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A. JOHNSON FARM HOME IS IN RUINS

The fine farm home of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Johnson, two and one-half miles northeast of Athena, is but a heap of ushes and burned deb as the result of a fire which totally destroyed the bouse

day evening. The supposition is that the fire originated from an acetylene gas jet, and when discovered the flames has gained such headway that the members of the family barely had time to escape with their lives. Nothing whatever was saved from the home, only Mr. Johnson succeeded in grabbing an armful of

The members of the family emerged in their right clothing. The youngest child, fortunately, followed Mrs. John-son out of the burning building, other-wise the little one might have perished wise the little one might have perished in the confusion of the moment. Had it failtered a moment in the rear, it would have been utterly impossible to effect a rescue, so rapidly did the flames gain headway.

The great blaze from the house, which sat on an eminence and could be accompanied.

seen for miles around soon brought neighbors in sutomobiles, but before any one arrived the chance of saving anything from the home had passed The Johnson family were taken to the Swaggart and Geo. Sheard homes for the time. The loss is a severe one, the house being new, and naturally there were many articles of family

value which can never be replaced.
Mr. Johnson, it is reported, will at
once begin the construction of a new home built, so it is understood, on the

SUNSHINERS ENTERTAINED AT DEAN DUDLEY HOME

One of the most delightful social events of the year is reported at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dean Dudley on the evening of May 1st. The nature of the evening of may let. The hadder of the event was a surprise party on Mr. Dudley, in honor of his birthday and the members of the Sunshine Club and their families were present as guests. They met at the home of Mr. rnd Mrs. J. N. Scott and strived in a substitute Dudley home where they body at the Dudley home, where they presented Mr. Dudley with a peautiful

Scott tied for first prize, with Mrs. Fred Gross and Mr. Chas. Crawford. Mrs. Dave Stone and Mr. Sanders also

received a prize.

A short musical program was enjoyed later in the evening. Mrs. Dave Stone and Jonnamae Read rendered delightful vocal selections and Margaret and Pauline Scott. Charlotte and George Gross and Jessie Dudley sang some of their school songs. Piano seappreciated. The hostess was assisted in entertaining throughout the evening by Miss Lois Porter. At the close of the evening a dainty collation was Guests invited other the club members were Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Dudley, Lieut. Glenn Dudley, Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Sanders, Art Chapman, Chas. Crawford, Mrs. T. D. clor, Rev. Burton, and Miss Hazel

A Great Ball Game.

With the score standing 4 to 5, Atheria and Adams closed the first ball game of the season on the home grounds Sunday. Athens was on the long side of the score, but some very d ball was played to place her there good ball was played to place her there for Adams came to town with an exceptionally good team. As a result of the good, clean playing, considerable interest has been aroused and it has been proposed that a dance benefit be given to raise funds with which to purche Athena team. Begiven to raise funds with which obse-chase suits for the Athena team. Be-ing unable to get the score book, the Press is obliged to forego a full ac-count of the game. Helix, with a strong team plays here Sunday.

Stephens a Winner.

Omar Stephens, of the Athena Gun Club, won the handicap trophy in a State shoot at Pendleton Sunday and State shoot at Pendleton Sunday and brought home the beautiful cup put up by the Taylor Hardware company of Pendleton. Shooting sgainst Frank Troeb and Pendleton experts, Stephens from the 16 yard line broke 25 birds without a min, being the only shooter to go the straight route. Marion Hausell and M. L. Watts also did good shooting during two days of the tournament. The such amplomable, a 1800 bird swent, who barely seratched winning over France. a deservedly popular shooter of Arlington.

