

Advertising

The Athena Press circulates in the homes of readers who reside in the heart of the Great Umatilla Wheat Belt, and they have money to spend

The Athena Press

Entered at the Post Office at Athena, Oregon, as Second-Class Mail Matter

VOLUME XLIII.

ATHENA, UMATILLA COUNTY, OREGON, FRIDAY, JULY 28, 1922.

NUMBER 29

STANFIELD GRILLED FOR HIS PROLONGED ABSENCE FROM SESSIONS OF THE SENATE

The Washington bureau of the Portland Journal, had this out on Eastern Oregon's republican statesman, Senator Stanfield:

Senator Robert N. Stanfield of Oregon was on hand in the senate today when debate opened on wool schedule of the tariff bill, in which he is prepared to line up with Senator Gooding of Idaho in support of the proposed wool rates.

The return of Oregon's junior senator, who has been absent continuously since April 1, attracted considerable attention from his colleagues, who have been debating the tariff since April 20.

Robert N. Stanfield is a 50 per cent senator, if he be rated according to his attendance upon the sessions of the senate since the present session began last December. His period of absence, dating from April 1 is believed to be a record breaker for a senator in good health and in full possession of his faculties.

Now and then senators have gone to Europe to study conditions abroad, and occasionally one takes a pleasure trip, as Senator Weller of Maryland, has done in going to Japan with the Denby party. It can be said for Weller, however, that his trip is embroiled with an official fringe, for it is stamped as a visit of courtesy to Japan, and Weller was president of the naval academy class which had certain distinguished Japanese admirals among its members. These foreign trips have not equalled Stanfield's in length.

The Stanfield cruise, however, lacks any official flavor, and is unique among senatorial voyages, because he did not spend the shining hours, or more than a few of them, in his home state. This adds to the wonder of his colleagues, who of course do not wish to talk for publication, but privately express astonishment over his long absence.

The present session of congress opened on December 5 and Senator Stanfield appeared the next day. Adjournment was taken for the holidays on December 23. Sessions were resumed January 3, and have been continuous since that time, except Sundays and holidays. Disregarding the Sundays and holidays, 221 days have elapsed since congress began its work, and Stanfield has been in the city 112 days.

This does not furnish an exact chronicle of his attendance upon the sessions of the senate, however, as he did not attend the sessions for days at a time while he was in Washington. An inspection of the roll call during the early part of the year shows he was frequently absent.

During the first session of the present congress, which began with an extra session on April 11, 1921, Mr. Stanfield registered four periods of absence. He was away from June 14 to July 11, August 18 to August 24, September 21 to October 19, and November 6 to November 23. Congress was in session from April 11 to August 24 and again from September 21 to November 23.

During his present period of absence there have been numerous false alarms over his reported intention to return. He has been expected at various dates, but the dates have passed and later information showed he was still at Weiser, his major seat of operations.

BUYS STORE BUILDING

Omer Stephens now owns the building he occupies with his Pure Food Grocery, having purchased the property recently from Matt Mosgrove. The property has been for sale for some time, and a couple of weeks ago, Mr. Mosgrove had a prospective buyer. Mr. Stephens knew of no other suitable location in town for store in event Mosgrove sold, so he became the buyer of the building.

DR. OSBORN MARRIED

Cards have been received by Athena friends announcing the marriage in Portland on July 19th, of Dr. Earl B. Osborn to Miss Myrtle Ferguson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Perry B. Bailey of Idaho. The bride is a highly accomplished lady, a graduate of Iowa and Columbia Universities, and is an instructor in Oregon Agricultural College. Dr. Osborn also holds a position on the faculty in the department of Husbandry.

REALIZED \$105 EACH YEAR FROM ONE ACRE OF SPUDS

A story of unusual soil fertility comes from Arthur March, whose place is one-half mile south of the Tamarack school house on Weston mountain. He has grown spuds, Rural New Yorkers, on the same acre of ground for six years, and has averaged \$105 in returns from this acre each year. The tract is again in potatoes. Two years ago he sent nine spuds to Pendleton which weighed 54 pounds. If there is any disease in the patch he does not know it. His spuds are keeping without a sprout, and when taken from the pit at this time look like new ones of this season's growth. They were frosted early last season, however, and are not large. He has some of the 1920 crop on hand which are still edible. Mr. March says that he has raised three crops from one plowing; in other words, he plowed the land but once in three years. His potatoes are pitted where the shade is very dense, and the soil is of the tamarack variety, very red and very light. At present the moisture is within an inch of the top in his potato patch. His place is the farthest back on the mountain of any on which potatoes are grown.

