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We note that the Athena Branch Library is to be for the month of April with a circulation of 596 books, her closest competitor being the Milton branch, with a circulation of 400. Only in one instance since the branch libraries were started has the Athena branch failed to lead in the monthly reports to the County Librarian, and then only by ten books. This is indeed a splendid showing, one in which the board of lady managers may take commendable pride. With this enviable record above all other towns in the county, except Pendleton, is it not to be wondered that some effort has not been made to secure a suitable library building for Athena—especially when the fact is taken into consideration that towns having branches of much lower circulation are on the eve of securing library buildings costing from \$6,000 to \$7,500? Is it not about time Athena should join the Ladies' Library Board in a united effort to secure a suitable home for our library?

We read that a committee comprising business men representing all sections of the state, has been organized to popularize a movement for an amendment to the prohibition law, making it lawful within the state to manufacture malted liquors containing not more than four per cent alcohol and to sell the product direct to the consumer; in other words, delivering the state over to the brewery owners. A bill has been drafted providing for the amendment and it will be placed on the ballot at the November election—where it will be properly defeated. It is said that the list of names attached to the amendment to be proposed numbers "some two hundred of the best known men in Oregon. They come from every business and profession and even include at least one minister of the gospel." It would be interesting to know the name of this minister of the gospel.

Commenting upon Pendleton's success in naming the queen of Portland's Rose Show, the Pendleton Tribune says: "Pendleton has contributed to Portland a charming Queen of the Rose Festival—and some twelve hundred dollars in money. We congratulate the Queen and Portland. The \$1200 will be convenient, and will relieve Portland of that contribution to the Festival expense fund. If Pendletonians will now attend the show and spend another \$1200 among the merchants and hotel men of the Rose City, there will be rejoicing along the Willamette. Hats off to Portland and the shell game exalted."

"One clear note out of this, the most chaotic condition in the history of American politics, is the demand for Theodore Roosevelt," declared Henry J. Allen, temporary chairman, in the opening of the Nebraska Progressive state convention. And since reading that three-page advertisement in the Saturday Evening Post, it's dead easy to tell where the "one clear note" comes from.

The republicans uncorked a surprise or two in the primary election. Bradley and Saling were left at the post, and Jim Ashworth is in the "also ran" column. The democrats have entered Stillman, Chamberlain and Anderson to compete with Gilliam, Brown and Slusher.

The Literary Digest has completed a poll of republican law makers of all the states, with the following significant result: For Hughes, 894; for Roosevelt, 325; for Root, 181.

Union county deftly thrust the stiletto into the bonding game over there on primary election day. The proposed \$400,000 bond issue lost by five to one.

The richest man in the world is the Czar of Russia and he is about the poorest millionaire in the whole platiocracy.

By all means, if we amend the prohibition law, let's do it in the right direction, and not downhill.

Over-due notes always did cause a lot of unnecessary trouble in this world.

Anyhow, the British have captured Dublin, says the Springfield Republican.

The sword is mightier than the pen in Mexico.

Verdun is the greatest of all battles, and the littlest.

A Mulligan Stew

I have heard of fellows celebrating fishing championships with tankwails, booze and other frills, but never to my recollection have I known of any guy except he be an L-jun, celebrating a catch of 40 Deschutes trout by sticking Rooster feathers in his hat and peering the streets of Moro town. I had supposed that trout fishing was a dignified sport—seeing that ol' Ike Walton started it and that it has been perpetuated by such fellows as Taft, Bill Humphrey, Lord Grey, George Hansell, Teddy Roosevelt, Alvin Steele and others of international note.

What is bothering me just now is whether that Pilot Rook protest will stand.

Milt Swaggart is the latest one of them land barons to be converted to the convenience of the gas cart, and is driving a Hodson. However, I do not expect Milt to devote all his time to joy speeding, or that Black Diamond will not be given his usual exercise.

I get it straight that a couple of commercial travelers who make Athena at regular periods, and who are known here as peerless jolliers and practical jokers, had one pinned onto them the other day by a court up at Dayton, Wash., for snaring pheasants out of season with a .22. One of them testified that he was shooting at bumblebees when a China rooster flew in front of the bullet. The other swore that he was Squinting Insect Powder on Squirrels, when a couple of them Sassy Roosters that had Left Their Gas Helmets in the Trenches, Soared within Range and were Asphyxiated! Cert. It was a swell squeeze play, alright, but the judge he says, "25 plunks!" And they paid.

I can remember when Horace Stillman was a pretty good sort of a fellow, back in the '90s. But now he's in politics!

