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THE FIELD MEET

Pendleton Won With 146 Points, Athena Is Second With 64 and Columbia College Third With 17 Points.

With City Park overflowing with school children of the county and athletes from the different schools, the second annual track meet of the Umatilla County Athletic and Oratorical Association came to an end Saturday evening with Pendleton winner, by a total of 146 points, Athena a strong second with 62 points to her credit; Columbia College third with 17; Weston fourth with 14 and Milton fifth with two points.

The day was an ideal one for the meet and the morning trains brought in a full quota of pupils from outside points. Many spread basket dinners at the park when the noon hour arrived and thoroughly enjoyed the occasion in true picnic fashion.

At 1:30, headed by the Athena Band, the line of march was taken to the park, where the athletic program was commenced at once.

The track was in superb condition and in several events good time was made. The Weston sprinter, Hogue, reeled off the fifty yard dash in 5:25. The mile run was won by Boylen in 5:03 with Payne in second place, pressing him hard. Athena's feature in the sprinting events was the splendid work of Albert Pambrun in Division C. This lad out-distanced all competitors and was an easy first in the 50 yard, 100 yard and 220 yard dashes, and came over the tape first in the 440 yard relay.

Smith of Athena developed surprising form in the pole vaulting contest, forcing the experienced Fee of Pendleton to clear the barrier at nine feet, three inches.

Following is the complete summary of events:
100 yards—First, Gordon, P.; second, Hoge, W.; third, Taylor, P.; Time 10.3.
220 yards—First, Taylor, P.; second, Gordon, P.; third, Hill, A. Time, 25.
440 yards—First, Boylen, P.; second, Jordan, P.; third, McEwen, A. Time, 56.
880 yards—First, Boylen, P.; second, Morley, C.; third, Payne, A. Time, 2:12.
One mile—First, Boylen, P.; second, Payne, A.; third, Morley, C. Time, 5:03.
Broad jump—First, Fee, P.; second, Morley, C.; third, Smith, A. 18 feet three inches.
High jump—First, Fee, P.; second, Yates, W.; third, Hampton, P. Five feet three inches.
Low hurdles—First, Gordon, P.; second, Dickson, P.; third, McEwen, A. 16 feet 1 inch.
Shotput—First, Devine, P.; second, Jordan, P.; third, A. 40 feet.
Pole vault—First, Fee, P.; second, Smith, A.; third, Allen, C. Nine feet three inches.
Relay—First, Pendleton; second, Athena; third, Weston. 2:40.
50 yards—First, Hogue, W.; second, Gordon, P.; third, Coffman, C. 5:02.
Hammer throw—First, Devine, P.; second, Brotherton, A.; third, Hinderman, P.; 1:32.
Discus throw—First, Devine, P.; second, Jordan, P.; third, Oleson, M. 100.
Div. B—7th and 8th Grades.
50 yards—First, Jarvis, P.; second, Straughn, P.; third, Payne, A. 5 4-5.
100 yards—First, Jarvis, P.; second, Straughn, P.; third, Payne, A. 11 1-5.
220 yards—First, Jarvis, P.; second, Straughn, P.; third, Payne, A. 25.
880 yard relay—First, Pendleton; second, Athena. 2:20.
Div. C—5th and 6th Grades.
50 yards—First, Pambrun, A.; second, Payne, A.; third, Goodman, P. 9 seconds.
100 yards—First, Pambrun, A.; second, Payne, A.; third, Ulrich, P. 18 3-5.
220 yards—First, Pambrun, A.; second, S. Ulrich, P.; third, Cooley, P. 28.
440 yard relay—First, Athena; second, Pendleton. 3 minutes.
Div. D—3rd and 4th Grades.
50 yards—First, Rothbrock, A.; second, Gordon P.; third, Bay, P. 7 1-5.
100 yards—First, Gordon, P.; second, Root, C.; third, Rothbrock, A. 14 3-5.
440 yard relay—First, Pendleton; second, Athena.
Oratorical Contest.

