

High School Notes

Superintendent J. A. Yeager visited the grades and high school Monday.

Reverend Meldrum addressed the entire student body last Friday at 9 A. M. He described a trip into Tibet.

Miss Sellars was absent from her school work Thursday morning. LaVone Pittman substituted for her.

The following people have visited school recently: Mrs. W. O. Read, Mrs. E. C. Rogers, Mrs. Terry and Mrs. Rose Miller.

Friday night Athena's luck changed, bringing a win over both of Stanfield's basket ball teams. The girls game was perhaps the closest of the two, Athena finally taking the long end of the score 12 to 8. In the boys game there was a good deal of rough play though at no time was Athena's point lead threatened. The final score was 26 to 14. Athena lineups were:

Girls—Belle Anderson, Ethel Pittman, Dorothy Geissel, LaVone Pittman, Lois Smith, Alberta Charlton, Thelma Schrimpf.

Boys—Dale Stephens, Ray Johnston, George Gross, Arthur Taylor, Granville Cannon, Harold Kirk, Fred Radtke, Oral Michener, Jack Moore.

The Hadleys, Miss Rodman and Miss Terry were dinner guests at the J. F. Herr home Tuesday evening.

Miss Sellars spent last Tuesday at the county library.

Declamatory work claimed the attention of the entire school Wednesday and Thursday. Mrs. C. M. Eager, Reverend Phillips, Reverend Bolinger, and Mrs. McPherson did the judging.

Miss Terry and Miss Rodman went to Walla Walla Tuesday.

Lenore McNair is back in school after an absence of five weeks caused by an appendicitis operation.

Dorothy Burke, who attended school here last year, registered in the sixth grade Monday.

Last Friday evening the Athena grade boys and girls motored to Helix and there, took the Helix Grade teams into camp to the tune of 29 to 14 for the girls and 13 to 11 for the boys. The outcome of the girls game was never in doubt as Helix girls were smaller and less experienced, but the boys game was anybody's game until the final whistle. The boys were seriously handicapped by the loss of their star forward Arthur Crowley who couldn't go with them on account of illness of his mother. Every boy and girl that went got to play as this will be the last game of the season for the graders. Those that made the trip were, Betty Eager, Marjorie Douglas, Goldie Miller, Myrtle Campbell, Georgie Green, Marguerite Moore, Arleen Myrick, Mary Jane Miller, Walter Huffman, Wayne Pittman, Emery Rogers, Ralph Carstens, Leonard Jenkins, Ralph Moore, Lowell Jenkins, Raymond Murphy, Leo Geissel, Clair Elder, George Pittman, Roland Wilson, Robert Lee and Kenneth Rogers.

The Athena Grade Basket ball teams wish to thank those who were so generous in using their cars to transport the two teams.

Worth Watts Designs New Style Speed Boat Using Discarded Ford

Worth Watts, former Weston and Athena boy, who is now instructor at Oroville, California, high school, has designed and perfected a new style speed boat. The following, regarding the new craft, is from an Oroville paper:

Worth P. Watts, instructor of the auto mechanics and wood-working classes, has designed and built an air propelled speed boat, which was launched in January. The boat is ingeniously constructed from a wrecked Ford motor car, an airplane propeller and a special method of gearing. The boat is the personal property of Mr. Watts and was built in the shops of the Oroville High school. It is fifteen feet long and four and a half feet wide, and has specially constructed pontoons on each side of the stern, which keep the stern out of the water and the craft riding easy. Each pontoon is constructed from four Ford gasoline tanks, soldered together, with a cone at each end. When completely submerged under water, they are capable of supporting 1600 pounds, and greatly add to the buoyancy of the ship.

The craft was launched in January by the auto-mechanics class of the high school, and it is rumored that a bottle of rare, antique champagne was broken over her bow when she was christened "Miss Oroville," as she majestically swept down the ways and broke the tranquil waters of the Feather River. Sheriff Toland denies any knowledge of this fact however, and so it must remain a rumor.

Ton of Straw Gives \$250 In Bi-Products According to Chemist

A process by which a ton of straw may be burned to extract \$250 worth of useful products from the smoke has been discovered by George H. Harrison, an industrial chemist, according to announcement by the magazine Farm and Fireside.

The chemist, it is said, has obtained 1600 pounds of products from each ton of wheat or oat straw, the products including a new germicide favorably reported on by the Mayo brothers of Rochester, a roofing and damp-proofing paint and a fly spray.

It is even possible, but not yet economically practical, to run an automobile on gas obtained from the straw, the magazine quotes the chemist as saying in the interview accorded in his laboratory near St. Paul Park, Minnesota.

