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OLD PIONEER GONE

Death Summons William Willaby Sr. — Heart Failure Cause of Sudden Demise.

One by one the old pioneers are dropping from the ranks and entering the last, long trail. The last to answer the summons is William Willaby, who died suddenly at his home north of town Monday afternoon.

Heart failure was the cause of death and the old gentleman was ill but a few hours. He passed away without pain and was conscious up to a few moments before death claimed him.

He was down town Saturday and was apparently enjoying his usual health, and was preparing to again take up residence in Athena. His daughter-in-law, Mrs. Barbara Willaby was to have kept house for him at his cottage on Current street.

Sunday night he ate some fruit and did not rest well. Monday morning he complained of a pain in his stomach and Dr. Sharp was called, left medicine and the old gentleman was apparently much better in a short time after the physician left. In the afternoon it was noticed that he was failing. Dr. Sharp was again summoned but before he could arrive Mr. Willaby was dead.

Relatives living at a distance were summoned and the funeral was held from the Christian church, yesterday morning at 11 o'clock, being largely attended.

William Willaby was aged 79 years and four days at the time of his death. He was born at Keytesville, Sheridan county, Mo., March 10, 1831, and crossed the plains to Oregon in 1852, settling in Linn county. Before coming to the coast he was united in marriage with Miss Sophia Kippert, in 1851. To them three children were born. The family came to Umatilla county in 1870 and settled on a homestead west of Athena.

Mr. Willaby engaged in the stock business for a number of years and then went to raising wheat. He was a man of great industry and frugal habits. He acquired some of Umatilla county's best wheat lands and leaves a considerable fortune. Twenty years ago he united with the Christian church in this city. He was a man highly respected in the community, and was a veteran of the Rogue River Indian war.

Two sons, A. J. and W. P. Willaby and one daughter, Mrs. Frank Knowlton, survive him, the wife having preceded him to the grave nearly nine years ago.

Fire Auto a Failure.

Walla Walla's much heralded fire auto which has been in the central fire station for about two weeks, is a failure, according to outsiders, says an item from the Garden city. Even the department no longer comes to its defense with any great vigor. From the first time the machine appeared on the streets and could travel but three or four yards in the snow, until Friday, when at a fire it stuck in the mud and had to be abandoned, it has never given a satisfactory run, in any thing save an exhibition. Once the engine "froze" three times in as many blocks, once on the official test it stuck and the council committee had to walk home.

Pasture Land.

For sale, 800 acres of dandy good pasture and on the North Fork of the Walla Walla river. All fenced and plenty of water. 800 or 1,000 cords of good wood can be taken from the place. About 40 acres on bottom can be cultivated — dandy soil. Price \$6,400, \$3500 cash, 3 years on balance. Write, phone or call on Cockburn & Clemens, Milton, Oregon.

Strain Appoints Deputies.

Though Assessor Strain has not completed the appointment of his deputies, the following are the men appointed

thus far: W. B. Ross, Meacham; C. E. Simonds, Freewater; Elba Rogers, Freewater; Charles Pinkerton Weston; George W. Gross, Athena; J. W. Sturdivant, Ukiah; Sam Neil, Alba; Pearl Russell, Pendleton; O. F. Steele, Nolin; D. B. Watson, Pendleton; R. R. Lewis, Hermiston; Nelson Manella Milton and Rollin Robinson, Cottonwood.

Missionary Tea.

The annual Missionary tea, given by the ladies of the local auxiliary of the C. W. B. M. will take place at the Christian church Saturday afternoon, March 26. An Easter program will commence at 2:30, lasting a short time, after which refreshments will be served in the dining room. A small charge of 15 cents will be made for refreshments, as an Easter offering. A most cordial invitation is extended to all.

A Milk Record.

S. L. Spencer, of this city, may have the milk-giving record cow of the county. At least it is safe to say he has, until some one shows up a better one. Mr. Spencer is the owner of a 2-year-old heifer that gives 17 1-2 pounds of milk night and morning. If any one has a 2-year-old heifer that can beat this record, Mr. Spencer would like to shake hands with him.

THE BLUE MOUNTAIN LEAGUE

Organized at Pendleton With Fair Amateur Teams.

The Blue Mountain base ball league comprising teams from the towns of Weston, Athena, Pendleton and Pilot Rock, was organized at Pendleton Friday night. Manager Christian and President Littlejohn of the Athena team were present at the meeting.

Clark Nelson, of Pendleton, who worked unceasingly for the organization of the league, was elected president. Sunday games will be played and holiday dates are left open. The schedule follows:

At Athena—Weston plays here April 17 and June 5; Pilot Rock plays here April 8 and May 22; Pendleton plays here May 1, May 15 and June 26.

At Weston—Athena plays March 27, May 8 and June 1; Pilot Rock plays April 24 and June 19; Pendleton plays April 10 and May 29.

