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## Inland Empire Bank Absorbs Athena State

The Athena State Bank has discontinued business. The stockholders of the institution made arrangements with the Inland Empire Bank of Pendleton, to take over its deposits, accounts, etc. Negotiations which were under way last week, were concluded Saturday and the transfer was completed Saturday evening. Immediately after, the Inland Empire Bank issued a circular letter to the depositors of the Athena State, which reads in part, as follows:

"The stockholders of the Athena State Bank have arranged with the Inland Empire Bank of Pendleton, Oregon, to take over the deposit li-

ability of the Athena State Bank. "All deposits including Time Certificates of Deposit will be merged with the deposits of the Inland Empire Bank of Pendleton, at the close of business, October 23, 1926, at which place all outstanding checks drawn on the Athena State bank will be paid in future."

Also an advertisement announcing the transfer of the Athena bank's business to the Pendleton bank signed by President Reeder and Cashier Herr, appeared in an out-of-town newspaper.

It is understood that some of the stockholders were in favor of continuing but the principal ones decided the issue by voting to close the institution.

M. E. Church

Church school at 10: a. m. Morning worship at 11: a. m. Evening service at 7:30.

## Every Forward Looking Citizen Should Fight for Oregon and Its Development

By BRUCE DENNIS  
Author of the Dennis Resolution

When the people of Oregon enacted a state income tax in 1923 they did so because they believed it was just and right. They believed it would reduce taxes. At that time they had plenty of theory and few facts to guide them.



They repealed that law in 1924 because it was a proved hard times breeder. It cost the people of Oregon the staggering total of \$40,000,000 to learn that economic condition absolutely beyond their control are such in Oregon that a state income tax drives out industries, keeps others from coming in, reduces payrolls, makes it harder to obtain farm loans and strikes at every home in country, village town and city.

But our state is again in turmoil because a determined effort is being made to force practically the same law upon the state this year. Our people are being asked to ignore plain fundamental economic facts. They are being asked to enact a law on a "guess" that it will bring good times now, when painstaking, honest investigation proved that the former tax did drive out industries, capitol, jobs, and millions of taxable wealth from Oregon, and a new state income tax will do it again.

Oregon is full of meritorious projects that should be developed. Big public improvements are necessary to open up our state, to bring the farms closer to their markets and cities closer to their bases of supplies. Wealth untold lies idle in natural resources awaiting the magic touch of development capital to bring it to the tax rolls, to create new payrolls, new activities and better livelihood for our people.

Since the last income tax law was repealed millions of dollars have been loaned in Oregon by outside financial concerns, at low rates, on long time, and with repayment privileges never known to Oregon before. If a new income tax law is enacted, and this discrimination aimed directly at these investors, rates will go up, much of the unloaned funds will be withdrawn, and our people will again face the inescapable fact Oregon needs capital, but capital does not need Oregon.

This is no time for prattle. It is high time for plain speaking, straight thinking and recognition of the hard economic fact that Oregon's farms, her industries, and her citizens desperately need capital, and that the only place we can get it is from outside the state.

We can drive capital out, but we cannot force it to come in unless we make it advantageous for it to do so. Oregon, ninth state in area, is relatively insignificant economically. 119,000,000 of America's 120,000,000 people reside outside of Oregon. Let us remember the industrial city of Detroit has over 100,000 more people than the state of Oregon, with its 96,000 square miles. Let us remember that 782,256 people here didn't make enough to file income tax returns, and that only 311 people in the entire state had earnings in excess of \$10,000; that of Oregon's 5000 corporations only 1073 made enough profit to file taxable reports, that 478 made less than \$5,000 and only 183 over \$20,000, including all public utilities, lumber mills, flour mills, factories, railroads, and other industries.

We have 55,157 farms, one to every 15 persons, 2600 industries, one to each 330 persons. What would one industrial center like Detroit mean to our farms, our home owners, our workers, our state? Oregon wants them, Oregon wants capital and wants to go ahead. Oregon wants to avert economic disaster, and instead wants to offer capital, new people, new industry, opportunity to help us grow.

That is what the Dennis Resolution is for. It guarantees that no state income tax can be enacted to discriminate against development and progress before 1940. It guarantees to every Oregon family that the state will not tax its accumulations when the bread winner dies. As a prosperity making measure it deserves the support of every forward looking citizen.

Vote 306 X YES—Dennis Resolution.  
Vote 329 X NO—Offset Income Tax Bill.  
Vote 335 X NO—Grange Income Tax Bill.

Paid Advertisement. Greater Oregon Assn. J. O. Elrod, Chairman. M. S. Hirsch, H. J. Frank, Ira F. Powers, J. B. Yeon, R. L. Macleay, G. G. Guild, J. H. Burgard, W. S. Babson Executive Committee. 419 Oregon Building, Portland, Oregon.

