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## SECOND SMOKER ON FOR TOMORROW EVENING BY LEGION POST

### Four Corking Preliminaries and a Six-Round Contest Between Mitchie and Crooks.

In view of the splendid reception and patronage extended the initial smoker given by Athena-Weston American Legion Post at Legion Hall in Athena, on Saturday evening, April 15th, and the general demand for another, the members of the post have decided to put on their second boxing card tomorrow night.

The first card being one of eminent success, the committee arranging the card for tomorrow night was called upon to put on contests that would equal that of the first smoker, and this it has done. If comparisons in talent count for anything, the bouts



W. A. Crooks

for tomorrow night will be superior. The top liner for tomorrow night will be a six-round go, between W. A. Crooks of Walla Walla, and Pete Mitchie of Portland, the men weighing in at 138 pounds. Crooks has been a successful boxer in the ring and his victories are many. Mitchie who is hard as nails, is in the front rank boxing class of his weight, and has put up many a hard bout.

For the preliminaries, all of which will be of four rounds, the following boxers will respond to the gong:  
Stanley Ketchell of Walla Walla, vs. Danny Edwards of United States.  
Dick Barnes, Walla Walla, vs. Baldy Bennett of Washington.  
Stahl of Adams, vs. Big Bill Murray of Athena.  
Mose Banister of Athena, vs. Sam Luton of Pendleton.  
Seroy of Walla Walla, will referee the contests. Ladies are specially invited to attend the smoker.

### MEMORIAL HALL BENEFIT

A number of Athena people saw a good comedy drama produced with Weston talent in the cast, Tuesday night, when they attended the Memorial Hall Benefit at Weston. "The Old New Hampshire Home," with typical New England settings, was staged in a manner worthy of professional effort, and the acting, especially the comedy roles, qualified the characters in much higher degree than is usually encountered in amateur theatricals. A goodly sum was netted the Memorial Hall fund.

### SQUEEZED BY TRUCK

Richard Thompson narrowly escaped serious injury one day this week, when cranking his truck, which was in gear, the machine forced him against a building, pinning him up against it. A horse tied to the truck, became scared, pulled back and its weight was instrumental in releasing Mr. Thompson from his perilous position. He received bruises as a result of the squeeze.

### FINE GROWING WEATHER

Mild showers of the past day or two have been ideal for boosting gardens and growing crops. Favorable prospects are in evidence at the present stage of vegetable growth.

### FARM WORK ADVANCING

With better weather conditions, farm work, including plowing, has made progress in the Athena wheat raising district. Many of the farmers will finish plowing this week.

## Boys Strip Ford Truck Radiator

Lowell Wilson and Everett Pambrun were before Judge Richards Monday to answer to the charge of stealing the radiator from Richards' Ford truck, which was kept at his chop mill.

The radiator and its connections was stripped from the Judge's truck and put on a Ford car in young Wilson's possession. When brought into court, young Wilson confessed and implicated Pambrun.

The matter was referred to the juvenile court at Pendleton, and Officer John Halley came to Athena Wednesday. The result of his investigation was that the boys and their parents will be cited to appear before Judge Schanep for hearing.

It is said that the Pambrun boy has been in the juvenile court before. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Pambrun, and Lowell Wilson is the son of Mrs. Clyde Sarda. The Pambrun boy has been staying at the home of the Wilson boy in Athena.

### GWINN CONTINUES TO GAIN

Friends and supporters of J. H. Gwinn, the republican candidate for congress, out to beat Sinnott, present incumbent, contend that he is making gains wherever he appears and announces the straightup platform on which he is making the race for office. Jim's friends are legion over the entire district, and they are predicting his nomination and election.

### MORROW CANDIDATE HERE

E. M. Hulden of Morrow county, republican candidate for joint representative for Umatilla and Morrow counties was in the city Tuesday. His opponents for the nomination on the republican ticket are: E. P. Dodd of Hermiston, and Mr. Smith of Pilot Rock.

## MILTON TAKES GAME BY CLOSE SCORE OF 3 TO 2

In a close game, in which every variety of baseball, good, bad and indifferent was played, Milton wandered home with the fat end of a 3 to 2 score, in her game with Athena high school on the home lot, last Friday afternoon.

The cousins Hodgen occupied the mound and in the pitching duel, the Athena cousin had a shade the better of his Milton kinsman, in that he allowed but two hits and whiffed six, while the opposing Hodgen was nicked for seven clouts, and sent six Athena batters back to the cushions.

Athena lost the game twice on snoozley base-running, and Hodgen's masterly pitching went for naught.

