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AUDITING OF BOOKS SHOWS UP MANAGER OF GRAIN COMPANY

C. F. Smith Misappropriates Sums Aggregating \$1,732.72, As Disclosed in Report.

An accountant employed by the Farmers Grain Elevator Co., of this city, to audit the books and accounts of C. F. Smith, local manager for the company found that Smith appropriated the sum of \$1150 received by him from the shipment of a carload of bulk wheat consigned to the Pasco Grain & Milling Co., at Pasco, Wash., last February. As the following, from Accountant Witherell's report shows, Smith had manipulated other shipments, prior to the one he made to Pasco, and appropriated the receipts:

"Dec. 16, 1921—Draft drawn on Northern Grain & Warehouse Co., payable to Farmers Grain Elevator Co. Wheat shipped in car No. 1561622, 50 sacks, \$92.08."

"Sept. 12 1921—Draft drawn on Pacific Coast Elevator Co., payable to Farmers Grain Elevator Co., wheat shipped in car No. 27702, 12000 lbs, \$180.00."

"Dec. 20, 1921—Draft drawn on Pacific Coast Elevator Co., payable to Farmers Grain Elevator Co., wheat shipped in car No. 35609, \$98.64."

"Jan. 7, 1922—Draft drawn on Morrison Grain Co., payable to Farmers Grain Elevator Co., wheat shipped in car No. 43123, 100 sacks, \$211.93. "The endorsement on the above drafts is as follows: 'The Farmers Grain Elevator Co., By C. F. Smith, Mgr.' Same were deposited to the credit of C. F. Smith in the Broadway National Bank, Portland, Oregon."

"Feb. 24, 1922—Draft drawn on Pasco Grain and Elevator Co., payable to C. F. Smith, wheat shipped in car No. 23453, 65,780 lbs, \$1,150.70."

"Note—This draft was deposited to the credit of C. F. Smith in the First National Bank of Portland, Oregon."

The above amounts aggregate the total of \$1,732.72.

Interviewed by the Press, Mr. H. A. Barrett, one of the directors of the Grain Elevator company, said that Smith from the very beginning of his employment as manager of the company, last July, began a systematic underweighing of bulk loads of grain, and that drivers complained of this from the very start. According to Mr. Barrett, this holding out on weights had been known to him for some time, but there was no way to apprehend Smith until such time as he shipped out the surplus which the short weights had given him.

When the expert came to audit the firm's books and accounts, he secured a check on all cars shipped out by Smith from the railroad agents in Athena, and of course the Pasco shipment showed up, along with two other carloads of grain, one loaded out for Archie McIntyre and one for Louie Ringle.

Mr. Barrett says that the investigation at Pasco developed that Smith worked the returns from the shipments so that he was enabled to deposit the proceeds from the one particular carload of grain to his credit.

Faced with this evidence, Smith confessed that he had deposited the money in the First National bank of Portland to his credit, using a customer's draft on the Athena State bank of Athena for the purpose.

Smith has turned over to the directors of the company, \$100 on deposit in Athena banks, liberty bonds of \$150, \$1150 he had on deposit in Portland, and an automobile, valued at \$700 in the opinion of Mr. Barrett.

To Mr. Barrett, Smith stated that he thought that as he was under \$2500 bonds to protect the company against shortage, he had the right to protect himself, also Smith was receiving \$1800 per year salary from the company.

There are accounts, receivable apparently approximating \$2400, and these are being audited by Accountant Witherell, and until checked over, it will not be known just what amount the company's loss will be.

Mr. Barrett said that his customers will make restitution to its customers for the loss resulting from short weights made by Smith if he can be made to divulge the amount he took

Knights of Pythias of the County Contemplate Holding Celebration

Delegations of Knights from Pendleton, Weston, Milton and Helix attended the meeting last night and all favored holding the celebration.

Pythian Lodge No. 29, K. of P. of Athena proposes that the Knights of Pythias lodges of Umatilla county unite in holding a big fourth of July celebration in Athena this year. Efforts to have the county celebration held in Athena are now being made, and the prospects that it will be held here are favorable, so it is understood.

The Pythians and their families and friends held a successful picnic at Cold Springs in the Blue Mountains, and since that time the proposition of holding an annual Pythian gathering has crystallized.

Athena is in a position to offer the Pythians splendid inducements in the way of central location and the finest park in the county in which to hold their celebration, and should they decide to celebrate here—well, the key belongs to them right now.

Possibly within the next week the matter will be finally decided.

THE "INSIDE OF THE CUP"

What is considered to be one of the best pictures ever exhibited at the Standard Theatre, will be presented tomorrow night, when "The Inside of the Cup" will be shown. No picture of modern production has been given the unqualified reception as this wonderful screen version of moral uplift received from the millions in all walks of life. When shown the press sheet, Rev. Johnson, pastor of the local Baptist church, announced that he would take his text for Sunday's sermon from "The Inside of the Cup." The picture appeals to all. See it. Sunday night's program will be found especially entertaining, the feature picture being, "The Child Thou Gavest Me," the cast comprising the stars of Associated First National Pictures. Regular admission prices for both of these great pictures.