Balloon ascensions are common in Athena. I observed two on Tuesday evening. Both of 'em were successes. No advertising preceded the exhibition. It wasn't necessary. Athena can have balloon ascensions any ol' time she wants them. And without blowing about it either. Huh! Other burbs I know of have to spend hundreds of dollars for a picnic before they can have a balloon ascension. Different with us.

I am pleased to observe that for the first time this season the Athena ball team struck its stride, when in the eighth inning of Sunday's game it dove in and turned to and annexed 9 runs.

In the eternal fitness of things, it was never ordained that the Weston Leader should have anything for long on the Athena Press, the best paper published in town. We, too, have been scorched by a Conflagration, and Escaped Destruction.

The Weekly Bulldogger was a day late this week. The editor fails to give the cause thereof, but I presume all the cracks in the Natatorium swimming enclosure have not been chinked up, or that he was frolicking with the June run of salmon on the lower river.

If Jack Robinson is smooth enough to Henry Fordize his popularity as a good roads campaign manager into an advertising stunt, his Domestic Laundry business should make him a millionaire.

PRIMARY ELECTION RESULTS

Interest centered in the defeat of the proposed road bond issue in the primary election Friday, with the result that the bonds were defeated in the county by about four to one.

The following republican candidates were nominated:

- President—Justice Hughes.
- State delegates—Boyd, Fulton, Cameron, Peterson.
- District delegate—Burgess.
- Secretary of State—Olcott.
- Public Service Commissioner—Kyle.
- Representatives—Best, Ritter.
- District Attorney—Keator.
- County Clerk—Brown.
- Treasurer—Miss Gilliam.
- Coroner—Brown.
- Commissioner—Slusher.
- School Superintendent—Young.
- Justice of the Peace—B. B. Richards.

The democrats made the following nominations:

- President—Woodrow Wilson.
- State delegates—Bennett, Crawford, Morgan, Morrow.
- District delegates—King, Peterson.
- Representatives—Raley, Reeves.
- Joint Representative—Jos. Scott.
- County Clerk—Chamberlain.
- Treasurer—Stillman.
- Sheriff—Taylor.
- School Superintendent—Howard.
- Commissioner—Anderson.
- District attorney—Bishop.
- Assessor—Strain.
- Surveyor—Hayes.
- Coroner—Peebler.

Call for Warrants.

Notice of call for City of Athena warrants: To whom it may concern: Notice is hereby given that parties holding any City of Athena warrants are notified to present them to me for payment at the office of the Preston-Shaffer Milling Co. Interest ceases on and after this date of publication, May 26, 1916. Ernest A. Zetba, Treasurer City of Athena.

Card of Thanks.

I wish to express my appreciation for the splendid work done by the fire department and others who assisted in saving my home and contents from burning, Monday evening.

Mrs. Jane Harden.

Card of Thanks.

For the splendid effort to save our property and furniture at Monday evening's fire and the hard work done by the firemen and many others, we hereby express our heartfelt thanks.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sharp.

ATHENA IS VISITED BY FIRE

Monday evening fire originating in the old Commercial Livery stable, consumed that building, the Athena Hotel, outbuildings and a barn across the alley on Mrs. Harden's property.

The losses as given by the owners aggregate: Livery stable, \$1800, insurance \$1000; Athena Hotel, \$2,500; Frank Sharp owner, insurance \$1000; Mrs. Harden, barn, outbuildings and damage to dwelling, \$1,000, with some insurance on barn; N. A. Miller, damage to store front, \$600.

The buildings burned fiercely and only heroic work by the fire department saved other buildings in the vicinity from destruction. Burning shingles flew before the wind, but fortunately the roofs were yet damp from rains of the previous night. However, burning brands ignited the roof of the Press building twice, but prompt application of water averted damage.

The only casualties reported were the loss of a pet dog, sleeping in the Harden barn, and three kittens, mourned by Miss Nina Sharp, which were burned in the hotel. Two cows were rescued from the burning barn, but the dog, bewildered by the flames, refused to come out and was trapped by the falling building.

The Price brothers of the Weston fire department motored over with several sections of fire hose and though the fire was under control when they arrived, Athena is deeply appreciative of the proffered assistance.

The origin of the fire is considered extraordinary in view of the fact that scarcely had the alarm sounded, shortly before nine o'clock, when the entire structure was a mass of flames and practically ready to collapse before water could be turned on. The Athena hotel burned more slowly and the firemen were enabled to save the adjoining brick building, occupied by the new motion picture theater, entirely without loss except a broken skylight.

The old livery stable has long been regarded as a fire trap and its going had brought apprehension to property owners in the district where it was located. It had been vacant for some time and had only opened under lease a week before the fire. No one was at the stable when the fire broke out. No live stock were stabled there and J. W. Davis, of Milton, the owner, estimated his personal property loss at about \$100.

