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TO EXEMPT FIREMEN

New Members Must Be Enrolled In the Athena Fire Department to Make it Efficient.

H. A. Barrett the retiring chief of the Athena Fire Department, informs the Press that the department is in receipt of the long delayed certificates for exempt firemen. The records are being overhauled and all firemen who have served the required time and are entitled to exempt certificates, will receive them without delay.

The fact that several members of the department are serving over time and the different companies not being represented to the full number of membership at the present time, the department is placed in a precarious condition with the withdrawal of the exempt members.

In towns and small cities where the fire demon is fought by volunteer companies, the matter of keeping the ranks filled is upgrade effort to say the least and deficiency from this cause creeps out only when a fire is raging and property interests are threatened with destruction.

In Athena some good work has been accomplished by the department in battling with flames, but its present condition is such that to make it efficient, immediate enrollment of new members to take the place of those about to retire, is required.

At the meetings of the different companies this month, company officers are to be elected. Men who will take an active interest in the affairs of the department should be elected. Then they should be encouraged by the property owner and the business man, with the view of making the department as efficient as possible. The members who have held the department together and are about to become exempt from duty, have done more than their part, and now it is up to others to take hold and do their share of the work.

Excursion for Track Meet.

Passenger agent Van de Water of the O. R. & N. was in the city Monday evening, and met with members of the Athena Commercial Association and discussed matters pertaining to the running of an excursion train from the west end of the county for the county school track meet and oratorical contest, to be held in this city Friday, May 15. Mr. Van de Water offered a special train from Umatilla and return for a guarantee of \$192. The special train would accommodate the people of Umatilla, Hermiston, Stanfield, Echo, Pendleton and Adams. It would arrive here in the morning and return after the oratorical contest at night. The matter of securing the train will be taken up by the Athena Commercial Association and the Umatilla County Athletic and Oratorical Association.

Fruit Outlook is Good.

District Fruit Inspector G. L. Whitney, whose territory includes Walla Walla, Columbia and Garfield counties has returned from a trip through that region and reports fruit in an excellent condition. In speaking of the outlook, Mr. Whitney said: "So far there has been no injury of any kind to the fruit and if no killing frosts appear, there will be a record breaking yield in the three counties which embrace my field. Many trees are being planted and orcharding is everywhere being given more and more attention."

Baker County Land.

John H. Lewis, secretary of the state land board, has placed on file in the local land office of the state the "selection" of forty-four thousand acres in Baker county, which will be given away to the homesteaders who pay for irrigation and reclamation. The proposition is similar to the Twin Falls project under the Carey act, but the state will not charge for this land.

REGARDING CENSUS TAKING

Charles Betts Will Take Census of the Athena Precincts.

This morning, Chas. Betts began taking the census enumeration of North and South Athena precincts.

The law requires every adult person to furnish the prescribed information, but also provides that it shall be treated confidentially, so that no injury can come to any person from answering the questions.

The President has issued a proclamation, calling on all citizens to cooperate with the Census and assuring them that it has nothing to do with taxation, army or jury service, compulsory school attendance, regulation of immigration, or enforcement of any law, and that no one can be injured by answering the inquiries.

It is of the utmost importance that the census of population and agricultural in this state be complete and correct.

It is necessary for the credit of the city that every resident be counted as the official figures of this census must be the standard for the next ten years and from these figures the city will be judged.

In order to assist the enumerator in his work, it is requested that citizens be prepared to furnish promptly the facts concerning all the members of their households, including those temporarily absent, and all persons residing on the premises.

It is necessary that the native state or foreign country of both parents of each person enumerated shall be recorded.

Then, too, many citizens, while living in the city, own and operate farms in the country and it will be necessary for them to furnish the number of acres cultivated last year in the various crops together with the yield and the value of each crop. The various farm and domestic animals must also be given. All these calculations require time and delay the enumeration if not given promptly. Every citizen is requested to assist and cooperate with the census taker in making a full count of the inhabitants of Athena.

GRAMMAR GRADES HAVE TEAM

Will Compete at Meet in Athena on May 14

That the public schools of Pendleton will make a strong effort to capture the cup offered by the Athena merchants at the county interscholastic track meet to be held in that town on May 14 is testified to by the increasing activity among the athletes of all sizes and ages, says the East Oregonian. The high school has had a team in the field for a number of years and the candidates for this year's team have been limbering up for some time. But as the events at the Athena meet will be divided into three sections in order to allow grammar grades to participate, and as the cup will be awarded to the town making the largest number of points in these three divisions, Manager Tom Boylen of the high school team has effected an athletic organization in each of the four grammar schools here and will see that young athletes are properly prepared to enter the contest in May.

