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REFERENDUM VOTE IS NEGATIVE HERE

The highest vote ever cast in an election here was polled Tuesday in Precincts Nos. 18, 19 and 20, on the nine measures referred by the Legislature. The entire ballot of the three precincts was overwhelmingly in the negative.

Reports from county and state show that the vote cast, excepting in the coast line counties, which were affected by the issue on the proposed Roosevelt highway, was light in the extreme. The vote for Athena precincts follows:

Precinct No. 18.—County bonding—yes 2, no 15; Reconstruction hospital—yes 3, no 13; Irrigation Guarantee—yes 1, no 15; Five Million Amendment—yes 3, no 13; Lieutenant Governor—yes 3, no 14; Roosevelt Highway—yes 4, no 11; Reconstruction Bonding Bill—yes 5, no 12; Soldiers Educational Aid—yes 5, no 11; Market roads—yes 6, no 9.

Precinct No. 19.—County Bonding—yes 10, no 10; Reconstruction—yes 4, no 17; Irrigation Guarantee—yes 7, no 15; Five Million amendment—yes 5, no 21; Lieutenant Governor—yes 4, no 22; Roosevelt Highway—yes 8, no 17; Reconstruction Bonding bill—yes 7, no 20; Soldiers Educational Aid—yes 10, no 15; Market Roads—yes 7, no 18.

Precinct No. 20.—County Bonding—yes 3, no 24; Reconstruction—yes 5, no 24; Irrigation Guarantee—yes 4, no 23; Five Million amendment—yes 4, no 23; Lieutenant Governor—yes 4, no 23; Roosevelt Highway—yes 4, no 21; Reconstruction—yes 4, no 23; Soldiers Educational aid—yes 7, no 20; Market Roads—yes 4, no 22.

Successful Pastorate.

Last Sunday night the Rev. W. A. Pratt preached his farewell sermon at the Methodist church and in a few days will be moving his family to their home in Pullman, Wash. The health of Mrs. Pratt being in a precarious condition, she is seeking rest from the pastorate at present. Upwards of two months of Mr. Pratt's eight months stay in Athena his church was closed because of the quarantine, but during the six months of active service, it is reported that more members have united with his church than during the incumbency of any pastor for several years. The construction of a pavement entrance into the basement and the much needed painting of the building, were the work of his own hands, materially improving the building. Mr. and Mrs. Pratt have made many friends during their short residence here, who regret their departure.

Y. M. C. A. Drive.

The drive for the Y. M. C. A. fund started Monday morning and will continue until \$4500 is raised in Umatilla county. Of this amount, Pendleton is expected to raise one half, and the balance of the county the remainder. Athena's quota is \$350 and Weston's \$250. M. W. Hansell is chairman for the Athena district and he will be assisted in soliciting by several who have taken part in other drives.

Bounty Now Is \$4.

Female coyotes killed subsequent to last Thursday will bring a bounty of but \$4, from the county, owing to the working of the new law which took effect May 29. The females have been paid for at the rate of \$6 a head since January 1, 1918, the bounty during 1918 having been \$4. The price of \$4 is to remain until further legislative action changes it.

ALL SERVICE MEN TO GET 5 CENTS TRAVEL PAY

Soldiers honorably discharged from service since November 11, 1918, are to receive travel pay at the rate of 5 cents per mile to actual bona fide home or residence, or place of original muster into the service, at the option of the soldier, according to word received at the Pendleton Red Cross home service office.

The war department has been authorized to make settlement of all claims for the 1-1-3 cents difference from place of discharge or entry into the military service, also the claims for additional allowance to actual bona fide home or residence can be determined from the affidavit of the soldier and verified by information contained in his original service record. Applications should be addressed as follows: Zone Finance Officer, Lemon Building, Washington, D. C.

The Red Cross will have on hand blank forms of application which include the necessary affidavit for the additional travel allowance. This affidavit must be accompanied by a true copy of the soldier's discharge certificate as such by a recruiting officer, or the original discharge certificate, the latter to be returned with the check for the travel pay. A certified copy of the discharge certificate submitted for payment of the \$60 bonus and now on file in the Zone Finance office will be accepted in lieu of other copy of original discharge certificate.