MRS. NANCY J. GARFIELD,

day morning and the funeral occurred Tuesday afternoon, a large number of Athena friends and relatives attending. Although her death was not unexpected, owing to her delicate health, the news was a sad shock to her many friends here. Of her passing, the Walls Walla Union says:

Following over a year's illness caused by heart trouble and complica-

Mrs. Garfield was born in Marion county, Oregon, seven miles east of Salem, on July 9, 1858, having been the eldest of three daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Pleasant Howell, Willamette and are. Pleasant Hower, Williamette valley pioneers of 1852. In 1864 she moved with her parents to Umstilla county, the family settling on a farm between Athena and Adams. She received her early education in the pub-lic schools of Athena and about 1875-6 attended St. Vincent's academy in Walla Walla.

She is survived by four children: Mrs. Ethel Garfield Scott. Mrs. Lillian Garfield Foster, Mrs. Earl K. McInroe and W. C. Garfield, city editor of the Bulletin; by her mother, Mrs. Jane Howell Nelson of Athena; a sister, Mrs. Grace Dickson of Athena, and many relatives of Eastern Oregon. A brother-io-law. J D. Matheson of Portland, her children and her mother were with her at time of death.

Mrs. Garfield was a devout Christian

woman, a true, noble and loving mo-ther, and besides her relatives she leaves a host of friends in Walla Walla and Eastern Oregon. She was a mem-ber of Alki Chapter, Order of Eastern Star; the Sunshine Club, and of the First Presbyterian church of Walla Walls

The funeral services were held at the First Presbyterian church Tuesday at 2:30, Rev. William Foulkes officiating. Interment took place in the Ma-sonic plot of Mountain View cemetery.

Banister lost a couple of logs, butch-ered the day previous to the thief's appearance. Recent thefts would in-dicate that the same thief was operat-

The Ferguson Ford from Weston mountain met in a head-on collision with the bridge on south Main street while returning from Pendleton. It is said the car had no lights and the jitnev thrust its nose against the steel railing of the bridge and turned over. Miraculously the occupants escaped without injury, one of the youngsters only having his nose peeled as a result of the accident.

CARLOS BEE



Carlos Bee of San Artonio, Tex. was elected to the next congress to is a brother-in-law of Postmaster Burent figure in Texas politics for

HONORED PIONEER, PASSES

Mrs. Nancy J. Garfield, daughter of Mrs. lackson Nelson of this city and mother of Mrs. Ethel Scott, died at her home in Walla Walla, early Mon-

tions, Mrs. Nancy Howell Garfield, a pioneer of Umstills county and for the last 20 years a resident of Walla Walla, passed quietly away about 1:30 o'clock Monday morning at her home, 321, Whitman street. She had been in declining strength for the past year and on Thursday morning suffered a stroke of partial paralysis, followed by another and fatal one on Sunday eve

body at the United States of Spring, while pink and white May basket filled with apple blossorpe and buge boquets of lilacs were in keeping with the season.

Guessing games previously prepared by the hostess, created much merriment. Mrs. Geo, Gerking and Z. N. Scott tied for first prize, with Mrs. Scott tied for first prize, with Mrs. Scott tied for first prize, with Mrs. Scott body and also mearer town. On that occasion Bern Banister lost a couple of hogs, butch-

Jitney Meets Bridge.

succeed Representative Slayden. Bee and has himself been a

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OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

A total of 15,000 sheep will be sheared in central Oregon this year, it is

Members of pig clubs throughout Catching inlet.

be added to the crops of Union county

this year as a result of farm bureau field demonstrations in that county. Rapid development in the cranberry industry is taking place in Clatsop

county and a considerable quantity of new acreage is being set out this year, Dr. C. J. Smith of Portland and Charles A. Brand of Roseburg, were appointed members of the state board of higher curricula by Governor Ol-

Considerable grading work is already under way on the section of the Pacific highway between Albany and Jefferson, which will be paved this summer.

John Walden, deputy warden of La Grande, reports to State Game Warden Shoemaker that deer and pheasants are on the increase in Union and Wallowa counties.

Fees received by the state motor vehicle registration department for April total \$6000 more than for April, The total received for last 1918. The total received for last month was \$43,222, as against \$37,319 for April, 1918.

