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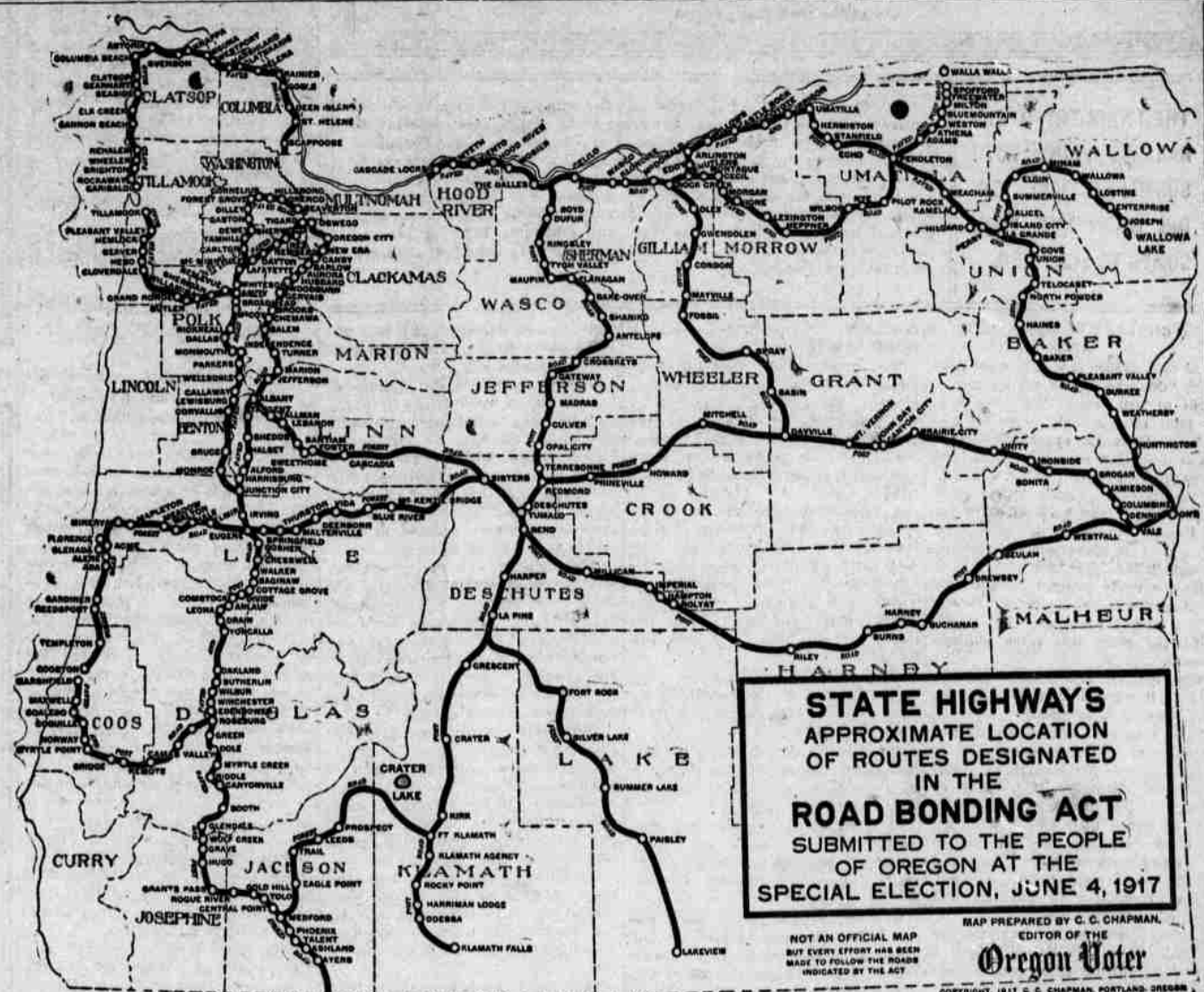
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## 23 Years Ago.

