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BANQUET GIVEN THE HIGH SCHOOL BOYS SHOWS SPIRIT HERE

Toastmaster Richards and M. L. Watts, Principal Speaker of Evening, Hit Response Chord.

In appreciation of the splendid showing made by Athena High School in athletics and school work general, a number of Athena business men and friends of the school, tendered a banquet to the members of the basketball team, Professors Hadley and Basler and boys of the High School at the St. Nicholas hotel, Friday evening.

B. B. Richards acted as toastmaster at the banquet which was served on a table extending the full length of the dining room. The banquet was enlivened by a chorus of school girls in song at the piano, and short talks were made by Mr. Richards, Prof. Basler, Leon Kretzer, James Hodgson, John Pinkerton and F. B. Boyd.

Mr. Watts in a pleasant, get-together way, expressed the sentiment of the school board and the community generally in appreciation of the splendid spirit prevailing in school matters in Athena and he particularly called attention to mutual understanding and co-operation of the school patron, the parent and teacher.

He wanted a good school always, he said, and to make a good school required hard work on the part of the student. The district, the board and community as a whole, was doing its part, and he was satisfied that the students appreciated their opportunity, and were doing their best to secure the advantages of a good school-training held out to them.

Mr. Watts in his speech, held to the policy of retaining school superintendents and principals, who by effort and capability had proved their worth as educators. He and other speakers were emphatic in their desire that Professor Hadley and Professor Basler remain at the head of Athena schools.

Mr. Richards voiced the sentiment of all present when he proclaimed that he favored school tax reduction just to the extent that the cut would not impair the efficiency of the public school system or the institutions of higher education.

He favored the retention of Prof. Hadley and Prof. Basler, to head the Athena schools, and reviewed the success of the schools. Mr. Richards has been connected with the school, as a member of the board in the past, is a warm supporter of the school, and his remarks served to warm up everyone present with a spirit typifying the occasion as one long to be remembered in school affairs of the town.

Professor Hadley responded on behalf of the school, and Professor Basler paid tribute to the success of the local boys in their athletic efforts. After the banquet the hosts and guests repaired to Legion Hall where dancing was enjoyed during the remainder of the evening.

FUNERAL OF W. E. DOBSON WAS HELD IN PORTLAND

Funeral services for W. E. Dobson were held in Portland from the Dunning undertaking parlors, Thursday of last week. Services at the graves were conducted by the Knights of Pythias, three grand officers of the order officiating, and the funeral sermon was preached by Rev. Griffith of the First Christian church of Portland.

William Ezra Dobson was born in Deloit, Iowa, October 1, 1870, and died in Portland, Oregon, March 13, 1922. He leaves one sister, Mrs. Alice Dobson-Upton, of Astoria, Oregon; one brother, Ward P. Dobson, of Los Angeles, California. He was married at Toledo, Oregon, February 25, 1898, to Miss Lillian Downs.

One daughter was born who died in infancy. He joined the Christian church when Dr. S. M. Martin was in Athena, and was a member of Knights of Pythias, and United Artisans.

ASHLAND WON CHAMPIONSHIP

The Ashland High School basketball team, won the state championship at the tournament in Salem, Saturday night, by defeating the Eastern Oregon champions, Pendleton, by the score of 45 to 22. Pendleton defeated North Bend and Eugene in the preliminary games, and Ashland nosed out Astoria with the score 28 to 27.

WENT INTO THE DITCH

A big touring car went into the ditch at the place where the washout occurred, near Havens Station, Saturday night. The car bore an Oregon license. No one was hurt, and Monday the car was lifted from the ditch and taken to Pendleton.

TAYPAYERS LEAGUE FIRE QUESTIONS AT CANDIDATES

At the meeting of the Taxpayers' League at Pendleton, Saturday a committee submitted a questionnaire to be submitted to candidates for office in the coming campaign, for approval of the members of the league members, attending the meeting.

