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## GOOD CROPS ALLURE

Failure in Morrow, Gilliam and Grant Counties Leaves Surplus Men and Machinery.

Crop failures due to burning winds, have left many harvesters and owners of equipment free for the season, according to Dell B. Scully, auditor of the Central Door Lumber Co., of Portland, who arrived in Pendleton after an extended visit to Heppner, Ione, Condon, Lexington and other points in that section, says a county seat paper.

As a result, many of those owning machinery and equipment are not only willing but anxious, he says, to accept employment for the season in the bounteous harvest fields of Umatilla county and the Walla Walla valley.

"They are anxious to have the matter called to the attention of the commercial club," said Mr. Scully, "because there are a number who would load their threshers and other machines onto trains and bring them here if they could be assured that work will be plentiful."

Many of the grain warehouses do not intend to open at all, he says, for in many parts the grain has been burned to a cinder. The crop is practically a total loss.

Especially is this true at Ione and Condon. "A great many men in that section are coming over this way any way," he said, "for the harvest and some of them intend to bring their equipment and take their chances of getting work so certain are they that there will be a heavy demand on account of the size and general excellence of crops in this section."

"If the farmers through some civic organization could take the matter up and give them assurance of work, there is little question that the labor problem in Umatilla county would be solved for this season, at least."

## CHIEF CAMPBELL'S SAD DEATH

Head of Portland Fire Department Lost Life at Post of Duty.

David Campbell, veteran Chief of the Portland fire department, was killed at 8:35 o'clock Monday morning while heading a desperate fight on flames surrounding thousands of gallons of oil in the Union Oil Company's plant at East Water and East Salmon streets, Portland.

The fire was one that imperiled the lives of scores of firemen and thousands of onlookers.

The plant was destroyed, at a loss of \$100,000.

Chief Campbell met death while making courageous efforts to halt the handling of a dangerous fire that had been defying control. He walked coolly into the burning place in search of a possible solution to the grave problem that confronted him and his men. Warned of the risk, he said simply that it was necessary for him to go inside.

As he passed to the center of the building a fearful explosion wrecked the one-story concrete structure. The Chief was plunged to death in a seething cauldron, amid tons of debris. There was trouble in identifying him when the body was removed three hours later.

Because the fire was confined safely to the limits of the building at the time of the explosion, the firemen soon desisted from their attacks upon it and concentrated their efforts upon the spot where the body of their Chief was supposed to lie. When the smoke cleared away so that the watchers were able to see a patch of white amid the wreckage in the center of the basement, the word went one to another that the body had been found. The Chief's body was terribly burned and the clothing had been destroyed.

Had it not been for the discovery of a few gold buttons near the body, the identification could not have been made.

## Wood's Team Defeated.

Colonel Wood brought his aggregation of ball tossers over from Weston Saturday afternoon, and what Ish Watts' Hasbeens didn't do to them isn't worth telling. Jim Price was the bright particular star for Weston Wood lasted three innings in right field, never trapped a fly, lost the ball twice and fanned every time he came to bat. Bert Cartano played a star game at first and at the bat for Athena and Fay LeGrow was there with the goods in running bases. The feature of the game was Ish Watts' catch of a liner at second. The Hasbeens took the crimp out of the Colonel's men in the first inning by piling up enough runs to win the game. Wood showed up well at practice, receiving throws at first base in a really creditable manner, but when the game started and he was shifted to his position in right field, his Franklin county record stuck to him and his grotesque Speckeltonner stunts queered his team mates. He was finally derelicted to the bench, where he belongs.

## LOCAL ANGLERS ARE ARRESTED

H. A. Bundy and Chas. May Make Statement as to Warden's Method.

H. A. Bundy and Charles May of this city, were arrested by Deputy Fish Warden Thompson of Portland, while fishing on the Umatilla river last Saturday. The Athena men were charged with having in their possession trout under legal size, and for the offense were fined \$25 each in the Justice court at Pendleton.

Relative to the methods employed by Thompson in obtaining evidence on which his charge was based, the following statement was brought to the Press office this morning by Deputy Game and Fish Warden, Boone Watson, of Pendleton:

Athena, Ore., June 29, 1911.

This is to state that Warden Thompson fished with us on the Umatilla river, Saturday, June 24, and that he gave us the fish he caught, and to the best of our knowledge he may have put small fish in our basket as well as ourselves, as they were all in one basket. He never notified us he was a game warden or that it was illegal to keep small fish. He also let the Wilson boys go with small fish in their basket after examining their catch, having told us he examined their baskets and as they had a fine catch he passed up what few small ones they had. Bert Wilson told us they had eight small ones.

