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WILL PLANT TREES

Council Authorizes Park Commission to Prepare for Future Shade — Pastry Sale Tomorrow.

At Monday night's meeting of the city council, the Park Commission, which is composed of B. B. Richards, H. I. Watts and J. E. Froome, was authorized to purchase and plant shade trees in the City Park, which in future are to take the place of the Cottonwood trees which at present shade the park.

These old trees have become diseased and infected with insects to the extent that it will be only a matter of a few years until but few, if any, remain. For this reason it was decided to begin replanting them with young trees at once.

The Park Commission will purchase twenty North Carolina poplars and have them set out at once. In conjunction with the Park Commission, the Commercial Association Women's Auxiliary committee will assist in the work of preparing plans whereby the beautifying of the Park will be carried out.

With the object in view of defraying the necessary expense that will be entailed in the preliminary work, these ladies have headed a movement to give a pastry sale tomorrow at the newly remodeled Cook building, on the north side of Main street. The women of the city have readily accepted the plan and have promised generous donations to the sale, with their personal presence and patronage. The men, of course, are expected to liberally patronize the sale, the proceeds of which will be put into the park improvement fund. If any woman has been unintentionally missed by the soliciting committee, let her consider herself interested and bring along her donation.

While the park improvement will not be on elaborate scale, it has been decided by those having the matter in charge to have the grounds properly laid out, so that symmetry and system will prevail in the setting out of flowers, trees and shrubs, the laying out of walks, etc.

By this method of proceeding with the work, any one wishing to donate trees, flowers or shrubs to the Park collection, can do so and the planting may then be done with systematic care and not through promiscuous scattering throughout the grounds. Thus, the Park Commission will be the head and proper management to intelligently direct the work.

Gilt-Edged Chickens.

Charles Norris, the chicken fancier, took off a brood of Crystal White Orpingtons last week. The chicks are of the famous Kellerstrass strain. The eggs were purchased at the Kellerstrass farm near Kansas City and cost Mr. Norris \$30 for 15, or \$2 per egg. In transit one of the eggs was cracked, and Mr. Norris cooked and ate it, pronouncing it the best egg he ever tasted. Charley Barrow intimates that Norris should be given the belt for being a good judge of hen fruit, cost considered. Mr. Norris will have eggs for hatching purposes next spring, and Athena people will have an opportunity of securing the best strain of chickens that money can buy.

School Report.

Following are the names of pupils in the various grades in the Athena High and public schools, who are reported neither absent nor tardy during the month ending March 31, 1911: Carl Sheard, Archie McIntyre, Clyde Brotherton, Luvois McEwen, Areta Rothrock, Clarence Brotherton, Wesley Tompkins, Leslie McCubbins, Cleo Knowlton, Claude Sanders, Bess Parker, Merus DePeatt, Hope McPherrin, Vera Gross, Estelle Smith, Vernie Graut, Hazel Parker, Edna McAlexander, Lillian Tompkins, Leona May, Angie Pambrun, Pauline Myrick, Katherine Froome, Rex Payne, Alfred

Pambrun, Carl Fix, Howard Clemons, Ellen Ebrhart, Vernita Watts, Stella Wilson, Varn Dudley, Rulon Smith, Bertie McCubbins, Harold McIntyre, Lloyd McPherrin, Donald Weaver, Ethel Bannister, Dollie White, Ellen Pambrun, Vergie Russell, Grace Starr, Lucile Taylor, Edna Pinkerton, Bell Pambrun, Areta Littlejohn, John Lawson, Willie Russell, Hazel Sanders, George Lienallen, Glenn McAlexander, Charles Brotherton, Kendall Smith, George Bannister, Hazel Brotherton, Mildred Stanton, Nina Tharp, Willard Parker, Dollie Bannister, Clara Henley, Dorothy Mahar, Bernice Reed, Everett Knight, LaMonte Kidder, and Lottie McCubbins.

Working the Track.

J. E. Froome and Sam Hunt started work on the track at the city park Wednesday. They are using two teams and in a few days the track will be in condition for the High School athletes to work out. A slight change in the shape of the track is found necessary but when completed it will be a good one and permanently located. The county school track meet takes place in this city Saturday, April 29. Every indication goes to show that the meet this year will be on a much broader scale than that of last season, when the first annual meet was successfully carried out here. The entries from the different schools in the county will be greater in number.

CAR PLUNGES DOWN GRADE

Hot Cigar Ashes Blind E. H. Leonard, Driver.

Blinded by ashes from the cigar of Willis Younger, who rode in the seat beside him, E. H. Leonard, one of the best known men of Walla Walla county, drove his automobile off the famous Skyrocket Hill near Prescott Monday and he, Mrs. Leonard and Mr. Younger lie seriously injured in a hospital in Walla Walla. In the automobile were Mr. Younger, Mrs. Leonard and two children. Mrs. Leonard is well known here, before her marriage being Miss Minnie Lienallen. They were proceeding down the hill when the wind blew hot ashes into the eyes of Mr. Leonard, who was driving the machine, just before he came to a dangerous curve. Blinded by the ashes, Mr. Leonard threw on the brake and released the clutch, but the machine's momentum carried it over the edge of the curve and it ran down the steep declivity. Reaching the fence half way down the hill, about 50 yards, the machine stopped but just as the occupants thought themselves safe it turned a somersault and threw them over and under the machine as it fell.