Labor conditions everywhere on the Pacific coast except at Los Angeles have improved in the last week, ac coffing to the report of the department of labor. Portland's unemployed dropped from 2400 to 1200.

Construction of the 18-mile paving project near Brooks, on the Pacific highway, has been started. The work will cost appreximately \$400,000, of which the state and government will each pay half. This is a post road.

L. O. Herrold, who was awarded the contract by the state highway commission for the clearing and grading of the 11 miles of highway between Scappoese and Deer Island, has assembled

on the contract.

C. V. Johnson, former mayor of Corvallis, is to be at the head of the new state real estate department, according to announcement made by Harvey Wells, insurance commissioner. The new real estate law becomes

effective on May 29. A consignment Shorthorn sale and show which, as an initial effort in Coos county attended a convention at eastern Oregon, brought higher average prices than the first Shorthorn of the entire fleet launched since Feb-One thousand acres of alfalfa will sale in Portland, was conducted at La Grande by the Pacific

Shorthorn Breeders' association. Jay Stevens, former fire marshal for Portland, now with the fire prevention bureau of the Pacific coast, with head quarters at San Francisco, is to be in Oregon in a short time to conduct an educational campaign for fire prevention.

Establishing a new record at its own plant, and making what is claimed to be the best time ever achieved in the construction of steel hulls in the United States, the Northwest Steel company of Portland launched the West Chatala 3714 days after the ship's keel had been laid.

Grading work costing approximately \$500,000 will be started in Grant and Wheeler counties this summer, according to announcement by the state highway commission. Contracts for this extensive work will be awarded when the commission meets in

Portland on May 10.

A review is to be made of all oil indications in Oregon, according to a letter from George Otis Smith, director of the United States geological survey, to Senator McNary, This investigation is to be made in cooperation with the Oregon state bureau of mines and geology.

Theodore Roosevelt Jr. will be unable to attend the state meeting of the Spanish war veterans in Salem during June. He has so notified Harvey Wells, state commander. It was first believed Roosevelt would visit Oregon, but a sudden change of plans eliminates this state from his sum-

Twenty-nine vessels loaded at the nills on the lower Columbia river istrict during April and their combined cargoes amounted to 20.283.793

a crew and is making good progress feet of lumber. In the same period five vessels loaded 1.575,000 feet at the sp-river mills, making a grand total of 22,158,793 feet of lumber that left the Columbia river in cargoes during

April. Nine wooden steamers launched during April in the Oregon district represented a total of 35,000 tons, deadweight. For the first four months of the year there have been 75,000 tons of wooden vessels floated. The tonnage ruary 17, 1918, when the first governtons.

Whether the coyote menace in Umatilla county is decreasing or not, the bounty fund for the extermination of the animals has suffered because of the work of hunters during the past month. The records of the county clerk show that \$739 was paid in hountles. Payments were made to 43 trappers. The largest catch turned in was 25 skins.

A number of sheep sales have been closed at Condon during the past week and at prices that were highly satisfactory. Mixed coarse yearlings have brought \$8.50; fine wool wethers, \$6.50; 6-year-old ewes, \$8, and March lambs, \$6. These prices are only about 20 per cent less than the record prices paid for similar stock at this time last year.

Places for laborers far outnumber the men applying for them in the Eugene section, according to Frank L. Armitage, superintendent of the federal labor bureau in Eugene, There ere 75 positions open at the present time and the employers are having difficulty in obtaining enough men to carry on their enterprises. The greatest demand comes from the lumbering and logging camps and the farms.

Johannes Meier Barseth, a native of Norway, was forever barred from becoming an American citizen by an order signed at Astoria by Circuit Judge Eakin upon the recommendation of V. W. Tomlinson, federal naturalization examiner for this district. According to the records, Barseth, who had been a Columbia river fisherman had claimed exemption from the draft on the grounds of being an alien.