Signed, H. A. Bundy,  
Chas. L. May.

## LAST GAME OF THE SCHEDULE

Littlejohn's Pennant Winners Will Migrate to Pendleton Sunday for Game.

At the Roundup Park in Pendleton Sunday afternoon, Billy Littlejohn's pennant winners will play the last game of the Blue Mountain league schedule for the season 1911, with the Buckaroos.

The Pendleton mustangs have been coming up the scale the last few weeks and are powerfully strengthened in all departments. The Millers are in fine fettle for the fray, and taking all things base ball into consideration, there will be one of the fastest old ball games that the Pendletonians ever witnessed when the teams come together.

At Weston Sunday the Buckaroos trounced the Weston Mountaineers to the tune of 6 to 2. Weston was reinforced with Brown, Frink, Lienallen and Picard, of the Athena team. The only swatting done off Berger was by Brown, Frink and Picard. Brown got a two-base hit, Frink two three-base hits and Picard a three-base smash.

There will doubtless be many Athena fans go to Pendleton Sunday to witness the game.

## In New Quarters.

Postmaster Worthington moved the postoffice fixtures into his building Wednesday night. He has about everything arranged and in order. Dr. Newson and Dr. Hughes each have a nice suite of rooms in the building, with entrances from the postoffice lobby.

## Concrete Cross Walks.

Crushed rock is in place for the new concrete crosswalks on Main street. When the cement arrives work of constructing the walks will begin. Concrete has proved to be a success in all towns where it has been put in use for crosswalks, withstanding heavy traffic satisfactorily.

## Tramps Cut Weeds.

Baker will prove an inhospitable place for the hobos from this time on, for the police department has adopted the policy of arresting every vag. They are then put on the streets cutting weeds.

## BOYS GROW GARDENS

Contest Being Conducted By Agricultural College—Lectures Sent in Bulletin Form to Youngsters.

One phase of extension work now being carried on by the Oregon Agricultural College terminated in the close of the contest of 125 boy gardeners of the city of Portland by an exhibition of vegetable products grown by themselves for prizes given by various generous merchants.

While the contest has been directly under the control of the Young Men's Christian Association of Portland, with G. C. Holt in charge, the work has been carried out under the auspices and guidance of the agriculture department of the Oregon Agricultural college. This is the first time that the extension work has reached boy gardeners and the results of the contest have been gratifying.

The object of this departure in extension work has been to stimulate interest among city boys in agricultural practice, to give them a working knowledge of the growing of vegetables in approved ways, as well as to beautify the city and add to its prosperity by cleaning up and utilizing the "back yards." In addition some phases of the instructional work of the college have been shown by the work.

Arthur G. B. Bonquet, instructor in vegetable gardening at the college, gave the lectures to the boy gardeners, and is the author of the bulletins issued to them, of which copies can be secured by persons desiring information, by application to the division of horticulture at the college. The subjects covered include hot bed and cold frame construction and management, growing vegetable seedlings under glass; seeds and seeding; soil preparation and fertilization; the transplanting of celery, tomatoes, etc.; garden cultivation and irrigation; phases of tomato growing; methods of growing, bleaching and marketing celery; and the preparation of vegetables for market and for exhibition.

## THE M'EWEN-GOFF WEDDING

Account of Impressive Ceremony as Published in Portland Paper.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph B. McEwen arrived in the city Friday evening, and are now established on the farm northwest of town, where they will be at home to their friends. The Press clips the following account of the wedding ceremony and following reception, from the Portland Telegram of Friday's issue:

Another beautiful June wedding was celebrated last night at 9 o'clock when Miss Laura Adele Goff, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene E. Goff, became the bride of Ralph Buell McEwen of Athena. The bride entered the First Presbyterian church, which was handsomely decorated for the occasion, on the arm of her father, who gave her away. She was robed in an empire gown of white satin with square court train. About the bodice, where hung the groom's gift, a hand-carved gold pendant on a slender chain, were masses of lace that had trimmed her mother's wedding dress. Her full length tulle veil was circled with orange blossoms and her bouquet was a shower of bride's roses and lilies of the valley.

The bouquet was caught by Miss Frances Nelson, of Albany, the maid of honor. Miss Nelson wore white satin enveloped in marquisette in shades changing from shell pink to cerise. The gown was trimmed with rose point lace and American beauty satin, and she wore a band of the same satin in her hair. Miss Nelson carried an armful of bright pink carnations. There were four bridesmaids in smart lingerie frocks. Miss Francis Oberthoffer and Miss Vera Parker wore underdresses of green satin and carried showers of pink sweet peas. Miss Lucile Smith and Miss Kate Lee of Seattle, had yellow satin slips beneath the white and carried white sweet peas.