Mr. Leonard's wrist was broken and he sustained injuries to his neck and spine. Mrs. Leonard suffered a fracture of the pelvic bone and other injuries. Mr. Younger suffered seven fractures of his right leg. Mrs. Younger's skirts were torn from her, but she was not injured. The children escaped without a scratch.

Echo Is Strong.

Echo comes to Athena Sunday for her first game with the Millers. She has put up a good article of ball in the two games she has played, losing to Pendleton by a score of 4 to 2, and winning from Milton 4 to 3. The little town down in the irrigation belt has not been doing much crowding over the prowess of her team but evidently has been sawing wood and thrown a strong bunch together. Sunday's game will be called promptly at 1:30. This hour is found necessary to start all Pendleton and Echo games to be played here, in order that the players may have time to prepare for leaving on the 4:10 train.

New Fruit Trees.

There are many fruit trees being set out in this section this spring. Of the many different varieties of fruit, apples are leading in the number and the hardier species are invariably selected. It will be only a matter of a few years until Athena will be an important apple shipping point, if orders for young trees continue in proportion to this year's planting.

Painting at Adams.

Bundy & Christian, the painters, have just completed a large contract at Adams. This firm since starting in business has had about all the painting and paper-hanging it can attend to. A portion of the time four men have been at work.

Automobile Accidents.

Starting from Pendleton early in the morning for the government dam near Hermiston in four automobiles and returning late at night in two after leaving one broken down in Hermiston and another upside down in a ditch near Echo was the experience of a merry party of picnicers Sunday says the East Oregonian.

Bickers Is Back.

Harry Bickers, until recently superintendent of the home for feeble minded, has returned to Pendleton, where he has associated himself with Lee Teuth in the real estate and insurance business.

A PIONEER IS GONE

Frank M. Mansfield Passes Early Saturday Morning After Few Minutes Illness of Heart Failure.

Uncle Frank Mansfield, one of the best known pioneers in the Northwest, died at his home in this city a few minutes after midnight Saturday morning, as the result of a sudden attack of heart failure. He was ill but a few minutes, and passed away in the manner that he had always desired, often having expressed the wish that when his time came he might not linger on a bed of sickness. Friday he was down town as usual, and returning home, complained of a slight pain in his side. However, this soon disappeared and after a hearty supper he retired for the night.

Shortly before 12 o'clock he awoke and again complained of the pain, and Mrs. Mansfield summoned Dr. Sharp. Hastily reaching the bedside of the stricken man, the doctor administered a stimulant, but the end was near and in a few moments Francis Marion Mansfield, the last of a family of nine, had passed away, leaving a devoted wife, one son and hundreds of friends to mourn his loss.

The time for holding the funeral was first set for Sunday, but the son, D. H. Mansfield, who resides at Caldwell, Idaho, was unable to reach here, and the funeral hour was changed to 2 p. m. Monday. A large number of people attended the funeral, which was conducted by Pastor Meldrum at the Christian church. Interment took place at Weston, where rests the remains of his first wife.

(Francis Marion Mansfield was born at Galesburg, Illinois, March 13, 1835, and died in Athena, Oregon, April 1, 1911, aged 76 years and 19 days. Early in life, imbued with the pioneer spirit, he crossed the plains with an ox team, settling in Linn county, Oregon. Of an adventurous nature, he was one of the first to enlist his services against the Indian hordes when the Rogue River war broke out, and won high distinction for bravery in many battles that followed. At the time of his death he was drawing a pension from the government in recognition of the valuable services he rendered. He was one of the first to mine at Florence, Idaho, and in 1861-2 controlled a pack train which conveyed merchandise from The Dalles and Umatilla into the Boise Basin. In 1866 he was united in marriage to Miss Nancy E. Purdy of Linn county. One son, D. H. Mansfield, now a resident of Caldwell, Idaho, was born to them. Mr. and Mrs. Mansfield came to Umatilla county in 1873 and in 1874 he settled on the home place west of town where he lived until a few years ago when he retired from farming and moved to town to reside. His first wife died January 29, 1886, and he was married to Mrs. Lizzie White, who survives him, on September 25, 1887. He was the last of a family of 9 children, 8 brothers and one sister. The last to precede him to the grave was B. F. Mansfield, a twin brother, who in his declining years found a welcome home with his brother Frank. The deceased was a devout Christian gentleman, being a member of the Christian church. He was kind hearted, genial and considerate in the performance of all obligations demanded of him as citizen and neighbor. He lived well within the limits prescribed for honorable men, and the community is better for his having lived with us.

Cantelope Farm.

