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### WHAT'S IN A NAME?

Boasting that "one name that stands out unduplicated is the good old designation of Walla Walla," the Morning Union says, "Put a letter in any postoffice addressed 'Walla Walla,' and it will get here. Folks can laugh at our name all they want to, but when they desire to get a letter to us they can, and that helps."

But why should anybody laugh at old "Walla Walla"—a name that is melodious, historical and entirely distinctive. Moreover, it is indigenous, of native origin, and therefore appropriate to the town, the county, the river and the valley that it designates.

These Indian names, when melodious, are more wisely chosen than the imitative names that some of our towns and cities bear. Far better it would have been if the metropolis of the continent had been called Manhattan instead of New York; or Boston had been named Massasoit; or Portland, Oregon, called Multnomah.

Spokane is fortunate to have taken an Indian name, and congratulates Walla Walla, Seattle, Snohomish, Tacoma and other towns that avoided weak imitations and picked names significant of their environments.—Spokesman-Review.

### THE DIFFERENCE

If during the past year twenty-five thousand American soldiers had been killed and seven hundred wounded, in battle, the country would have resounded with lamentations over the horrors of war; military and civil organizations would have decorated the graves of the dead, and the Government would have pensioned the wounded, and the widows and orphans of those that perished in the service. But there has been no national or community demonstration of grief for the twenty-five thousand men, women, and children killed, and seven hundred thousand injured (many of them maimed, crippled or otherwise permanently disabled) by automobiles in the United States in the year 1925. The appalling toll of life and limb exacted by automobiles goes on increasing year by year but fails to impress the public with the extreme necessity for the exercise of much greater care in the use of the roads in general, and especially in the operation of motor-vehicles of all kinds.

### PROPERTY TAX OFF-SET

The property tax off-set clause in the income tax bill being initiated by the Public Service League, reads as follows:

"Provided, however, that there shall be deducted as an offset from the taxes so imposed all property taxes levied during the preceding year within the state of Oregon (except taxes levied for local improvements of such a nature as to increase the value of the property assessed) and actually paid during the income year by a taxpayer directly or through a partnership or fiduciary; and the Tax Commission shall prescribe rules and regulations under which the offsets extended by this proviso shall be made secure to the taxpayer."

Last year many arrests were made for violation of the law requiring potatoes to be graded and sacks stenciled. Convictions were secured in every case and the violators had to pay fines and court costs. State Market Agent Spence urges farmers, dealers and retailers to observe the law and avoid the expensive prosecutions. It simply requires and honest pack and will work for the interests of honest dealers.

The petroleum industry is to embark on a wide program of research, and it asks for the cooperation of all persons interested in the development of this country's oil resources, whether directly connected with the industry or not. Well, in view of the fact that most of us possess an automobile or flivver, nearly everybody is "connected" with the oil industry.

"Westward ho," the star of empire wended its way, and now it is followed by the onion. Production in the Western and Middle Western States, especially in Colorado, Idaho, Washington, Ohio, and Indiana has tended to increase, whereas production in New York, Massachusetts, and some of the other older onion sections have remained about stationary or has decreased.

When a corporation balances its books at the end of the fiscal year, and shows a balance on the right side of the ledger, there is general

rejoicing among shareholders. The United States Government, the largest corporation of all, has just finished one of its greatest years with a surplus of \$377,000,000.

Nard Jones, Weston boy, graduate of Whitman college, recognized as a versatile writer of verse and short stories is cropping out with remarkable frequency in the magazines. His stories are popular and his friends are pleased at his success.

British Columbia women are to have their beer, even though the men folk objected to drinking in resorts frequented by the gentle sex. They are to have beer "parlors" of their own.

Thirty-eight movie theatres in the Northwest, including the leading ones at Portland, have been sold for \$5,000,000, and it wasn't a good day for selling theatres, either.

Up at Lake Okanogan, Canada, they are seeing large sea monsters. Never before have we heard of "Scotch" visualizing anything larger than snakes.

Metairie Falls, Washington, grocer tangles with robber on bank steps. Result: a dead robber.

### AUTO VANDALS

Automobile vandals have become a menace to property in all parts of the country. Sunday evening a car went into the ditch between Athena and Pendleton, two of the occupants being injured. They were brought to Athena for medical aid and a wrecking car sent to tow in the damaged car. In the hour that had elapsed, the tires, tools, spot-light and everything removable had been taken by some passing motor thief.

### MR. AND MRS. JARVIS

Of interest to the older residents of Athena will be the visit of Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Jarvis of Portland. Mr. Jarvis was principal of the Athena school for four years about thirty years ago and was a most popular teacher. Mr. and Mrs. Jarvis were accompanied here Tuesday by Mr. and Mrs. James W. Maloney of Pendleton.

### ATTEND FUNERAL

The funeral of William Anderson whose death occurred Monday in Milton, was largely attended by friends from all over Umatilla county. Those from Athena included: Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Dudley, Mrs. Minnie Willaby, Mrs. Minnie DePeatt, Mr. and Mrs. John Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Potts, Mr. and Mrs. William Potts, Mrs. H. M. Salsberry, and Mrs. A. B. McEwen and Miss Lizzie McKenzie of Portland.