AMERICAN LEGION TAKES OVER BOY SCOUT TROOP

Hereafter Athena-Weston American Legion Post will be sponsor for the Boy Scout movement in Athena.

With the organization of the scouts here, citizen committee comprising A. R. Coppock, F. B. Boyd and F. B. Radtke sponsored the troop with the affiliation of the national organization.

Throughout the country, the Legion is assuming this connection with the Scouts, and the arrangement is found to be eminently satisfactory from every standpoint. The Scouts in Athena have taken much interest and are well up in Scout lore and activity, considering the length of time the troop has been organized.

O. O. Stephens will continue as Scoutmaster, and L. E. Stiff, assistant Scoutmaster. The troop will be given a camping trip of several days duration, in the near future.

ACCEPT ORDERLY FARES

Any transportation company licensed by the public service commission to operate a motor vehicle over a specified route is a common carrier and must carry any person who applies for passage at a regular stopping place and presents the proper fare, according to an opinion offered by Attorney General I. H. Van Winkle for the benefit of the commission. The opinion explains that the passenger must be accepted unless he is in an intoxicated condition or is boisterous and disorderly.

DEER RAIDING GARDENS

Deer from the mountains are raiding hay fields and gardens in Skamania county Wash., and farmers are unable to fence against them. Game wardens have been called upon but their efforts to frighten away the animals have failed. Hot and dry weather in the mountains have caused the feeding grounds to be deserted and the animals are swarming to the valleys for food. Many farmers report their entire crop ruined.

TAX LEVY DECREASES

The complete tax levy for Oregon for 1922 as shown on the 1921 tax rolls is \$40,401,799.21 it was announced by the state tax commissioner. This year's total tax levy showed a decrease of \$715,658.50 over the levy of 1921 when the total was \$40,117,367.71.

BRUMFIELD SENTENCE UPHOLD

The supreme court has upheld the lower court in the case of Dr. R. M. Brumfield, Roseburg dentist, sentenced for the murder on July 13 last year of Dennis Russell. The opinion was written by Justice McBride.

INVESTIGATES KLAN

The Jackson county grand jury is in session to investigate alleged activities of the Ku Klux Klan, as ordered by Governor Olcott.

Fire Eats Up 900 Acre Wheat Field

The first destructive grain fire of the season occurred Monday afternoon on the Perringer ranch Northwest of Adams, when between 800 and 900 acres of ripened grain was burned. The fire started from a tractor. The East Oregonian reports the loss at \$35,000.

The fire started from the tractor, it is thought, and was apparently fairly well under control when it got a new start and then raced away until the greater part of the field was destroyed. The grain covered 1225 acres of land and was certified Jenkins club.

The loss will be kept down to a certain extent by reason of the fact that some of the wheat had already been hauled into the warehouse. There will also be some salvage which will cut down the total loss. The grain is said to have been yielding at the rate of about 45 bushels to the acre.

INSULTED GIRLS

To protect a couple of Athena girls from the insulting attentions of a couple of mashers, who are said to hail from Portland and working in the harvest fields here, Mose Banister engaged in a fight on Main street Saturday night. Girls had been accosted by one of the fellows and Mose took the matter up with the result that for a few minutes something was doing for the entertainment of a crowd of onlookers. Honors were said to be about even, Mose's opponent being, so it is said, an ex-pug of Portland. No arrests were made.

HAULS HOLDMAN WHEAT

Guy Cronk and Earnest Chandler were business visitors in Hermiston Wednesday. Mr. Cronk has purchased a new Master truck which he will use for wheat hauling. He has been hauling for Athena farmers but will soon go to Holdman where he has a large contract.

