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A METHODIST WEEK

Convention of Walla Walla District Ministerial Association Begins Sunday Evening, Ends Thursday.

Next week will be Methodist week in Athena. Beginning Sunday evening with a sermon by Rev. Roberts, the convention of the Walla Walla District Ministerial Association will convene. The convention will close Thursday evening with a sermon by Rev. Nathan Evans of Pendleton.

The convention comes to Athena this year through the solicitation of the Athena Commercial Association, and the visiting ministers will be tendered a banquet by the members of the organization on next Tuesday evening. The delegates to the convention will be entertained in the homes of the city during their stay here. The sessions will be held in the big auditorium of the Methodist Episcopal church. The evening services will

Minnie Johnson, Zola Key, Vergie Key Carl Johnson, Floyd Corporan and Elmer Corporan have neither been absent or tardy during the entire seven months and are therefore on the grand roll of honor. Visitors are: Mrs. Joe Key, Mrs. Jas. Barnes, Mr. A. L. Swaggart, Miss Shirley Barnes, Miss Helen Johnson, and Master Grant Key.

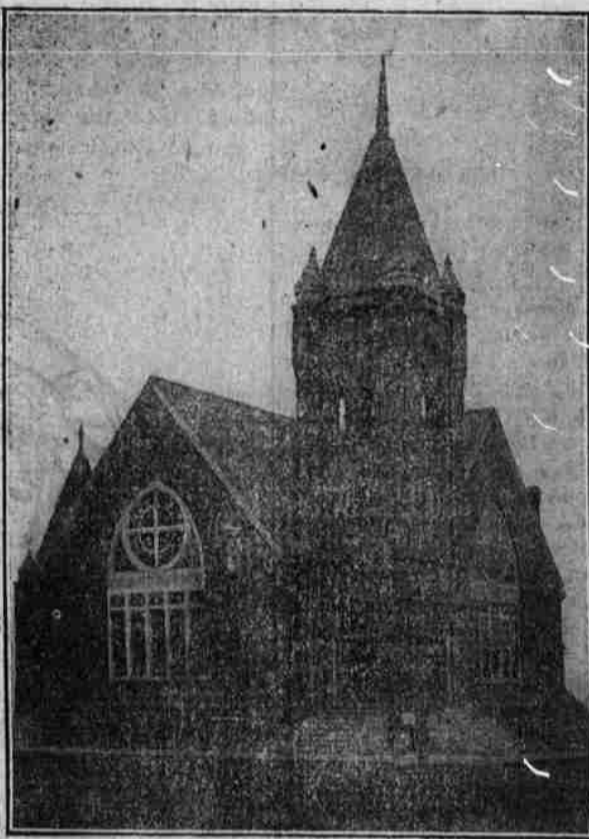
Lillian Dows Dobson, teacher.

Taxicab Service.

James Bryan says he is meeting with success in his taxicab business. His big Franklin car is in demand and he has made several trips to Walla Walla and Pendleton. He is becoming proficient in his capacity as chauffeur and takes delight in "bitting the high places."

Sale Netted \$24.50.

The pastry sale which was conducted by the ladies of the Baptist church in this city Saturday, netted them the tidy sum of \$24.50. More sales could have been made had the cakes been on hand for disposal. The sale was held in the Barrett building on Main street.



Methodist Episcopal Church, Athena, Where Convention Will Be Held.

prove to be of especial interest to the general public and all are cordially invited to attend them. Special music will be provided and some of the best speakers in the Walla Walla district are on the program to deliver sermons. The features of the program include preaching Sunday evening, by Rev. Roberts.

Monday evening, preaching by Rev. Payne, of Weston.

Tuesday afternoon, third quarterly conference of Athena church.

Tuesday evening, banquet and reception given by the Athena Commercial Association.

Wednesday from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m., Bible conference.

Wednesday evening sermon by Rev. Marvin of Walla Walla.

Thursday from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m., Bible conference.