The questionnaire as submitted by the league committee embraces the following: Question 1. The Umatilla county taxpayers league stands for a general revision downward of all state, county and municipal taxes to the lightest possible load of taxation upon the people consistent with same, economical and efficient government. Can you subscribe to this general declaration of purpose?

Question 2. Favors an equal and just taxation upon all classes of property, and that all future bond issues be made tax bearing.

Question 3. What do you favor and propose in regard to useless officers and employees eating up taxpayers money?

Question 4. What is your position on bureaucratic and delegated authority for law enforcement by special agents, demonstrators and other employees?

Question 5. How do you stand upon the question of duplications of service and additional appropriations in our educational institutions, outside of present millage tax laws?

Question 6. What is your pledge against the employment of an army of extravagant clerks at the legislative sessions?

Question 7. Will you pledge your best endeavors to cut the next legislative budget of ten per cent less than the previous year, instead of six per cent greater?

Question 8. What of a six per cent limitation law, and do you favor reducing taxation or increasing sources of revenue by new forms of taxation?

Question 9. Do you favor a state income tax?

Question 10. We recommend \$193,000, exclusive of millage \$104,054, for fair purposes be discontinued for a period of five years, and also further buildings for fair purposes be discontinued except the maintenance of the central state fair. What is your position in this matter?

Question 11. We favor discontinuing \$175,000 for live stock association, \$75,000 to tourist bureau, and \$25,000 to tourist information bureau. How do you feel about it?

Question 12. Would you cut out \$84,000 benefit to commercial fishermen?

Question 13. The bureau of mines expends \$50,000 and the livestock sanitary board \$50,000 more. Would you cut 'em out?

Question 14. Expenses under head of protection to persons and property, total \$916,893, an increase of \$496,018 over the two previous years. What would you do about it?

Question 15. Could not the Industrial accident commission, drawing \$179,093 be made self sustaining?

Question 16. How do you stand on the position of abolishing the Oregon national guard, costing \$285,700, as a separate institution, and confining military training within the state to county and state schools?

Question 17. Would you favor consolidating all branches of health department under one head and cutting appropriations for same 50 per cent?

Question 18. Would you oppose special sessions of the legislature?

Question 19. We believe that the total legislature budget for 1921-1922 amounting to \$7,260,890 can be cut \$2,000,000. Do you?

A PRACTICE SCHOOL AT THE SUMMER NORMAL MEET

Teachers of Eastern Oregon will be afforded the opportunity of doing work in practice school in conjunction with the six weeks session of the summer normal school at Pendleton, this summer, according to an announcement made recently by President J. S. Landers of the State Normal School at Monmouth. The session will begin June 19 and will be concluded the latter part of July.

One of the requirements which graduates of normal schools must meet in order to secure a diploma is a certain amount of directed teaching in a practice school under the criticism of skilled instructors. Heretofore the Pendleton normal has not offered this feature, and the decision of the state to make available to Eastern Oregon teachers the opportunity of this extra training in the normal school in their own section of the state is expected to add to the popularity of the course.

HADLEY AND BASLER TO HEAD SCHOOL NEXT YEAR

At a meeting of the Athena school board Wednesday evening, Superintendent O. C. Hadley and Professor Basler were elected to head the school for the coming year, at the same salary paid them during the present year, \$2500 and \$1800, respectively. Salaries in other departments of the school were cut slightly, in conformity with the general decrease in teacher's salaries throughout the northwest.

The services of Mr. Hadley were sought by other school boards at the salary paid him here, and the board wisely retained him and also his capable assistant, Mr. Basler.

The board reduced the other two high school positions from \$1400 and \$1500 respectively to \$1350; grade teachers from \$1200 to \$1100, and janitor from \$120 per month to \$100 per month.

The board granted Superintendent Hadley three days leave of absence from the school to afford him the opportunity of attending the Inland Empire Teacher's Institute at Spokane, April 5, 6 and 7, the greatest convention of teachers in the Northwest.

