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SCHOOL WILL AID LOCAL RED CROSS

As has been announced, the time will soon be here for the sale of tickets for a series of four public entertainments under the auspices of the Athena High school. All net earnings from these entertainments are to go to the Red Cross Benefit Fund. The School Board, the Red Cross auxiliary of this community and the High school asks faithful co-operation on the part of the public by purchasing season tickets. The different numbers of the series as they are to be presented are as follows: The Rob Roy Scottish Male Quartette, February 28; Colby, the World's famous Cartoonist, March 14; Lawrant, the noted Magician, April 19, and last, the High School play which will be staged some time during May.

The Teachers' Institute held in Pendleton last week was thought by the teachers of the county to have been the best yet held. The principal speakers were Milton Simpson of Whitman College and Mr. Herbman, ex-head of Department of Public Speaking in the University of Washington and now a lecturer. Mr. Herbman has been traveling in Canada and Mexico and gave some very interesting and instructive talks on war topics.

The little folks of Miss Sherman's room are planning to give an especially interesting Christmas program. Some very clever selections have been chosen and work has already been started. The children are very anxious and expectant over a wonderful secret which only a few know and which will be disclosed the day of the program.

Because his parents are now living near Pendleton, John Saunders has left the Athena High school and will enroll in the Pendleton High.

Annabel McLeod, who is ill with pneumonia, has been taken to St. Anthony's Hospital in Pendleton.

The Seventh and Eighth grades are having a quarter holiday today on account of having no tardy marks for the past month.

Tonight marks the beginning of a series of basket ball games between the girls of Athena High and Touchet. This first game will be played at Touchet.

The Y. M. C. A. conference will be held in LaGrande tomorrow. The delegates from here are Ralph Haynie, Lawrence Baker and George Llewellyn.

The following Third and Fourth grade pupils having perfect attendance this month, received a half holiday: Belle Anderson, Melvin Coppock, Edna DeFrees, Lorraine Dennis, Louis Johnson, Lorena Schubert and Ellen Henry.

The flower shelf in Miss Lawson's room is full of some very attractive house plants, brought in by her pupils.

The Third and Fourth grades have the Press Honor Cup again for the month.

POULTRY IS THE BEST CHANGE OF SAVING

The United States Department of Agriculture calls upon the country to double poultry production next year. That can be done if the farms will keep an average of 100 hens instead of an average of 40 hens, as at present, and if every family in town will keep enough hens in the backyard to produce all the eggs used by that family—or two hens to each person. Poultry must be produced next year in places where it has not been produced before, and everywhere that poultry has been produced that production must be increased. It is necessary that people in the country and in the towns answer alike to this call. Farms and backyards must both do their bit, for the doubling of our poultry production next year is an indispensable item in the Nation's food production program—a program which must be carried out if we are to win the war.

The meat supplies available for European use are short. Meat must be supplied if the war is won—by the forces who fight for freedom. The war will be won if we fail in production—but not won by us. We must understand what will happen if we do not provide the enormous quantities of foodstuffs that the Allies can not produce for themselves.

Are we going to feed our Army on chickens and eggs? Of course not. But by greatly increasing the production of chickens and eggs, and by eating those chickens and eggs ourselves we will, naturally, eat that much less beef and pork. In turn, that beef and pork can be sent to Europe.

If Useless, Quit.
"Oh, stop whining! Is whining going to mend matters?"
"I suppose not."
"Then, if not, whine not."—San Francisco Chronicle.

Only Newlyweds Happy.
Iris—Do you think there are many unhappy marriages? Cyrus—All, except those that took place today.—Town Topics.

The best portion of a good man's life—his little, nameless, unremembered acts of kindness and of love.—Wordsworth.

Abraham.
From the intimate communion which Abraham held with the Almighty he is distinguished by the high title "the friend of God." The term El Khalil, the friend, is the appellation by which he is known in the traditions of the Arabs.

STARS IN BASEBALL.

They Are Really Essential to the Success of a Club.

It is absolutely necessary for each and every major league club to have at least one unusually brilliant performer on its roster to be a good gate attraction, and more often than not these stars are pitchers.

Remember the Chicago White Sox of 1907? Ed Walsh was the star who did most to place that team in baseball history, though he received not a little assistance from Doc White. Who made the Giants of a few years ago the most talked of team in baseball? Why, Christy Mathewson, to be sure. He was a star of stars, and in fair or foul weather it was he whom the rooters paid to see. Plunk, Coombs and Bender did more to make the Athletics famous than did all of the other great players on the team put together, though the \$100,000 infield, consisting of McNinn, Collins, Barry and Baker, was a first class attraction in every sense of the word. But few other clubs in the game's history ever had anything approaching this evenly balanced outfit in its best days.

Bill James in his time came pretty close to making the Braves, and Bill Donovan, Ed Reulbach, Mordcael Brown, Babe Adams, Joe Wood and Grover Alexander all have played leading roles as gate attractions.