[From the Press of March 30, 1894]

Born—To the wife of B. E. Kennedy, of Warren station, a boy.  
Last Friday snow was reported 6 feet deep at Meacham station.  
The free reading room at Pendleton has been closed for want of support.  
We learn that Dr. Butler, of Weston contemplates removing to the Willamette Valley.  
Mrs. Archie Huson, of the Hellix neighborhood died at Walla Walla Friday of consumption.  
Mrs. Max Lewin and baby Edgar are visiting this week at Union, and Max is batching.  
Judge E. DePeatt and E. R. Cox, were in Pendleton Tuesday.  
If you see it in the Portland Oregonian, it's a lie, says the Alliance Herald.  
It is said that Frank Fletcher is very low with typhoid fever in the penitentiary at Salem.  
L. D. Lively cashier of the Athena National Bank, was in Pendleton, Monday evening on court house business.  
Julius Potts, the fellow who was best over the head with a gun in this city, last fall, skipped out from Pendleton, the other night, it is said with \$85 which belonged to another man.  
Weston precinct is as tortuous as a serpentine dance, and is 23 miles from Northeast to southeast corner, and wide enough so that a person of agility can jump across it in some places.  
Mr. Parsons, the photographer, whom the band boys prevailed upon to locate here, arrived Tuesday evening and will commence work immediately at Watt's old stand. Mr. Parsons is a first class artist and will make Athena his future home. He is an old time friend of H. L. Helfrich and came to us highly recommended as a photographer and a gentleman. He is a musician and will aid materially in making the Athena band second to none in the state.  
The fireman's ball Wednesday night was a success socially and financially \$85 being realized. The boys would have had enough money to buy their uniforms had not the burning of Gillis's Hall consumed an organ which they had borrowed. It will take the net proceeds and considerable more to pay for the organ. A subscription should be circulated to help the boys out.  
The contest for the Demorest silver medal at the M. E. church in this city last Saturday night was an interesting affair. There were eight contestants and each one rendered their piece well and was well received by the large audience present. The judges were unanimous in the opinion that Miss Lennie Coppock was entitled to the prize.  
Our friend David Taylor has been appointed gauger of the Weston distillery by Collector Blackman. The position is worth \$1000 per year and the many friends of good natured Dave, extend congratulations.  
At 6:30 yesterday morning the cry of fire and the clang of the fire bell brought the people to Main street to do battle with the fire fiend. The rear end of Gillis Hall was a seething, burning mass by the time the firemen were on the scene and it was evident that the large frame building, together with its contents, was doomed.  
Miss Leola Young has accepted a position in Mrs. Carden's millinery store.  
Mrs. McMorris and Mrs. Dr. Butler of Weston, spent Tuesday in Athena visiting Mrs. M. M. Johns.  
Miss Cora Rigby left last week for Portland where she has accepted a position as deaconess in the Portland hospital.

We present herewith a revised map of the highway routes designated by the road bonding bill. This map corrects many of the errors made in the hastily prepared sketches that were published soon after the legislature passed the bill. It also shows the cities and towns along the state highways.  
While this is not an official map it has been inspected informally by the members of the state highway commission. The commissioners are precluded by their official positions from expressing any opinion as to exactly where the roads will go, until such time as they hold hearings in the different counties and take such formal action as the law requires in locating and designating the highways permanently.  
The kind of road contemplated in the bonding act is shown in small type.  
"Paved Roads" are those designated to be hard-surfaced after the counties prepare the road-beds. This simply includes grading. It does not involve the county in the expense of cement or crushed rock foundation as part of the paving.  
"Post Roads" are highways constructed in co-operation with the federal government. Any designated highway over which mail is or may be carried is subject to classification as a post road. It is proposed to grade the post roads and put a suitable surface on same, (not a pavement) the funds for this to come from the federal government and the state bond issue.  
"Forest Roads" are the same as "Post Roads" except that they must be built within or leading to National forests. The expense is shared by the government, the state and the counties.  
"Paved and Post Roads" are roads that are to be paved by the state over such mileage as the counties may prepare ready for paving; the remainder of the mileage of those roads would be improved as "Post Roads".  
The bonding act confers full jurisdiction upon the State Highway commission to make minor changes in location, and the commission has expressed its policy, which is to learn the facts in each locality before making final locations, so each state road may be placed where it should be to serve the population of the counties traversed by it. Not until after these hearings have been held in all the counties will it be finally determined where all these roads will be constructed, so there will be ample opportunity for correction of errors or changing of such local routings where same may be done to better serve the county population.

