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GEORGE W. GROSS LAID AWAY TODAY

George W. Gross, pioneer and prominent Athena citizen, died at College Place sanitarium Wednesday afternoon at 1:30, and was laid to rest in Athena cemetery this afternoon at 3 o'clock. Funeral services were held at the Methodist Episcopal church, and at the grave by the Odd Fellows, of which order the deceased had long been a leading member.

Mr. Gross was in very ill health for several years, and three weeks ago took suddenly worse. He was taken to College Place sanitarium for medical treatment, and last Sunday as a last resort and after careful preparation, surgeons performed an operation. The gall bladder was removed, and up to within a few moments before death, the patient gave every evidence of rallying to recovery. Shortly after 1 o'clock Wednesday a sudden change developed and in a few moments the end came. Relatives here were notified and went to College Place at once.

George W. Gross was born at Adell, Iowa, March 10, 1857, and at his death was aged 62 years, two months and 18 days. He went to California from Iowa in 1888 and came to Oregon the following year, his parents settling near Brownsville. In 1890 he came to Umatilla county, settling on a farm west of Athena. He was united in marriage with Miss Sarah Jane Morgan in March, 1880 and to them two sons and two daughters were born, one of the sons dying in infancy.

He is survived by his wife, one son, Fred, and two daughters, Mrs. Arthur Douglas and Mrs. Lula Read, all of this vicinity. He has two brothers, Charles Gross of Casson, Wash., and John Gross of Milwaukee, Wis.; two sisters, Mrs. Emma Evans of Willamette, Oreg.; Mrs. Jane Edwards of Mayville, Oreg.; also three half sisters and three half brothers survive him. They are Mrs. Ada Hutchinson, Adell, Ia.; Mrs. Lillie Landon, Clarkston, Wash.; Mrs. Inez Moore, Walla Walla; Ad Gross, Mohler, Idaho; Claude Gross, Mohler, Idaho and S. R. Gross, Fallon, Nevada.

Mr. Gross with his family moved from his farm to Athena nineteen years ago and has since resided here. Aside from looking after his farm holdings, he found time for active assistance in civic affairs and served the city as Mayor and as city councilman. He was a prominent Odd Fellow and was held in high esteem by all who knew him.

Former Resident Here.

Mrs. Sadie Buel, former resident of Athena, is in the city visiting her sister, Mrs. John Wright. Mrs. Buel is now living in San Francisco with her daughter Sylvia, who is employed as a bookkeeper in that city. Her other daughter, William, is married and lives at Reno, Nevada. Mrs. Buel came up to see her mother, Grandma Barto, who is in very feeble health, and scarcely able to recognize her daughter.

Two Men Break Jail.

Charles Burke, charged with passing forged checks, and Marcus Herrera, a Mexican, who robbed the postoffice at Palmers Junction recently, fled their way to liberty through the bars of the county jail, Sunday morning. The Mexican was recaptured later in the day on the railway track east of Pendleton. At last accounts Burke had been captured.

Bingham Springs Open.

Bingham Springs opened to the public Sunday. A large crowd of pleasure seekers took advantage of the amusement the resort affords, despite the rainy weather conditions. Thurn Holm, owner of the resort, reported a number of autoists, one car from Weston skidding into the ditch.

SOLDIERS' PICNIC, BINGHAM SPRINGS

With the prospects of an early return of Athena soldiers serving in the 148th F. A. from the Army of Occupation in Germany, some sort of reception to be given them and all other men who were in the service from Athena, whether in overseas assignments or not, is to be worked out.

So that all soldiers and seamen who were in service from Athena may be entertained in a way that all their relatives and friends—which includes the whole community—may have opportunity of showing their appreciation and at the same time afford entertainment for the boys, it has been proposed that a soldiers' picnic be held at Bingham Springs on the return of the men of the 148th. With the arrival of these boys, practically all Athena soldiers will have returned home, and all should participate in a rousing good time at the Springs.