What would the Seaboard have been for years without Walter Johnson? Is it the Tigers or Ty Cobb whom the fans want to see at play? Hal Chase featured the Yankees for years, for many seasons Speaker has been the leading figure with the teams with which he played, and Joe Jackson, Marjund and Lajole all had large individual followings.

Today a new crop of stars has just about "arrived" and are pulling the crowds.—Ed A. Goewey in Lestle's.

THE "EROICA" SYMPHONY.

A Musical Portrait of Napoleon as Beethoven Idealized Him.

The most notable example of a masterpiece with a political origin is Beethoven's "Eroica" symphony. General Beethoven during his residence in Vienna in 1798 as an ambassador from the French nation suggested to Beethoven the composition of a symphony in honor of Napoleon. At that time Napoleon was looked upon as the champion of freedom, the savior of his country, the embodiment of republican ideals, with which Beethoven was in thorough sympathy, and he willingly accepted the proposal.

Before the symphony was published Napoleon became emperor, and when the news reached Vienna Beethoven was violently angered. "After all, then, he is nothing but an ordinary mortal! He will trample all the rights of man under foot to indulge his ambition and become a greater tyrant than any one!"

With these words he seized the music, tore the title page in half and threw it on the ground. He never again referred to the connection between his work and Napoleon until news of the latter's death reached him. Then he said, "I have already composed the proper music for that catastrophe," meaning, of course, the funeral march. But the whole symphony, with its essentially revolutionary character, is a musical portrait of Napoleon as Beethoven idealized him.

Why 1881 Was Chosen.
In 1881 a so-called prophecy of Mother Shipton's was in every one's mouth: "The world then to an end shall come. In eighteen hundred and eighty-one."

A traveling tailor denied inspiration to this prophecy, nor, as now appears, was it remarkable for accuracy. But he went further. He demonstrated in the dust of the road why that exact date was chosen. Not only was it cabalistic, a multiple of nine, etc., but it was the only date available to Mother Shipton which in Arabic numerals was the same backward, forward and upside down. Eleven hundred and eleven was past, and not till 1881 would the coincidence recur. The next Mother Shipton will select 8008, which is not tomorrow or next day.—London Globe.

Ant Strength.
An English scientist weighed a small ant and a dead grasshopper which it was dragging to its nest. The weight of the grasshopper was found to be sixty times greater than that of the ant. The force exerted by the ant in dragging the grasshopper along the road was therefore proportionately equal to that of a man weighing 150 pounds pulling a load of four and one-half tons or a horse of 1,200 pounds a load of thirty-six tons.

The Noblest Public Virtue.
That patriotism which, catching its inspirations from the immortal God and leaving at an immeasurable distance below all lesser, grovelling, personal interests and feelings, animates and prompts to deeds of self sacrifice, of valor, of devotion and of death itself—that is public virtue; that is the noblest, the sublimest of all public virtues.—Henry Clay.

He Knew Better.
Gentleman—Why don't you get out and hustle? Hard work never killed anybody. Rastus—You're mistaken dere, boss. I've lost four wives dat way.—Boston Transcript.

She Knew.
Mother—Oh, Mary, why do you w/e your mouth with the back of your hand? Mary—"Cos it's so much cleaner than the front."—London Punch.

A commonwealth ought to be immortal and forever renew its youth.—Cicero.

LINING UP FOR A BETTER HIGHWAY

Recognizing the urgent need of improvement on the macadam road from the State Line to connection with the hard surface near Havana, a delegation of representative citizens of the East end of the county appeared before the County Court at Pendleton Wednesday and demanded that the road be repaired at once.

They secured from the Court a promise to begin at once. The method of improvement will be to scarify the macadam surface and then roll it down smooth. This method has proved satisfactory in Walla Walla and Whitman counties, where the roads are of the same class as the Pendleton-State Line road, which through neglect has become so badly cut up that it is used only when the dirt roads cannot be traveled.

The East end delegation comprised: G. H. Bishop, J. A. Schmitt, Fred Evans, and J. F. Slover of Freewater; W. E. Putnam, Ben Osborn, Lon Williams and H. A. Frazier of Milton; S. A. Barnes, George DeGraw, John Banister and James Price of Weston; W. S. Ferguson, B. B. Richards, F. S. LeGrow, and Frank Berlin of Athena, and G. M. Morrison, J. O. Hales and T. A. Llewellyn of Adams.

The action of the East end delegation was taken after it became known that there will be no state funds available in 1918 for continuing the hard-surfacing of the road, and the realization that immediate repairing of the highway should be put under way. This the Court promised and after the meeting with the Court, the delegation effected an organization with G. DeGraw of Weston as president and J. F. Slover of Freewater as secretary. The object of the organization is to see to it that the road improvement is carried out without unnecessary delay.