"There is, indeed," said Mr. Harrison, "hardly any limit to the products that can be derived from straw by destructive distillation. When the process has grown up to its possibilities every American farmer who grows grain will feel the difference. Even now, if you would take me to a farm and offer me the grain or the straw, I would take the straw. Potentially, at least, it is the more valuable of the two."

"The wicked stand in slippery places."
"How do you know they are wicked?"
"By the language they use when they slip."

31 Years Ago

February 21, 1896

A. J. Johnston, an old resident of Summerville, was found dead in his bed at his home, about four miles north of that town, Sunday morning. The cause of his death is unknown. Mr. Johnston is one of the early pioneers of Oregon, and was a participant in the Rogue river Indian war.

"Quill" Gerking is training horses for Will Mosgrove.

Mrs. Bonsell, of Waitsburg, Washington, is in the city, the guest of her sister, Mrs. W. T. Gilman.

L. M. Watrus has been appointed agent of the Pacific Coast Elevator Company at Adams, vice R. A. Dozier resigned.

Grant county stockmen give owners of sheep in other counties to understand that hereafter they must keep off of Grant county range.

Athena Hose Company No. 1, elected the following officers at their regular meeting, Monday evening: President, J. W. Maloney; Secretary, C. A. Fischer, Jr.; Foreman, Charles Sharp; Assistant Foreman, John Foss.

A band of Oregon horses, in transit to Kentucky, a few days ago, says the Hailey Idaho Times, was taken from the cars at Shoshone and the animals sold for 50 cents apiece.

An Indian being escorted to jail the other day in Pendleton, fearing that his money would be taken from him, hit upon the novel plan by swallowing it.

Marshall Gillis, of Athena, is original if nothing else. The Indians have been giving the good citizens of Athena no end of trouble since they became "citizens" of the United States, and Marshal Gillis has at last struck upon a plan to make them pay their fines, when they are brought up before the local judge. After the fine is imposed the marshal at once takes the luckless Indian in tow and tells him that he must pay the fine or work in a shaft 60 feet deep or in a tower of equal height. This, it is said, brings the Indian to time, and he at once digs up the cash and pays his fine.

Mr. D. A. Richards was observed on the street this week. Mr. Richards says you can bank on the approach of spring when you see him come out of winter quarters.

The Hunt ranch, of 1339 acres, situated near Echo, this county, was purchased the other day by G. W. Ingalls, of Portland. Mr. Ingalls will place upon the ranch thoroughbred stock.

Charley Barrett says the following recipe is a sure destroyer of squirrels: Take one bottle of pulverized strychnine, four quarts of flour, one cup of sugar, one cup of salt. Mix these four ingredients dry, and place at each squirrel hole one teaspoonful.

Colored Drinking Water

The heavy rains have contributed muddy water for domestic purposes, not only at Athena, but in other municipal water systems as well. Pendleton has muddy water from her supply source at Schaplish Springs, east of Thorn Hollow.

Big Pictures Coming Including Hawthorne's

The Standard Theatre has booked a series of big super pictures to be shown in the near future. Opening the schedule will be the return of Valentino's great picture "The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse," which will be on Wednesday evening, March 2, the Standard having presented this mammoth production when it was a road show several years ago. Next in turn every two weeks, will appear Hawthorne's "Scarlet Letter," "Tell It to the Marines" and "The Fire Brigade."

Of lesser importance, but of special calibre, will be shown at regular prices on Saturday and Sunday programs, "The Red Mill," "The Last Frontier," (now running at the Majestic in Portland), "The Flaming Forest," "Tin Hats," and "The Unknown Soldier."

"The Red Mill," starring Marion Davies, is the splendid feature on tomorrow night's program. Sunday night Colleen Moore and Malcolm McGregor will be seen in First National's fine, big comedy-drama, "It Must Be Love."

NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNT

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Umatilla County.

In the Matter of the estate of Jacob Franklin Reno, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has filed his final account and report in the above entitled matter and that the above entitled Court has fixed Saturday, the 5th day of March, 1927, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock A. M. of said day, as the time, and the County Court room in the County Court house at Pendleton, Umatilla County, Oregon, as the place, for the hearing of said final account and report. Objections to said final account and report should be filed on or before that date.

Dated at Athena, Oregon, this 4th day of February, 1927.

S. F. SHARP, Administrator with the Will Annexed of the Estate of Jacob Franklin Reno, Deceased.

Watts & Prestbye Athena, Oregon, Attorneys for Estate. F4M4.

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