Thursday 3 p. m., meeting for women, at which Miss Barge, of Delaware, Ohio, will speak.

Thursday evening, sermon by Rev. Nathan Evans, of Pendleton.

School Report

Mrs. Dobson closed a very successful term of school last week in LaMar District, No. 30, and submits the following report for the final month of school: For month beginning March 28 and ending April 22. Number of days taught, 14; number of pupils enrolled, 15. Those pupils who have been neither absent nor tardy and are on the roll of honor for the month are as follows: Carl Johnson, Floyd Corporan, Elmer Corporan, Mamie Sheard, Lulu Barnes, Velma Schubert.

A JUNKETING TRIP

Pendleton, Athena and Weston Commercial Associations Will Return Walla Walla's Recent Visit.

Next Wednesday the Commercial Associations of Pendleton, Athena and Weston will invade Walla Walla in a body, for the purpose of repaying the get-acquainted visit made to these cities recently by the Walla Walla commercial club.

The Pendleton Commercial Association has chartered a special train for the occasion and the Pendleton "pushers" will arrive in this city at 9 o'clock Wednesday forenoon, headed by a band. They will remain here for one hour and during that time the plan of taking advantage of the law pertaining to county publicity will be explained to the people. The Athena Commercial Association will make arrangements for a meeting place and it is expected a large crowd will be in attendance.

Yesterday Will M. Peterson, Ed Aldrich of the East Oregonian and Secretary Ben Hill of the Pendleton Commercial Association were in the city arranging the schedule for the Walla Walla trip, and met several members of the local association.

It is proposed that the Athena Association join the Pendletonians and in a body go to Weston and Walla Walla, and on the return trip stop at Milton and Freewater. The Weston Association will join the booster brigade at Weston. The O. R. & N. people are disposed to do all they can to make the trip one of success and pleasure. A splendidly equipped train, including an observation car will be at the disposal of the Pendleton Commercial Association and guests.

The Pendleton special will arrive in Athena at 9 a. m. and leave for Weston at 10 a. m. Returning from Walla Walla, the train will arrive at Athena about 7 p. m.

Brotherton's Mother Dead.

Charles Brotherton received the sad intelligence of his mother's death, which transpired at her home in Summit Point, Va., last Saturday, April 23. At the time of death, she was aged 80 years. The funeral was held Monday.

PENDLETON WON FROM ATHENA

"Lefty" Smith Opened Game Auspiciously By Fanning 5 in First Two.

If Manager Christian's Maroons had been in form with Mr. "Lefty" Smith in Sunday's sojourn at Pendleton, the score book might have had a different tale to tell. As it was, the game went to the men who deliver the "Nelson squeeze," by a score of 11 to 2.

And they say the umpiring was something fierce—they do. To begin with, Pendleton led off in the first semester with two and added one more in the second.

Thus the sidewheeler was put to the bad and was forced to pitch an uphill session from the start. He pitched his head off in the first two innings, striking out six, and having the encouragement of seeing two of them reach first on muffed strikes.

Pendleton added two in the fourth and when Athena went to bat in her half of the fifth she had four zeros marked against her on the score board. Then DePeatt broke through with one and in the sixth they had the bases loaded, with Mr. Harlan up in the air. The best they could muster out of the scrimmage was a brace of three and they got no more thereafter.

Pendleton heaved over two in the seventh and four in the eighth. The score: Pendleton—2 1 0 2 0 0 2 4 x—11
Athena—0 0 0 0 1 3 0 0 0—4
Weston defeated Pilot Rock Sunday by a score of 4 to 3. Weston and Pendleton remain tied for first place in the percentage column. Athena plays Pendleton here Sunday afternoon and Weston goes to Pilot Rock.

Crop Prospects.

From all points in the wheat producing territory tributary to Athena come flattering reports on crop prospects. The soil was saturated with moisture during the winter months, and the copious rains of this spring, assisted by warm weather started vegetation on the road to healthy growth, with the result that grain is well advanced for this season of the year. Plowing is drawing to a close and general farm work is well along, except in the foothill country, where it has been retarded by rain.

