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## JOLLY FELLOWS ALL

Pendleton Commercial Association, One Hundred Strong, Visited Athena on Junketing Trip.

The Pendleton Commercial Association, a hundred strong, headed by a splendid brass band, stopped in Athena Wednesday forenoon for an hour and fraternized with friends and acquaintances.

Members of the Athena Commercial club met the Pendleton special at the O. R. & N. station and escorted the visitors to the opera house, but for the reason that the hour was early, the attendance of local people was small. The band led the assemblage to the corner of Main and Third streets where Will M. Peterson of Pendleton addressed the crowd on the features of the new law which authorizes any county in the state to levy a special tax of not more than one-half mill for advertising, printing and distribution of literature for the purpose of making known the various agricultural, horticultural, commercial and other resources. It was for this purpose that the trip was made by the Pendleton Commercial Association, a purpose with the broad conception of the development of the county.

B. B. Richards, president of the Athena Commercial Association, introduced the Pendleton speaker. The public schools were dismissed during the time the Pendleton visitors were here and the children were present when Mr. Peterson delivered his address. Many ladies from Pendleton accompanied the gentlemen and were seemingly entering into the spirit of the occasion with enthusiasm.

Literature explaining the publicity act was distributed and several petitions left with Athena men for circulation.

## PILOT ROCK IS INTERESTED

Will Be Prepared Next Year for the County Track Meet.

Speaking of the Umatilla County track meet which comes off in Athena May 14, the Pilot Rock Record says: Although the schools of Pilot Rock have neither an Athletic or Oratorical association and the fact that they close here today would make it too late to take up the work of organization, the impetus given the movement by the formation of the Umatilla County Athletic and Oratorical association last winter and the fact that the Commercial club of Athena put up a \$75 silver loving cup as the prize for the school winning the most points in debate and have also spent some money in preparing a tract on which the track meet might be held, will stimulate the interest in athletics and ought to be the cause of the formation of both such organizations in this city another year.

May 14 has been announced as the date on which a meet will be held and the secretary of the association is now sending out literature throughout the county, urging that the various schools of the county hold a tryout, both in oratory and to organize a track team, to compete for the various prizes in the big event.

The Commercial club of Athena in connection with the officers of the newly formed association are making elaborate plans to make the meet a great social event of the county as the cause has a backing of not only County School Superintendent Frank K. Welles, but also of every teacher who attended the county meeting in Pendleton last January, a large attendance is assured and much interest is being manifested in the event. Special railroad rates have been arranged for and it is the intention of the association to arrange for special trains out of Pendleton, the further particulars of which will be announced later.

## METHODIST MINISTERS CAPTURE ATHENA

Commercial Association Reception and Banquet a Feature—All Sessions Interesting and Well Attended.

The sessions of the Walla Walla District Ministerial Association held in the Methodist Episcopal church of this city this week were largely attended, especially the evening services. The features of the sessions were the banquet tendered the visiting ministers on Tuesday evening by the Athena Commercial club and the sermon delivered by Rev. Marvin, of Walla Walla on Wednesday evening.

The delegates to the convention, some of whom were accompanied by their wives, came from points embracing the states of Oregon, Washington and Idaho.

The visitors found entertainment and accommodations in Athena homes and with the members of the church. Rev. Hammond, pastor of the Athena church, handled his task of looking after general arrangements in a most capable manner, and he expresses his appreciation of the generous assistance given him by the members of his church and the citizens of Athena generally.

There were about 30 delegates present at the sessions, several of them being young ministers.

The banquet Tuesday evening was enjoyed by a large number of people. Secretary Mitchei of the Commercial Association and Pastor Hammond acquitted themselves with splendid success in getting up the banquet supper, which was provided by the ladies of the Woman's auxiliary of the Commercial Association and the ladies of the Methodist church.

In the absence of President Richards of the Commercial Association, H. G. Case presided as toastmaster, and the following subjects were responded to in happy vein:

On behalf of the Commercial Association and the city of Athena, Mr. Case in well chosen words welcomed the visiting ministers. Pastor Hammond's welcoming address followed and R. E. Stewart, F. G. Koontz, and Robert Coppock of the official board were next in order in words of welcome. In his pleasant, characteristic way, Rev. Gabriel Sykes responded to the words of welcome. Miss Nellie Mulkey rendered a couple of beautiful selections at the piano and the assemblage was gratified and pleased with the vocal solos of Mrs. Jocelyn Roberts and Mrs. J. D. Plamondon.

Two minute toasts followed in this order: "How it seems to be back," Rev. John Evans, Grangeville, Idaho. "The Illusive Chicken," Rev. Marvin, of Walla Walla.

"My experience with the Methodist Brotherhood," Rev. J. D. Bird.

