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TWO NEW RABIES CASES REPORTED

HORSE AND DOG ARE AFFLICTED

Dr. Baddley, Veterinarian, Gives General Information in Regard to Disease.

The serious problem of rabies eradication still confronts Athena vicinity and the east end of Umatilla county. A horse afflicted with rabies was killed at the Dean Dudley place last week and Mitt Swaggart killed a mad dog a few days ago. Weston, Milton and other towns have put the ban on dogs not wearing muzzles.

Dr. J. A. Baddley, veterinarian, gives the following to the Press for publication for the benefit of its readers:

Rabies is an acute infectious disease affecting the nervous system of all warm blooded animals. In this vicinity at the present time the disease seems to be more prevalent in the canine species and it is perhaps best that we give the dog more attention than the other animals. In him as well as in all others we find the disease divided or manifested in two types or stages, namely, the furious and the dumb. One however, usually succeeds the other in well developed cases, yet the furious type may be entirely omitted and again the animal may die in the early furious stage so that the dumb form does not appear. Bull dogs and hounds are especially subject to the furious type while the house or pet dog more often shows the dumb form.

The premonitory symptoms are in the main the same in both types and as these may enable us to recognize the disease before the period of extreme danger, it is especially important that they should be well understood.

Any marked change in the disposition or habits of the animal is the first obvious variation from health and should warrant instant attention of the dog before there is any disposition to bite. The symptom may be of almost any kind, the lively dog may become suddenly dull, the unexcitable may become unusually affectionate; great restlessness, or nervousness with a tendency to start at the least noise and a disposition to move at frequent intervals in search of an easier position or place to lie are dangerous symptoms. A morbid appetite with disposition to pick up and swallow all kinds of unusual objects in the mature dog is most suggestive. An early change in the voice is noticeable. There is at first certain hoarseness which gradually develops into an unnatural howl which rises to a shriller and higher note before completion and is rather a cry of distress, and should be a grave note of warning.

The furious stage is ushered in by a more pronounced manifestation of the above symptoms. The rabid howl is more frequent and the scratching and tearing prominent. He starts at a flash of light, and dashes at his supposed enemy and bites viciously without either bark or growl; will shrink from a blow without yelp or howl. At this time he may bite even red hot iron without a cry. The disposition to wander is shown, the dog sometimes traveling ten or twenty miles, snapping at man or beast, and returns home dirty, exhausted and seeks some dark place of seclusion.

In the dumb rabies the disease merges at once into paralysis after the preliminary symptoms. The period of incubation from the time the dog is infected until he shows the disease ranges from 15 to 60 days, and perhaps 4 to 6 months.

Potato Prices Decline.

Potato buying in Portland has been brought to a standstill because of the sagging tendency of markets all along the line. Shippers in the markets who had heretofore been offering \$3.50, quoted the market Wednesday at \$3.25 at the outside and the majority of them would not name a price above \$3. Shipments have been brought to a stop because of easier markets in the East and Southwest. At San Francisco a decline of 25 cents was reported. The check given to business in the big Eastern and Southern centers is believed to be due entirely to the high cost of potatoes.

Car Shortage Less.

The backbone of the car shortage on the Southern Pacific lines in Oregon seems to be broken. This is particularly true as to cars routed over the lines of the Southern Pacific, but a shortage still exists as to cars routed via Portland. Reports received by the secretary of the Public Service Commission show a drop from a shortage of 1023 freight cars to 748. This is the lowest shortage of cars shown since the acute situation began several months ago.

Mrs. Morton Gives Talk.

In line with many other cities of the United States Pendleton will soon organize a Red Cross chapter and the deepest interest is being shown in the work. Wednesday evening, says the East Oregonian, a number of women gathered at the home of Mrs. J. F. Robinson to listen to an instructive talk by Mrs. Charles Morton, widow of the late General Morton, who has been prominently identified with Red Cross work for the past 33 years. Mrs. Morton spent many years in Washington, D. C., where she was in close contact with army and official life. Wednesday evening she spoke at a meeting in the County Library.

School Notes.

[Contributed.]

The following is the monthly report for the Athena Public Schools for the month ending February 23, 1917. The report for the corresponding month of last year is also given for the purpose of making comparison:

	1916	1917
No. pupils end of previous month	195	6
No. new pupils registered	216	216
Total No. reg. this year	192	216
No. pupils at end of mo.	20	20
No. days taught	3151.5	3779.0
Total days attendance	100.5	103.8
No. time tardy	28	30
No. neither absent or tardy	148.9	194.1
Average No. belonging	157.5	188.9
Per cent of attendance	96.6	97.8
No. of visits by parents	—	10

The grades in nearly every case are sufficiently large to take up all the available space in the several classrooms. Of the total number of pupils enrolled this year to date 53 have been registered in the high school department. The enrollment last year in this department was 36. This year shows an increase of 47 per cent in the high school enrollment or practically 50 per cent in growth.