CANDIDATES IN TOWN

A number of republican candidates were in town this week, including Patterson and White for governor, Kitchin for joint senator, and Miller for representative.

from each one. Otherwise, the method of prorata will be followed. Mr. Barrett stated that the money belonged to the customers of the company, and he wanted to see that it was returned to them. He further stated that he favored criminal proceedings against Smith.

Smith attributes the overage to the condition of the scales on which sacked grain was weighed and showed a Press reporter where the warehouse floor had sagged, causing the scales to bind. The effect according to him would be that the weighed-in grain would be lighter than when weighed out after the scales had been repaired.

He said that he was not checked in when he took the position with the company, and later found the overage, most of which was sacked grain which he dumped into the bulk bins. Asked about the Pasco shipment and why he deposited the proceeds to his own credit in a Portland bank, he replied that he feared the grain purchasing companies would claim the overage if they found it in the elevator, and that before he had time to turn the proceeds over to the company, the auditor had discovered the transaction.

Smith when first confronted claimed that the shipment was mortgaged grain belonging to Frank Jackson. He claims that he was checked out at Klondike, before coming here, and that his personal account with the Broadway State Bank of Portland, was based on a deposit made by him from funds he received from a commission paid him by Kerr-Gifford Co. on grain he purchased for that company, and that the deposit had been left there to meet payments on his Buick car.

Joe Clemons, employed at the elevator, says there were not over nine sacks of sacked grain in the warehouse when Smith took charge, and only one lot of bulk grain, owned by Louie Ringle, which had been wet. Joe said the overage was from shortweights, and that one of the directors had caught Smith making an underweight of 200 pounds. Clemons said that it looked as though Smith was making it appear that he (Clemons) had been responsible for the overage.

Boy Scouts Will Operate Theatre

"The Mistress of the World," perhaps the greatest serial picture ever screened, will begin a four episode showing at the Standard Theatre on Wednesday evening, May 24th and continue for the three Wednesday nights following.

The great picture, while in a series of four books of six reels each, are in reality a complete separate story each following the other as a sequel. Thus, one seeing either of the episodes, will see a complete program picture, there being four distinct subjects interwoven throughout the four pictures, which taken as a whole, makes the biggest picture ever filmed twenty-four reels.

This wonderful production in serial form, will be exhibited at regular admission prices. It is the first attempt at serial pictures to be made by Paramount, and the idea of a complete story in each episode, is a Paramount idea, and gives the patron a complete evening's entertainment whether or not he ever sees the other episodes.

On the opening night of the "Mistress of the World," one half of the proceeds will be turned into the treasury of the Athena Boy Scout Troop recently organized. The show on that night will be conducted by the Boy Scouts. They will sell tickets and boost for their show.

\$72 WORTH OF COYOTES

During the past two weeks, J. E. Jones and son, Ray and son-in-law, Vernie O'Hara, have captured 24 coyotes on which the bounty amounted to \$72. The varmints were taken from three different dens. Sunday a haul of eleven was made from a den in the neighborhood of the George Thompson ranch, northwest of town. Two separate litters of pups, one of seven and one of four, were taken from this den.

MILTON TAKES SECOND GAME

Milton walked away with Athena high school in the second game of the season, played last Friday on the Milton grounds, by the score of 8 to 2. This was the last game scheduled for the conference season, and the team has disbanded for the year. Athena got away to a poor start, on account of inability to get practice, owing to wet grounds and weather conditions.

IMPROVEMENTS AT SPRINGS

Billy Hoch, manager of Bingham Springs anticipates a large attendance of pleasure-seekers at his resort this season, and is making preparations for their comfort and entertainment. Six new cottages will be added to the number already available, and the hotel and annex are being thoroughly renovated.

A SPIRIT OF REVIVAL SEIZES COMMERCIAL CLUB EFFECTIVELY

Funds for Liquidation of Indebtedness Subscribed--Membership To Be Increased.

Revival of interest in the Athena Commercial Club was evident at a meeting held by club members, Tuesday night. A get-together spirit was enthusiastically manifested when it became known that the club exchequer was low and the fourteen members present dumped \$275 into the treasury to liquidate outstanding indebtedness.

Every member present voiced sentiment in favoring of better attendance of club members and a broader scope of endeavor on part of the organization.

W. S. Ferguson president of the club, announced the object of the called meeting, and after he had stated its purposes, every member present was behind him to a man, and judging from the general attitude of those who expressed themselves, the club president will have no difficulty in putting the organization where it should be—in the front rank as a community-builder and a social center for its members and visitors.