The costumes of the flower girls, Miss Jessica McEwen of Athena, sister of Mr. McEwen, and Miss Medora Steele, were imported. Pale pink chiffon embroidered in pink rosebuds covered messaline of the same tones. Over their arms were Wateau baskets heaped with pink roses and leaves. The latter they scattered before the bride.

The best man was Arthur Van Dusen of Astoria, and the ushers Oscar Beck, Clifton McArthur, L. A. Henderson of Hood River and Orville Goss, cousin of the bride, from Berkeley. E. E. Courson played the wedding march and accompanied the soloists, Miss Edna Zimmerman and C. M. Steele. Rev. T. B. Griswold read the services.

At the Goff home a reception was held in rooms filled with pink roses. The bride and groom, her parents and Miss Nelson received. Mrs. Goff was wearing black marquisette over pink satin with antique diamond brooch. In the dining room Mrs. Harry Henderson and Miss Beatie Bilee served.

while Miss Clementine Lambert, Miss Marcia Parker and Miss Grace Langdon dispensed punch. The latter was served on the porch screened with daisies.

The bride and groom graduated at the same time from the University of Oregon. Both were prominent in school life, Mr. McEwen being a Sigma Nu and the lady a Kappa Alpha Theta.

## Eat Strawberries Tomorrow.

Tomorrow is Strawberry Day at Weston and the hospitable people of that town and surrounding country have made great preparations to serve all who attend with free strawberries. The berries will be strictly the mountain product, famous for rich flavor and excellent keeping qualities. All other products of the mountain district will be on exhibition, the object being to give the visitors some idea of what mountain lands are capable of producing. A large number of Athena people will be in attendance.

## FOR EXTENSIVE IMPROVEMENT

Third Eastern Oregon District Agricultural Society to Enlarge Pavilion.

In order to accommodate the large crowds which are expected to be in Pendleton during fair week this fall, The Third Eastern Oregon District Agricultural society is planning extensive changes in its pavilion. These changes include improvements in the entrance, in platform, booth and seating accommodations.

Instead of the two little gateways for entrance and exit, there will be one large royal arch at the corner of the pavilion, on each side of which will be the ticket windows. This arrangement will not only greatly improve the exterior appearance but will do much toward facilitating the handling of the crowds. The large music shell will be moved back against the wall and a platform extended out from it for speakers and vaudeville performers. The Umatilla county booth which has heretofore occupied a central position in the rear of the pavilion will be moved to one side, thus increasing the seating and standing room for the visitors. Additional seats will be constructed and everything done for the comfort of the many who will be present during the afternoon and evenings.

## Stanfield Musician Dead.

After a long illness, Miss Blanche Sawyer, of Stanfield well known and popular for her ability as a vocalist, died at her home Saturday evening, reports the Pendleton papers. Miss Sawyer, who was 28 years of age, had been a resident of Stanfield for about a year, coming from Fargo, N. D. She died of tuberculosis.

## CHURCH SENDS DELEGATES

State and National Conventions of Churches of Christ Held in Portland

The State and National Conventions of the Churches of Christ will be held this year at Portland, ending July 11th. The church at Athena is sending several delegates. Pastor and Mrs. A. Mackenzie Meldrum and Mrs. David Taylor left this morning and others will follow later. Mr. Meldrum will deliver the annual address at the State Convention next Sunday. Mrs. Taylor and Mrs. Meldrum are delegates to the Christian Woman's Board of Missions, of which the Athena church has a strong auxiliary. Mrs. Henry Koepke being its esteemed president.

As a rule the State convention is held annually at Turner but this year it will be held in conjunction with the National convention at Portland. Last year the National convention was held at Topeka, Kan. and in 1909 at Pittsburg, Pa., when it was estimated that there were not less than 50,000 people in attendance. At a communion service, 30,000 people, the largest number to simultaneously partake of the Lord's Supper in the history of the world, were present.

While there will be a large gathering convene at Portland, it is not anticipated a repetition of the Pittsburg assembly will be experienced, as that was the Centennial convention.

## Services at Christian Church.

The services will be conducted in the Christian church next Sunday by Mr. Robert Lee Bussabarger of New Albany, Indiana. Mr. Bussabarger is a classmate of the Athena preacher and while in the University of Kentucky maintained a splendid standard of integrity and scholarship. He is among the brightest young men in the brotherhood, and preaches for a large congregation in New Albany; the Bible school numbers 287. He is a thoughtful, logical, clear and forceful speaker and a bespeak for him a splendid hearing.

A. Mackenzie Meldrum.

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