"How could I consistently recommend my young people to marry?" Rev. Hart, Turner, Wash.

"Why should a preacher be an optimist?" A. L. Meldrum.

"Parsonage Religion," Mrs. Marvin.

"The Circuit Rider," W. F. McKain, Gifford, Idaho; G. E. James, Pomeroy, Wash.; A. S. Callender, Starbuck, Wash.

"The Church bell," Rev. Anderson, Connell, Wash.

"The new preachers," E. C. Newham, Prescott, Wash.; J. Moore, Whitebird, Idaho; Thomas Lawson, Orofino, Idaho.

"My Ministerial Aspirations," Rev. Ira Crooks, Sunnyside, Ore.

"Twenty-four years ago," Rev. LeCornu, chaplain Washington state prison, Walla Walla.

Others whose subjects were not assigned and who spoke fittingly, were Henry Koepke, Revs. Andrew Kershaw, Paul Little, Miller, Jester, Roberts, Walker, and Father White. The banquet closed with a benediction by Rev. Gabriel Sykes.

The Wednesday morning session of the Association began at 8:30 with a devotional address given by Rev. John LeCornu. Organization was then effected. Rev. John Evans being elected secretary and treasurer. Rev. Marvin acted as critic when the papers of the Bible conference were taken up and discussions were under way. At the evening session Rev. Marvin preached from the text, "Speak the Truth in Love."

Yesterday morning's session opened with devotional services, led by Father White. An hour was devoted to discussing Rev. Marvin's sermon of the previous evening, after which the program schedule was followed, and a committee from the Association visited the Athena High school. The afternoon session began at 2 o'clock, when Miss Carrie Barge, of Delaware, Ohio, spoke in behalf of the Woman's Home Missionary society.

This session, which is reported to have been the best ever held in the district, was brought to a close by the evening sermon of Nathan Evans, of Pendleton. The program of the convention was as follows:

Tuesday Evening.  
7:30 Reception and Banquet.

Wednesday Morning.

Modernism.  
1. The Teaching of Our Theological Schools.  
a. Paul Little.  
b. F. G. Boylan.

2. Its Influence Upon Preaching.  
Chas. MacCaughy.

Wednesday Afternoon.

The Spiritual Life.  
1. The Psychology of Repentance, John Evans.

2. The Spiritual Content of the Term, "New Birth," F. H. Walker.

3. The Doctrine and Experience of Entire Sanctification, Edw. Baker.

Wednesday Evening.

7:30 Sermon, M. H. Marvin.

Thursday Morning.

Social Problems.

1. The Church and Country Life Problems, Geo. E. James.

2. Socialism and the Bible, L. N. B. Anderson.

3. The Church and Capital, Aud. Kershaw.

4. Woman and Industry, M. L. Sanders.

Thursday Afternoon.

Christianity at Work.  
1. Vision and Service, J. C. Harvey.

2. Denominationalism and the Kingdom of God, J. D. Bird.

3. Experimental Religion and the Needs of Humanity, A. S. Mulligan.

Thursday Evening.

7:30 Sermon, Nathan Evans.

PENDLETON WON SUNDAY GAME

Big Crowd Witnesses First Game on New Grounds.—No Easy Victory.

Pendleton won out in Sunday's game by the score of 6 to 2. A big crowd was on hand to witness the first game to be played on the new grounds and the gate receipts netted \$61.95. The ground was a little slow, but by the time the next game is played better conditions will prevail and it is hoped that the grand stand will also be in place.

While the county seat colts got away with the big end of the score, they had no walk over in winning. Athena was there all the time, all the time and had the home lads gotten off right in the first inning, the Pendleton contingent would have received only what was due them, 3 to 2. As a handicap, the home boys started in against a lead of three tallies. This was out down in Athena's half, when Stone was passed to first, went to second on Smith's sacrifice, stole third and romped home on King's error.

Pendleton lined in three more in the fourth with the help of three hits, two errors and a stolen base, and this was all for them. Stone tightened up and allowed but one hit after that.

Athena promised something in the fifth, when Starr led off with a single and was sacrificed to second by Wilson and scored when Cronin made a mess of Willaby's third strike, tossing the ball away.

Stone pitched a clever game after the first inning and Starr showed great improvement behind the bat. Mr. Hazlan, who was on the mound for Pendleton, had a personal grudge at Willaby, who went to bat five times and struck out four times.

It is conceded by all who saw Sunday's game that the Pendleton bunch would have nothing on the Athena boys if they were rounded out with a little team work. The score:

Pendleton—3 0 0 3 0 0 0 0 —6

Athena—1 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 —2

Summary—Two base hits, Rader, King. Bases on balls, Stone 3, Hazlan, 2. Struck out by Stone, 5, Hazlan, 11. Double plays, Stone to Willaby to Starr. Wild pitch, Hazlan. Stolen bases, Dickeson 2, Hazlan 2, Rader, Bocher, Starr. Sacrifice hits, Milne, Wilson 2, Athens.