J. W. Muir, residing two and one-half miles north of Freewater, is this week making arrangements to set out a 15-acre tract west of his home place in canteloupes, says the Eagle. Water for irrigating this tract will be secured from a well and motor. Mr. Muir has sent for tested seed from the Rocky Ford, Colo., gardens. There will be four strains. This is the only exclusive cantelope farm in the valley.

Simon a Benedict.

A license to wed was granted Monday, April 3, 1911, to Simon Duardoff, of this city, and Mrs. Mary Brigger, of Mount Vernon, Wash. The couple were married in Pendleton at 11:30 on the same day, and were attended by Mrs. B. D. Clemons, a sister of the groom, Rev. Nathan Evans officiating. They have taken up their residence on Current street.

A Dry March.

The past month was one of the dryest in all Marches in the memory of the oldest inhabitants of this part of Umatilla county. Scarcely any precipitation is recorded and cold winds assisted in sapping the moisture from the soil. However, there is plenty of moisture left and growing grain looks remarkably well.

Keep Away From North Fork.

The Milton Rod and Gun club will plant black bass in the north fork of the Walla Walla river this spring, and anglers will be forbidden to fish in that stream this year. P. J. Kelly

and other ranchers for eight miles above the forks of the river have served notice that anglers fishing on their premises will be prosecuted.

A Skiff of Snow.

A skiff of snow fell Tuesday morning, barely covering the ground. The temperature felt like real winter for several hours, but it is thought the fruit was not damaged in this vicinity. Peach trees are in bloom and other varieties of fruit have swollen buds.

STRIPPED AND FLOGGED.

Fearful Ordeal of the Ackou Binat in the Sudan.

Is the black man more stoical or merely less sensitive than we are? "At a fantasia in the Sudan," says Mr. Edward Fothergill in "Five Years in the Sudan," "I have myself seen the part that a young man plays of his own free will in order to obtain the title of ackou binat (the brother of the girls). This ceremony would turn a reformer's hair gray.

"The men and the women of a village sit round in a circle, leaving a space in the center of some six yards in diameter. I describe it as I saw it myself. The strongest man in the village is then picked out of the crowd, and, armed with a whip of hippopotamus hide, he and the young man who is to strive for the title enter the arena. The women beat their drums, and the men clap their hands to the tune.

"The candidate for honor is stripped to the waist. He stands with his arms folded in the center of the ring, and the strong man dances up to him to the tune which is being played. He brings the whip round with all the force of which he is possessed and lands it on the bare back of the man in front of him. He dances away; again he advances, and the operation is repeated. This goes on until the number of strokes previously agreed upon have been dealt. In the particular case I saw it was twenty-five. If the man who is being flogged winces, if he so much as moves an eyelid as the whip descends, he is disqualified and branded as a coward until such time as he may choose to undergo the operation a second time.

"On this particular occasion he went through with it like a Trojan. Indeed, the man who was delivering the blows got tired first, and the last three cuts of the twenty-five were unsteady and flickered round the ear and neck of the 'brother.' I leave my readers to imagine the state of his back when all was over, but he appeared to be as happy as a king, and certainly he was accorded a great ovation by the assembled crowd of women."

A Repulsive People.

The inhabitants of Dutch New Guinea are not an attractive race. "The native woman," says Dr. Eric Marshall, the explorer, "drags up the children, cuts the firewood, brings in the sago, works the canoes, occasionally proving her skill as a warrior in the family and village quarrels, and always coming off best with her tongue. She is usually content with a strip of bark cloth. When in mourning she dispenses even with this. The male sex predominates, and most of the men have to be content with one wife. On the death of a man the widow, clad like Eve, but as ugly as Satan, crawls around the grave, wailing and chanting, performing weird movements with arms and body, which may or may not be meant for dancing."—Fall Mall Gazette.

Blue Tits Love the Bees.

Bees have enemies of various kinds like the rest of creation. Every one knows that many birds are insectivorous, but all insects do not form the food of any one species. The bird which has formed a taste for bees is the blue tit, and if a pair of these discover a suitable nesting place in the neighborhood of an apiary it is surprising how many bees will be carried off to satisfy them and their young. Generally their work is mostly felt where queen raising is extensively indulged in, for queens and drones being largest and slowest on the wing form a desirable and easy prey.—Agricultural Economist.

Up to His Standard.

A merchant in a small town was about to become bankrupt for the seventh time. He called in the accountants to go over his books. When they had finished they told him he would be able to pay 3 cents on the dollar. A troubled look came over the merchant's face. "Heretofore," he said, "I have always paid 10 cents on the dollar, and I'll do it now," he affirmed as a benevolent smile overspread his face. "I'll pay the rest out of my own pocket."—Everybody's.

A Reminder.

Mrs. Crimmonbeck—Did you think of me while I was away in the country, John? Mr. Crimmonbeck—I certainly did, dear. I wore that necktie you bought me for my birthday, and everybody asked where on earth I got it, and I had to tell them.—Tonkers Statesman.

In this world it is not what we take up, but what we give up, that makes us rich.—Becher.