\$49,000 CONTRACT IS LET FOR THE PINE CREEK ROAD

The county court awarded the contract at Pendleton yesterday for the building of four miles of rock grade on the new Pine creek road leading from Weston to Reed and Hawley mountain. The Johnson Construction Co. gets the work on a low bid of slightly above \$49,000. There were three other proposals, and the bidding is said to have been close. It is reported that the successful contractors will begin work at once.

A FORTY-BUSHEL CROP

One of the best crops in the Weston neighborhood this season has just been threshed by A. H. Schwardt from the "Pinkerton eighty." This made a little better than 40 bushels to the acre. Had it not suffered from the pinching common to the entire county it would have yielded at least 50 bushels, in the opinion of good judges.

UMATILLA COUNTY CERTIFIED WHEAT NOW IN DEMAND

Certified seed wheat from Umatilla county is in keen demand from other sections wanting clean strains of seed, according to demands that are being made of the growers, in a report from the office of the county agent, says the East Oregonian.

One car load of Hybrid No. 128 has been ordered by the Wool Growers Warehouse Co. of Enterprise from James Hill of Pendleton. J. H. Dobbin is president of the company and E. B. Knapp is secretary. The wheat from which this lot will be shipped checked up 99.93 per cent pure, according to the inspection made of it in the field by E. R. Jackman, crop specialist of O. A. C. who was in the county last week.

Hybrid was introduced in Wallawa county several years ago when Mac Hoke was county agent there, and its rise in popular esteem has been rapid.

Farmers of Prescott, Washington, are planning to seed a heavy acreage of Turkey Red wheat this fall, and they plan to get two carloads of certified seed from Umatilla county.

County Agent Talley of Walla Walla county is planning to assemble orders for one carload of certified Jenkins club wheat.

STRIKE SITUATION TO HEAD

The strike situation continues quiet at La Grande, with both the O. W. R. & N. officials and the strike committee claiming that everything looks fine for their respective sides. The railroad is placing the helper engines back at their usual stations instead of sending them out from La Grande.

MARSHFIELD FIRE

The estimated loss of the fire which burned frame structures on both sides of Front street Marshfield, early Sunday morning, were given at \$200,000. Insurance was small. A high wind fanned the flames. Several narrow escapes from the burning buildings were recorded. City and county records were destroyed.

SHIPPING TOMATOES

The Tomato Growers association commenced shipping tomatoes Wednesday from the state line over the Walla Walla Valley Railway company's line. The association has leased the Shields warehouse at the state line with S. Brinker in charge. Monday was the last day the growers could sign up for contracts with the association for this season.

WHEAT BEING DELIVERED

Wheat warehouses and the elevator are receiving wheat this week in quantity. Harvest is now in full swing and with good weather, the close of next week will see the bulk of the grain harvested in the Athena section.

Finch Home Totally Destroyed

The home of Mr. and Mrs. George Finch was completely destroyed by fire Tuesday morning. The alarm was given at four o'clock, and by the time the fire-fighting apparatus was on the scene, the entire building was enveloped in flames, and the attention of the hoseman was directed to saving the Hutt garage across the street.

The contents of the house were consumed by the fiery element, Mrs. Finch and children escaping with what clothing they could put their hands on as they ran from the burning house.

The fire originated in the kitchen, where Mr. Finch, who drives the country meat delivery wagon, had kindled a fire in the range at three o'clock and prepared his breakfast, the other members of the family remaining in their beds.

After his departure, Ralph Carstens, the little son of Mrs. Finch, was awakened by the fire and aroused the other members of the family. They barely had time to get from the house into the street, without being injured.

The loss is estimated at \$1800 on building and contents, covered by \$1000 insurance.

TWO FINE PICTURES

Oliver Morosco's great stage play, The Halfbreed, will be screened at the Standard Theatre tomorrow evening, coming direct from the Blue Mouse theatre, Seattle. This is one of the greatest stage productions and it loses none of its interesting phases when produced on the silver screen. A stunning good comedy and international News will also be shown. Sunday night, the wonderful outdoor picture, The King Log, Pathe fine pictorial masterpiece heads the program in seven thrilling reels. Pathe Review, and comedy for the kiddies.

LOCAL SHOWER MONDAY

A local shower interfered with harvest operations in this vicinity Monday afternoon. A few hailstones fell, but no damage resulted. On mountains east of Athena, the shower was welcomed by potato-raisers.