## DEATH ENDS SUFFERING OF JOHN H. PHILLIPS

After several weeks of intense suffering from cancer, John H. Phillips died at his home in Athena, Monday. He is survived by his wife, two sons and three daughters. Funeral services were held at the Baptist church Tuesday afternoon at 2:30.

John Henry Phillips was born in Eldorado Springs, Missouri, July 19, 1859, and died October 25, 1926; aged 67 years, 3 months and 7 days. He was united in marriage to Sarah Jane Couch September 27, 1885 and to this union were born eight children, five of whom, with a loving wife, survive. Mrs. Mae Harris of Kansas City, Mrs. Anna Dennis of Wasco, California, John Phillips of Milwaukee, Oregon, Mrs. Cecil Kibby and Dorwin Phillips of Athena. He is also survived by a brother, Isaac Phillips of this place.

He came with his family to Athena in 1913 and has since continuously resided here.

He suffered long and patiently and nothing was left undone by family and friends to make his last days as comfortable as possible. Deceased has been a member of the Baptist church for thirty years, dying peacefully and in that supreme confidence of his Lord. In his passing the children lost a loving father and the wife a devoted and true husband.

## FIRE CHIEF INJURED

Athena friends of Fire Chief Casey of Walla Walla, who was accidentally shot last week while hunting pheasants, will be sorry to learn that Mr. Casey's condition is critical. The injured arm was amputated at the shoulder and since the operation alarming complications have arisen.

## ARMENIAN QUAKE KILLS 400

100,000 Made Homeless by Series of Temblors.

Leninakan, Armenia—More than 400 persons have been killed, hundreds of others mortally injured and 100,000 made homeless by earthquakes which destroyed the greater part of this city of 40,000 inhabitants and 12 thriving towns in the vicinity.

The whole of Armenia has been terrified and the destruction amounts to millions of dollars.

Leninakan, seat of the largest American orphanage in the world, is like a vast sepulchre of ashes; from time immemorial Leninakan, formerly Alexandropol, has been a gigantic volcanic amphitheater due to the activity of Mount Ararat and Mount Alagoz in the tertiary period, but the city never before experienced such a violent and disastrous upheaval as that which leveled nearly all human habitations on the great Leninakan plain Friday night.

Thomas M. Osborne Dead

Auburn, N. Y.—Thomas Mott Osborne, famous prison reformer and former warden of Sing Sing, dropped dead here on the street. Osborne was 67 years old.

## Eastern Oregon Is Favored For School

"Oregon is relying at this time upon other states to provide nearly 50 per cent of the new teachers who must go to the elementary grades each year, while 50 per cent of the counties of Oregon and far more than 50 per cent of the area is unequipped with normal school facilities," says J. A. Churchill, president of the Ashland normal school and former state school superintendent, in a statement concerning the need of support for the Eastern Oregon normal school referendum.

He points out that 18 out of the 36 Oregon counties—all the large counties lying east of the Cascades—are dependent either on Western Oregon normal schools or on normal schools in Idaho and Washington.

"Monmouth normal," President J. S. Landers of that institution, who, like Churchill, is active in the campaign for the Eastern Oregon normal, declares, "has reached practically the maximum of its growth under which it can provide adequate teaching training for its students, and the Ashland normal school will have reached the same state before it is possible for the normal school in Eastern Oregon to begin functioning, if the people support the referendum providing for it in the November election."

"In the meantime Western Oregon cannot fully supply the normal trained teachers needed in its own territory, with the normal schools now in operation, and Oregon is losing effectiveness in two ways: First, we are obliged to draw teachers from outside the state, whose interests in the state are not the same as those of teachers whose homes are here. Second, we are losing Oregon young men and women who are trained in the normal schools of Washington and Idaho and who are placed by those schools in the teaching systems of those states, instead of coming back to Oregon.

"The demand is in excess of the supply of normal trained teachers in all the Western states and competition is so keen that the state which comes the furthest from training the teachers it needs in its own normal schools is bound to suffer the consequences in increased expenses and decreased efficiency of teaching."

## ARMY RECRUITING

Original enlistments in the Regular Army for Ninth-Corps Area (Pacific Coast States) organizations was resumed Monday October 11, after having been discontinued since September 18th. Most vacancies are in the Field Artillery and Corps of Engineers, Camp Lewis, Washington, Cavalry and Field Artillery, Fort Russell, Wyoming and the Infantry at Vancouver Barracks, Washington and Fort Douglas, Utah.

## HUNTERS WILL TRAIL LAST BIG BUFFALO HERD

Two hundred buffalo which have been getting wilder for the last 30 years on a 30,000-acre island in the middle of the Great Sale Lake, will be hunted down during November.