The suggestion of the picnic was first made by Mrs. A. A. Foss, and since others have enthusiastically approved of the plan. The Springs affords amusement in the way of swimming, dancing, fishing, etc. A sumptuous basket dinner could be spread under the big trees in true picnic fashion.

No doubt a sufficient number of automobiles for the transportation of all who would like to participate in the picnic would be easily available, through generous donation by their owners, and the basket dinner would be provided by the good housewives of the community.

FREEWATER FARMER, DEPENDENT, HANGS SELF

A Freewater special to the East Oregonian says: Overcome with melancholy over his poor health and the poor health of his wife, George W. Smiley, well known and prosperous farmer, committed suicide by hanging himself to a tree in his orchard Monday night.

Mr. Smiley left his house at midnight and though search for him was taken up as soon as he was missed, his body was not found until 4 o'clock the next morning. He suffered from the influenza last winter, as did Mrs. Smiley, and neither fully recovered. The dead man was 65 years of age and had lived at Freewater for 20 years. He is survived by his widow and two sons, Charles Smiley and George W. Smiley Jr. Coroner Brown was summoned but no inquest was held as it was considered unnecessary.

Base Ball Suits.

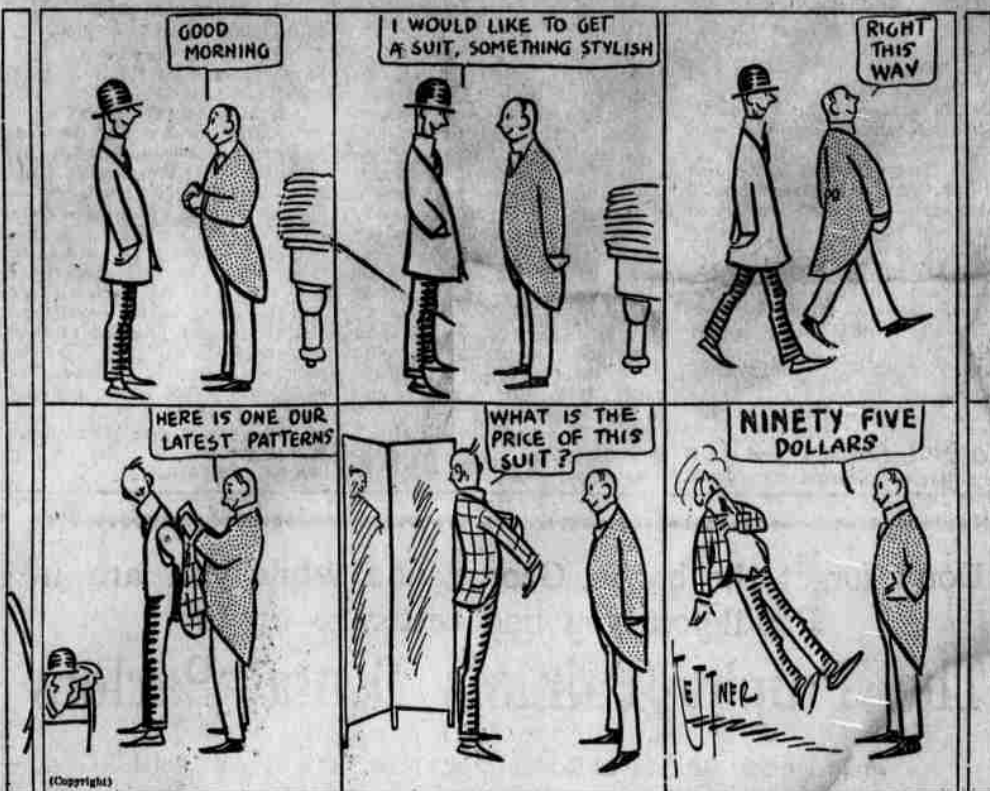
The Athena ball team did not go to Reith Sunday to play the game scheduled, for the reason that no suits were available. The team has been using the high school suits this season not having as yet raised funds for purchasing uniforms. The team is capable of putting up good ball and with a little boost in the way of subscription, or a benefit dance or two, they should acquire the suits and other paraphernalia.

