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## ATHENA IS FIRST IN RED CROSS FUNDS

Athena enjoys the distinction of being the first town in the county, and possibly the state, to subscribe its apportionment to the \$100,000,000 National Red Cross fund, of which the state is pledged for \$600,000 and Umatilla county, \$100,000.

James H. Sturgis, chairman of the county committee gave Athens an apportionment of \$3000, and named H. I. Watts, Fay LeGrow, F. E. Boyd, W. R. Taylor, H. A. Barrett, B. B. Richards and Marion Hansell as local committeemen to solicit the funds. In less than two days the committee was able to close the subscription lists, which exceeded the original apportionment by \$680 running the total up to \$3,050.

Wholly to the farmers of this vicinity is due the praise for the splendid showing in a worthy and patriotic cause, for which, with the exception of Mr. LeGrow's subscription, every dollar was subscribed by them. Only two refusals were encountered. Many told the committee to "come again," and a large number were not seen by the committee; and this in connection with the fact that the business men were not solicited leaves the community a reserve for possible future calls.

Following are those who contributed in this instance:

- \$100—F. S. LeGrow and H. Koepke.
- \$100—Sam Cambrun, W. S. Ferguson, Frank Berlin, J. A. Kirk, V. B. Harris, J. W. Pinkerton, M. L. Watts, M. W. Hansell, E. A. Dudley, Joseph Sheard, Robt. Coppock, H. A. Barrett, S. S. Parris, R. B. McEwen, E. F. Koepke, Ira McDonald, John Walker, J. A. Nelson.
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- \$25—Jas. Gordon, J. C. Baddeley, Gerald Kigore, J. F. Zerba, Roy Cannon, Chas. Kirk, Cass Cannon, Chas. Downing, Chas. Gerking.
- \$20—L. Pinkerton.
- \$10—Dean Dudley, Neil Liewallen, Hugh Liewallen, G. W. Liewallen.
- \$5—A. L. McEwen, E. C. Schrimpf, Clarence Zerba, Lizzie Mansfield, F. J. Crigler.

Total \$3,050.  
The Y. M. C. A. Fund.  
Athens's apportionment to the War Y. M. C. A. fund was \$340. The sum of \$140 had been collected and remitted to J. V. Tallman, treasurer of the county committee at Pendleton. The sum of \$100 remained to be collected. This morning, Mayor Watts, heading the list called upon a few of the business men of the city for subscriptions to make up the balance. In a few minutes he had the amount in the following subscriptions:

- H. I. Watts, \$30, B. B. Richards, \$20, Fix & Radtke, \$10, T. C. Elliott Co., \$10, Stephens & Hassell, \$10, L. W. Ware, \$5, A. B. Steele, \$5, City Market, \$5, C. O. Henry, \$5, totaling \$100.
- Previous contributions to this fund were: Chas. Gerking \$5, Geo. Woodward, \$5, C. L. Woodward \$20, Henry Keen \$10, David Taylor \$1, A. Douglas, \$5, Geo. Thompson \$5, J. E. Froome, \$2.50, W. R. Scott \$5, Geo. R. Gerking \$5, L. R. Pinkerton \$2, J. F. Zerba \$2, C. E. Zerba \$1, Reed Hill \$1, A. H. McIntyre \$2, A. B. Steele \$1, A. A. Foss \$1, Foss-Winship \$1, Oliver Dickenson \$2, H. A. Barrett \$1.50, Marion Hansell \$1, F. E. Boyd \$1, Dell Bros. \$1, A. M. Johnson \$1.50, Mr. Coppock \$1, F. S. LeGrow \$2, R. A. Cannon \$1, Mrs. M. J. McArthur \$20, Geo. Banister \$1, Hugh Smith \$2, Rex Biedsoe \$2, H. Pennell \$1, Richard Rex \$1, H. McIntyre \$1, C. E. Flock \$1, F. E. Blinn \$1, M. L. Morrison 50 cents, Mrs. Watts \$10, Chas. Kirk \$1, Mrs. G. M. Banister \$1. Totaling \$140—grand total \$240.

### Big Attraction Coming

The theatre patrons of the city are to be accorded a rare treat on June 25th when the famous production "Civilization" comes to the city for one day engagement. We have been treated to a number of good attractions at the local theatre but this is the first time a production of this magnitude has been offered. This big spectacle is now on the tenth consecutive month in the Pacific Northwest and has given one hundred and twenty-eight performances in Portland alone to over sixty-five thousand people.

There is over nine thousand feet of film and it is full of action from beginning to end in fact the spectacle is held spellbound during the entire presentation. Owing to the limited seating capacity of the theatre it will no doubt be taxed to its limit and the attraction certainly warrants it; and it is advisable to be there early to be assured of a seat.