At Pendleton—Weston plays April 3, May 23 and July 3; Athena plays April 24, and June 19; Pilot Rock plays April 17, May 8 and June 5.

At Pilot Rock—Weston plays May 1, May 15 and June 26; Athena plays April 10, May 9 and July 3; Pendleton plays March 7, and June 12.

Over \$135 was raised this week by subscription for the team here, and practice will begin at once. New suits have been ordered and the grounds will be put in shape. Manager Christian is not prepared to give out his lineup for the reason that all of the players have not tried out as yet.

The Chautauqua.

At a meeting of the Chautauqua executive committee Tuesday evening, matters were discussed pertaining to general arrangements. Different phases of the program received attention and it has been practically decided to have a Farmers' Day, an Educational Day, a Political Day and a Church Day. From now on the program will be in process of formation and the Press will probably be in a position to begin giving detailed information next week.

Tag Day.

Tomorrow, Saturday, is observed as "Tag Day" all over Oregon by the W. C. T. U. The purpose is to sell tags on which is a picture of a boy like yours, and the inscription, "The Home versus the Saloon." Every one will be asked to buy and wear a tag, men, women and children. Every home will be visited. The proceeds will go for the campaign expenses to make our own state dry this year, 1910. Every collector on Saturday will wear a collector's badge. Let everybody wear the tag. It will cost you only ten cents. The ladies want to sell 300.

New Cross Walks.

Marshal Gholson has a force of men at work this week putting in new cross walks in place of dilapidated ones. There is considerable improvement to property being made in Athena this spring, and it is evident that the city is prepared to do its part. There is a disposition on the part of many residents to have their premises cleaned up earlier than usual and it is to be hoped that all will see the benefit to be derived from a general cleaning up process.

Record Lamb Crop.

Reports indicate that the lamb increase this year in Umatilla county will be a record one. Dan Smythe, who has his ewe bands in the Hudson Bay district reports that 35 ewes dropped 44 lambs; 205 ewes 318 lambs 434 ewes 632 lambs. The aggregate being 994 lambs from 676 ewes. Sheep men in other portions of Umatilla county report the per centage of increase exceptionally large.

OFFICERS SWORN IN

Mayor McEwen Addresses Council—Water Commission's Report—Books Turned Over.

The Council met in special session Tuesday evening and the newly elected officials were sworn in. Those taking the oath of office were:

A. B. McEwen, mayor; F. S. Le Grow, Chas. Betts and W. W. Jacobs, councilmen; Byron N. Hawks, treasurer; B. B. Richards, recorder and David Taylor, water commissioner.

The outgoing officials are Councilmen Watts and Plamondon, Water Commissioner Watts and Treasurer Foss.

Wednesday afternoon Mr. Foss turned over the treasurer's books to Recorder Richards, and the statement made by Mr. Barrett at a previous meeting of the council that Mr. Foss would not turn the books over, is a closed incident.

Addressed the Council.

Mayor McEwen addressed the Council and commended the outgoing officials for services rendered during the past year. He reviewed the work accomplished and spoke of improvements in prospect for the coming year. The mayor's official report will be made at the next council meeting.

Recorder's Report.

Recorder Richards read his report which showed that he received from fines \$115.00; licenses, \$345.50, a total of \$460.50.

Water Commission Report.

Athena, Oregon, March 15, 1910. To the Mayor and Council, Athena, Oregon:

Herewith the Athena Water Commission submits our annual report of the financial standing of the Athena water works to date:

Resources.	
Water plant book value	
Apr. 3, 1909	\$30,335.07
Electric pump and motor	
with additions to pump	
house and pipe line connections	1,840.88
Total book value Apr. 3 '10	\$32,175.95
Sinking fund	945.13
Rec. Water rents, cash	1,835.50
Scrap	648.00
Special tax	1,641.23
Interest on Sinking fund	25.03
Bills payable	1,980.00
Total assets and receipts	\$39,220.84
Liabilities	
B'd indebt'	\$28,000.00
Bills payable	1,980.00
W'ts. outst'ndg.	596.96
Loan f'm S'tk f'd	399.13
Disbursements	
Int. W't'r b'd's	1,533.80
On money torro'd	23.45
Supt. & clerk	320.00
Eng'r's salary	404.25
Wood & Coal	1,043.99
Electric power	334.31
Rep'r's & Inod'tls	405.08
Bal. (Loss & g'n)	4,389.87
	\$39,220.84

Fixed charge in which the commission is called upon to meet, exclusive of any new machinery or extensions.

Int. on Water bonds	\$1,533.80
Supt. and clerk's salary	320.00
Sink'g f'd (min. 250) should be	500.00
Electric Power	1,000.00
Repairs and depreciation	500.00
Total fixed charges	\$3,843.80

Estimated receipts for water rents paid in cash \$1,835.50

Balance to be raised by taxation and chg to city 2,008.30 3,843.80

Respectfully submitted, C. A. Barrett, Chairman, B. B. Richards, Clerk.