M'KENZIE CHAPTER HOSTS TO CRESCENT NO. 47

Not for a long, long time has a lodge function in Athena been so thoroughly enjoyed as that of Wednesday evening, when McKenzie Chapter No. 112, O. E. S., was host to Grescent Chapter No. 47 of Weston. In automobiles, the members of

crescent Chapter came over the hill 29 strong. Escorted by big Sim Barnes and convoyed by jolly Joe Hodgson, the neighbors were ushered into Masonic Hall, which was beautifully decorated in spring flowers for the occasion. After a regular business session of the local chapter, a short program of music and speeches was enjoyed, which made up in quality what was lacking in quantity. The musical numlacking in quantity. The musical numbers were graciously contributed by Misses Hazel Burton and Sigfried Esbensen on the piano, and Joseph N. Scott, in a vocal solo and Mr. Hodgson, with an old time song which elicited rounds of applause. Misses Ruby Price and Myrtle Hodgson of Weston, also contributed to the pleasure of the vaccing at the vice. evening at the piano.

Addresses were made, provoked and

otherwise extracted from eloquent speakers including S. A. Barnes, M. L. Watts, and A. B. Steele, while Mr. Scott vied with Mr. Steele in storytelling.

telling.

The guests were seated at twelve small tables which were tastefully appointed, the prevailing color scheme of lavender and white being carried throughout. The committee served ices, cakes and hot coffee and cocca. The guest list included: Miss Doris Barnes, Worthy Matron of Crescent Chapter; Jos. Hodgson, W. P.; Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Barnes, Mr. and Mrs. W. S Price, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Fisk, Mrs. R. Morrison, Mrs. E. Warren, Mrs. Harry Warren, Mrs. Jos. Hodgson, Mrs. C. H. Smith, Mrs. E. M. Smith, Mrs. J. R. Barnes, Misses Anice and Mamie Barnes, Ruby Price, ice and Mamie Barnes, Ruby Price, Myrtle Hodgson, Eliza Morrison, Thel-ma Anderson, Chas. Nelson, of Cres-cent, and Mrs. Will Wyrick, of Bush-

A Social Party.

Miss Thelms Crabill entertained a arms Theims Crabit entertained a number of her friends May 3, Saturday evening, at a party at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Cra-bill. Games were played and dainty refreshments of ice cream and cake were served at eleven o'clock Her guests were: Misses Beuls and Dollie Banister, Jeanette Miller, Doris Thompson, Velma McAlexander, Maybelle Duncan, Edna Pinkerton, Pearl Ramsay, Walthea Haynie, Lucinda Dell; Ernest Duncan, Herman Geissel, Lee and Jay Banister, Claud Snider, Brooks Anderson, Henry Knight, Kohler Betts, Conrad Miller, Thomas Kirk, John Pinkerton, Lorain Snick, and Walter McFeron of Portland. Others present were Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Banister, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Myrick, Mrs. Olin McFeron, and Mr. and Mrs. W. J.

Soldier of 91st Home.

Walter Foller of Walla Walla, who prior to the war was employed at farm work by Dr. J. A. Baddeley, is home from France. Mr. Fuller was a mem-ber of the 261st, Dist division, and saw hard and continuous service on different fronts of the battle field. In Belleu Wood, he was gassed, but for-tunately not severely enough to be confined in hospital. He was in France and Belgium for nine months and went over the top four times. The young soldier is spending the week at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Baddeley,

JOSEPH B. EASTMAN



has been chosen by President Wilson to succeed G. W. Anderson as member of the interstate commerce commis ber of the Massachusetts public serv

CLOSING EXERCISES AT HIGH SCHOOL

NUMBER 19

Next Friday evening, May 16th, graduating exercises will take place at Athena high school, beginning at 8:30 o'clock.

As the sole graduate for this year, Miss Frances Williams will be given full honors, receiving her diploma from Athena High.

Athena High,

The closing program will include
grade exercises and considerable care
has been given by teachers and pupils
in preparation for the occasion. The

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1. Song "When The Flag Goes By,"
High School Chorus.