Milton showed nothing except ability to get around the bases when once she got on, and a fairly good infield. The score:  
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9  
Milton ..... 1 0 1 0 0 0 1 0 0—3  
Athena ..... 0 1 0 1 0 0 0 0 0—2

Batteries, Hodgen and Sevey; A. Hodgen and B. Hodgen.

### AUTHOR ON PROGRAM AT ANNUAL SILVER TEA

A most satisfactory and successful function of the Civic Club, was the annual silver tea, held Tuesday afternoon in the reception rooms of the Christian church. The principal feature on the program was the appearance of Mrs. Florence Bennett Anderson of Walla Walla, author.

Mrs. Anderson gave a reading of several of her poems and also a short story, entertaining her audience in a delightful manner. Other numbers on the program were piano and vocal music by members of the Etude Club.

Mrs. Anderson was accompanied from Walla Walla by Mrs. Frank Robinson, and ladies from Watsburg. Weston was represented by several ladies from the Saturday afternoon club, and the Athena women were loyal in support of the tea. The sum of \$25 was added to the club treasury.

### IMPROVEMENT CONTRACT

The city council let the contract for improving Hunt Avenue on the West side, to Pat Lonergan, at a recent meeting. The improvement of the street, which has long been needed consists of grading, macadamizing and rolling.

### CARL MCCONNELL INJURED

Friday, at the Hiflow Richmond place near Helix which he is farming, Carl McConnell was seriously injured by a mule which collided with him as he ran out the barn door in an effort to intercept the animal and drive it into the barn. He sustained a badly broken shoulder.

## Registers Stand Again Impostors

At the regular meeting of the Athena-Weston Post of the American Legion Monday night, it was reported that many communities had been recently annoyed by beggars and peddlers seeking to raise funds by representing that they were needy ex-service men or that they had the sanction of the American Legion to ply their trade. Those men are impostors pure and simple and the local post is absolutely opposed to all such practices.

Should this community be invaded the general public is requested to cooperate with the Legion by refusing to grant their requests or buy their wares, or by notifying some of the Post officials, that steps may be taken to rid the community of their presence. The post is prepared to care for the immediate needs of all worthy exservice men in distress, but they believe in giving short shift to the professional hobo or scoundrel.

It was voted that the representatives of the Post to the County Council be instructed to vote favorably on the plan of a combined celebration to be put on in one town by all the posts in the county.

The state convention at The Dalles was discussed and tentative plans for several auto loads of local Legionnaires to attend were made.

Plans for installing a large radio-receiving set were discussed, final action being delayed a few days until further information could be secured.

It was decided that the phonograph dance would be held within the next three weeks at which time the holder of the lucky number would be presented with the \$250 Stradiva. The date will be announced as soon as a desirable orchestra can be secured. Only holders of tickets will be admitted.

## WOMAN AUTO DRIVER RUNS DOWN AND INJURES BOY

A small boy was run over and badly hurt Sunday at a point near the J. L. York place on Dry creek, by an automobile driven by a woman who lost control of the car. The youngster, who was with an outfit of movers, was walking alongside the state highway when struck by the car, which plunged through a fence and into an adjacent field. The boy, who was taken by a passing motorist, Lester O'Hara, to a hospital, had an arm broken in three places and sustained other serious injuries.

He was one of nine children in a family named Stark. A man accompanied the woman in the car which struck him, and the two are said to have been "spooning." The identity of neither was discovered. The woman fainted and was for some time unconscious.

### BOY SCOUT TROOP IS COMING ON SPLENDIDLY

Under command of Scoutmaster, O. O. Stephens, the Athena Boy Scout Troop is coming on nicely. Weekly meetings are being held and the troopers are evincing much interest in their handbook studies.

The troop is officered with a secretary and treasurer, Melvin Coppock acting as secretary and Reeve Betts is the troop treasurer. Elbert Stiff, ex-service man has been meeting with the troop and drilling the members.

At the meeting Monday evening, which was a special one, the Scoutmaster examined the troop members in their knowledge of the handbook requirements, and all showed a remarkable aptitude to learn. The special meeting was held in the basement of the Baptist church, and the regular meetings will be held there on Wednesday evening of each week until the arrival of summer evenings, when outdoor meetings will be held.

### COUNTY OVER TOP

Umatilla is numbered among the first five counties of Oregon which have completed their quota in the Woodrow Wilson Foundation. "We raised the money here privately, without any drive and with little effort," says E. B. Aldrich, chairman for Umatilla county, in the letter transmitting check covering Umatilla's allocation.