J. O. Russell, Supt.

Roll of Honor
1st Grade.—Athena Russell, Kathleen Radtke, Doris Schubert, Areta Kirk, Dorothy Geissel, Beatrice Dickerson, Florence Ross, Opal Star, Lois Smith, Edward Kilgore, Elver Miller, Kenneth Maestretti.

2nd Grade.—Roy DeFreece, Clifford Wood, Freddie Radtke, Edward Hass, Lois Johnson, Areta Willaby, Edna DeFreece, Lucille Smith.

3rd Grade.—Gale Anderson, Ellen Henry, Alice Huffman, Ray Huffman, Vera Miller, Wilford Miller, Dean Pinkerton, Arthur Taylor, Mary Richmond, Chester Cox.

4th Grade.—Frank Carstens, Wilber Harden, Arthur Holt, Blanch Johnson, Marcel McAlexander, Harold McLennan, Fay Pambrun, Eppa Piersol, Elmer Russell, Iola Schubert, Dorothy Willaby, Leonard Willaby, Ruth Hult, Cecil Maestretti.

5th Grade.—Gertrude Martin, Ivan Cox, Vernon Miller, Tom Kirk, Donald Johnson, Alton Lieuallen, Lorain Shick, Richard Cartano, Thelma Crabbill, Boula Banister, Dorothy Koepke, Elsa Ringel, Ethel Geissel, Mildred Mathers, Areta Payne.

6th Grade.—Leslie Marvin, Lowell Richmond, Lee Banister, John Pinkerton, Conrad Miller, Delbert Read, Sadie Pambrun, Eva Carstens, Edra Cartano, Lucinda Dell, Audra Winship, Mildred Stanton, Ruth Jackson, Ione Carsten.

7th Grade.—Lela Schubert, Savannah Smith, Nina Sharp, Dollie Banister, John Starr, Herman Geissel, Helen Downing, Everett Rothrock, Henry Knight, Willard Parker, Lloyd Mathers.

8th Grade.—Bethene Read, Mildred Winship, George Lieuallen, Elizabeth Mathers, Maebelle Duncan, Edna Pinkerton, Willie Russell, Frank Miller, Esther Miller.

High School.
Freshmen.—Enid Cartano, Ida Crabbill, Carrie DeFreece, Areta Littlejohn, Hazel McFarland, Belle Pambrun, Velma Schubert, Fay Zerba, Glenn McAlexander, George Adams, Ralph Richmond, Roy Richmond, Lawrence Baker, Harry Martin, Lloyd McPherrin, Leslie Smith.

Sophomores.—Evelyn Hurd, Hazel Sanders, Lucille Taylor, Frances Williams, Ernest Duncan.

Juniors.—Zola Keen, Marguerite McLennan, Angie Pambrun, Ellen Pambrun, Lawson Booher, Verne Dudley.

Seniors.—Edna McAlexander.

Last Friday evening in the local gymnasium the Athena High school basketball teams divided honors with the Touchet teams, the girls losing 17 to 15, and the boys winning 40 to 17. The girls' game was very fast and hard fought, both teams trying their utmost to win. The score was tied 15 to 15, at the end of the 40 minutes. The coaches decided the teams should keep on playing, in accordance with the rules, until one side should make the first field basket. The boys game was fast, the Athena boys showing superiority over the Touchet team in passing and basket shooting. Lawrence Sharp starred for Athena, scoring 24 of the 40 points.

All arrangements for the booths and stunts for the "County Fair" to be given in the high school gymnasium March 10, have been made by the committee in charge. The doors will open at 7 o'clock and the fair will be on in full force at 7:30. All forms of entertainment have been invented. Among them are the "Art Gallery," "Fortune Teller," "Candy Kitchen," etc. Besides these are the various games found at the different traveling carnivals. Free sandwiches and coffee will be served at a certain hour, while high class vaudeville performances promise much fun and will conclude the entertainment for the evening. This affair is a benefit for the base ball team of the high school. Part of the money received from it will go to the purchasing of suits. Athena High is out for a good, strong base ball team and will appreciate all the boosting given. Boost base ball by going to the Fair and get your money's worth at the same time.

Work has been begun in earnest by the students on the comedy drama, "Mr. Bob," which will be staged April 7 in the high school auditorium. The first rehearsal under the direction of Supt. and Mrs. Russell was held Tuesday night at which time the cast became familiar with their parts. The cast follows: "Philip Rayson," Hen-

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NEW FIRMS WILL START BUSINESS

MOSGROVE BUILDING OCCUPIED

T. C. Elliott Company in Dry Goods—Stephens & Hassell Will Open Grocery.

Two new firms will commence business in the Mosgrove building at the corner of Main and Third streets next Saturday, March 10th. The T. C. Elliott Company has purchased the Mosgrove stock of dry goods, clothing, furnishings, shoes, etc. and announces the stock will be closed out.

The T. C. Elliott Company does a large general merchandising business at Milton, and is rated as one of the strongest firms in this part of the county, and will be a valuable addition to Athena business circles.