Not So Promising.

Lon Hodges, former Umatilla stockman who is now located at Athena where he is farming the Weidert place which he purchased last fall, thinks that grain prospects are not so bright as they have been forecasted. He says that the frost some time ago held back the grain and gave the weeds a chance. He is now figuring on 40 bushels where when he farmed that place some years ago, he got 50 and better.—Tribune.

Cherries and apricots in the Walla Walla valley orchards were seriously damaged by frosts, but peaches promise to yield a bumper crop. Other harder varieties of fruit are expected to yield good crops.

Very Stunning Indeed



The new spring styles in men's suits are "stunning."—News Item.

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Pendleton's Chautauqua week has been set for July 5 to 11.

Several new cases of influenza have made their appearance in Salem.

The state grange, in session at Hillsboro, voted to hold its 1920 annual session at Bend.

Ranchers of northern Curry county report that coyotes are on the increase in that section.

The Christian Endeavor societies of Linn and Benton counties held their fourth annual convention in Corvallis on Saturday and Sunday.

George T. Gerlinger of Dallas was appointed a member of the state board of forestry by Governor Olcott.

He succeeds L. R. Hill of Cottage Grove. In a fit of despondency resulting from prolonged illness, Robert Spickerman, 62 years old, shot himself through the head with a shotgun at The Dalles.

Of a total of 1985 preventable fires during 1918, 42 were suspected of incendiary origin, according to the annual report of Harvey Wells, state fire marshal.

Textbooks for use in the public schools of Oregon during the next six years will be selected by the Oregon state textbook commission at a meeting to be held in Salem June 2.

Unemployment is completely wiped out in Oregon, both in the industrial centers and throughout the farming and lumbering districts, according to a report of the department of labor.

Efforts to procure a material reduction in the cost of transporting fish which the state distributes to the various streams of Oregon will be made by the public service commission.

Fish propagation in the several state hatcheries is showing splendid results this spring, according to the report of R. E. Clanton, state fish warden, received by the fish and game commission.

Douglas county's ninth annual strawberry carnival and sportsmen's tournament was held in Roseburg under most favorable auspices. Thousands of people were present to enjoy the opening day's festivities.

Complete exoneration of the state industrial accident commission is given by Governor Olcott in connection with the charges of Lee Roy E. Keeley, Portland attorney, over the A. G. D. compensation case.

At Oregon men who are in service overseas will have returned by August and practically all of them will be home by September, according to information that has reached the Oregon welcome committee in New York.

The proposal to maintain a representative in Washington to further the project for the establishment of a first-class naval base near the mouth of the Columbia river is being discussed by the Astoria chamber of commerce.

Three fatalities are included in the 538 accidents reported to the state industrial accident commission for the

past week. These were Martin Paul of Reliance, logger; Joseph Swartz, Knappa, logger; Louis Lambert, Neverstill, logger.

The semi-annual purchase of supplies for the various state institutions will be made June 12, when bids covering the needs of the institutions will be opened by the state board of control. These bids will cover supplies up to December 31.

Mrs. Lola G. Baldwin of Portland, Mrs. Charles H. Castner of Hood River and Mrs. W. H. Dancy of Seaside were designated members of the advisory board for the state industrial school for girls, in appointments announced by Governor Olcott.

F. C. Knapp, F. H. Murphy and V. H. Haybarker, all of Portland, constitute the commission created by the recent legislature to regulate lighting in mills, factories and work shops, according to announcement of C. H. Gram, state labor commissioner.

According to advices received from Senator Charles McNary at Washington, the United States government is considering sending out experts to Polk county and other places in the state to explore the oil fields which are supposed to be located there.

J. F. Buchanan, superintendent of the Homestead Iron Dyke mine, situated near Homestead, reports that the labor situation is very discouraging in his section. With a capacity of about 120 men not more than 60 are at present employed by the company because of the scarcity.

