleton farmers' union took an important step at their meeting Saturday afternoon when they decided to revive the general sales day plan which proved so popular there two years ago. They are going to hold the first sale tomorrow afternoon at the fair pavilion in Pendleton, and if it proves to be a success the sales will be held regularly in the future. The success or failure of this first sale will determine whether the plan will be continued or abandoned.

## WILL HOLD BOOKS

So Mr. Barrett Declares for Treasurer Foss, in Questioning Legality of City Election.

Questioning the legality of the Athena city election, C. A. Barrett, on behalf of Austin Foss, present incumbent and defeated candidate for re-election to the office of city treasurer, appeared before the city council Monday evening and protested against that body canvassing the ballots and declaring the candidates to be elected.

In addressing the council, Mr. Barrett based his point of illegality on the clerical error which was made in the arrangement of copy for the ballot, as mentioned in last week's Press. He held there were two errors in the ballot, the first being that after the No. 15 a blank line appeared instead of a name and the second was the instance where Mr. Hawks' name appeared above that of Mr. Foss. He contended that either of the errors invalidated that portion of the ballot reading from No. 15 down, was not according to the Australian ballot law, and therefore illegal.

Recorder Richards explained the error in detail, insofar as its conformity to the Australian ballot system was concerned, but contended that in no way did it affect the legal status of the ballot.

Mr. Barrett replied that Mr. Foss was willing to leave the matter of decision with the court, and favored some sort of arrangement whereby the question could be settled with as little cost as possible.

Councilman Wilson said the only way the matter could be brought before the court was by regular procedure affecting all contest cases. He read passages of law on the Australian ballot system, sustaining his contention that the clerical error did not affect the legality of the election. He cited that the legislature of 1903 extended the Australian ballot system to include towns and cities of 2,000 inhabitants and over, and contended that so far as he was able to find, the Australian ballot law had nothing to do with municipal elections in towns having less than 2,000 inhabitants, by virtue of the fact of exclusion entirely. He stated that so far as the question of legality was concerned, he was "from Missouri" until the other side could show him some more law on the issue at stake. He moved that the ballots be canvassed.

His motion brought Mr. Barrett again to his feet, and here he made the declaration that Mr. Foss would not surrender the Treasurer's books if the council proceeded in what he termed to be an illegal act.

The motion carried and the votes were canvassed. Councilman Watts did not vote, having left the room.

Prior to the election matter two communications, one from A. A. Foss and the other from W. W. Jacobs, were read. They were as follows:

To the Hon. Mayor and Councilmen of the City of Athena, Umatilla County, State of Oregon: I, A. A. Foss, hereby notify the above named authorities that in view of the fact no legal election was held on the last annual election of the City of Athena on March 1, 1910, I therefore demand that I hold the office of treasurer of said city, until my successor is duly elected and qualified.

Given in open meeting at canvassing of votes for said city, on this 7 day of March, 1910. A. A. Foss.

To the Hon. Mayor and Councilmen of the City of Athena, Umatilla County, State of Oregon: I, W. W. Jacobs, State of Oregon, hereby make this my formal demand to be declared the next Councilman at this time: That this demand is made upon said city authority in view of the fact Geo. W. Gross is not able to qualify and that I am the one having the highest number of votes who can qualify; said votes being cast the last annual election of said city held on the 1st day of March 1910.

Made this 7 day of March 1910, in open meeting at canvassing votes. W. W. Jacobs.

### No More Hat Pins.

Women's long hatpins were declared to be a "public nuisance" in Chicago, and an anti-hatpin ordinance was ordered drawn up by the judiciary committee of the city council. The action followed a week's crusade against the long hatpin, which culminated in a public hearing. The ordinance will stipulate that hatpins worn in public places "shall not extend more than one-half an inch beyond the crown of the hat."

