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HIS HAND TORN OFF

Terrible Misfortune Comes to Will Potts When His Hand Is Mangled in Cogs of Engine.

A terrible accident happened to Will Potts Saturday afternoon which cost the young man the loss of his left hand, amputation half way between the wrist and the elbow being necessary.

In starting the gasoline engine for the purpose of pumping water, his sleeve caught in the gearing of the engine, and before he could extricate it his left hand was drawn into the cogs and was literally ground to a pulp.

With his right hand, Mr. Potts shut off the power of the engine and his wife coming to the rescue, he was aided by her in turning the cog wheels over so that he could release himself. He withstood the terrible pain as best he could and with his wife driving, started for Athena. John Walker, the young man's uncle, met them on the road and took Will in charge Mrs. Potts returning home.

The injured hand was bandaged and when unwrapped by Dr. Newsum, only a couple of claps with an instrument was all that was needed to remove it from the mutilated wrist. Further investigation revealed that the bones and muscles above the wrist were badly shattered and ground up and after a temporary dressing Mr. Potts was hurried to the hospital at Pendleton in Henry Barrett's automobile.

The injured man stood the ride to Pendleton as well as could be expected. He was at once placed on the operating table and Dr. Newsum, assisted by Dr. Parker, amputated the arm about half way between the wrist and elbow. With proper nursing and necessary attention, Will is getting along well, and is standing up under the awful ordeal with commendable nerve.

MORE THAN HALF A MILLION

Estimates Made on Returns From Different Counties.

The census enumeration of the state of Oregon, so far as can be confirmed by officers of the census bureau, will show a population of 675,879. The net gain to the state will be 262,433.

While official figures are not obtainable, a comparison of the totals for each county, as gathered during the progress of the work, with the total school population, the votes cast for judges of the supreme court since the census of 1900 and the vote on congressmen, warrants the belief that the Oregonian's figure are approximately correct.

An interesting feature of the result pertains to the total number of congressmen which will be awarded to the state and the possibility that Multnomah county will be declared a separate congressional district.

Representation in the present congress is on a basis of one member for each 194,000. Congress is likely to be increased by the addition of 20 members on a total population of 90,000,000 in the United States. On that ratio representatives would be on a basis of one for 215,000 people. Oregon would then gain at least one member.

In both congressional districts the work of the field enumerator is still in progress and will probably not be concluded prior to July 1. At that time all of the remaining records will be boxed and shipped to Washington for tabulation. Estimates furnished from Director Durand, of the census bureau, indicate that official figures as to the result of the count will not be available before October.

Immigration to Oregon appears to have held close to the lines of rail-

ways and water routes, as it did prior to 1890. During the ten years preceding that date 95,835 people came to make their homes in Oregon, and of the total population 183,643 lived in the 114 incorporated towns. Census supervisors have found their large work in the cities and towns during the current enumeration.

School Election Monday.

Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock p. m. at the school house, the annual school election takes place. Notices to this effect have been posted according to law. It is a duty that every taxpayer owes the community to be present and cast his vote for one school director and clerk and to have a voice in any business that may come before the meeting. B. B. Richards, whose term expires, has been prevailed upon by friends to again accept the office, and if elected, he has consented to do so. The name of Henry Keen has also been mentioned for director. Charles Betts has served the district faithfully as clerk and all desire that he be reelected.

5 MILLION BUSHELS ESTIMATE

Warehouseman Predicts the Usual Large Crop of Grain.

The usual acreage of wheat, barley and grain hay in Umatilla county is in crop this year, according to E. W. McComas, representative of the Northwestern Warehouse company, and according to the same authority the usual average yield of 35 bushels of wheat to the acre or a total of 5,000,000 will be harvested, says the East Oregonian. Mr. McComas also looks for an early harvest, saying that unless there should be much cloudy or rainy weather within the next 10 days harvest will be two weeks ahead of time.

McComas says that of the 200,000 acres in wheat this year, a somewhat larger percentage than usual is spring sown. This is accounted for by the fact that the early winter put an end to fall sowing before it was completed and for the further reason that the early spring with occasional showers made conditions ideal for spring seeding. He says the barley prospects are also good and expects to see an average yield of 40 bushels per acre or 400,000 bushels from the eight to ten thousand acres in crop.

WESTON AND PENDLETON WON

Athena Lost 4 to 0.—Pilot Rock to the County Seat, 9 to 2.