A drive will be made to increase the active membership of the club. It is proposed to lower the rate of monthly dues in accordance with the membership roll, the reduction following in proportion to number of members secured.

It is possible that a series of luncheons will be given in the near future, such as commercial bodies in other towns have found to be of much benefit to their organizations.

COLD WAVE HERE

A cold wave struck the Northwest Monday night of this week, when ice froze and a white frost wilted vegetation, and in some sections damaged the fruit crop. In the Milton district tomato plants were destroyed and it is reported that some varieties of fruit was damaged to a considerable extent.

BAN ON ARBUCKLE

The Southern Oregon Federation of Women's clubs at its annual meeting at Grants Pass, Saturday, voted to send a night letter to Will Hays commending his stand on Arbuckle films and urging that he suppress them. The federation also voted to unite their strength against the Arbuckle films being shown in Southern Oregon.

TAXES NOW DELINQUENT

Wednesday of this week was final pay day for the first half of taxes, and taxes not paid then, became delinquent.

E. P. Dodd Makes Open Statement

To the voters of Athena: I have no platform but I herewith submit the following statement of my position on certain matters on which legislation may be enacted.

I believe that the legislature should set a public example in general tax reduction and that this example should be followed by budget makers in counties, cities, school and road districts and by the people under initiative action and private affairs. Reduction can be accomplished also by readjustment of land values and placing hidden sources of wealth on tax rolls. It can be further accomplished by appropriating loan money, by requiring greater service and efficiency from public employees, and by placing people in public trust who are known to have the public welfare at heart.

I favor maintaining the State University, the Agricultural College and State Normal School by the millage tax only, and that all university and college extension work, where possible under the law, be held within the provisions of the millage law. It was the intention of the makers of the millage law to stop log-rolling for special appropriations.

I shall uphold all lawful effort to enforce prohibition laws and I favor jail sentence for first offence moon-shining, and rigid laws against narcotic evil.

I believe in simpler government and a greater interest of every citizen in political and public affairs. I believe that every man and woman should vote, and repeated neglect of this duty should be punished. That Americanism should be a subject in our public school and that politics should not be a game but the highest duty of citizenship. We need fewer laws and more moral principle and public integrity.

I am a member of the Farm Bureau and believe in its purposes and those of the farm bloc. I strongly advocate the development of the arid lands of Umatilla and Morrow counties by irrigation. I want to see the McKay Creek reservoir completed and its storage spread; the Umatilla Rapids Power Project built, and the great John Day project developed without exploitation of the present land owners and future settlers. I believe in the work that creates new varieties of wheat and resistance to smut, increasing the area and production of our great cereal. I am for high grade, healthy herds, and the expense necessary to protect our boys and girls from unsanitary milk and butter. I believe in market roads, rural service and other modern contributions to the welfare and contentment of farmers and their families.

I believe much reconstructive effort should be devoted to our county system of control. We do not get the worth of our money in public service. My record in the session of 1919 as chairman of the Salary Committee and as a member of a Special Tax Commission which visited the

Legion Smoker Pleased Everyone

The American Legion's second smoker put on Saturday night was one of the best put on in the Inland Empire for many months.

The main bout, between the veteran Portland favorite, Pete Mitchie and Seroy of Walla Walla, was in fine go. Although considerably outweighed, Mitchie forcing the fight every minute through six smashing rounds easily won the decision over his heavier opponent and upheld his reputation of being "Our Tough Boy." Throughout the bout he kept Seroy on the defensive. A cut over his left eye in the third round further hampered Seroy so that his extra weight probably saved him from the K. O. route.

As a curtain raiser an unadvertised bout between Gail Anderson of Athena and Doyle Norren of Pendleton, went like a Kansas Cyclone for four full rounds, Anderson receiving a much earned decision. This was by far the best preliminary.

Stahl of Adams, outweighed by 35 pounds, put up a game fight against Big Bill Murray of Athena, losing the decision to Murray after injuring his back against a spectators knee during a clinch in the 4th round. Despite the difference in weight this proved a good go from the spectators point of view.

Mose Banister one of Athena's most promising boxers, met Sam Luten, a tough Indian lad, from Mission. For two rounds these boys traveled at a terrific pace, but Banister's speed together with Luten's lack of condition, was too much for the latter. At the end of the second round, battered and exhausted, Luten signified his defeat and Banister was given the decision.

Stane Ketchell and Danny Edwards of Walla Walla, also Dick Barnes and Baldy Bennett of Walla Walla, put on preliminaries.

A good house rewarded the Legion for their efforts and the crowd went away enthusiastic boosters for the Legion's smokers.

SHOOTING TOURNAMENT

Athena shooters who will participate in the Northwest Shooting Tournament at Pendleton, beginning today, are Marion Hansell and M. L. Watts. The tournament will continue over tomorrow and Sunday.