Contrary to the opinion of some Westerners, who declare the animals are as "tame as old bossy in the backyard," the buffalo have become extremely wary and will race en masse from the safty lake shore to the highest peaks of the island rather than permit riders to approach them. At a recent drive five horsemen rounded up 100 head of the animals before two weekly newsreel cameras. After seven hours of horse-killing riding, two buffaloes, an aged bull and a cow, stalked up over a ridge, saw the cameras and galloped up a steep hill and disappeared among the rocky ledges above. The rest of the herd had broken away 10 or 15 at a time and raced up the numerous gullies to safety in the mountains.

The herd, which "posed" for one great moving picture, will be almost exterminated during the hunt, only a few being left to keep the species on the island.

Although there are several hundred head of cattle on the range, the buffalo refuses to mix with the domestic stock.

Indians have been brought from the Fort Hall reservation in Idaho and will act for guides and assistants during the month of hunting.

## REJECTS WORLD COURT

The American Legion, in national convention, refused to reaffirm its position it took at Omaha, last year, when it favored adherence to the world court. A resolution re-affirming that action, was rejected by a large vote after speeches had been made that the world court had become a political question, and that to adopt the resolution would be violating the Legion's constitution which provides that the organization cannot be used for the dissemination of partisan principles. The merits of the world court were not discussed by those who opposed the resolution, home in Walla Walla.

## MISS RINGEL ENTERTAINS

Miss Emma Ringel entertained a number of her friends at a party at her country home Saturday evening. A most enjoyable time was had by those present. Games were played after which delicious refreshments were served. Those present were: Misses Thelma Schrimpf, Lois Smith, Francis Cannon, Virgie Moore, Emma Ringel, Messrs. Walter Huffman, Wayne Pittman, Harold Kirk, Edwin and Ralph McEwen.

## HARDEN THOUGHT GOOD

Speaking of Athletics at Eugene, the following is found on the Portland Oregon Sports section: One of the best linemen, Wilbur Harden of Athena, was injured against the Cliff Dwellers and will not play Friday. He is a six-foot end and weighs better than 190 pounds.

## Indian Summer



## High School Notes

Mr. Stolzheise refereed the football game Saturday between McLaughlin second team and Weston at Weston.

Purdy Cornelison, Miss Cornelison's brother was her guest over the week end.

Miss Bateman returned from Eugene Monday morning.

Mrs. William Sellars of Spokane visited her daughter, Miss Evelyn Sellars, over the week end.

Lorena and Iol Schubert were in Walla Walla over the week end.

Lenore McNair was absent from school two days on account of illness.

Francis Cannon and Emma Ringel were in Walla Walla Saturday.

Lois Johnson was in Walla Walla Saturday.

Roy DeFrees, Arthur and Dalberth Taylor and Clifford Wood were in Pendleton Saturday and attended the Milton-Pendleton football game.

Thena Russel was in Milton Sunday.

Pupils of the second grade receiving 100 in spelling for the past week were Virginia Eager and Teddy Miller.

Hallow'en week is always party time at the school. Miss Rodman's room had their party Wednesday evening, Miss Terry's pupils met Thursday evening. Miss Sellars' room will have their party from 2:50 until 4 this afternoon. The upper grades will have their party in the basement of the Christian church and the high school will use the school building this evening. A feature of the high school party is a basketball game between the senior boys and the other boys of the school. The teachers will be guests of honor at a reception given by the Civic club tomorrow evening.

Miss Terry, Miss Sellars, and Miss Rodman, spent Friday evening at the home of Mr. Henry Barr.

The girls of the Athena high school have been practicing basketball and they hope to have a winning team. A game has been scheduled with the Pilot Rock girls for Friday evening December 17.

George Pittman and Arthur Crowley have been chosen captains to manage the next literary programs for their room.

The upper grade boys are starting basketball as they have not been able to find any school to oppose them in football.

A party of pheasant hunters composed of Mr. Miller, Arthur Crowley, Wayne Pittman, Emery Rogers, "Jack" Murphy and Harold Kirk went out to the Kirk place and made a bag of fourteen pheasants.

## STANDARD PICTURES

Tomorrow night the Standard will present Anna Q. Nilsson in First National's fine photoplay, "Miss Nobody," supported by Walter Pidgeon. Sunday night the picture beautiful, "A Kiss for Cinderella," starring Betty Bronson and Tom Moore will be shown. "When the Door Opens," is the picture booked for Wednesday night.

## More School Buildings Proposed

### Bond Reduction Possible

As the taxpayers of our 18 grant land counties realize the great relief and how large is the sum coming to them through the enactment of the O. & C. Bill, they are planning new school buildings, and an increase and betterment in the teaching staff.