Standard Theatre Opened.

The Standard Theatre opened Wednesday evening to a capacity house, showing twice—at 7:30 and 9 o'clock. Athena people showed a marked appreciation of the enterprise in opening up a motion picture show house here. Tonight, William S. Hart appears in "Shark Monroe," and also includes Fatty Arbuckle in "The Butcher Boy." Tomorrow night, Douglas Fairbanks will be seen in his popular presentation of "In Again, Out Again," with which is offered a Mark Sennett two-reel comedy. Sunday night, Pauline Frederick comes in "Her Final Reckoning," supplemented with "Some Professor," comedy, and a Pathe Weekly, pictorial news summary. Admission for Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights will be 10-20-30c, war tax included. The ventilation system has been installed and is now perfect.

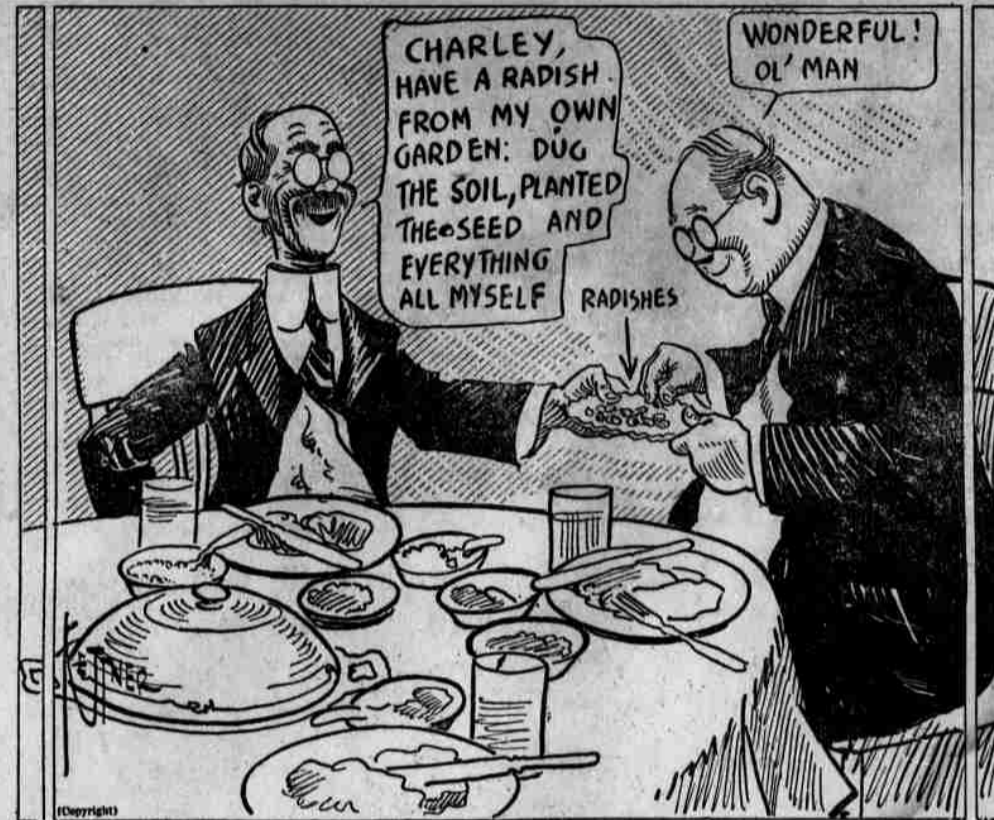
New Pumping Machinery.

The new pumping machinery for the Athena water system has arrived from the East, and is being installed this week at the pumping plant, located north of the Preston-Shaffer mill. The new equipment consists of a Deming triplex pump and a 20-horse power Westinghouse motor. The old steam equipment, boiler and pump, was removed this week by W. E. Dohson, to make room for the new machinery. Mr. Dohson attached a block and tackle to the big boiler and snaked it out of the building on rollers, using his Ford at the pulling end of the tackle.