2. Dialogue, - "Lost—A Receipt."
Raiph and Edwin McEwen.

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2. Dialogue, - "Lost—A Receipt."
Ralph and Edwin McEwen.

8. Violin Solo. - Selected
Joseph McElhaney.

4. Rec. - "A Child's Resolutions,"
Marjorie Booher.

5. "Oh. Who Wouldn't Be a Soldier?"
First and Second grades.

8. Recitation, "Selling the Farm,"
Lorene Dennis.

7. Piano duet, "La Grace,"
Audra Winship and Lucinda Dell.

8. Recitation, "Cabin Philosophy,"
Velton Read.

9. Castle Waltz, Srd and 4th grades.

10. School Prophecy, - Conrad Miller.

11. Vocal duet, "Spring Love Song,"
Hazel McFarland & Jeanette Miller.

12. Recitation, "Pienie Time,"
Lois Johnson.

13. Dramatization, "Sweet and Low,"
First and Second Grades.

14. School Reveries, - Junior Class.

15. Song, "Lullaby," Jennamae Read,
accompanied by Elizabeth Steele.

16. Reading "The Future of Our
Nation." - Leonard Spider.

17. Vocal solo, "The Winters Lullaby,
Pearl Ramassy. Nation." - Leonard Snider. 17. Vocal solo, "The Winters Lullaby,

Pearl Ramsay.

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18 Reading. "St. George and the Dragon," - Frances Williams.

19. Presentation of Diploma, Judge B. B. Richards.

20. Song. - "Till We Meet Again," High School Chorus.

Dick on Hospital Train.

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Mrs. Wm. Winship and daughters and Mrs. John Stanton went to Pendleton Tuesday and met Dick Winship, who was passing through to Camp Lewis on a hospital train. Dick expects to be discharged at once at Camp Lewis and will immediately return to Athena. His leg, which was broken in an accident, is almost well and he anticipates no delay in securing his discharge on that account. Mrs. Winship did no know her son would be on the train, not having been notified, but went to Pendleton with the mere chance that he would be abeard, hence the happy meeting. Dick was looking the happy meeting. Dick was looking well, but many other soldier boys on the train showed marks of war in their physical condition.

Audience Enjoys Lecture.

B. B. Burton, pastor of the Christian church, interested an appreciative audience Sunday evening, when he delivered a lecture on Rome, as he saw the city several years ago. Mr. Burton as a lecturer is intensely interest-ing, having had experience in Chautauqua work, before coming here. Athena people are fortunate in having opportunity to hear at stated intervals, a lecturer who masters his subject by personal contact and observation. Should Mr. Burton decide on giving a series of lectures. a splendid oppor-tunity would be offered the people of this and neighboring towns to hear a truly eloquent speaker in discussion of subjects of great interest.

Surveyors at Work.

Surveyors on the Eastland-Athena end of the macadam road which is to be hardsurfaced, are running lines and setting grade stakes. They come each morning from the camp near Milton and return in the evening. Work of hardsurfacing will begin within a short time and it is said cross will seed the time and it is said crews will work the stretch from the State Line this way and also from the Eastland end of the present hardsurface. The Warren Construction company has the contract for surfacing the entire road.

Some Little Theatre.

With J. D. Clevenger on the business end of the job, the floor in the Stand-ard Theatre was lowered and placed on a comfortable seating incline this week and by tomorrow he will have the stage lowered to conform with the new position the floor occupies. few more touches, the theatre ready for installation of the picture machine, which it is hoped will arrive in time to open the show house on Sat-urday evening. May 17.

Freshmen Picnic.

Section B of Miss Esbensen's Eng-Section B of Miss Esbensen's English class entertained Section A at a very interesting pienic supper last Monday evening, at the home of Macbelle Duncan. Some time ago the two sections dramatized Scott's "The Lady of the Lake," and an agreement was made that the side which did the best work, was to be entertained by the other side.