Both tail end teams in the Blue Mountain league lost to the leaders in Sunday's games. Athena dropped the last session of the season to the Mountaineers by a score of four to nothing, and Pendleton trounced the Shepherders to the tune of 9 to 2.

The game at Weston is said to have been better than the score indicates. Wheeler was in fine form, allowing but two hits and Ploard could only be found for four safe swats. Three of them, one a two-bagger, were collected in the third inning, which mixed in with an error, allowed Barnes and Lansdale to cross the rubber. Weston's other two runs were netted in the eighth, when a single, and two errors by Githens, substitute at short, allowed Groves and Wheeler to score.

A large crowd saw the game, which was the last of the season between these two teams. Athena plays at Pendleton Sunday and Pilot Rock goes to Weston. The score:

Weston—0 0 2 0 0 0 0 2 x—4
Athena—0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0—0

To His Customers.

Mr. J. F. Brown, having sold his Department store to Mr. Jesse G. Campbell of Spokane, desires that his customers know that he has disposed of his stock to a man who has made a success in the mercantile business and one who will conduct Athena's Department store in a manner which will hold the trade of all present customers and will also add many new ones. Mr. Brown and family will go to Spokane to reside, and anyone owing him may call at the First National Bank, where collections will be made, and settle their account.

Cowboy Bunged Up.

Jack Caldwell, one of the best riders among the cowboys who went to Portland with Louis Bergevin, was badly bruised by being tossed while trying to ride a bucking broncho. He had succeeded in roping, throwing and saddling the animal and when he mounted missed one of the stirrups and before he could secure himself was tossed heavily to the ground by the tucking horse. His injuries are not serious.

Prairie City Train.

The first train into Prairie City reached there Saturday night when a construction train on the Sumpter Valley railroad arrived at the depot. Regular train service was inaugurated Monday. Thursday a big excursion was run from Baker City to mark the opening of the road.

CREDIT HOME DUTIES

Prof. L. R. Alderman of U. of O., Presents Subject of School Credit for Home Duties.

The following interesting article is from the pen of Prof. L. R. Alderman who gave an address along the same lines while in Athena last winter. Prof. Alderman writes the Press as follows:

That civilization is founded on the home, all will agree. The school should be a real helper of the home. How can the school help the home? How can it help the home establish habits in the children of systematic performance of home duties, so that they will be efficient and joyful home helpers? One way is for the school to take into account home industrial work and honor it. It is my conviction, based upon careful and continuous observation, that the school can greatly increase the interest the child will take in home industrial work by making it a subject of consideration at school. A teacher talked of sewing, and the girls sewed. She talked of ironing, and they wanted to learn to iron neatly. She talked of working with tools, and both girls and boys made bird-houses, kites and other things of interest.

A school garden was planned in the city and one of the boys was employed to plow the land. Seventy-five children were watching for him to come with the team. At last he came driving around the corner. He could manage a team. He drove into the lot, and a hundred and fifty eyes looked with admiration at the boy who could unhitch from the sled and hitch on to the plow, and then as he, "man fashion," lines over one shoulder and under one arm, drove the big team around the field, all could feel the children's admiration for the boy who could do something worth while. I have seen a girl who could make good bread or set a table nicely, get the real admiration of her schoolmates.

The school can help make better home builders. It can help by industrial work done in the school, but as that is already receiving consideration by the press and in a few schools, I shall not in this short article treat of it.

The plan I have in mind will cost no money, will take but little school time and can be put into operation in every part of the state at once. It will create a demand for expert instruction later on. It is to give school credit for industrial work done at home. The mother and father are to be recognized as teachers, and the school teacher put into the position of one who cares about the habits and tastes of the whole child. Then the teacher and the parents will have much in common. Every home has the equipment for industrial work and has somebody who uses it with more or less skill.

The school has made so many demands on the home that the parents have, in some cases, felt that all the time of the child must be given to the school. But an important thing that the child needs along with school work is established habits of home making, and these habits can only come from real home making. What one does depends as much upon habit as upon knowledge. The criticism that is most often made upon industrial work at school is that it is so different from the work done at home that it does not put the child into that sympathetic relation with the home, which after all is for him and the home the most important thing in the world. Juvenile institutions find that they must be careful not to institutionalize the child to the extent that he may not be contented in a real home. In my opinion it will be a great thing for the child to want to help his parents to do the task that needs to be done and to want to do it in the best possible way. The reason that so many country boys are now the leading men of affairs is because early in life they had the responsibility of home thrust upon them. I am sure that the motto, "Everybody Helps," is a good one.