The Whitman Masque.

One of the leading features of the Penrose quarter centennial celebration at Whitman College during commencement week, June 6 to 10, inclusive, will be the presentation of a masque by the students of the college. This will take place on Monday afternoon, June 9, in the natural amphitheatre in front of Billings hall. This masque has been written by former and present students of the college and by Dr. Penrose. Miss Zola Keen of Athena, a student at Whitman, has been selected as one of the sopranos for the big chorus.

The City Farmer



OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

The tenth annual strawberry fair and rose festival will be held in Lebanon this week.

Carl Whillock, 12 years of age, of Medford, was drowned in the Rogue river near Gold Ray.

Preparations for the erection of a new \$100,000 Presbyterian church building at Pendleton have been completed.

The extension division of the University of Oregon will hold its summer school in Portland from June 23 to August 1.

Lane county goat owners will realize about \$30,000 on mohair this season, according to N. S. Robb, county agricultural agent.

The resignation of Colonel John L. May as adjutant general for the state of Oregon was received by Governor Olcott, effective June 1.

The boys' and girls' clubs of Coos bay held a big meeting Wednesday in Marshfield. Exhibitions of sewing by the girls and cooking demonstrations were given.

Following an attempt at reconciliation with his divorced wife, Lee Patterson, aged 35 years, a resident of Baker, shot himself through the head with a revolver.

Roseburg will celebrate the national holiday with a three-day program, July 24. The B. P. O. E. will sponsor the biggest celebration of its kind in the history of Douglas county.

Oregon's lumber production has increased 50 per cent since 1915, according to figures compiled by T. J. Stark, forest examiner, office of products, United States forest service.

Through a system of savings accounts the Umatilla public school children have earned and invested in war savings stamps and liberty bonds the sum of \$720 during the school term.

Because of the belief that western buyers are too cautious and that there is greater competition in the eastern market, a considerable amount of Umatilla county wool is going to Boston.

Governor Olcott has announced the appointment of V. H. Vawter of Medford as a member of the board of regents of the University of Oregon. He succeeds W. H. Gore, whose term has expired.

The wool pool of Yamhill county was sold to Nispen Brothers of Bellevue. Competition in the sales was strong. The entire clip is estimated at about 50,000 pounds, and the accepted bid was 50 cents.

Stockmen of Lane county are planning a trip by automobile this week from Eugene to the lower Willamette valley points to inspect herds of pure bred cattle and study methods of handling herds.

Umatilla county, now has \$757,000, received from the sale of road bonds, for road work being done in the county. As fast as contracts can be let the road construction planned is being put under way.

J. M. Thomas, deputy game warden of Coos county, has been informed that wild pigeons are so numerous on several inlets of Coos bay that ranchers are destined to suffer heavy losses from their depredations.

R. C. SEWING DISCONTINUED, KNITTERS TAKE UP WORK

The Red Cross sewing rooms will be closed during the summer months, and no meetings will be held until further notice.

The local auxiliary this week finished and sent in to Pendleton headquarters, 75 refugee garments, consisting of boys' shirts. This unit has done faithful service, and those ladies whose names have appeared on the honor roll each week are deserving of the highest praise for their unflinching attendance and faithful work done for the Red Cross cause.

Notwithstanding the sewing for the summer will cease, the work will continue in the Knitting Club. It is announced that 600 pounds of yarn has been received for work in the Umatilla Chapter, and this must be knitted into children's stockings, men's sweaters and scarfs, and women's shawls, within the coming two months. So the activities of the Athena Knitting Club will go on, and new members and helpers will be gladly received.

Chop Mill Building.

The chop mill building recently purchased of the Clemons estate by B. B. Richards, was moved this week to the site prepared for it at the Richards mill on Current street. Mr. Groom, the Milton house mover, had the contract for taking the building to its present location, and transporting it along the streets was easily done with his equipment. Crossing Main street was timed for Monday evening, when the electric wires were out to permit the building to cross over, along Second street.