Weston defeated Pilot Rock Sunday by a score of 10 to 5. Athena plays at Weston Sunday and Pendleton at Pilot Rock.

Fatal Sage Brush Fire.

The body of Alice M. Sanderson of Pasco, the 7-year-old girl who died of burns while being taken to the Walla Walla hospital, was taken to Pasco for burial. The little girl was the daughter of Alfred Sanderson, a Northern Pacific boilermaker of Pasco. With her little brother and other children she was playing around a fire which they had started in the sage brush, when a gust of wind spread the flames to her dress. She was put on a train later in the day to be taken to the hospital but died while the train was passing Burbank.

Mr. and Mrs. John Walter spent Saturday in Walla Walla.

## IT'S THE CITY PARK

Council Votes to Purchase Splendid Property Without a Dissenting Vote.—Committee Appointed.

Under the head of new business Monday evening, the city council unanimously voted to purchase the City Park from N. A. Miller, to whom the property was deeded in trust, and thus relieve the nine men who purchased the park grounds from the Athena Land & Trust company, for the city.

The vote was recorded on a motion to purchase the park, made by Councilman Johnson, and seconded by Councilman Tompkins. Very little discussion was had on the matter, the councilmen realizing, seemingly, that the people of Athena wanted the park and that the property should be under the management of the city government. Councilman Jacobs stated that at first he had been opposed to the purchase of the park, but he had changed his opinion after consulting the city's heaviest taxpayers, and would vote to buy the property. The motion was then put by Mayor McEwen and carried without a dissenting vote, Councilmen Wilson and LeGrow being absent.

The price paid for the property by the city is \$1,165.80, which figure includes interest on notes up to May 15 and the improvements made on the park such as fencing and widening the creek channel.

It was the wish of the council that the mayor appoint a Park committee to have charge of the property under supervision of the council, and he appointed B. B. Richards, W. J. Gholson and Robert Coppock.

Mr. Taylor, of the original Commercial Association committee, informed the council that five men who were on the joint note, namely, himself, Chas. Norris, Jerry Stone, N. A. Miller and J. E. Froome, would take the city's warrants, to be redeemed in regular rotation, and the warrants were ordered drawn accordingly.

Applications of Briscoe & Murray and Al Zigman for near beer licenses were read, accepted and licenses ordered granted on payment of \$100 each and filing of proper bonds.

The following bills were allowed:  
W. J. Gholson, salary, \$50.00.  
B. B. Richards, salary, \$13.35.  
Tum-a-lum Lumber Co., lumber, \$422.85.  
Preston-Parson Co., lights, \$65.00.  
Truck Co., drayage, \$6.00.  
E. T. Kidder, painting, \$80.75.  
Water commission, \$54.00.

## WATER COMMISSION MEETING

Commissioner Taylor Questions Script Placed in Sinking Fund.

The water commissioners met in regular session last evening. Superintendent Gholson reported collection of water rents amounting to \$169 and Commissioner Taylor said there should be \$54 more included, referring to the amount the city pays monthly to the commission for water taxed to the hydrants for fire purposes.

Gholson said the \$54 was in script and could not be reported as cash collected and Taylor averred that if script could be placed in the sinking fund in lieu of cash and counted as such he could not see why script could not be counted in the route collected.

Councilman Barrett entered the spirited discussion at this point and gave out the information that cash was counted as cash, and script was listed as bills receivable; that the script in the sinking fund was placed there when cash was taken out of the fund to pay interest on water bonds, rather than borrowing money from the bank.

Taylor wanted to know why all the script in the sinking fund had been placed there last year, and not any before; to which Barrett replied the records would show.

At times the three-cornered discussion became warm and voices rose louder than necessary for ordinary conversation.

Taylor wanted to know of Gholson why he was "butting in," and the marshal said he was water superintendent, and had a right to. Barrett said the same methods of conducting the water business in the past would continue as long as he served on the commission, and after he was through Taylor could run it to suit himself.

On motion the clerk was instructed to draw warrant on treasurer for \$250.00 to be applied on note given to First National Bank when the new pump and motor was purchased. The following bills were allowed:

C. A. Barrett & Co., supplies, \$3.45.  
W. J. Gholson, salary, \$20.00.  
B. B. Richards, salary, \$10.00.  
Tum-a-lum Lumber Co., \$8.00.  
Mill Co., power, \$83.35.

Mrs. Chas. Hall left this morning for Tacoma, on receiving the sad news of the death of her brother, Will Isley, in that city. Mr. Isley was formerly a well known young man of the Weston vicinity.