Cotton Crop Ruined.

With millions of acres of young cotton destroyed by the cold weather which Monday overspread the entire cotton belt, with the unusual appearance in many sections of snow a nd sleet, the South has suffered its most disastrous financial setback since the Civil War. In Atlanta and throughout the northern half of Georgia, ex-

cept near the Atlantic, the thermometer was below 40 degrees above zero, with falling temperature at night. Cottonseed oil mills were appealed to for seed for replanting and state officials implored the mills to crush no more seed until the farmers were supplied. It is doubtful however if there is sufficient seed to replant one-half of the area of young cotton destroyed by the cold.

Pay Small; Carriers Quit.

Rural mail delivery out of Walla Walla is seriously threatened by the small remuneration given the employees of Uncle Sam and unless there is an increase in salary soon it looks as if there would be a discontinuation of several of the routes leading from that city. Since November 1, four men have resigned and there are it is said, more to follow. The regulations of the service provide that if there is a vacancy on any route for a month, that route shall be discontinued. At present one man is carrying the mail only until another man can be secured. And this is not a likelihood. The position pays but \$39 a month, although it takes but half a man's time.

After Telephone Company.

The fight of Pendleton citizens against what they term the exorbitant charges and inefficient service of the Pacific telephone company is on in earnest, says the East Oregonian. The fire of indignation which has been smoldering for several days was fanned into a flame at the council meeting Wednesday evening and is now burning with considerable fury. The latest move is the circulation of petitions which are to be presented to the city council and which call upon that body to offer inducements to some other company to enter the field.

Caledonian Picnic.

Extensive preparations are under way for the holding of the Caledonian picnic, in Athena Friday and Saturday, May 20 and 21. The committee on program have been in correspondence with Jock Coleman, the well known entertainer of Portland, and he says that he has a lively party of dancers and singers lined up for the occasion. Posters will be up in a few days announcing the events that will take place on the program, and everything will be done to make this year's picnic the most successful of any yet held by the Umatilla County Caledonian society.

Hermiston Berries.

The hot days of the past week ripened the Hermiston strawberries very rapidly, and by the first of May there will be a nice lot of fine berries ready for picking. Most of the growers that have any sized patch, are getting boxes ready to harvest the first ripe fruit. A great many of the berries were planted only last fall and this spring so there will only be a limited number of boxes to be shipped to other markets.

Hot at Pendleton.

With the mercury in the official thermometer registering a strong 94 in the shade Monday, Pendleton experienced the hottest April day ever recorded there. The next highest was in 1904, when a temperature of 93 was reached. Ninety was registered Sunday and 89 on Saturday. Next to 1904, the hottest April was in 1906, when a temperature of 86 was recorded.

Athletes Gaining Form.

Maurice Hill is training the Athena High school athletes for the county school track meet which is to be held in this city Saturday, May 14. A notable improvement has been made in the form of the boys since Mr. Hill took charge of them. Each evening he puts them through a strenuous period of training. The sprinters are showing up well and the hurdlers are doing good work.

Oratorical Winners.

At the preliminary oratorical contest held in the Baptist church Friday evening, for the purpose of selecting participants for the contest of the county schools to be held in this city on Saturday evening, May 14, the judges selected Verita Watts to represent Division C, and Miss Ruth Kidder for Division B. Clarence Brotherton will be the orator for Division A.

Loses Life in Water.

Falling into the water when the steep bank gave way under him, John Schifner jr., the 13-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. John Schifner, was drowned near his home at Touchet, Sunday afternoon. The body never came to the surface, and although his companion, George Gradwell, gave the alarm, at once, search failed to bring the lad's remains to view.

Deaf, But Are Married.

To be deaf yet able to speak is the fortune of Biddy F. Bayze of Pasco, and Flora E. Barnes, of Athena, who were united in marriage Monday morning by Justice of the Peace Parkes, says the East Oregonian.

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