WILL ATHENA GET IN THE GAME THIS YEAR?

The baseball bug has crawled out of his winter cocoon and pertinently asks whether or not Athena will be in league ball this year. Indications would point to the word "whether" with the caveat NOT following in big letters.

Pendleton not being able to interest Hermiston in a six team league proposition, turns to Athena to fill the gap in the Walla Walla-Dayton-Waitburg-Milton-Freswater-Pendleton combination, but the local baseball moon sheds no beams on talent of sufficient calibre to justify going out and raising lucre other than for a team composed of local players to play independent ball with teams of nearby towns.

A local fan, zealous in his fanning for a team here, slips a communication to the Press sporting editor in which he quotes Wm. L. Phelps of Yale relative to Sunday baseball, and says that he's simply dying to again hear the crack of the bat. He ends his communication with, "Let's have a ball team, men. Root, root, root for the home team. Let's go!"

125,000 PESTS POISONED

Thousands of jack rabbits in Lake, Malheur, Morrow and Umatilla counties have "bit the local baseball moon" comparatively low price of alfalfa hay, according to extension authorities. These rabbit-poisoning campaigns were carried on by county agricultural agents in connection with the United States biological survey. More than 125,000 of the long-eared pests were wiped out in Morrow county, where strychnine poison was found to produce the best results.

DEATH OF MRS. ELLIS

Mrs. Clara Ellis, widow of the late Rev. Geo. T. Ellis, former pastor of the Athena Baptist church, died at Hot Lake, Union county, March 17, aged 76 years. Mrs. Ellis had been at Hot Lake for some time, going from her home in Baker to that place to take treatments. She is survived by one son, William H. Ellis, of Baker.

FARM WORK IS ON

Farm work has commenced with plowing under way in the west end of the county and in the vicinity of Helix and Pilot Rock. In other parts of the county, discing is being done. Reports say that frost yet remains on the north hillside slopes.

ATHENA CEMETERY ASSOCIATION FORMS ITS WORKING PLANS

Officers Elected and Financial Resources To Be Organized At Public Meeting In Near Future

The Athena Cemetery Association was organized Monday night at the law office of Watts & Prestbye. These officers head the organization: H. I. Watts, president; T. A. Lieuallen, of Adams, vice-president; E. C. Prestbye, secretary-treasurer.

Delegates at the meeting of organization were N. A. Miller, Masonic Lodge; Sanford Stone, I. O. O. F.; A. E. Shick, K. of P.; City Council, E. C. Prestbye, city attorney; delegate at large, H. I. Watts.

The organization will be known as the Athena Cemetery Association, and its object will be to improve and maintain the cemetery grounds. It is proposed to secure money for an irrevocable fund by popular subscriptions, and Homer I. Watts heads the subscription list with \$500 and should the fund reach \$10,000, he will subscribe \$500 more.

The subscriptions are not necessarily to be cash subscriptions, but notes of subscribers, bearing 5 per cent interest will be taken by the Association. The membership fee on joining the Association has been placed at \$1, with the object of having everyone who has relatives buried in the Athena cemetery, and everyone not having relatives or friends buried there is eligible to membership also, upon payment of the \$1 fee.

An additional plot of ground, comprising approximately four acres, which will include and adjoining the present burial site on the west and a strip 33 feet wide extending the full length of the property on the south will be acquired by the Association, it is proposed.

The present status of the cemetery is that there is practically no space left, and it is necessary to enlarge the property in order to accommodate burial facilities for the community. Monday night, the delegates will again meet at the office of Watts & Prestbye when the constitution and by-laws of the Association will be adopted. Also, in the near future there will be a public meeting held at High School auditorium, when the citizens of Athena and Adams and communities will be given an opportunity to discuss the matter of pre-conditions organization and subscriptions in detail.

Mr. T. A. Lieuallen has been selected as delegate to represent Adams in the Association, for the reason that many families of that town and vicinity have long used the Athena cemetery as their burial place, and it is desired that they become identified in the movement for improving the cemetery, by becoming members of the Association.