The macadam roads in the vicinity of Walla Walla, Waitsburg and Dayton, relative to construction, are identically the same as the Umatilla county road. But the Washington roads receive attention, are repaired when occasion demands and the result is that they are always in good condition. Just the reverse is the condition of the Umatilla county road. Through neglect, it has deteriorated to the point that it is known as the "trail of chuck holes" and no one wants to travel it unless compelled to do so.

The December meeting of the Christian Woman's Board of Missions was held Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. J. W. Pinkerton, with Mrs. George Gerking leading the meeting. The subject for the day was "Africa." The next meeting will be led by Mrs. D. Scott Fisher.

FLIGHT OF THE MOSQUITO.

The Malaria Laden Pest Rarely Travels More Than a Mile.

There is a good deal in modern prophylaxis in taking care of the mosquito, but it is always a feature in the case to know how much territory must be covered to assure a reasonable degree of safety. If mosquitoes were like birds, capable of outdistancing a railway train and for scores of miles, the problem of oiling the ditches and ponds would be a very serious one, and the question of careless neighbors would be a very wide one. The practical limit of flight of Anopheles quadrimaculatus, the insect selected for the trials, proved to be about a mile.

The method used by these investigators in their experiments was to stain mosquitoes and report on their capture after being liberated. The species in question was selected for the work from the fact that it is the most vigorous flier of its group and is probably the principal carrier of malaria. The result of the research suggests that at the distance of a mile and a little better from a prolific breeding place the individual is quite safe, and his efforts need be directed only to the nearer pools.

The mosquito apparently required three days for the journey and in some instances returned to precisely where it was caught, for the specimens were often carried to a common point before being liberated, but were collected in places where they were quite abundant.—Public Service Health Bulletin.

An Oriental Ruse.

It was on Aug. 21, 1103, that Abdu-l-muneem Ibn Ali was elected sultan of eastern Africa by the following strategem: Having trained a parrot and a lion, he assembled the chiefs in his tent and urged upon them the naming of a ruler of their growing empire. In the midst of their deliberations the parrot perched himself upon one of the poles of the tent and pronounced distinctly, "Victory and power to the lot of the Khalif Abdu-l-muneem, commander of the faithful." The lion then made his way through the terrified assembly, licked Abdu's hand and lay down at his feet. Deeply impressed with this wonder and the manifest interference of heaven, the natives unanimously proclaimed him sultan.

Old Wall Street.

Wall street in the days when Washington was the first president of the United States, when Alexander Hamilton and Aaron Burr were rivals at the bar, was perhaps the most popular and populous thoroughfare in New York. It was so named because it followed the line of the city's first defensive stockade or "wall," and throughout its length were enacted many scenes that are part of the nation's larger history.

Nothing is so grand as truth, nothing so forcible, nothing so moral.—Lauder.

RUTH STEWART IN CLASS JOURNALISM

The following very creditable article was written for the Press by Miss Ruth Stewart, a student in the W. U. Miss Stewart is specializing in journalism, and her "copy" would indicate that the young lady is making marked progress in this line of her studies.

The goal of \$14,000 for the higher schools of Oregon to be reached in the Students' Friendship Fund of the Y. M. C. A. has nearly been attained. In the last report the state schools—the University and Oregon Agricultural College, were falling below the standard set for them by Reed College, McMinnville College and Willamette University.

Although not being so generally prosperous as the state schools, these smaller colleges are not at all behind in giving.

The sum of \$1203 has been reported to the manager of the work by Louis Stewart, local treasurer of the fund at Willamette University.

The drive was completed in about ten days. The apportioned amount for this school was \$600. The gifts were wholly voluntary. Regulation pledge cards were used in raising the money. There were 161 cards turned in from the Liberal Arts department; 18 from Kimball College; 3 from Alumni, and 2 from friends. There are about 325 students and 20 faculty members in these two schools. Of the total amount given, \$1083.50 came from students and faculty of W. U.; \$34 from Alumni; \$14.00 from Kimball College, and \$63 from friends.

There were pledges ranging from 50 cents to \$50 from the students. The average per student enrolled for both schools is about \$3.87, and the total average gift per person \$6.71.

Ralph Hassell Weds.

The wedding of Mr. Ralph G. Hassell, member of the firm of Stephens & Hassell, Athena grocers, and Miss Capitola Elise Dutton, of Spokane, was solemnized in that city Tuesday, and the newly wedded pair will be at home to their friends in the McEwen residence on College and 6th streets, Athena, after December 15th. The young lady is the daughter of Mrs. Mary L. Dutton of Spokane.

Visiting In Athena.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Walden, farming near Prescott, Wash., were guests Tuesday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Mansfield. Mrs. Walden, who before her marriage was Miss Nellie Purdy, is a cousin of Mr. Mansfield and formerly lived near Athena, with her parents. The family had been visiting relatives in Pendleton over Thanksgiving week.



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