### INDEPENDENT BASEBALL

A number of baseball fans in Athena would like to see an independent team in the field to compete with Weston, Helix and other towns of the county. Considerable interest is being manifested in the independent game this season, and with the advance of the season, this interest is growing.

### E. P. DODD, CANDIDATE

E. P. Dodd, republican candidate for joint representative for Umatilla and Morrow counties, was in Athena Monday, interviewing the voters of his party relative to his candidacy in the coming primary election.

## LAND SECURED FOR A NEW PROTESTANT HOSPITAL BUILDING

### County Committee is Formulating Plans for Raising Funds to Finance Enterprise.

The Protestant Hospital Association has purchased from F. E. Judd a tract of four and a half acres lying just west of Walters mill on the upper side of the road leading to the Eastern Oregon State Hospital, reports the East Oregonian. This was announced by the association in the following written announcement by the committee:

"The Protestant Hospital Association of Umatilla county offers the following statement:

"The site where the \$200,000 Protestant Hospital will be built is on the west side of Pendleton, on the slope just beyond Walters' mill, on the right side of the road leading toward the State Hospital. The property consists of 4½ acres, the deed to which has been made out to the Protestant Hospital Association by F. E. Judd, the former owner of the property, the consideration being \$2500 cash.

"It should be distinctly understood that this hospital is a Umatilla County hospital, and not merely a Pendleton institution. It is not to be a stock corporation, by which dividends or profits come to any one, but purely a charitable institution. Also, it is not a church or sectarian establishment, but is humanitarian in the broadest sense. Although Protestant in name and control, the Catholics will be given an opportunity to contribute on the same ground as Protestants have contributed toward the Catholic hospital.

"The preliminary plans previously submitted are subject to change in order to meet conditions desired by the people of this county. Suggestions by any one in regard to this matter will be given careful consideration.

"A temporary suspension in procedure was occasioned by the above mentioned negotiations. But now since this is definitely determined, a city-wide solicitation for funds, involving particularly the resident sections, will begin on Wednesday of this week. The city has been districted under 12 captains who, with their helpers, will enter at once upon their work.

"So far, the response from the various business interests of Pendleton has been very encouraging to the committee who have as yet called upon only a portion of the business houses. From most of the firms solicited, the donations range from \$250 to \$1000. Thus far the banks have not been asked for any donation.

## MAY DAY EXERCISES IN ATHENA WELL ATTENDED

The May Day exercises at the high school building were attended by large crowds, both day and in the evening. The gymnasium was a bower of beautiful decorations, and May Day fete was held there.

At noon the assemblage partook of a splendid cafeteria dinner, served by the ladies of the Parent-Teachers association. The program was creditably carried out in its entirety, and it was greatly enjoyed by all who saw it.

Business houses closed for the occasion during the day.

In the evening a large audience congregated in the auditorium to witness the exercises there, and every number on the program received enthusiastic reception. The four plays presented were catchy and afforded novel entertainment, and the colored quartet were recipients of stormy applause.

Tractor demonstration  
A number of farmers and others interested in tractors, witnessed the demonstration of the Fordson tractor and Oliver plows by Shorty Graham of the Simpson Auto Co., on the Kilgore place, Monday of this week.

The Fordson pulled a 14 inch two-bottom Oliver plow at a depth of 10 inches around the field with apparent ease. Another demonstration will be made in the Weston neighborhood.

## Vonderahe Found Guilty By Jury

Charles Vonderahe was found guilty of the murder of Matt Jepson, by the jury, which reported its findings and delivered its verdict to Judge Phelps of the circuit court in Pendleton, Saturday night, after deliberating only a few hours, and after having asked the court for instructions but once.

Judge Phelps sentenced Vonderahe Thursday, to a life term in the penitentiary at Salem. Council for Vonderahe will ask for a new trial, according to statements made.

The case was brought to a dramatic close by the address to the jury by Judge James A. Fee, special counsel for the state, and an impassioned plea for fairness by Frederick Steiwer, chief of defense counsel. Everett Smith of Walla Walla, also addressed the jury in closing for the defense.

Jepson's body was found August 13, 1921, in an old well on his place. The head had been crushed by an axe. It is presumed that the murder took place either July 22 or July 23, although this has not been definitely established.

Vonderahe, who is 35 years old, pleaded guilty in the spring of 1921 to operation of a still. He paid his fine.

It is the contention of the state that he suspected the aged hermit of "turning him in" to the officers and that Jepson was killed in a spirit of revenge.

Vonderahe in court denied that he suspected Jepson of "turning him in" and told the jury that to this date he did not suspect "the old man."