- The following are the officers of the organizations in the different Pendleton schools:
- Washington. Joe Dorisy, president. Harold Brock, secretary. Ralph Knight, manager. Fontie Snyder, captain division B. Ernest Boylen, captain division C. Hawthorne.
- Wilbur Kurlie, president. Buford Butler, secretary. Harrison Minnie, manager. Orson Straughn, captain division B. Charles Gordon, captain division C. Lincoln.
- Miss Alma Harris, president. Riley Furrish secretary. Lyn Gordon manager. Claire Brown captain division C. Field.
- Miss Grace Harris president. William Longmeier secretary. Lee Teutsch manager. Jack Malarne captain division C.

The high school teams will be classified as division A, the teams from the 7th and 8th grades as division B and those from the lower grades as division C.

Manager Boylen has planned to pull off four grammar grade events in connection with the high school interclass cross country run to be held this afternoon.

Damage Suit Dismissed.

For the second time since the original suit was filed, the case of John Bergevin against Dr. J. A. Sponogle of Athena, was dismissed Monday morning on motion of the plaintiff. This was a suit brought by Bergevin against Sponogle for the recovery of \$15,000 for the alleged ruin of Bergevin's daughter. This suit has been filed twice and as many times has been dismissed.

WALLA WALLA HERE

Garden City Commercial Club Received by Commercial Association, Citizens and Band.

The Walla Walla Commercial club, 125 strong, and many of the members accompanied by their wives made a "get-acquainted" visit to Athena Tuesday forenoon. The Walla Walla boosters came in on a special train, and were met at the O. R. and N. station by the members of the Athena Commercial association, citizens, pupils from the Athena High School and the Athena Band.

The special train arrived at 10:45, and headed by the band, the visitors were escorted up Main street and were turned loose in the business district for half an hour, after which time they boarded the train and left for Pendleton where the Commercial Club of that city took care of them during the afternoon.

The junketers were in charge of President Crawford and Secretary Moore. Big Chief Kauffman in his vast capacity of utility man, herded the big crowd, including the school girls, into line, when the march up Main street began and kept all in place.

Before arriving in Athena, stops had been made at Freewater, Milton and Weston. At Weston, Kauffman kidnapped Col Wood, Ira Kemp and Sim Barnes and they were in the parade here. It is rumored that the big ex-policeman corraled a couple of Athena men and took them to Pendleton with the excursionists.

The Athena High School and the 8th grade students were dismissed for the occasion and the presence of the pupils helped to swell the ranks of the crowd on hand to receive the visitors. A. Pendleton the Walla Walla people were entertained at lunch by the Commercial association.

In the near future the Pendleton Commercial Association will make a trip to Walla Walla and intervening towns and in all probability the Athena Commercial Association will join the Pendleton association on the trip.

Bowlerman Lost Out.

In the most spirited city election Condon has witnessed in eight years the forces of Jay Bowberman went down to defeat at the hands of the "independents" who elected the mayor and three out of four councilmen.

In the campaign political lines were practically thrown aside as far as the republican and democratic parties were concerned. The issue was as to whether the Bowberman faction of the republican party should hold control of the city and by their votes the people of Condon voted nay to this proposition. Dr. J. F. Wood is a democrat politically, but in the race for mayor he was supported by republicans as well as by democrats. Dr. Donnelly the present mayor and defeated aspirant for re-election, was appointed by the council to fill the vacancy caused by the removal from the city of former Mayor Farnsworth.

Stanfield Wants Laborers.

A Stanfield item says the demand for labor in that part of Umatilla county so far outruns the available supply that 500 men could easily find employment at good wages at the present time. This condition has its origin mainly in the rapid development taking place in the West part of the county in the irrigated fruit districts about Hermiston and Stanfield. At Stanfield alone 250 men will be needed this year to take care of newly planted orchard tracts. The great amount of improvement work and new construction just being begun on the O. R. and N. will still farther increase the demand for labor and men who are looking for work at remunerative figures need have no hesitancy in making Stanfield their point of destination.

Change in Train Service.

A slight change in train service on the O. R. & N. went into effect Wednesday says the East Oregonian. With the exception of a change in mail cars at that point the Pendleton Portland local will be run on through to Walla Walla each evening and the Walla Walla Pendleton local will run on through to Portland each morning. The train crews will have the same runs as at present, the times and numbers of all the trains will be the same; the only change being that passengers will not be compelled to change cars at this point. The change is made for the purpose of expediting the service.