The following is the result of the decisions rendered by the judges at the oratorical contest:
Division A. First prize, Clayton Strain, Pendleton; second prize, Miss Blondell Richey, Columbia College.
Division B. First prize, Hazel Wyrick, Pendleton; second prize, Carl Hicks, Milton.
Division C. First prize, Irene Rhea District No 8; second prize, Esther Dakin, Milton.

NEW SCHOOL LAW

Provides for a County Educational Board That Will Employ Supervisors for the Country Schools.

County School Supt. Welles has sent out a circular letter to the directors of the country school districts relative to the new law which provides for a county educational board, which is to employ supervisors for the schools and to formulate rules and regulations for their guidance. In part, Supt. Welles' letter is as follows:
"This new law places a great responsibility upon the county superintendent, and I shall appreciate all the help you can give me. The supervision law was enacted principally in the interest of the country schools and the small towns and is based on the principle that the country children are just as valuable to the State and deserve just as good schools as the city children. The law makes it the duty of the county superintendent to appoint a county educational board of four members, who will serve without pay. After very careful consideration, I have selected the members of this board and shall be able to announce their names in a few days. All of the men whom I have appointed on this board are strong supporters of the public schools. They are well known, influential citizens, and persons in whom I am sure the people will have entire confidence. I have selected two republicans and two democrats, and have made the appointments in such a manner that each section of the county will have a representative.
"The principal duty of the county educational board, of which the county superintendent is chairman, will be to employ supervisors for the schools and to make rules and regulations for their guidance. The law provides that one supervisor shall supervise the schools in not less than twenty or more than fifty districts.
"The supervisors will have no office work to perform as does the county superintendent, and will spend their entire time in visiting the schools and assisting the teachers and pupils in their work. This, together with the school visits which are made by the county superintendent will provide a reasonably close supervision for all of the schools. The supervisors are to be paid by the county.
"In addition to the supervision given by the county superintendent and the county superintendent, each building has a principal who assists in supervising the teachers of his building. The city schools have not only this advantage over the country schools, but as a rule the cities have employed the best and most experienced teachers while the country districts have generally taken the younger teachers, many of whom have had neither training nor experience. Frequently the only visitor during the term has been the county superintendent, as he has made his official visit to the district. Thus we have had about thirty teachers who have had the advantage of close supervision, and about 145 teachers who have not.
"There is one thing that I am sure we are all agreed upon, and that is that we want the very best schools that we can afford to have, and we want the country children to have equal advantages with the city children, as far as possible. To carry out this principle, is the purpose of the new law, and since it is now the law, I hope you will give it all the support you can until it has had a fair trial, for unless we give our support, no law can be effective."

PURDY IN THE LIMELIGHT

Attempts to Kill Wife and Child While Under Influence of Liquor.

Thomas Purdy, son of Sam Purdy, a former well known farmer of this vicinity, attempted to kill his wife and child by shooting while under the influence of liquor at Kimberly, Idaho, last week.

Purdy recently left Pendleton, where he was employed in an agricultural implement house, and took up his residence in Idaho. He was divorced from his first wife, a daughter of the late Charles McMorris, of Weston. His present wife was formerly the wife of John Richardson, of Pendleton.

The following is the account of the near tragedy as it appeared in the Twin Falls News last week:
Thomas Purdy of Kimberly was arrested on Saturday last on a warrant sworn out by his wife, charging him with assault with intent to commit murder.

Purdy, who is said to have been under the influence of liquor at the time of the shooting, opened fire on his wife and a Mrs. Severance, but the bullets went wide of the mark. He also leveled his gun at his child and also at a man employed on his ranch, but evidently changed his mind and did not pull the trigger.

Purdy was arraigned before Judge Smith in justice court at 2 o'clock p. m. on Saturday last, but through his attorneys, William H. Hornbrook and John E. Williams waived his preliminary examination and was bound over to the district court in the sum of \$2000. The case will be heard at the next term of court.

Mrs. Hill Injured.