### \$1,600,000 Deal Declined

"Sheep king of America" is how friends designate Robert Stanfield, Speaker of the House at the last Salem Legislature. Friends of Stanfield believe that he controls the destinies of more sheep than any man in the world. He recently negotiated to sell his lambs and found that he possessed 194,000 of these little bleaters. The price placed on the lot was \$1,600,000. The offer was not accepted and in ten days the lambs had increased in value \$150,000. Stanfield is now running sheep all the way from Oregon to Colorado.

Rev. Klein, of the Free Methodist church, with his family left Wednesday morning for a motoring trip to Oakesdale, Wash., where they will attend a two-weeks camp meeting.

## RAILROADS MAKING A PLEA FOR MORE INCOME

The railroads of the country are asking that they be allowed an increase of 15 per cent in freight rates to enable them to meet increased cost of operation. The price of every commodity that the railroads use has advanced from 15 to over 200 per cent, but the cost of transportation remains the same.

They contend the shippers of the country need adequate railroad facilities far more than they need low rates at the cost of bad and inefficient service, and say it is but just and fair to the people whose savings are invested in transportation systems that the return on their investments shall be protected.

Railroad rates are fixed by the Interstate and State Commissions, and the increase to which the carriers are entitled ought in fairness to be allowed. The carriers assert that if the increase is granted the money derived will not fully meet the increased costs and any deficit will have to be absorbed by them in part at the expense of the stockholders and by the curtailment of service and restriction of betterments, improvements and extension lines.

If the equity of these claims is established by the carriers, then the Commissions should not hesitate in dealing with the situation broadly and liberally, without fear, with the assurance that a fair minded public will endorse their action.

The railroads are an important factor in the development of the country. Their request that they be given the recognition due to a legitimate business undertaking which is menaced by increased cost of upkeep without commensurate return is considered sound. In other words, the railroads ask the people to bear in mind the outstanding fact that adequate freight rates are necessary to adequate railway service.

## NO SOCIAL FUNCTIONS TO BE HELD NEXT WEEK

Until Red Cross Week, June 18-25, is past and the \$100,000,000 asked of Oregon, outside of Multnomah County, for the \$100,000,000 emergency Red Cross fund, has been secured, it is asked that large social affairs be discontinued in order that all energy may be given the big, patriotic task assigned to this state.

At the same time, H. L. Corbett, chairman of the State Red Cross committee, suggests that such methods of raising money for the Red Cross as teas and socials be discontinued. He believes the situation too grave, the need too pressing and Oregon's responsibility too great to go about the work in a small way. Each community will be systematically restricted by its committee, and loyal citizens are asked to have their contributions ready to give direct without loss of time or extra cost. It is desired that every cent shall be utilized directly for Red Cross service.

In the organization of the general state campaign, special representatives of the state committee will confer personally with practically every community in Oregon. State Chairman Corbett is visiting the cities between Baker and Portland.

Arrangements have been made for reports from all Oregon communities which will be summarized and sent out as bulletins of progress. The state at large is asked for \$100,000; the city of Portland for \$300,000. There will be keen competition between State and Portland committees to be first in reporting success.

There are those who want to know why the Red Cross is so important to the nation in its war emergency that President Wilson issued a proclamation appealing for \$100,000,000 fund and setting aside Red Cross Week in which to raise it.

At the front line trenches, stretcher bearers wearing the insignia of the Red Cross will be found carrying the wounded to the rear. Red Cross ambulances are carrying the wounded to Red Cross base hospitals where the Red Cross physicians and nurses faithfully nurse the wounded soldiers back to health, in order that they may return to the world war for liberty, or be able to come back to those who wait for them at home.

The bandages used in Red Cross hospitals are made by devoted women, working for the Red Cross in many communities.

The vocational training given soldiers incapacitated for former employment will be organized by the Red Cross. The mother who has given up her boy, her support, to the service of his country, will find her necessities cared for by the Red Cross and he can march away with no anxious thought as to her welfare.

The training of Red Cross nurses is under Red Cross direction. Thus all along the line the Universal Service of Mercy helps to lessen the horrors and rigors of war and to strengthen the nation. The United States cannot do its part without the Red Cross and the Red Cross is dependent on the contributions of those who want to help win the war but cannot serve at the front.

### Badgers Kill Chickens

In the neighborhood just north of town, housewives are taking up arms against a colony of badgers that is doing depredations to their poultry yards. The other night Mrs. George Sheard lost 60 young chickens, and Mrs. Stanton about 40. George Myrick saw three near the railroad track but was unable to get them, as one badger is a rather M. Criminal, for all of his clumsiness.

## DELL BROS. STORE DAMAGED BY FIRE

Fire at an early hour this morning, originating from an unknown cause in the rear room of Dell Bros.' Store caused considerable damage to the stock of goods and the interior of the building. Dell Bros. carry \$4,000 insurance on stock and fixtures and David Taylor, owner of the building is insured against loss.

