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## Washington Road Dispute Up To Court

### Question of Chairmanship Submitted for Judicial Decision.

Olympia, Wash. — State Auditor Clausen, as chairman, and State Treasurer Potts, as a member of the state highway committee, directed a lengthy letter to J. J. Donovan of Bellingham, president of the Washington State Good Roads association, setting forth their reasons for refusing to proceed with any further highway construction program pending decision by the supreme court upon the question of the highway committee secretaryship and upon the return of the highway bids of May 3, which Governor Hartley is withholding from the committee.

The committee from the good roads association presented a tentative construction program for the current year.

Action was instituted in supreme court to adjudicate the chairmanship and secretaryship disputes in the state highway committee, by two quo warranto proceedings, one brought by C. W. Clausen against Roland H. Hartley for the chairmanship and the other by George T. McCoy against Sam Humes for the post as secretary.

The complaints state that the positions are being usurped by the claimants, preventing the regularly elected officers from functioning. Twenty days' time was given in which to file an answer. Attorney-General John H. Dunbar brought the actions.

## HOOVER SURVEYS THE FLOOD SITUATION

Alexandria, La.—The worst of the Mississippi valley flood disaster should become known during this week, Herbert Hoover, secretary of commerce, declared after a ten-day survey of the situation, including first-hand observations of the flooded areas.

"Until then it is impossible to estimate either the losses or the dimensions of our problem," he said.

"The country must not overlook the fact that although the flood has been slow, that its destruction and the necessities for its remedy are still increasing.

"We should know the worst of this, our greatest national disaster in peace time, during the forthcoming week.

"The crest of the flood is now concentrated in central Louisiana. New levee breaks at Bayou des Glaisses have started water across a population area of 105,000. Their tenacity in clinging to their homes had been such that a large majority together with their animals, must now either be brought out by boats or cared for on the high spots.

## NICARAGUAN CLASH FATAL

### Marine Captain, Private Killed When Forces Meet.

Managua, Nicaragua. — Captain C. Bell Buchanan and Private Marvin Jackson of the United States marines were killed in a clash with a band of liberals at La Paz Centro, near Leon, it was announced.

Six liberals are reported killed and several marines wounded.

Washington, D. C.—The killing of a marine corps captain and a private in a clash with Nicaraguan liberals at La Paz Centro, near Leon, marks the first fatalities in action among the force of American marines sent to Nicaragua soon after the outbreak of civil war between the Diaz conservatives and the Sacasa liberals.

## Girl Jumps Over 17 Feet.

Eureka, Cal.—Miss Elta Cartwright, Humboldt State Teachers' college student, jumped 17 feet 4 inches in the broad jump, taking that event in a field meet against the men students of the college and bettering the national mark for women by four inches.

Oregon Athlete Drowns in River, Eugene, Or.—Harold Mangum, 23, of Portland, Or., football star, sports writer and editor-elect of the Oregon Daily Emerald, was drowned in the Willamette here when a canoe in which he was riding with Arden Pangborn, also of Portland, a fellow student and roommate, tipped over.

## Eight Grade Makes Fine Test Record

### This Years Average in State Examination Better By 3 Points.

The returns on the eighth grade examinations have been received and the entire Athena class passed with an average of 92.8 per cent. This beats the record of last years class by 3 points as their average was 90.8 per cent. The record for high honors was hotly contested, but Marguerite Moore won by an average of 96.8 only 3 per cent more than her closest rival, Emery Rogers, with an average of 96.5. The rest of the class is in the following order:

Georgie Grogan, 96.1; Myrtle Campbell, 95.7; Roland Wilson, 95.5; Elizabeth Walters, 94.5; Arthur Crowley, 93.7; Herbert Reeder, 92.3; Walter Huffman, 91.6; Ralph Carsten, 90.6; Wayne Pittman, 89.2.

This is the record of eighth grade work only and after the grades in Geography and Physiology are added, the average will vary to a certain degree.

All the sixth grade students passed with high honors in Oregon History and Physiology. Robert Lee carries off the high honors in Physiology with a grade of 100, while Roland Richards receives high honors in Oregon History with a grade of 97.