GIRL SHOOTS COMPANION

Edri Atkins, 12 years old, a pupil at the Berner school, in Walla Walla, suffered a flesh wound in the right leg today when a pistol in the hands of Katherine Hoffman, 14 years old, was discharged. In attempting to unload it the pistol was discharged. The girl said she carried the pistol to keep from being annoyed by boys.

FARMERS INTERESTED IN WHEAT TEST REDUCTIONS

Farmers of the Athena section are much interested in the recommendations made by the Umatilla and Walla Walla county wheat growers before the Public Service Commission at Pendleton last week, when it was proposed to lower the test of White Club Wheat from 60 pounds to 58 pounds, and to change the term "White Walls" to that of "White Western."

The recommendations concerned test weights, moisture content, dockage, combination of wheats, sub-classes, abolition of special limitations, "smutty" wheat, establishment of a sample market, and discounts and charges, relative to the East Oregonian.

An important recommendation was one asking that the same application of the hard white and soft white sub-classes be made and that all white wheats or mixtures of white wheats containing more than 10 per cent of white club be designated as "White Western," and that where the percentage on the certificate. The new designation, say farmers, is much more desirable than the designation "White Walls," as the word "Walla" is in a bad repute.

Establishments of a sample market in Portland by the commission was urged by farmers. Such a market, they declare, would be most beneficial to the farmers. Here buyers would purchase samples and wheat would be judged accordingly.

Change in the definition of "smutty" wheat to the following was asked: Smutty wheat shall be all wheat which has an unmistakable odor of smut, or which contains spores, balls, or portions of balls, of smut, in excess of a quantity equal to four balls of average size in 50 grams of wheat. It was recommended that discounts and charges in connection with smutty wheat be referred to the commission for a more equitable adjustment.

Abolition of the special limitations on Hard Red Winter and Hard Red Spring, with reference to mixtures with white wheat, was urged. The present sub-classification of Hard Red Spring was approved, as was the present method of determining test weight in relation to foreign materials, other than dockage.

The lowering of the present of the moisture content from 14 to 12 was asked, with the recommendation that when the content is in excess of 12 per cent, it be graded as having "excess moisture."

The lowering of the test weight of White Club from 60 to 58, to be uniform with that of Hard Red Spring, was another recommendation. Combination of the present classes of Common White and White Club, into a class to be known as White Wheat, and subdivided into Hard White, soft White and White Western.

GIBSON AND DUCHESS

Two more good pictures are coming to the Standard Theatre for the coming Saturday and Sunday night programs. One of the best bills in a long time is scheduled for tomorrow, Saturday, evening when Hoot Gibson, always popular here will be seen in a smashing five-reel Western, "Red Courage," and the inimitable Harold Lloyd comes back to the local picture house in "Under and Over." Sunday night one of the greatest horse race scenes ever screened will be seen in "The Sporting Duchess," featuring Alice Joyce.

AGAIN WITH S. O. CO.

Vert Maslin is again with the local distributing station of the Standard Oil Co., in capacity of deliveryman. Mr. Maslin was in the employ of the company last season.

ETUDE CLUB TO PRESENT JAPANESE COMIC OPERA

Tuesday evening, April 4th has been designated as the date on which the Japanese comic opera, "Yokohama Maid," will be produced at the high school auditorium.

The play is given under the auspices of the Etude club, and the entire membership will take part, being assisted by the best male musical talent in the city, thirty people, including the cast of characters and chorus comprising the personnel. The play is in two acts, and the musical numbers are as follows:

Act I The Herald's song, (Takasi) "Listen, O Ye People." Chorus, "O Sing-a-Song is Sweet Been." Song (Tung Waga) "All Wrinkled is the Yellow Cheek." Chorus, "Sing-a-Song Approaches." Duet, (Kissimie & Knogudi) "When a Maiden Falls in Love." Song, (Sing-a-Song) "When a Maiden's Sweet Sixteen." Duet, (Sing-a-Song & Fattedo) "I Shall be Proud." Finale.