Fortunately a party of Athena young men were returning from Pendleton, by auto, and discovered the fire before it burst from the building, otherwise a more serious conflagration would have resulted.

## ATHENA RANKS FIRST IN BOND PURCHASES

Athena stands in the front ranks of all towns and cities of the state in subscribing to the Liberty Loan. The amount of bonds taken here amounts to \$50,000. On a basis of 500 population, the per capita subscribed amounts to \$63.70 for every man, woman and child in the town.

Aside from the evidence given of the general prosperity of the community the patriotism exemplified by residents of Athena and vicinity in the purchase of bonds is probably unexcelled.

The First National Bank of Athena, with resources of \$1,050,000, purchased the bonds in a block some weeks ago, since which time patrons of that institution have been buying and will continue to buy, until the issue will have been absorbed universally.

## A. L. SWAGGART, PRESIDENT PIONEERS ASSOCIATION

The Pioneer's Picnic at Weston Friday and Saturday was a great success from every standpoint, a large number of people from over the county attending. The program was replete with good things, the predominant note being a deeply patriotic one, which was everywhere felt.

The following officers to take charge of the Pioneer's Association for the coming year, were elected: A. L. Swaggart, of Athena, president; W. M. Blakley, of Pendleton, vice president; S. A. Barnes, of Weston, secretary; and J. H. Price, Weston, treasurer.

The Sons and Daughters of Pioneers elected officers as follows: Mrs. W. O. Read of Athena, president; Scott Banister, vice president; Mrs. W. S. Price, secretary; Miss Marjorie Bulfinch, treasurer.

After stirring addresses by State Senator Walter M. Pierce of La Grande, and Dr. J. E. Snyder of Pendleton, in behalf of the Red Cross, the reunion closed with a concert by local singers, clad as Hawaiians, for the benefit of that organization.

### Plans for Bridges Sent

Supt. E. L. Swartzlander of the Umatilla reservation has received a telegram from Washington stating that the plans and specifications for the bridges to be built over the Umatilla at Thorn Hollow and Mission have been mailed and should reach Pendleton today. Contractors who contemplate making bids may see the same by calling at the agency. The bids must be back in Washington for opening on June 30, giving contractors but little time to prepare their bids.

## WILLIAM H. WOOD DIED AT PENDLETON TUESDAY

The funeral of William H. Wood was held at the Methodist church yesterday at 2 o'clock, with Rev. W. S. Payne conducting the ceremonies. The body was interred in the Weston cemetery, followed by a large number of relatives and friends.

Pythian Lodge, K. of P., of which he was a member, attended the funeral in a body and at the grave, the impressive service of that organization was held.

Will Wood was taken ill last Thursday, as he was engaged in sheep-shearing about twenty miles out from Lewiston, Idaho. He drove to Lewiston, and being a very sick man, remained there till morning, when he took the train for home. Arriving here, Dr. Newsum took him immediately to Pendleton, where Saturday night he was operated upon for appendicitis. He was found to be in a critical condition, and little hope was held for his recovery from the first. Tuesday June 12, at 4 o'clock he succumbed to the poison in his system and surrounded by his family, passed away in the Pendleton hospital.

Mr. Wood was a single man, aged 53 years, seven months and one day. He leaves his aged parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wood of this city; two brothers, James and Arnold Wood of Athena; four sisters, Mrs. Fannie McFarland and Mrs. Daisy Stanton of this city; Mrs. Mattie Johnson of Walla Walla, and Mrs. Lydia Patton of Pendleton. One brother preceded him in death, having died in infancy some forty years ago.

Will Woods was a honest, upright man, and has many friends in this vicinity, where he has lived with his parents for many years, who sympathize deeply with the family in their bereavement.

### Prof. A. R. Draper Dead

Professor A. R. Draper died at his home in Portland, Sunday, June 10. Prof. Draper was well known in this city, and in Weston where he taught in the Normal school during its first years of existence. Later he went to Pendleton where he taught in the high school and was afterward city superintendent of schools. He was regarded as a man of much ability as well as personality. At one time he was prominently discussed as a possible republican nominee for state superintendent. He left Pendleton to become principal of the Terwilliger school in Portland, and was soon transferred from there to the Multnomah school. He was principal of the Stephens and the Atkinson schools in turn before coming to be head of Shattuck school, Portland, which position he held at the time of his death.

### Miss Butler Lectures

Miss Alice Butler, head of the Domestic Science department of the Pendleton High school, yesterday afternoon delivered an address in the school house to the ladies of Athena, on food values and their relation to the present movement for food conservation. Miss Butler, who is giving lectures over the county, gave much useful information, appreciation being shown by frequent questions from her interested audience. A request, which was readily granted was made for a future visit to this city.