Much of the state's case was based on the testimony of detectives who claimed that at frequent intervals in the months following the murder, Vonderahe had practically admitted that he killed the hermit because he believed he was a "stool pigeon."

In his closing speech Steiwer attacked the testimony of detectives and pointed out that statements which they credited to Vonderahe were not made in the presence of witnesses.

Steiwer admitted that Vonderahe made "foolish statements," but he said he was of a talkative nature. The attorney pointed out that the defendant has helped the detectives in solving the mystery and told the jury that the officers had turned to him and arrested him in desperation when the case appeared too baffling.

On account of his knowledge of the case and because he had been arrested for moonshining, Steiwer said the state had built up a case that had no foundation in fact.

Especially distasteful to Steiwer was the suggestion by detectives to Vonderahe that Vonderahe might escape a murder charge by going to Mexico. By refusing to go Steiwer said his client had deprived the state of an important point in their effort to fasten the guilt on the Freewater farmer.

## HOOT GIBSON VS. BILL HART AT THE STANDARD

One of the niftiest programs offered at the Standard Theatre for some time—programs with nip and plenty of action—will be screened Saturday and Sunday, when the offerings will be Hoot Gibson in "Head-in' West" and W. S. Hart in "The Whistler."

Gibson will be given right of way over the silver sheet Saturday night in one of his new five-reel Western photoplays in which this popular young actor is given opportunity to size up his histrionic ability along side of the indomitable personality of Bill Hart, long the idol of Western picture fans, who will be seen in one of his best screen productions, Sunday night.

The comedy for Saturday night will be found unique as the characters are negroes and their parts in the presentation of "The Custard Nine" will be uproariously funny. Sunday night Snub Pollard will come in the Rollin comedy, "Bubbling Over."

## Branch Hatchery Means More Fish

Umatilla county is to have a big branch hatchery for the raising of native rainbow trout this year, when work which is now started at Bingham springs is completed, according to M. L. Ryckman, state superintendent of hatcheries.

With the securing of a 99 year lease for the use of all necessary land by the state commission from Herman Rosenberg of this city, work has been started on a hatchery building 24x34 hatched last year, is to be thoroughly making a total of 20 for hatching eggs, and the construction of a small house for the hatchery superintendent, Ennis Raney, who is now on the ground in charge of the work.

The ice pond, where about 750,000 eyed eggs from other hatcheries, were hatched last year, is to be thoroughly scraped and deepened, and more nursing ponds are to be constructed.

The ice pond is to be used for the raising of 100,000 brood fish which after four years of handling will be giving all the eggs which are necessary for the hatchery, without the shipping of any to this section. This change in the system means that the project which before last year was an experiment is now a practical reality and no more will the sportsmen of this section be dependent on other parts of the state for eggs.

Eyed eggs of the native rainbow will be brought from other points in Eastern Oregon this season, as soon as possible, according to Superintendent Ryckman, who believes that this will be in May or June. "All fish work is delayed by the cold weather this season," he said. It has not yet been determined just what number of eggs will be secured this year, but it is believed that the number will be greater than the preceding season.

## HORSE PLUNGES DOWN IN CESSPOOL, CARRYING RIDER

A horse ridden by Forest Gholson plunged into a cesspool in the rear of the Haworth-Harris barber shop, Wednesday evening, carrying the rider with it. However, the young man caught hold of a fence, and hanging on, was thus saved from being precipitated to the bottom of the pit with his horse.

The cesspool had been covered over with timbers, which had become rotten, and gave way under the weight of horse and rider. Gholson had ridden up to the fence with intention of tying his horse there.

A crowd soon collected, and a ditch leading into the cesspool was dug, ropes were secured to the horse, and with this assistance, the animal made its way out. Gholson had his right leg badly bruised in the accident, supposedly by being scraped by the horn of the saddle, when the horse dropped from under him. Dr. Smith attended the young man shortly after the accident occurred.