Act II Opening Chorus, "Waiting Expectantly." Recitation and Solo, (Muyon Yu) "Attention Ye!" Chorus, "Here Comes the Mayor." Song, (Ah No) "Suki Tong." Song, (Sing-a-Song) "Back Again to Old Japan." Duet, "Oh What is a Maiden to Do." Ballad, (Harry) "A Heart Once Went." Quartet, "And Thus You See." Chorus, "Our Hearts Are Wrung." Trio, "I Am the Mayress of Dollarsville." Sextette & Chorus, "Wedding Bells."

Following is the principal cast: Takasi, the herald of Kyoboshi, D. S. Fisher; Muyon, a policeman, Louis Stewart; Ah No, a Chinese laundry man from the U. S. A., F. E. Russell; Fattedo, Mayor of Kyoboshi, C. M. Eager; Knogudi, his secretary, O. C. Hadley; Harry Cortese, an American lawyer, L. Basler; O Sing-a-Song, a Japanese heiress, Mrs. D. T. Stone; Kissimie, her companion, Mrs. D. S. Fisher; Tung Waga, an elderly nurse, Mrs. R. B. McEwen; Hilda and Stella, American tourists, Mrs. Robert Proud and Mrs. J. L. Michener; Chorus of Japanese, wedding guests, etc.

The first act is laid in the garden of O Sing-a-Song in the suburbs of Yokohama, and the second in the grounds of the Mayor's residence at Kyoboshi. Time, the present.

Mrs. O. O. Stephens presides at the piano, and will be assisted by an orchestra. Mrs. Loren Basler is directing the opera, and nightly rehearsals are being held.

The Etude club is indebted to the Hopf, Crescent and Alexander's stores in Pendleton for costumes, which will be worn by the leading characters. The play will be given in Helix on Monday evening, April 3, preceding the appearance at the school auditorium.

HAD A CLOSE CALL IN PORTLAND AUTO WRECK

Charles B. Preston, former resident of Waitsburg and Walla Walla, and well known in Athena, had a miraculous escape from being killed in an automobile wreck at Portland, last Saturday.

Preston, driving a big automobile was taking his friend and neighbor, A. M. Cannon, to the Waverly County club. He undertook to cross the interurban track of the P. R. L. & P. company's Oregon City line just as a scotchbound electric train was passing the private road leading to the clubhouse.

The escape of the two men from instant death soon became a topic of conversation among the club members who saw the automobile struck just back of the driver's seat and smashed against a post, whirled back to the track and pushed ahead of the train for nearly 200 feet. The car was demolished, practically nothing being left of it except the chassis—and it badly twisted—and the engine and its covering.

A few minutes after the crash, both men were able to walk, with assistance, to an automobile which conveyed them to the hospital. Healing ointments, protective bandages, and a brief period of rest restored their shaky nerves.

TO CONTROL SHEEP SCAB

Dr. Earl B. Osborn, formerly a veterinarian of this city has resigned from the husbandry department of O. A. C. and at the close of the present term will take the position as assistant state veterinarian of Oregon. Dr. Osborn held this position before going to the college in 1920. The first work he will undertake will be the control and cure of sheep scab, which has just broken out in Central Oregon, between Bend and Paisley.

SPORTSMEN TO ORGANIZE

It is proposed to effect a county organization of sportsmen to affiliate and work in connection with the Oregon State Sportsmen's association. Seventeen counties were represented at a meeting in Portland, when the state association was organized, recently. Dan C. Bowman of Pendleton, represented Umatilla county.

The treasurer of Adams county, Washington, has received in taxes from railroads to date, \$422,903. A considerable sum is still due from the railroads under this heading.

CONVICT SHOT WHEN MISSILE IS THROWN AT GUARD DAVIDSON

Guard Who Quelled Prison Riot At Walla Walla, By Killing the Noted Felon, "Tiger" Johnson.