### Milton Day a Great Success

Many Athena people were in the big automobile procession which went into Milton, Tuesday morning, from this direction. It was estimated that about one hundred cars were in line. The Athena auxiliary of the Red Cross was represented in the line of march through the streets. Mrs. F. S. LeGrow, Mrs. Sabina Morton and B. E. Zerba of Athena, were chosen as judges of the floats, and gave satisfactory decisions. Athena people are enthusiastic in praise of Milton's hospitality.

## HERMISTON FATHER SHOOTS YOUNG SON

Angered at what he believed was an attempt to tear down the fence between their adjoining farms, William Kennedy, of Hermiston, 60 years old, appeared on the scene Monday forenoon with a shotgun and fired a charge of buckshot into the back of his son, Robert Kennedy, 23 years old. Then, remorseful at his deed, the father hurried to Umatilla for a doctor. Failing to find one, he telephoned to Dr. Waincoat of Hermiston who hurried to the scene.

According to residents there the trouble between father and son has been of several years standing. They have homesteads adjoining each other situated midway between Hermiston and Umatilla. Both are alfalfa ranchers. Monday Robert Kennedy was at work near the fence that runs through the property. The father thought the boy was trying to destroy the fence as there had been some misunderstanding over the matter for some time. Without warning, the father returned to the house and reappeared with a gun. He was standing about 100 feet away when he fired, the charge striking the young man in the back. While the shot lacerated the skin considerably, the wound was too far to have any fatal effect. The father immediately repented of his act and, after the boy was taken to Hermiston, cried piteously and expressed great sorrow for what he had done.

William Kennedy is now in the county jail in Pendleton while the young man is at the St. Anthony's hospital with his recovery virtually assured. What disposition will be made of the case is not yet clear. The elderly prisoner is said not to have been in a very repentant mood on his trip to the city with Sheriff Taylor and inquired as to securing a lawyer.

Whether or not the sons will want to proceed with prosecution of the parent is not yet made clear but there is a report that one son is inclined to do so.

## ATHENA RED CROSS PREPARES FOR 4TH

Preparations are being made for the celebration in Athena, July 4th. Committees have been appointed and they will report at a meeting to be held Monday evening.

The ladies of the Red Cross auxiliary are making preparations to participate in the coming Fourth of July celebration, with hearty co-operation from all members. At the meeting last week, committees were appointed to take charge of four booths, where refreshments and etables may be sold for the benefit of the chapter. The personnel of these committees will be published next week.

The ladies of the Weston auxiliary purpose joining in the morning parade and it is hoped that those of Adams, Helix, Milton and others will do likewise.

The local auxiliary has increased in membership the past week as follows: Mrs. Leta Johns, Mrs. Mary McLeod, Miss Gladys McLeod, Mrs. Dora McBride, Mrs. Kathleen Barrett, Mrs. Adele McEwen, Mrs. Minnie Martin, Miss Carrie Sharp, Dr. S. F. Sharp, Mr. W. O. Read, Mrs. Maggie Sanders.

### Roads Win By 13,882

Complete but unofficial returns from every county in the state show that the \$6,000,000 road bond issue carried in the state by a majority of 13,882.

The bonds lost in the state outside of Multnomah county by 4574 votes, but the majority of 18,456 votes in this county carried them through.

Clatsop county, with a vote of 2711 to 287, gave road roads the strongest support. Wheeler county, with a vote of 552 to 72, also made a good showing.

## Summer is With Us

Now is the time to get ready for the Summer Outings. We have a complete line of Middies, White Wash Skirts, Sport Hats, Bathing Suits and Caps, Ladies' Overalls, White Slippers and Shoes—in fact everything that goes to complete the Outing Outfit.

'Patriotic Middys' all the rage	1.49 to 2.98	Misses Bathing suits	1.49 to 2.98	Ladies high heel canvas boot welt sole and covered heel	4.50
Bathing caps	.19 to .69	"Ladies overalls" all the rage, come in khaki and blue stripe	1.69 1.98	Mens sport shirts in plain and fancy colors, long or short sleeves	.49 to 1.49
White Wash skirts	.98 to 2.98	Fancy parasols	.98 to 3.98	Sport ties	.49
Fancy wash skirts	2.25 to 4.50	Ladies white hose	.35-.49-.98	Union suits	.49 to .98
Sport hats	.25 to 1.49	Ladies tennis shoes	.50	Boys union suits	.25-.49
White sport hat with flag on crown	.49	Ladies white pumps	1.49	Mens tennis shoes	.85
Ladies bathing suits in all the new combination colors	1.69 to 5.90	Ladies white "English" low heel canvas shoe, all sizes	3.98	Boys tennis shoes	.80
Mens bathing suits	2.49 to 3.49			Mens Ventilator oxfords	2.98
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