Due to the change in the type of examinations in Geography, the final returns have not been received, but it is understood that the ranging of the class is about or above the average in the county.

## Athena Elks Take Part in Race Meet

Athena Elks are taking an active part in the Pendleton Elks Race Meet which occurs at Round-Up park today, tomorrow and Sunday. Local Elks have contributed \$150 toward the \$2500 racing purse, and F. S. LeGrow is a member of the race committee.

On account of the large number of horses entered, it has been necessary to increase the number of races each day to eight, instead of six races as was at first scheduled. Arrangements are under way to make the Elks Race Meet an annual affair, and the large number of race horses owned in the Northwest assures success of the adventure.

Interest of Athena fight fans is centered in the boxing card which takes place tonight, owing to the fact that Mose Banister, local boxer, is matched to go six rounds against Buskirk, of Pendleton.

## Miss Johnson Honored

Miss Lois Johnson, pupil of Miss Hanna, was honored at a tea given by the Etude club yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Max Hopper. A profusion of fragrant lilies decked the rooms and a number of Miss Johnson's friends called during the afternoon. Miss Johnson who is a talented pianist, played three groups in her usual brilliant style. She was assisted by Miss Marguerite Mitchener of Walla Walla who gave three splendid readings. Tea was served from a table centered with marigolds and yellow tapers. Mrs. Matt Johnson and Miss Hanna poured and Mrs. Sarah Gross and Mrs. Bryce Baker cut ices. The class mates of Miss Johnson assisted about the rooms and included the Misses Belle Anderson, Margaret Lee, La Vone Pittman, Lucille Smith, Lenore McNair, Jennamae Read, and Edna De-Freese.

## In Automobile Accident

Friends of Mrs. James Creswell will be pleased to hear that she is recovering from injuries sustained in an automobile accident last week. Mrs. Creswell was en route to Forest Grove for a visit with her parents and was alone at the time of the accident which occurred about six miles east of Portland at a blind street crossing. The Ford coupe was hit broadside by the street car and was almost demolished. Mrs. Creswell was thrown in the bottom of the car and stunned. She suffered painful injuries to her back, several scalp wounds and was badly bruised. Witnesses declare that her escape is a miracle. At present she is convalescing at Forest Grove and hopes to return here within a couple of weeks.

## Judge Phelps Dies After Long Illness

### Well Known Oregon Jurist Succumbs in Portland Hospital.

Judge Gilbert W. Phelps of the sixth judicial district, Umatilla and Morrow counties, one of the best known jurists of Oregon, died Thursday afternoon of last week at a hospital in Portland. He had been ill for two years, following a stroke of paralysis. Before his election to the bench, he practiced law at Heppner and Pendleton. He was 55 years of age and is survived by his widow and two daughters, Miss Genevieve Phelps, teacher in the St. Anthony, Idaho, schools, and Miss Margaret Phelps, teaching at Hammond, Indiana.

Judge Phelps came to the bench of the circuit court of this district in 1910 under appointment, to succeed Judge H. J. Bean who had been elected to the Supreme court. Following elections to succeed himself in 1912, 1918 and 1924 he never had an opponent to contest his election to the office. He came to Pendleton from Heppner, Morrow county, where he first practiced law, and was a partner of the late Judge W. R. Ellis, upon his election as district attorney for Umatilla and Morrow counties. In Pendleton he formed a partnership with the late John McCourt.

Judge Phelps was held in high esteem by the Pendleton bar and all attorneys who practiced in his court, and he held the honor of having practically all cases appealed from his court, confirmed by the supreme court. In addition to having the distinction of being one of the state's most able jurists, he had served a term in the state legislature. In his home community, Pendleton, he was active in public and educational affairs.

The body was brought from Portland for interment at Pendleton. Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at the Church of the Redeemer in Pendleton.

Active pall bearers were John Adams, George Hartman, Roy Ritzer, J. V. Tallman, S. R. Thompson and R. T. Brown. Honorary pall bearers were Congressman N. J. Sinnott, Levi Chrisman, M. Z. Donnell and Judge Fred Wilson, all of The Dalles, Senator Fred Steiwer, Wilson E. Brock, Dr. W. D. McNary, E. M. Wingate, of Portland, H. M. Cockburn, of Milton and E. S. Notson of Heppner. All were old-time friends of Judge Phelps.