LAUNCH ON THE RESERVOIR

Government Pond at Hermiston Will Be Pleasure Resort.

A thirty passenger steam launch is to be placed on the government reservoir near Hermiston in the immediate future by Dr. Henry Waldo Coe, says the East Oregonian. The permit has been secured from the government, the launch has been ordered and will soon be in operation.

Dr. Coe has accepted a contract to sell about 10,000 acres of the land under the Umatilla project and will take up this work at once. He has already sold a greater part of the land under the Farnish-Coe project through his extensive eastern system and he expects to dispose of the Hermiston lands rapidly.

The launch and two automobiles which he will keep at Hermiston will be used by him in showing the tourists the advantages of the country. One of the autos will probably make regular trips between the town and the monster reservoir or lake and it is expected that the lake will become a popular summer resort in a very short time.

There is now more water in the reservoir than there has been since its completion and with the big feed canal running full capacity and pouring in at the rate of 300 second feet it will be but a short time until it is

completely filled. Then the entire 1800 acres contained in the reservation will be covered and the lake will have a shore line of from eight to twelve miles. When filled the reservoir will contain 55,000 acre feet. At present there are 40,000 acre feet held behind the big dam.

Stone Bros. Sell.

Stone Bros. have sold their meat market to Will Jamison, the Weston stockman and butcher. The Stone boys moved to the Kribs ranch this week, after Mr. Jamison took possession of the market, Monday. It is understood that Mr. Jamison will come to Athena to reside, although he will conduct his business at Weston. He has been in the cattle business for a number of years and runs his stock on the Wenaha reserve, and during the winter feeds in the Hudson Bay district.

Clearing the Park.

J. E. Froome has taken the lead in clearing up the east end of the city park this week. As a "grabber," John appears to be an adept, and he has been assisted by an accomplished "slasher" in the person of Mr. Lamb, who thoroughly contemplates swinging the business end of a brush scythe. After plowing the grounds the soil is to be worked down with a big roller.

CANNOT USE NAME OF BANK

Bank Examiner Declares Contrary to Law to So Name Saloons.

That such a high sounding name as "bank" on a saloon window is a delusion and a snare to the public, and contrary to the law is the declaration of Assistant Bank Examiner George D. Barber, and as a result one saloon of Walla Walla and other saloons in the state of Washington using the word "bank" may have to change their names, says the Bulletin. Mr. Barber announces that he will at once take steps to have such names on saloons in the state removed. The state bank examiner had the use of the word "bank" by saloons called to his attention in a recent visit to Toppenish, when he entered the "Bank" saloon thinking that he was going into a bank that had just been started there.

When the bank examiner discovered his mistake he was irate and ordered the proprietor of the saloon to remove the name from the window immediately, which was done. The bank examiner says that all other saloons in the state having a similar name will be notified immediately to select an other name and that within a short time, "Bank," will not grace the windows of liquor exchanges.

Church Dedication.

The new \$30,000 Christian church at Pendleton will be dedicated next Sunday. This is the official announcement made by Rev. N. H. Brooks, the minister in charge. The dedicatory exercises will be under the direction of Evangelist Charles Reigo Scoville of Chicago, recognized as one of the greatest evangelists in the country. Following the dedication of the church Scoville and his corps of workers will hold a series of revival meetings.

Sunshine Club.

The Sunshine Club met at the home of Mrs. Casper Woodward March 10. Officers were present and there were three members absent. Visitors were: Mrs. Woodward, of Walla Walla; Mrs. Jerry Stone; Mrs. Wallen; the Misses Llenallen, of Adams and Miss Perring. Minutes were read by the secretary. Refreshments were served by the hostess and a jolly good time was enjoyed by all. Motion was made to adjourn at 4:30.

Some Will Rensed.

Reports come in that a few farmers will have some reseeded to do. Will Ferguson is reseeded 250 acres of wheat and Watta brothers find it necessary to reseed barley. It is found that in some localities where snow was blown off the grain, the plant is winter killed. Generally speaking, grain in this section is doing fine and growing well.

Hard on Streets.

The result of the severe weather is to be seen now on portions of the macadamized structure of Main street. Soft spots have developed as the result of moisture seeping through the crushed rock surface and the street in places is beginning to rut badly. Repairing the affected spots with crushed rock will soon be commenced.

Bergevin vs. Mosgrove.

The trial of the case of Bergevin brothers versus Mosgrove brothers is on trial in the equity department of the circuit court. This suit grows out of the sale by the Bergevin brothers of their store and stock of goods in Athena to the Mosgroves about 15 years ago.

Baptist Church Notes.

Services will be held as usual Sunday in the Baptist church. Pastor Ryder will, D. V., preach morning and evening at the usual hours, 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Bible school at 10 a. m. B. Y. P. U., 6:30 p. m. A hearty invitation to all.

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