Mrs. H. H. Hill was seriously injured on the road between here and Weston Sunday. In company with her husband and Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Richards, she was going to Weston to see the effects of the early morning fire. Mr. Richards was driving a livery team, and when the new road work was reached, in passing the grader the team suddenly slid out of the road, running the carriage up on the bank. The vehicle toppled over, spilling the occupants to the ground, and Mrs. Hill fell under the carriage. She was badly bruised and her left knee and ankle were severely injured, though no bones were broken. Fortunately, Mr. Richards lit on his feet and succeeded in holding the frightened horses, else a more serious result might have been chronicled. The party returned to town, where the lady's injuries were attended to.

Too Late to Plant Shrubs.

The committee of ladies having in charge arrangements for improving the city park, upon advice from a Nursery company, have deferred the planting of flowers and shrubs until next fall and spring, owing to the lateness of the season. A pastry sale was given some time ago, with the view to using the proceeds toward improving the Park. The ladies plan other sales and possibly entertainments to swell the fund against the time for commencing the work, when they hope to aid the city in making the park a thing of beauty.

Fire at Echo and Hermiston.

By hard work the Echo fire department saved the Odd Fellows hall in that city early Sunday morning, when fire badly damaged a saloon building near by. Monday, fire destroyed the James Means residence at Hermiston. The fire started in a warehouse of the Hermiston Mercantile company which was also destroyed, together with the stock of wagons stored in it.

A New Feed Yard.

Frank Bolin has sold his blacksmith shop to French Origlar and A. H. Lova. He will start a feed yard and for its location has purchased of the First National Bank for \$400, lots 7 and 8 in block 6. This property is located at the corner of Main and First streets, where the Athena Truck company secures water for street sprinkling purposes.

Report of Athena Schools.

The following are the names of pupils neither absent nor tardy during the month ending April 28: Valma McAlexander, Mildred Stanton, Lee Bannister, Ruby Hall, Niba Tharp, Lottie McCubbins, Dollie Bannister, Clara Henly, George Kidder, LaMonte

WESTON HAS DESTRUCTIVE FIRE

One Man Dies From Injuries and Another in Hospital.

Weston had a destructive conflagration Sunday morning when the Hotel Royal and five other frame buildings, went up in flames. Two occupants of the hotel, Eph Williams and a son of Landlord Klein, were badly injured when they jumped from the second story to the ground. Williams sustained a broken hip and internal injuries, which resulted in his death Tuesday at Pendleton, where he had been taken for treatment.

Fine Growing Weather.

The showers of the fore part of the week caused vegetation to spring forth with renewed vigor, and grain and gardens have been greatly benefitted as a result. The work of macademizing the Athena-Weston road was interrupted on account of the rain.

Local Athletes Abroad.

Athena High School athletes are at Walla Walla today and tomorrow, to participate in the annual track meet in that city. In the sprints, Payne is entered in the mile and half mile runs; McEwen in the 440, 220 and 100 yard dashes; Hill in the 1500 and 220 yard races; Dudley in the shotput and broad jump; Brotherton in the hammer throw and declamatory contest. The team is accompanied by Coach Welles. Next Wednesday the boys go to Eugene for the annual meet there.

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Was There a Quake?

Ernest Koepke was in town Wednesday from the ranch west of town, and was inquiring whether Athena had been shaken by an earthquake shock. He averred that one shook his house Tuesday night with such force that the family was awakened. As there is no seismic instrument to record disturbances in Athena, he was unable to verify whether or not he had really been through an earthquake.

Exhibition Games.

Manager Littlejohn announces that he has secured the Walla Walla and Weston teams of the Blue Mountain league for exhibition games in this city during the Caledonian picnic. Weston will play the Millers, Friday, May 19, and the Bears will be here Saturday, May 20. Athena returns the game at Weston on one day of the Pioneer picnic, and at Walla Walla on Decoration Day.

Salting at Salt Lake.

Adolph Krueger, a German farmer residing near Pilot Rock, while on his way to visit relatives in the Fatherland, stopped over in Salt Lake to take in the sights of the Mormon city and was robbed of all his funds. He awoke one morning with only his ticket to Germany and scarcely enough coin to pay for his breakfast. He had been "salted" by Salt Lake sharks and wired home for money. He gave up his contemplated trip to Germany.

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