### Locomotive Blows Up.

A Walla Walla special says: After having suffered for weeks from washouts on almost every branch of the road in this section the O. R. & N. road Monday morning came in for a new kind of disaster, when a locomotive attached to train No. 7 bound for Walla Walla exploded as the train neared Whitman station. The engine was blown to fragments, the smokestack landing in a field 400 feet away and

the engineer and fireman blown to the ground far from the rails. Neither was injured however, and with the exception of Mrs. J. D. Sheets, who was thrown against the seat in front of her and bruised, none of the passengers were hurt. The cause is unknown.

### Farmers' Auction Sale.

Under the auspices of the Farmers' Union, Saturday, March 21, 1901, at Fair Pavilion, Pendleton, Oregon. Sale commences at 1 p. m. promptly.

Any person having any farm implements or horses or other live stock for sale is requested to bring them in on the above date. They must be listed with James Johnson or J. B. Montgomery, at the office of the Hartman Abstract Co. before the sale begins.

A charge of \$1 for each animal or article will be made for advertising expense and an additional charge of 1 per cent to pay the auctioneer. An auctioneer of experience will be in attendance.

### An Old-Time Ball

W. M. Powers and Joe Lienallen are planning an old-time ball, to be given at Weston opera house the evening of St. Patrick's Day, March 17. The event will be conducted after the manner of the dances in the pioneer days, 25 years ago, with old-fashioned music by old-time fiddlers. Pioneers from different localities will be selected to act as floor managers. The occasion will open with a grand march at 8 p. m. Supper will be served at the Hotel Royal.

### Sell Water Bonds.

The Freewater city council at its last meeting instructed Recorder Sanderson to call for bids for bonds for the construction of the new water works system. The bonds are for \$16,000 and will run for a term of 16 years bearing interest at 5 per cent. The surveys have been made and the contract for the pumping plant and reservoir will be let as soon as the bonds are sold.

### Grain Growers Elect.

At a meeting of the Inland Grain Growers' association at Pendleton Saturday, the following officers were elected: C. A. Barrett, president; John Bahr, vice president, and Jesse O. Hales, secretary. The directors are: C. A. Barrett, H. J. Taylor, J. N. Bahr, J. O. Hales and J. H. Christopher.

## CROP IN GOOD CONDITION

Moisture Welcomed by Farmers—But Few Have to Reseed.

According to reports received by the East Oregonian from every part of the county, Umatilla's 1910 wheat crop is to be a big one. In only a few instances have farmers noted any discouraging signs and these are so few that they are really insignificant when the county is considered as a whole. Nearly every one reports a splendid stand of fall grain and plenty of moisture to bring it to maturity in good shape.

Dr. W. R. Campbell, state organizer for the farmers' union, who came in this week from his ranch in the Holdman country, says the wheat in that section is looking fine. He says the grain came up well in the first place and that it has been fairly leaping into the air since the snow disappeared. John Adams of Adams, also reports similar conditions in the vicinity of Adams, while reports from the Athena and Weston country are to the same general effect.

From Helix comes the only pessimistic report. W. H. Morrison writes the East Oregonian that "several prominent farmers after examination have found that it will be necessary for them to reseed most all of their fall sown grain, as very little of it came up and most of what did has been killed out. That which did not sprout had rotted."

This report, however is not substantiated by J. E. Montgomery, local representative of the Paget Sound Warehouse Company, who went out to Helix for the purpose of making a personal investigation. He found that only in a few instances had the frost done any damage, that being on the points where the wind had blown the snow off, leaving the growing grain exposed. He is of the opinion that these areas are too small to be taken into consideration and in the fields examined by him there will be no need of reseeding.

There is especial rejoicing in the Pilot Rock and western section of the county, for after two dry seasons in succession they now have moisture enough in the ground to insure good crops. The rainfall has been heavy in these sections and the snow went off in such manner that practically all of the moisture went into the ground.

Scores of farmers have been in the city today and they all tell practically the same story of good stands and plenty of moisture, the two things necessary to good crops.

W. D. Chamberlain went over the mountains to Hot Lake Tuesday, for the treatment of an incipient case of rheumatism.