A resolution condemning Oregon as one of the worst states in the union with regard to the divorce evil and providing for the appointment of a committee to investigate conditions and instigate legislation to mitigate the growing tendency of divorce, was adopted at Portland by the 31st diocesan convention of the Episcopal church.

Sororities and fraternities at the University of Oregon must pay a 50 per cent penalty because they have not paid their war revenue tax, assessed against all social organizations, says Dr. George Hewitt of the internal revenue collector's office, Portland. From November 1, 1917, to April 1, 1918, all persons initiated into a fraternity or sorority are supposed to have paid to the government 10 per cent of their initiation dues and monthly dues not later than one month after initiation.

General revision of telephone exchange rates, which means all local telephone rates, was denied by an order issued by the public service commission in the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company case, which was the biggest telephone rate case ever heard by the commission. Increases in rates, however, were allowed by the commission for all business telephones operated by this company in the state, and increases were allowed in rates for residence telephones at Albany, Corvallis, Oregon City and Grants Pass.

Assassination seems to be the popular European pastime.

Soldiers who bring brides home with them never will forget the war.

JEANNETTE MANASSE SCHWARTZ DIES AT HOME IN CALIFORNIA

The following item from the East Oregonian of last Friday, will be of sad interest to many Athena people, and others of our readers who formerly resided here and remember the fine qualities of the lady mentioned, who spent her early girlhood here:

Mrs. Max Schwarz, of Napa, California, formerly Miss Jeannette Manasse of Athena, and a niece of Leon Cohen of Pendleton, died recently at her home in California. Mrs. Schwarz, who was supposed to be in good health suddenly succumbed to a heart attack. She was 35 years of age and is survived by her husband; her mother, Mrs. Gertrude Manasse; a brother, Herbert Manasse of San Francisco, and three daughters, Henrietta, Minnie and Helen Schwarz. Funeral services were held in San Francisco. Mr. Cohen attended the funeral services.

NEW STANDARD THEATRE OPENS NEXT WEDNESDAY

The new Standard Theatre, showing moving pictures will open to the public next Wednesday evening, June 5th, with Henry Walthall in "A Still, Small Voice," as the feature on the program, supplemented with Charlie Chaplin in "The Rink," as the laugh provoking vehicle.

A special attraction has been secured for Friday evening, June 6. The regular Standard program will be for Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday evenings, only, but special attractions will be interspersed on other nights from time to time. In this instance, the selection is William S. Hart in "Shark Monroe," featured in all large cities as being one of Artcraft's best productions. This special includes, also, Fatty Arbuckle in his walloping antics as "The Butcher Boy."

Douglas Fairbanks will be seen in his mirthful production of "In Again, Out Again," on Saturday night, June 7. Fairbanks is one of the top liners in picturedom everywhere and is a big drawing card for any theatre. Saturday night's program also includes one of the famous Mack Sennett two-reel comedies.

Sunday, June 8, Pauline Frederick will be starred by Paramount in "Har Final Awakening," a super-luxury society drama, supported by an all-star cast and elaborate stage settings. A Black Diamond comedy and Pathe Weekly, rounds out most entertaining program.

Payne Goes to Paris.

Portland Oregonian: Floyd "Moe" Payne will likely be the only athlete from Oregon that will get the opportunity to compete in the inter-allied games just outside of Paris next month. T. Morris Dunne received a telegram from Frederick Rubien, secretary of the A. A. U., yesterday, saying that Payne had been selected and if he is able to straighten out his business affairs in time, will make the trip. According to the latest report the 50 athletes from this country will sail for France on June 1 instead of June 9.

Roll of Honor.

Mrs. M. L. Leeper, Mrs. Minnie Willaby, Mrs. David Taylor, Mrs. J. E. Froome, Mrs. F. S. LeGrow, Mrs. J. A. Kirk, Miss Mattie Copcock, Mrs. W. R. Taylor and Mrs. E. A. Dudley, comprised the roll of honor at the Red Cross working rooms Wednesday afternoon. Last week, the following five were present: Mrs. W. K. Wall, Mrs. Minnie Willaby, Mrs. Leeper, Miss Copcock, Mrs. W. R. Taylor and Mrs. Froome.