### AT BINGHAM SPRINGS

E. C. Rogers is taking a short vacation at Bingham Springs this week and is accompanied by his sons, Emory and Kenneth and Stafford Hansell. Marion Hansell took them to the Springs Tuesday, and left them nicely situated in a comfortable cabin. The boys are having a fine time fishing and swimming, and Chance—well he's just sleeping as long as he wants to, mornings.

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the County Court for the State of Oregon for the County of Umatilla. In the matter of the estate of Augusta Betz, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed ancillary Administrator for Oregon, of the Estate of Augusta Betz, deceased, by the above entitled Court.

All persons having claims against the said estate are hereby notified to present them to B. B. Richards, at his office in Athena, Oregon, within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice. All claims must be verified as by law required.

Dated at Athena, Oregon, this 29th day of July, 1926.  
B. B. RICHARDS,  
Anc. Adm. for Oregon.

**NOTICE OF FINAL HEARING**  
Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, as executrix of the Last Will and Testament of Henry S. Garfield, deceased, has filed her final account and report in said estate with the clerk of the County Court of the State of Oregon for Umatilla County; and that the Judge thereof has fixed Saturday the 28th day of August, 1926 at the hour of ten o'clock A. M. as the time and the County Court room in the Courthouse at Pendleton, Umatilla County, Oregon, as the place for the hearing of objections to such final account and the settlement thereof.

FELICITA FRANCES GARFIELD, Executrix of the Last Will and Testament of Henry S. Garfield, deceased. Raley, Raley & Steiner and H. J. Warner, Attorneys for Executrix, Pendleton, Oregon. J30A27

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### LADIES AT WALLA WALLA

A group of Athena ladies motored to Walla Walla Tuesday where they spent the day at the home of Mrs. Otis Whiteman. The spacious rooms were bright with summer flowers and at one o'clock luncheon was served. The afternoon hours were passed at bridge, four tables being in play. Mrs. M. L. Watts received high score and Mrs. W. P. Littlejohn the consolation. Late in the afternoon the party motored to the natorium for a swim returning to Athena in the evening. Those present were, Mrs. Henry Dell, Mrs. M. L. Watts, Mrs. W. P. Littlejohn, Mrs. H. A. Barrett, Mrs. B. E. Richards, Mrs. R. B. McEwen, Mrs. I. L. Michener, Mrs. C. M. Eager, Mrs. M. M. Johns, Mrs. W. S. Ferguson, Miss Areta Littlejohn, Mrs. Shaw, Mrs. Armond DeMerritt, Mrs. H. I. Watts, Mrs. Frank Ames and Mrs. Otis Whiteman.

### THE BRIDGE CLUB

A most delightful session of the Bridge club was enjoyed by the members Friday afternoon, when Mrs. W. P. Littlejohn was hostess. The rooms were gay with bouquets of gladioli and calendulae and confectations and refreshing punch were served. The customary three tables were in play and special guests included, Mrs. Alma Koontz of Portland, Mrs. Armond DeMerritt of Walla Walla, Mrs. M. M. Johns and Miss Areta Littlejohn. Mrs. DeMerritt won the guest trophy.

### TAKES SUMMER COURSE

Miss Ruth Proebstel is taking the twelve weeks course at Monmouth summer school and is specializing in music. She will receive her life diploma. Miss Proebstel will visit friends here and her mother Mrs. Jennie Proebstel in Weston about the first of September and will then proceed to Prosser, where she will have charge of the music department during the next year.

### RETURN FROM OUTING

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Eager and daughters Betty and Virginia returned from Seaside Sunday morning, where they spent nearly three weeks. Mrs. Van Slyke who has been staying with her husband in the Eager home while he was acting as relief agent for Mr. Eager, has left for Moro where she is visiting her father. Mr. Van Slyke remained at the depot until Mr. Eager resumed his position there.

### NEGRO PRISONER ESCAPES

Escape of William Douglas, trusted negro from the Walla Walla penitentiary about noon Monday was announced by S. E. Butler, captain of the guard. The prisoner had charge of the penitentiary dogs and was allowed privileges of going out of the penitentiary grounds for the sake of training the dogs on a practice search. He was missed and searched for about noon. The dogs were found but the prisoner had made his get-away.

### FARM HOUSE FIRE

The destruction by fire of the Arthur Coppock farm home, south of Athena, was narrowly averted yesterday forenoon, when two men passing saw flames issuing from the side of the house. The fire which originated in an upstairs closet, was put out by water carried in buckets. The principal damage resulted from water in the lower rooms.

### TO TEST WHEAT

Next season in a Walla Walla grain nursery, there will be tested a new variety of wheat. The new variety is a cross between Hybrid No 128 and Odessa.

### STANFIELD MAY TRY IT

A Washington special says: Senator Stanfield declared yesterday he would give serious consideration to entering the fall election contest if a grand jury investigation showed irregularities in the primary. He said that he had heard reports from the west that he was thinking of running on a third ticket, but said this his actions would be guided by developments in Oregon. He said that he would leave for home Thursday.

### POLK GRAIN YIELD LIGHT

With threshing well under way and practically completed in some sections of Polk county the yield of wheat, oats and vetch is turning out light. Wheat, which looked as though it would run at least 25 bushels to the acre, is threshing out about 15 bushels and 20 bushels is considered a good crop for this year. The straw is long and appears good but the hot spell in May is said to have been the main cause of small heads.

### ONIONS AT 75 CENTS

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