But one says, "How can it be brought about? How can the school give credit for industrial work done at home?" This may be accomplished by printed slips asking the homes to take account of the work that the child does at home under the instruction of the home, and explaining that credit will be given this work on the school record. These slips must be prepared for children according to age so that the child will not be asked to do too much, for it must be clearly recognized that children must have time for real play. The required tasks must not be too arduous, yet they must be real tasks. They must not be tasks that will put extra work on parents except in the matter of instruction and observation. They may well call for the care of animals, and should include garden work for both boys and girls. Credit in school for home industrial work (with the parents consent) should count as much as any one study in school.

To add interest to the work, exhibitions should be given at stated times so that all may learn from each other

and the best be the model for all. The school fairs in Yamhill, Polk, Benton, Lane, Wasco and Crook counties, together with the school and home industrial work done at Eugene, have convinced me most thoroughly that these plans are practicable, and that school work and home work, school play and home play, and love for parents and respect for teacher and fellow pupils can best be fostered by a more complete cooperation between school and home, so that the whole child is taken into account at all times.

Freewater "Dry."

After one of the most bitterly contested campaigns in the history of Freewater, the "dry" forces won Monday what is considered a sweeping victory by deciding that the common council may, by ordinance, close all near beer saloons, billiard halls, pool rooms and card rooms. There was a total of 114 votes cast—just twice as many as was ever known there and the "drys" won by 31.

NEW PRINCIPAL FOR ATHENA

Prof. Baker of Gresham Elected for Coming Year—H. G. Case Resigns.

Professor Baker, for three years principal of the school at Gresham, Ore., was elected principal of the Athena High school at a meeting of the board last night.

Professor Baker is highly recommended as an instructor, and has had experience in the best schools of the state. He is a relative of Professor Alderman, of the State University, and is highly vouched for by State Superintendent Ackerman and several county school superintendents under whose supervision he has worked.

H. G. Case, who returned from his fruit ranch at The Dalles Tuesday evening, appeared before the board at the regular meeting Wednesday evening, and tendered his resignation.

The resignation was accepted behind closed doors. A number of the leading citizens of the town were present when Hon. C. A. Barrett, called the meeting to order. After the clerk had read the minutes of the previous meeting, the visitors were permitted to remain through the regular routine of business, but when the resignation matter was about to come up, Chairman Barrett stated that the board had a question to consider which they desired to do in private, and requested that all except members of the board retire. And William Jennings Gholson, city marshal and superintendent of waterworks and public improvements, Colonel Frederick Barton Boyd, editor of the Athena Press; Edward Ezekiel Koonz, cashier of the First National Bank of Athena; Jules Verne Mitchell, head bookkeeper and confidential secretary for the Preston-Parton Milling Company, and Homer Ish. Watts, Attorney at law, obediently and gracefully withdrew from the room.

Ryan Will Serve Sentence.

The supreme court has denied Mike Ryan a rehearing and the convicted slayer of Edward Dixon will be taken to Salem to serve his seven years' sentence in the state penitentiary. In addition to his seven years' servitude, Ryan was ordered to pay a fine of \$2,000. He is the owner of a body of wheat land in the basin northwest of Athena, and it is understood that this land is mortgaged for \$5,000. With the fine and the costs to which Ryan was put at the trial, he will have little or nothing left. He is over 60 years of age.

Inland Rates Fixed.

The discriminatory rates on the O. R. & N. lines from Portland to the southern Inland Empire towns will be adjusted by the railroads voluntarily, according to statements made by Ben C. Hold chairman of the Walla Walla Commercial club's committee on transportation. The discrimination was caused by the rates being lowered in Oregon by the railway commission and sustained by the supreme court. Walla Walla not being in Oregon, the old rates stand, and the difference in the rates threatens to wipe out the jobbing business in that city.

Freights Fruit.

J. N. Stone returned to his home in Milton the latter part of the week says the Eagle, after having been absent in the Spokane and Butte country during the strawberry season, representing the Milton Fruitgrowers' union. Mr. Stone is well pleased with the markets he secured, as is also the union he represented. He left again Tuesday afternoon for the Central states where he will look over the market for future shipments of fruit from Milton district.

Mrs. Claude Steen Dead.

Mrs. Steen, wife of Claude Steen, died Tuesday afternoon in a hospital at Walla Walla, from complications of blood poisoning, resulting from an operation for appendicitis. Mrs. Steen was well known in this vicinity and was a lady held in high esteem by all. She leaves four little children.

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