Some weeks ago the Mosgrove Mercantile Company entirely closed out its grocery department at a sale inaugurated for the purpose. The company has now leased its corner store room to Messrs. Stephens & Hassell, of Pendleton, who will engage in the grocery and produce business exclusively. The interior of the store room is undergoing alterations to conform with accommodations and conveniences for an up-to-date grocery.

In way of introducing the members of the new firm to the people of Athena and vicinity, the Press copies the following from the Pendleton East Oregonian:

A deal has just been closed whereby Ralph Hassell and Omar Stephens of this city have purchased the grocery department of the Mosgrove store at Athena. They will take charge Monday and by March 10th expect to open up for business with one of the most modern small town groceries in the state.

Mr. Hassell has been connected with the grocery business for the past ten years the last six of which he has been with the Peoples Warehouse. He knows the business thoroughly and his experience will be a big asset for the new partnership. Mr. Stephens has lately been employed by the O-W-R. & N. but has resigned his position to enter actively upon his new venture.

"Miss Molly" Tomorrow Night.

Tomorrow evening in the School Auditorium, the event of the season will take place, in the appearance of "Miss Molly," Rehearsal, of which tonight will be the last, have been in tonight progress, under the direction of Mrs. J. O. Russell, and a treat is in store for the people of the city.

23 Years Ago.

[From the Press of March 3, 1894.]

On Tuesday morning last the residence of L. C. Rogers, on Butter Creek came near being destroyed by fire, caused by a lamp having no chimney igniting clothing hanging on the wall. A child was awakened by the flames and gave the alarm. Mr. Rogers succeeded in subduing the flames with bed clothing. A babe was recovered from a burning bed.

R. M. Powers has resigned as postmaster at Weston and L. R. Van Winkle, his assistant has been appointed in his place.

A social was given at the home of William Williams last Friday night. About thirty of the surrounding neighbors were gathered together. All report a good time.

The populists central committee meets in Pendleton tomorrow.

W. W. Brannin came up from Pendleton Wednesday evening and assisted in the work of conferring the degrees upon the applicants in the A. O. U. W.

Col. P. N. Stevens went down to Pendleton Wednesday. He claims to be the first man in Athena to pay his taxes this year. Madam rumor says Stevens was electioneering in Pendleton for the Hon. D. A. Hendricks, who is running for city recorder of Athena.

Jones big dray team gave a public exhibition of its wonderful pulling qualities on Main street yesterday morning. They were hitched to a large separator which went down to the axles in the mud but the team took the machine to its destination after breaking the double tree.

Miss Lillie Fischer left Sunday evening on a visit to her father, who is now in business at North Yakima.

After a few days of practice, challenges will be flying in the air; Milton and Athena preferred.

Shribbler's Remarks: Old grisley Winter the arctic king is lingering in the lap of spring.

The prospects for a bountiful fruit crop in this vicinity were never better. All the leading varieties such as spuds and gooseberries promise an abundant yield. Should the weather continue favorable there will also be some pumpkins and other tropical fruits, including choke-cherries and elderberries.

El Taft has employed an assistant who will devote his entire time to looking after his employer's enormous correspondence. It is reported that he intends soon to go to California on a deer hunt and incidentally to visit the Mid-Winter Fair. Marie has a little lamb, she writes him many a letter and every time she writes to him he likes her a little better.

GOVERNOR NAMES HIGHWAY BOARD

THE BOND ISSUE IS FAVORED

W. L. Thompson, Pendleton Banker, Selected to Serve for Eastern Oregon.

In announcing the appointment of the members of the new State Highway Commission, Governor Withycombe declared that with the personnel of the committee and the safeguards that have been thrown about the proposed \$6,000,000 bond issue to go before the people, he is strongly in favor of the plan. He expressed the intention of making every effort possible to assist in bringing about a favorable vote on the question. Members of the State Highway Commission named are:

S. Benson, a capitalist, road expert and philanthropist of Portland. His appointment is for the district which is comprised of Multnomah county and his tenure of office is for three years.

W. L. Thompson, banker, of Pendleton, and leading business man of Eastern Oregon. His appointment is for the Eastern Oregon district and his term of office is for two years.

E. J. Adams, lawyer and contractor of Eugene. His appointment is for the Western Oregon district outside of Multnomah county and his term of office is for one year.

"In selecting this commission," said the governor, "I have keenly felt that it has been the most responsible duty that has been placed upon me since I entered the office of Governor. The road question is probably the greatest of all the problems before the people of the state today. The legislature has enacted what I consider the most constructive road legislation in its history and it will compare favorably with road legislation in any state in the Union.

"With the commission so framed and with the safeguards that are thrown about the \$6,000,000 bond issue which will go before the people for their ratification, I feel gratified in declaring that I can give my unequalled endorsement to the project. With the bonds issued under a limitation of \$1,000,000 for the first year and \$5,000,000 for the second year, the people will be well protected and the commission given ample time and means to get the road programme, under way.

"I shall do all in my power to assist in bringing about a favorable vote on the bond issue in June under the conditions that have made it a mighty and constructive piece of road legislation."

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T. C. ELLIOTT CO.