Memorial Services.

There will be a special service in the Christian Church, Sunday, evening at 7:30, in memorial for the late Alexander McKenzie. The citizens of Athena are specially invited to be present. The Mayor, Mr. McEwan, will represent the people, and Mr. Potts and Mr. Foss will represent the congregation. The pastor will deliver an appropriate address. Special music will be rendered. Come, there is a seat, a book and a hearty welcome for all. Remember the usual morning services.

A. M. Meldrum, Minister.

Walla Walla Boy Killed

Terribly and fatally mangled when the train on which he was stealing a ride broke in two, Floyd R. Hossey, 26 years old, of Walla Walla died death almost instantly. He was a member of the militia company and was stealing a ride to come to the inspection at that place. He was on Northern Pacific train No. 67.

PLAYED A 10-INNING GAME

It Took All Pilot Rock Had to Win Out in Extra Inning Session.

There was an extra inning session out at Pilot Rock Sunday and it took all the barleygrower's had to put the Maroons down for the count of 8 to 7—the same score that stood in the previous Sunday game.

Over at Weston, the mountaineers thrashed it out with the Pendleton bunch, and everybody was glad that Nordean's men won. The shave was a close one, the score being 2 to 3.

Next Sunday, Weston plays here and the Rook team will face Harlan on the county seat grounds. The Athena game will be played on the old grounds, for the reason that the new diamond is not yet in proper condition. The game will not be called until 2:30, which time will give everybody a chance to attend.

Athena was in it to win Sunday, and but for infield errors, the boys would have lifted the cellar door. The team was materially strengthened with Hawks behind the bat, and with a shift or two in the positions of the men now on the team, the boys will soon strike their stride and give the other teams their "needina'".

The score sheet shows that four barleygrowers had tapped the pan before the Maroons had even a lookin. Two scored in the first right off the reel, and they ditted a like number in the third, after Stone had oozed two bastmen in the second and the side retired on Westgate's out at second. In the fourth Athena evaded things up and went one to the good when nine men faced Lobangh and four hits with a choice collection of errors, netted five scores. In the sixth Pilot Rock scored three more runs and the Maroons tied up the package in the ninth when Wilson and Starr scored.

Athena was retired in her half of the extra inning, and L. Gilbert, first man up for the Rook, fanned, B. Gilbert laid down one which Groves booted and was safe. He worked his way around to the second sack and took third on Westgate's single. Royer who had been methodically fanning, connected for a dribbling grounder that shot straight at Starr. Mr. Starr overlooked the home plate and the fleeing Gilbert, tossed the ball to first and Pilot Rock had won another game. The score:

Pilot Rock	2 0 2 0 3 0 0 1—8
Athena	0 0 5 0 0 0 0 2—7

Batteries—Lobangh, Lieallan and Gilbert, Stone Wilson and Hawks.

Freak Hens in Missouri.

What effect is Halley's comet having on Missouri hens? This question is occupying the minds of farmers near Independence, Mo., who have almost decided to lock the doors of their henneries that the fowls may not see the comet. Recently a hen belonging to George Davidson laid an egg with a tail an inch long. The tail was about the diameter of a lead pencil, was composed of the same material as the shell. Mrs. Ida Cook reported one of her prize Plymouth Rocks had laid two eggs at once. One of them had a little white caudal appendage. The shell was soft and "givy" to the touch. The two eggs were joined together with a sort of ligament two inches long which appeared to be of the same material as the covering. The tail dropped off soon after Mrs. Cook began to handle the eggs.

Don't Try Now.

Friday, April 15, at 10 o'clock in the morning will be the earliest time at which it will be worth while trying to see Halley's comet with the aid of the naked eye, it was said at the Georgetown University laboratory. During April and early part of May the comet will be visible in the east before sunrise a few degrees north of east. By May 17 it will be too nearly in line with the sun to be seen in the morning, but from then on it will appear in the west in the evening. On May 20 it will set two hours after the sun with the interval growing longer each night.

D. J. Kirks Baby Dead.

The Walla Walla Union of Wednesday says: Anna Elizabeth, the one year old baby of Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Kirk, 523 North Eight street, died yesterday afternoon after a month's illness. The funeral will be at the house at 10 a. m. Thursday morning and the interment is to be in the Milton cemetery, the funeral party going over on the 11 o'clock car.