BOND GUARANTY IS NOT A BURDEN

That taxes will be lowered instead of increased by the state guaranteeing the interest on irrigation and drainage bonds for five years and solve one of the states important problems at the same time, was the statement of O. C. Leiter, director of the Oregon construction committee, who addressed the members' forum of the Portland Chamber of Commerce.

"If the measure is carried \$10,000,000 will be spent in Oregon in the next five years and each dollar will earn other dollars," said Mr. Leiter, "new taxable wealth will be created and a marked increase in productive land will take place, several hundred thousand acres of farms and prosperous citizens will be added and the livestock industry will grow."

"To be made effective, the plan should have the co-operation of all citizens, not merely the endorsement of a board of directors. The measure provides for \$5,000,000 bond issue by the state for the purpose of reconstruction is another of vital interest. The money will be under the state board of control and will be used when necessary to provide labor for unemployed, especially soldiers recently returned from the battlefield."

"The Roosevelt military highway along the coast is part of a scheme to build a road from British Columbia to Mexico to be used in case of emergency by the army and at other times will be servicable to farmers living along the coast and rank as one of the grandest scenic highways in the world."

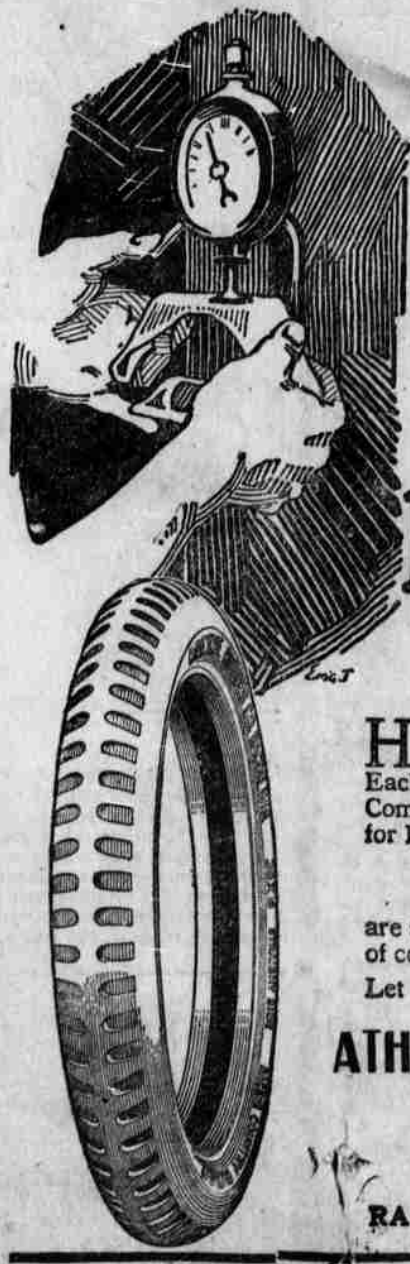
"This proposed highway will be the equivalent to another railroad and will cost the state only \$2,500,000 as an equal amount will be provided by the government, which will also pay for its upkeep. This road has the indorsement of the highest military authorities and is deemed a necessity."

Return From Portland.

V. C. Burke, Sam Haworth and Isaac Davidson returned Sunday from Portland where they went on matters pertaining to the transfer of the Burke & Son Garage to the Messrs. Winship, Davidson and Haworth. The new owners are now in possession of the garage, Mr. Davidson having removed his repair shop to the new quarters.

His Last Sermon.

Next Sunday night W. A. Pratt, pastor of the Methodist church will preach his last sermon before leaving Athena, on the subject: "Will Israel Be Saved?"



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Morrisette's New Home

The above is a modern home being built for E. Morrisette. It contains eight rooms, with living and dining rooms, kitchen, bedroom, reception hall, sleeping porch and

bathroom on first floor. The second floor contains three bedrooms with large closets, lavatory and hall. The house is built from plans furnished by the Tum-A-Lum Lumber company.