## School Notes.

[Contributed.]

All those who attend the High School play "Mr. Bob" on April 9, will be sure to enjoy it, according to those connected with the play. This little comedy is sure to drive away the blues, and if perchance, anyone is not so afflicted, it will insure you against future incontinence. All who see the play will appreciate the joke played on Mr. Royson, partly at the expense of Mr. Brown, solicitor, who "just came down". Patty who has a taste for dramatic art, and her Romeo, Jenkins the faithful butler, who in turn has objections to cats but "objects to the saying of it" promise everyone a good laugh. Besides this interesting comedy four specials will be given by the different grade rooms. Miss Sherman's pupils have arranged for a fan drill and Miss Barnes' pupils will present an interesting exercise called "The Dance of the Dunces." Miss Wagner's pupils will stage a performance entitled "April Fool" and seven girls from Miss Fortna's room will act out the pantomime "Comin' Through the Rye". These specials alone will be worth the price of admission, and it is believed that everyone who sees "Mr. Bob" will enjoy one of the best evenings of entertainment ever witnessed in Athena.

In accordance with the old May day festivities organized by the ancient Celtic people, and followed by English people, the Athena school has decided to observe the day, which has been recognized in ancient and modern times, and carry out the plans for a regular May day festival. This will be the first of its kind in Athena and the public is especially invited to the program which the students are striving to make successful. At 10:30 the parade will start from the school house and from 11 to 12 the program by the children will be given on the campus grounds. At noon there will be a free basket lunch, which will interest everyone and bring the people together. After lunch at 1:15 the crowning of the May Queen will bring the festival to a climax. This ceremony which will be followed by the May pole dances at 1:45 should be very pleasing to the public. The closing feature of the program will be the baseball game between Pendleton and Athena and everyone is requested to come and root for the home team.  
Six pupils have recently left the grammar grades. Dorothy, Leonard

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## OREGON GUARDS GO TO VANCOUVER

ARE ASSEMBLING THERE TODAY

Mayors Get Call Sunday To Assist In Securing Recruits for United States Navy.

That the threatened war situation is grave in the extreme is evidenced by the mobilization of the National Guard regiments throughout the country. Orders to mobilize the Third Oregon Infantry at Vancouver Barracks today were received Wednesday night in a message from the headquarters of the Western Department, United States Army, at San Francisco.  
These orders were preceded by an urgent call for recruits for the Navy to the mayors in the different towns. Mayor Watts of Athena, received the following telegram from Lieutenant Commander Blackburn, Sunday evening:  
"Grave National emergency exists. The President has called for 18,000 men for the navy and wires from Washington today, directing me to place the matter before the public officials asking co-operation. Will you please issue proclamation calling for volunteers for the Navy. American citizens, sixteen to thirty wanted. Those under eighteen must have parents consent. Please have newspapers give fullest publicity. Navy representative will be in Athena in a few days to examine volunteers and furnish transportation to mobilization point, will notify you exact time of arrival. The nearest substation to your city is Pendleton."

Patriotic Week, proclaimed by Governor Withcombe is being generally observed throughout the State. Several of the business houses and homes in Athena are decorated with the Stars and Stripes. A monster demonstration was held at Pendleton last night, when one of the largest parades in the history of the town, took place.  
The Grasshoppers have organized their ball team for the season's games. Herman Geissel is captain and pitcher; Wayne Hoffman, catcher; Dr. Phillips, 1b; Henry Knight, 2b; Willard Parker, 3b; Leo Banister, manager; 3b; "Pin" If; Davis or Evans, rf; Johnny Pinkerton, cf; Wilber Harden, sub. They're off—let em' go!

B. D. Jarman and family have moved from Dallas to Salem, where Mr. Jarman has charge of a Golden Rule store.

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