To Represent Chapter.

McKenzie Chapter, O. E. S., will be represented at the Grand Chapter session in Portland next week by Mrs. R. B. McEwen, Mrs. W. S. Ferguson, Mrs. A. B. Steele, and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph N. Scott, all of whom will leave here Sunday. They will each remain in Portland and the valley for an indefinite visit with friends. Mrs. A. B. McEwen, who resides in Portland but who is a charter member of this chapter, will also attend the grand chapter sessions.

A Splendid Monument.

Homer I. Watts has placed an order with a Baker firm for a splendid monument to be placed at the grave of his departed wife, in Athena cemetery. The monument which is of granite, will be of large proportions and will support a figure of life-size. The cost of the beautiful stone will be approximately \$4,000 and it will bear the distinction of being the only one of its design in the West. One was recently put up in a cemetery in the East. Sixty days are required in which to cut the stone.

More Rain Needed.

Growing wheat in Umatilla county is showing the need of rain. The next month will be the critical one for the crop. The month of May, fell short of the normal precipitation, but with the normal quantity of moisture during June, farmers generally predict a good yield with a fair chance of a bumper production.

JURY WAS LENIENT WITH THIS RETURNED SOLDIER

Clarence Truitt, charged with assault in the first degree, was acquitted in the superior court in Walla Walla, Monday. The jury was out but a short time. The trial grew out of the alleged shooting at Constable L. C. Jones of Prescott, while Jones was escorting Truitt's wife to where she was stopping in Prescott. The complaining witness alleged that Truitt shot at him several times. The jury which tried the case consisted of J. LeRoux, George Ginn, R. J. Gibbons, Thomas A. Martin, T. J. Stanfield, R. T. Inman, William Garvey, S. D. Kinman, Ralph Reid, Roy Lee, Arthur Masters and R. A. Horton.

After the alleged assault, Truitt, who had just been discharged from the army, went to Freewater, where he was later arrested at his mother's home. He appeared at his trial in full army uniform.

Truitt and his wife had separated and she had sued for a divorce. An injunction had been secured to restrain him from interfering with her and the prosecution alleged that Jones was with her to protect her from Truitt, while the defense claimed Truitt thought Jones was paying her undue attentions.

Pioneers' Reunion.

Today and tomorrow, the Umatilla county pioneers are holding their annual reunion at Weston. A large number of Athena people will be in attendance and many automobiles, loaded with people from the districts to the west have been passing through town today. An exceptionally interesting program has been arranged for the entertainment of the members of the Pioneers' Association and the hundreds of people who are attending the reunion.

J. M. Hays has been ill at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Frank Berlin, for some time.

RATE FIXING RESTS WITH GOVERNMENT

Cases involving the right of Director General of Railroads Lines and Postmaster General Burleson to set intrastate railroad and telephone rates were decided in favor of the government by the supreme court, Tuesday.

Although a number of states were prosecuting suits directed at Burleson the decision came in the case carried up by South Dakota in which the state tried to force a telephone company not to force the rates Burleson had set. The court held the power of setting intrastate phone rates rests in Burleson.

The court decided that the director general of railroads has the right to set intrastate as well as interstate rates. This is a reversal of a North Dakota courts decision, which held that the setting of intrastate rates by the director general was an infringement on the powers of the state.

While the Oregon public service commission is interested in the outcome of the test case brought by South Dakota to test the jurisdiction of the federal control of railroads and wire lines, it was not directly concerned, it was explained Monday at the office of the commission.

The only test brought here was in the case of the increased telephone rates. In that case, the postmaster general had suggested to the commission that it make its investigation rather on the basis of the merits of the controversy than on that of jurisdiction. Following this course, the findings were reached without the conflict of authority that featured the South Dakota case.

F. S. LeGrow informs the Press that a portion of the Victory loan bond issue of the smaller denominations have been received at the First National Bank.



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