The fireman and outside helpers had hard work in saving the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harden, and they are deeply grateful for the consideration and careful work done by so many willing hands. The furniture and household goods were moved out of the house and back again with practically no damage whatever, and Mrs. Harden was ready to serve meals to her boarders the following morning. At this point of the fire the nozzlemen were almost blistered by the heat for at one time they were facing the burning livery stable, the hotel, the Harden barn and outbuildings and at this stage of the fire the roof of the Press building tumbled into flame.

ATHENA STRENGTHENS LEAD

League Standing.

Team	W.	L.	PC
Athena	1	3	500
Adams	3	3	500
Helix	2	4	333
Umpaine	2	4	333

Team Scores—Athena, 13, Umpaine 3; Adams 6, Helix 2. Adams plays at Athena Sunday, Helix at Umpaine.

Athena had a strong lineup in Sunday's game with Umpaine and won, 13 to 3. It was a pretty game up to the eighth inning, when Wynans went to pieces and was trocened for eight hits, which with two passes and four stolen bases netted nine runs. Up to the fatal eighth, the Umpaine slasher had allowed only four hits and was going well. In the earlier stages of the game the breaks went to the boys from Lon Hodges' town and they scored three runs in the second inning on three errors, a fielder's choice and Grimes' two-base smash. After that Rusty and his support tightened and Umpaine failed to score, garnering but two more hits off the lanky southpaw's delivery.

In Athena's half of the third, after Shiek had fanned, Brooks and Grindell singled. Brooks stole second and went to third on LaBady's error; Grindell paroled second and both runners scored on Post's single. Wynans fanned Sharp, Grant and Parker in the fourth. In the fifth Brooks was safe on an error stole second and scored on King's base hit. In the seventh Shiek was safe on Oliver's error, moved to second when Wynans passed Brooks, took third on Goodman's error and scored on King's sacrifice to Perry. Lienallen opened the eighth with a single and stole second, scoring on Grant's single; Sharp singled, advancing Grant to third and stole second; Parker pulled off an infield hit; Grant scoring and Sharp going to third; Parker stole second and both runners scored on Shiek's single. Brooks again drew a pass, Shiek advancing to second; Grindell advanced out a single, Shiek scoring and Brooks resting on third; King singled, Brooks scoring, Grindell at third; King stole second, Post fanned; Lienallen drew a pass. Billing the bases, Grant struck out; then Sharp doubled, scoring Grindell, King to Lienallen; Wynans retired the side by striking out Parker. The score by innings:

Inning	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Athena	0	0	2	0	1	0	1	9	x—13
Umpaine	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	—3

Summary—Two-base hits, King, Lienallen, Sharp, Grimes, sacrifice hits, Grindell, King; earned runs, Athena 8; struck out by Shiek 8, by Wynans 15; bases on balls off Shiek 1, off Wynans 3; hit by pitched ball, Brooks by Wynans; Umpire, Cartson.

Notice.

Notice is hereby given that I will sell at public auction to the highest bidder at the old Henry Steamer livery barn at Weston, in Umatilla county, Oregon, on Saturday, June 26, 1916, at 9 o'clock in the afternoon, the following described extra animal, to-wit: One heavy gray mare, three years old, weight about 800 lbs; brand on left hip indistinct.

Martha C. Ferguson, Weston, Oregon.

SUMMONS.

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Umatilla County. Minnie Kinnear Devin, Plaintiff, vs. James B. Devin, (sometimes called James B. LaLande), Defendant. To James B. Devin, (sometimes called James B. LaLande):

In the name of the State of Oregon, you are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled suit within six weeks of the date of the first publication of this summons, to-wit: On or before Friday, the 26th day of May, 1916; and you will take notice if you fail to appear and answer said complaint or otherwise plead thereto within said time the plaintiff for want thereof will apply to the county court for the relief prayed for and demand in her said complaint, namely for a decree of the Court forever dissolving the bonds of matrimony now existing between the plaintiff and defendant and for such other and further relief as to the Court seems equitable.

This summons is published pursuant to an order of Hon. Gilbert W. Phelps, Judge of the Sixth Judicial District of the State of Oregon, duly made and filed herein on the 11th day of April, 1916; and the first publication hereof is made on Friday, April 14, 1916, and the last publication will be made on Friday, May 26, 1916, in the Athena Press, a newspaper published at Athena, Umatilla county, Oregon.

Dated this 11th day of April, 1916. Homer I. Watts, Atty. for Plt'ff.

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