## MRS. BASLER'S PUPILS WILL APPEAR IN A RECITAL

The pupils comprising Mrs. Loren Basler's beginner's class will be heard in recital at high school auditorium on Wednesday evening of next week, May 10, beginning at 8 o'clock. The public is cordially invited to attend the recital. The program follows:

Piano Duet .....	Streabog
Charlotte Fisher, Areta Kirk	
Robin's Lullaby .....	Krogman
Betty Eager	
Chasing Moonbeams .....	Anthony
A Merry Hornpipe .....	Fletcher
Jennamae Read	
Vocal Selections .....	Spaulding
Ding Dong Bell .....	Spaulding
A Fairy Echo .....	Spaulding
Betty Eager, Marjorie Douglas	
Schottische .....	Streabog
Helen Hansell	
Pixies Waltz .....	Brown
Elsie Rogers	
Vocal Selection .....	
Jennamae Read	
Sunbeam Waltz .....	Martin
Areta Kirk	
The Mocking Bird .....	Zeiler
Lorena Schubert	
Piano Duet .....	Brownfield
Marjorie Douglas, Betty Eager	
Chasing the Squirrels .....	Reed
Charlotte Fisher	
To Spring .....	Grieg
Verva Gross	
In Slumberland .....	Spaulding
Marjorie Douglas	
Piano Duet .....	Herald
Eva Gries, Mrs. Basler	

## ATHENA GRADES WIN TRACK MEET, ADAMS TIES THE HI SCHOOL

### Winners Eligible to Enter As Contestants in County Meet At Pendleton Tomorrow.

The sectional track meet, embracing the schools of Adams, Athena, Helix and Weston, and LaMar District No. 30, was held at City Park, Athena, Saturday afternoon, with a long list of entrants competing.

In the grades Athena won with 76 points to her credit; Adams second with 69; Weston third, 19; LaMar fourth, 16; Helix fifth, 16.

In the high school events, Athena and Adams tied at 35 points each. Weston was second with three points; Helix third with one point. Following are the winners in the meet:

25 yard dash—Kirk, Athena, first; McEwen, Athena, second; McCollun, Adams, third.  
Baseball throw—Kirk, Athena, first; McEwen, Athena, second; McCollun, Helix, third.  
60 yard dash—Bliton, Athena, first; Stoll, Adams, second; Dausner, Helix, third.  
High jump—Bliton, Athena, first; Johnson, LaMar, second; Stoll, Adams, third.

Broad jump—Haynie, Athena, first; Bliton, Athena, second; Johnson, LaMar, third.  
Baseball throw—Graham, Weston, third; McIntyre, Athena, second; Clark, Helix, third.  
High jump—Taylor, Athena, first; Pinkerton, Athena, second.  
Broad jump—Taylor, Athena, first; McIntyre, Athena, second.

60 yard dash—Taylor, Athena, first; Graham, Weston, second.  
100 yard dash—L. Parr, Adams, first; J. Parr, Adams, second.  
High jump—Tozier, Helix, first; Parr, Adams, second; Parr, Adams, third.  
Broad jump—L. Parr, Adams, first; J. Parr, Adams, second; Tozier, Helix, third.

Relay, 440 yard—Adams, first; Athena, second.  
Girls  
25 yard dash—Pitman, Weston, first; Whitley, Adams, second; Parr, Adams, third.  
Baseball throw—Pitman, Weston, first; Green, Athena, second; Barker, Helix, third.

60 yard dash—Geissel, Athena, first; Smith, Athena, second; Crawford, Adams, third.  
Baseball throw—Parr, Adams, first; Booper, Athena, second; Smith, LaMar, third.  
60 yard dash—DesVoignas, Adams, first; Holliday, Weston, second; O'Harra, Weston, third.  
Baseball throw—DesVoignas, Adams, first; Wallen, Adams, second; DesVoignas, Adams, third.

75 yard dash—Hannessell, LaMar, first; Rogers, LaMar, second.  
Summary of grade school points—Athena, district No. 29, 76; Adams, district No. 85, 69; Weston, district No. 19, 19; Helix, district No. 56, 11; LaMar, district No. 30, 16.  
High School

50 yard dash—Farrell, Adams, first; Harden, Athena, second; Snider, Weston, third.  
Mile run—Marlow, Adams, first.  
One half mile run—Crawford, Adams, first.

100 yard dash—Farrell, Adams, first; Harden, Athena, second; Bulfinch, Weston, third.  
High jump—Kretzer, Athena, first; Harden, Athena, second; Lieuallen & Marlow, Adams, third.  
Broad jump—Lieuallen, Adams, first; Kretzer, Athena, second; Farrell, Adams, third.  
Pole vault—Kretzer, Athena, first.  
Discus—Kretzer, Athena, first; Harden, Athena, second; Tozier, Helix, third.

One fourth mile—Farrell, Adams, first; Harden, Athena, second; Kretzer, Athena, third.  
350 yard relay—Weston, first; Adams, second; Athena, third.  
Athena high school, 35.  
Adams high school, 35.  
Helix high school, 1.  
Weston high school, 3.

### CLOSING UP ASSESSMENT

Deputy Assessor McLeod is closing up his work of assessing the taxable property of this district. He has his territory about covered.