James Ogle, Oregon penitentiary convict serving a life sentence for the murder of J. N. Burgess and George Peringer of Pendleton at the Claremont tavern near Portland, on the night of November 21, 1918, was shot and instantly killed by penitentiary guard John Davidson Tuesday morning, when Ogle heaved a rock at the guard, barely missing Davidson's head.

Davidson, who is absolutely fearless and a trusted guard of 15 years' experience, shot the prisoner when he reached for a second missile to throw. The bullet entered the left shoulder and Ogle soon expired. The shooting took place from the wall of the "bull pen," in which Ogle had been confined since he attempted to make his escape from the prison about a year ago.

Some time ago penitentiary officials warned the guard to watch Ogle closely, as he had made threats to break for liberty; and when he threw the rock at Davidson, the guard believed the convict was bringing his threat into execution.

The day following the murder of Burgess and Peringer, Ogle, David Smith and "Dutch" Herman were trailed to a rooming house by a posse headed by the late Til Taylor, who happened to be in Portland at the time. The murderers were given a life sentence on pleading guilty, and in 1920 Ogle, saying he wanted to come clean in the matter, admitted to Warden Compton that he did the killing.

Ogle had a prison record before being sent up for the Claremont murders, having served time at Deer Lodge, Montana, Walla Walla and Monroe, Wash. He was 34 years of age. His father resides at Boise, Idaho.

John Davidson, penitentiary guard, formerly resident in this community, where he engaged in farming and is highly regarded by all who know him. He has two daughters living in Athena, Mrs. Fred Pinkerton and Mrs. Alex McIntyre.

When "Tiger" Johnson, one of the most desperate criminals ever confined in the Washington penitentiary at Walla Walla, staged his daring attempt to escape, it was the coolness of Davidson, then a guard at the institution, that prevented a general prison delivery. The guard shot Johnson dead, at once quelling the convict insurrection.

In writing up the Ogle shooting Portland papers gave a garbled account of the shooting of A. L. "Hog" Berry, a mountain recluse, by Davidson 30 years ago.

Berry, an ill-natured and domineering old mountaineer, had words with Davidson over the use of a well located on the Davidson place, during the dry season, when there was water only sufficient for Davidson's stock. Berry held a grudge against Davidson and had made threats against him to others. During the winter following he borrowed a rifle from a neighbor, ostensibly to kill hogs, but lay in wait for Davidson at a gate near the roadside.

Returning from Weston on horseback, Davidson saw Berry approaching, and as he dropped off the horse to open the gate, Berry fired at him. Davidson's seat and gun were sent to his home a short distance away, and that night came to Weston and gave himself up. A coroner's jury drove to the scene of the shooting in two feet of snow, and the tracks made by Berry and Davidson were conclusive evidence to the jury that Davidson had acted in self defense.

SQUIRRELS STILL SLEEP

Ground squirrels are continuing to hibernates in Eastern Oregon more than two weeks later than their customary appearance while rodent destroyers are watching their holes with tasty poison baits. Ira N. Gabrielson, in charge of rodent control work for the biological survey, has returned from Union and Wallowa counties, where he sent out several hundred pounds of poison among the different communities. Although the squirrels usually come out by March 1, they have appeared this year only on the south hillsides. There is more than a foot of snow over Wallowa county, and it only recently melted in Union county.

IN CHICKEN BUSINESS

J. H. Samuel, formerly engaged in the dry business in Athena, has purchased the laying hens of Donald McFadyen, numbering several hundred and will engage in the poultry business on large scale. He has erected a new chicken house on his property in the northwest part of town.

PICNIC DATES SELECTED

Dates for the annual Pioneer's Picnic at Weston, have been selected. The big reunion of the Pioneers of Umatilla county, will be held this year on Friday and Saturday, June 9th and 10th.

Now That the Miners Threaten Strike