RAISES FINE VEGETABLES

Carl Plucker, residing south of Athena, has a fine crop of vegetables this year. He will have good quality fall and winter vegetables for the market. His vegetables are raised without irrigation.

KLAN CANDIDATE LEANS

Earl Mayfield, Ku Klux Klan candidate for senator, running against Senator Culberson, is ahead of his nearest democratic opponent. Culberson is running third in the race.

GRANDMA LEVY DEAD

Grandma Levy, pioneer of Union county, died at her home in Union, July 17. Deceased was the mother of Mrs. Max Lewin, a former resident of Athena.

AMERICAN LEGION MEETING IN ANNUAL CONVENTION THIS WEEK AT THE DALLES

SEED POTATO INSPECTION BEGINS ON THE MOUNTAIN

According to figures in the possession of Fred Bennion, county agent, the potato acreage on Weston mountain for which the growers seek certification is more than double that of last year. Last year potatoes grown on 219 acres were examined the first time for certification. This year's total will be more than 500 acres.

The preliminary examination is being made this week by Mr. Bennion and his assistant, and the first official field inspection will be made next week on the mountain when E. R. Jackman, crop specialist of O. A. C., will be here to look over the fields.

Two varieties of seed are grown on the mountain, chief attention being paid to Netted Gems. This year growers have planted some Earliest of All. Fifty-six growers will make application to have their seed certified, paying a fee of one dollar. Last year this service was free.

Due to the fact that a majority of the growers planted seed that was either certified last year or at least passed one field inspection, it is expected that a greater percentage of the acreage will be certified. Last year only 99 1/2 acres "made the grade" of the 219 acres inspected.

SPLENDID TALENT FOR THE ANNUAL ROUND-UP

Talent at the 1922 Round-Up will eclipse that of any preceding year according to word received from the sons and daughters of the range and plain who will compete there September 21, 22 and 23.

Ray Bell, last years champion, who first rode in the big show when he was a mere stripling of 14, will enter the lists again. "Yak" Canutt, thrice a champion, will be there as will be Hugo Strickland also a former champion. Added to these stars of the Round-Up constellation will be scores of others who have won laurels in the bulldogging, broncho riding, steer roping and races, and still others who will make new records. Tom Mix, celebrated motion picture star, and 50 cowboys, skilled in the art of throwing a rope, and riding bronks, will be entered in the contests.

Pendleton is making extensive preparations for the show. The grounds and grandstands are being put into shape and everything placed in readiness.

Happy-Canyon, the little brother of the Round-Up, which will provide entertainment for the evening hours, will be staged in improved quarters. The old pavilion is being re-built and a balcony constructed.

BANK NAMED DEPOSITORY

The Inland Empire Bank of Pendleton has been designated by the Commissioner of Indian Affairs as a depository for Indian moneys from Umatilla agency, not to exceed \$20,000.00, says the Tribune. The other two Pendleton banks, as well as the first National bank of Athena, have been depositories for Indian funds for a number of years.

FIRE SITUATION AHEAD

The forest fire situation was much improved this week. Forest service officials were more optimistic regarding the fire in the Oregon national forest on the Columbia river highway. It has been held for the last two days on two sides, and is being controlled on a third.

DRAWN INTO CYLINDER

Clarence Snyder, a 17 year old Pendleton high school boy, died Monday morning as the result of having his leg dragged into a combine cylinder, while working with the threshing outfit on the Fred Reece place south of Pendleton. The boy was rushed to the hospital in Pendleton, where he died from loss of blood and shock.

WHEAT GROWERS OFFICE

The Northwest Wheat Growers association is to establish an extensive office in Minneapolis through which we expect to handle 20,000,000 bushels of wheat this fall," said George C. Jewett, manager of the organization, with headquarters in Portland, who attended the meeting of its trustees July 19, at Spokane.

Notice!

If this notice is marked RED, it signifies that your Subscription expires with this issue. We will greatly appreciate your renewal—\$2.00 per year

R'member

THE THRILL YOU USED TO GET OUT OF A CIRCUS POSTER AND—



NOW THE THRILL IT GIVES YOU