EIGHT MILLIONS of dollars turned loose in Oregon this fall is almost unbelievable, but this is a fact, thanks to the efforts of Robert N. Stanfield. In addition to this immediate cash payment, there is a tax reduction for all time of 25 per cent. One has only to ask any school director of these counties to realize to the full the wonderful relief from burdensome taxes the enactment of the O. & C. bill has permitted. This tax relief was only possible by the holding of the Chairmanship of the Public Lands by Senator Stanfield. The further relief to be had through the Forest Reserve Lands can only be obtained by re-selecting Robert N. Stanfield as Senator for Oregon.

Senator Stanfield proposes to apply this principle to the Forest Reserves, which will give every taxpayer in Oregon an additional reduction of from 25 per cent to 40 per cent. Or in other words will give Oregon an increased revenue of from 11 to 15 MILLIONS of dollars yearly, and for all time to come. With this substantial reduction in our taxes, and bonded indebtedness, we may look for the immediate coming of Eastern capital and population, and an increase in the value of our own property.

This additional revenue could eventually permit the repeal of all automobile, road and gasoline tax.

## The Social Side

(By Mrs. R. B. McEwen)

RECEPTION TO TEACHERS—Athena and community will welcome the teachers of its schools Saturday night at eight o'clock at the high school. A pleasing program has been arranged and games and decorations appropriate to the Hallow'en season will be in evidence. The several efficient committees from the Civic club have been sparing neither time nor effort to make the affair a success and it is their earnest wish that school patrons and friends will be present to greet the teachers and to enjoy the evening.

## THE ETUDE CLUB—

The Etude club was charmingly entertained Thursday at the home of Mrs. Lloyd Michener with Mrs. Bryce Baker and Mrs. Max Hopper as hostesses. After a brief business session when Mrs. Archie McIntyre was elected to membership, a pleasing program "Autumn Frolic" was presented. Mrs. O. O. Stephens played a piano solo, "Autumn Intermezzo" in her usual charming manner. "Sing Along" was rendered as a vocal duet by Mrs. Floyd Pinkerton and Mrs. Arthur Douglas. Mrs. Lawrence Pinkerton gave a reading "An Autumn Fantasy" followed by a vocal solo by Miss Lorraine Terry "The Enchanted Glade." A Hallow'en motif was used in the decoration and carried out in the dainty refreshments served by the hostess.

## BRIDGE SERIES—

Mrs. Ravella Lieuallen and Mrs. Francis Lieuallen entertained several groups of friends at a series of bridge teas this week at the Francis Lieuallen home in Adams. Lovely fall flowers with chrysanthemums predominating were used in profusion. Following the play a dainty two course collation was served by the hostess.

## MISS PROEBSTEL HERE—

Miss Ruth Proebstel was a week end guest at the R. B. McEwen home. Miss Proebstel who was a popular teacher in the Athena schools for two years now has charge of the music department in Berney school in Walla Walla. She is making her home with Mrs. Otis Whiteman.

## ANNUAL HOME COMING—

Miss Mildred Bateman has returned to Athena after spending the week end at Eugene, where she attended the Oregon-Stanford game and enjoyed the other festivities of the annual home coming.

## ENTERTAINED AT DINNER—

Mrs. H. A. Barrett and daughters Lucille, Beverly and Genevieve were hostesses Monday evening at six when they entertained, Miss Dorothy Rodman, Miss Evelyn Sellars and Miss Lorraine Terry at dinner. The table was centered with a quaint old witch who held a spooky candle over the festivities. Little baskets in orange and black contained dainty confections for the guests.

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You were denied knowledge of legislation proposed by Senator Stanfield, because the Morning Oregonian has and will sacrifice your best interests in order to reek its vengeance on anyone daring to oppose its own aggrandizement. The people of Oregon are a free people, owing their allegiance to their God, their country and themselves, and they will not submit to be ordered and dictated to by any selfish interest, no matter how powerful that interest or clique may be.

We who have been making homes in Oregon, establishing industries and payrolls, or working for wages, know how hard the struggle has been to make ends meet. There is only one hope for us, and that is relief from the excessive burden of taxation. Robert N. Stanfield, the present Republican Senator, whose advice and counsel is sought and respected by Senators and President Coolidge alike, has been the only representative Oregon ever had who has been able to actually reduce taxes. He is the only man who can continue to do so, as he and he alone can retain for Oregon the powerful Chairmanship of Public Lands.

Therefore, if you want to have the full benefit of reduction in taxation, and bring the full development of Oregon to pass within your lifetime, you must forget party or personal likes and whims and retain Senator Stanfield.

Oregon can suffer no greater disaster than the loss of the Chairmanship of the Public Lands Committee. (Paid adv. by R. C. Taylor, Portland, Oregon.)