County Seats of the entire State will support this statement.

Much of the cost of government is in poor management and lack of curbing our resources. We need more brains at the head of our affairs and less demagoguery and politics, and less carping at our self-made conditions.

I shall guard and advance the interest of these counties and eastern Oregon. In my experience in the legislature I found it necessary to keep a vigilant eye on Portland and western Oregon legislature whose knowledge of and sympathy for eastern Oregon is so near zero that the sky-line of the Cascades bounds their legislative horizon, and the eastern Oregon empire is to them a foreign land.

I believe in Americanism, the rights of free speech, free press, and the open forum of public discussion; in actual religious freedom and in the full privilege of the foreign born to seek a home on our shores, and citizenship under the red, white and blue. I am against the purpose of the Ku Klux Klan to gain control of the Republican party in Umatilla county and I am opposed to Invisible Government and Ku Klux Klan propaganda. I was born in this country for generations or more ago, was reared in a Methodist cradle and contribute to the Methodist church, and I am a Mason. On such a footing of Americanism, I stand a defender of the rights of every citizen of foreign birth to claim equality under our laws, and against his being classed as an outcast because of his blood or birth. I am against Japanese ownership or long leases of lands or any foreign ownership prior to declaration of citizenship.

I introduced seven measures in 1919 and all became laws. One was the bill to compel all schools to be taught in the English language which was pronounced by the Washington Times as the only reconstructive measure of the Session. Another was the present Library law and three other affected schools; another extended the labor lien law. I have no measures to propose but shall stand for common sense and sound legislation and against the pendulum swing of radical action.

(Pd. adv) E. P. DODD.

TONIGHT GRADUATES OF ATHENA SCHOOL TO HOLD EXERCISES

Class of Five Girls and Four Boys Will Receive Diplomas and Plaudits of Friends.

A large assemblage of people were present at the Christian church Sunday morning to hear Rev. Howard Stover, pastor of Freewater community church deliver the Baccalaureate sermon for the Athena high school graduating class. Other churches of the city dismissed their Sunday forenoon services and their congregations attended. The program was arranged as follows:

Doxology Congregation
Invocation Rev. E. B. Johnson
Response Choir
Hymn Congregation
Announcements

Baccalaureate Sermon Rev. Howard Stover
Hymn Choir
Benediction Rev. C. L. Lowther

The week has been spent by the school in taking examinations, and the seniors have been active in making preparations for the graduation exercises which take place this evening at the auditorium, beginning at 8 o'clock:

Rev. M. E. Bollen of Walla Walla has been secured to give the commencement address. The class oration is "American Ideals." Maebelle Duncan, Lucinda Dell, and Kohler Betts, collaborating, will write the oration. The program which has been arranged is as follows:

Invocation Rev. F. E. Russell
Selection Etude Club
Class Oration American Ideals
Solo Savannah Smith

Presentation of Class Gift L. H. Basler
Instrumental Solo Kohler Betts
Commencement Address Lucinda Dell

Presentation of Diplomas Rev. M. E. Bollen
Presentation of Awards B. B. Richards

Benediction Rev. C. L. Lowther
Five girls and four boys comprise the graduating class this year. They are Lucinda Dell, Lela Schubert, Gwendolyn McIntyre, Savannah Smith, Maebelle Duncan, Hernan Geissel, Frank Miller, Dorvan Phillips and Kohler Betts.

OLD CLOTHING WANTED
The local campaign being organized for the collection of clothing for the near-naked of the Near East is part of a state-wide and nation-wide movement. Volunteers have been enlisted and the campaign organized in practically every community in Oregon.

One pound of clothing for every person residing in the state is the suggested quota for spare clothes to be collected on Bundle Day, May 24. Churches, clubs, schools and many other organized groups are collecting clothing emphasizing the need of providing warm winter clothes for the protection of war-orphan and refugees in the Near East and South-eastern Russia.

COURT PAROLED BOYS
The juvenile court paroled Lowell Wilson and Everett Pambrun, the two boys who stripped Judge Richards' Ford truck of its radiator, when they appeared before the court in Pendleton, Saturday. The boys were given to understand that should another complaint be made against them, the court would revoke their parole and send them to the reform school.

BOY SCOUT CHARTER
The citizens committee in charge of the organization of the Athena Boy Scout Troop, met with Scoutmaster Stephens and the troop Monday evening, and made out the necessary papers to secure the charter for the troop. The Scoutmaster has been drilling the boys in knot-tying, this week, and assistant Scoutmaster,

ANNUAL PARK PICNIC
The annual picnic under auspices of the Civil Club at the city park, at which time, rakes will be used in cleaning up the park by every one interested in the work, will take place next Tuesday. The clean-up of the park will begin at 1:30 p. m. and a picnic dinner will be served at 5:30. Everyone is invited to attend.