## Death of Mrs. Booher

Mrs. Minnie Booher, widow of the late Al Booher, died at her home in Athena, Tuesday at the age of 66 years, four months and 22 days. Mrs. Booher had been in failing health for a long time, and bore under her long sickness with patience and fortitude. She is survived by four daughters, Mrs. Etha Lang, Mrs. Ella Smalley, Mrs. John Shick, all of Portland, and Mrs. Henry Booher of Athena. Funeral services were held at the family home yesterday afternoon, attended by a large number of friends. Floral offerings were numerous and beautiful.

## JANET GEISTER



Janet Geister of Elgin, Ill., has been chosen director of the American Nurses' association, with headquarters in New York city, to succeed Miss Agnes Deans, resigned. Miss Geister has been prominent in investigations of a national scope, conducted by the Society for the Prevention of Infant Mortality and other bodies, and is the author of books on nursing.

## Farmers Attend Weeder Demonstration Friday

A large number of farmers saw a practical demonstration of weeders given at the Henry Koepke place south of Athena Friday forenoon. Everybody profited by the demonstration, including Henry Koepke, who had models of weeds killed by the three makes of weeders on exhibition.

Exhibits were made by Rogers & Goodman, sales agents for the Snider Weeder Company of Weston; J. L. Harman local agent for the Pendleton Iron Work's Weeder, and Rex Ellis of Pendleton, who is salesman of the Penland Brothers Weeder.

The three weeders "sliced" back and forth over the field in demonstrating their "points" of efficiency, which were better understood by the farmers in attendance than by a certain editor who went out there in search of a weeder for his garden, but found no implement offered that could be drawn by less than a six-horse team.

## Base Ball Scores

Weston defeated Walla Walla Electrics in a 10-inning game Sunday on the Weston grounds, 11 to 9. Adams won from Umapine in the Walla Walla valley league, 5 to 4. In the Blue Mountain league games, Pendleton went into first place by winning from Walla Walla, 4-3. The reservation Indians defeated Hermiston, 9 to 2.

## Big Yield Realized

East Oregonian: Sale of wheat from two tracts in the Athena district owned by J. M. Walker of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, totaling 400 acres have brought returns of \$9,112.13 as crop share rental which makes an average of \$22.80 for the acres in the two tracts, and is regarded by grain men as being an excellent return for wheat lands. The wheat was sold by J. N. Scott to the Balfour, Guthrie company.

## Class Oration Given By Granville Cannon

### "Try, Trust and Triumph" Symbolic in Achievement of Success.

Two crowning features of the graduating exercises of Athena High school at the auditorium Friday evening was the address by Rev. Stover of Salem, and the class oration given by Granville Cannon. The oration as delivered by Mr. Cannon, follows:

We who are passing out of High School life into a more active citizenship or in to college life, have only a feeling of gratitude and thankfulness tonight. To you, who have by your kind, persistent labors provided this school for us, and have made it possible for us to be graduated from its peaceful halls, we want to say that we not only fully realize the honor which is ours, but we comprehend a little of the responsibility that goes hand in hand with that honor. Upon us now rests the responsibility of becoming better citizens, and better men and women. You have done your part, now it lies wholly with us.

To the faculty who have given us the biggest service possible, we extend our appreciation which we have never quite realized until now. You who have been our guides and our counselors in the past year, we thank you. The graduating class of nineteen hundred and twenty-seven, thanks all who have had any part either directly or indirectly, in bringing us to this, our graduating night.

Friends, we as a class have chosen "Try, Trust and Triumph" for our motto, and we wish to consider for a few minutes what that means to us.

The word "try," means more to the world and its people than any other single word. Only three letters grouped together, yet the result, a word which has probably changed the world more than any other word could possibly have done. We owe all our modern civilization to men who have tried to make this world a better place in which to live. All the modern conveniences which we enjoy, all the inventions which have so revolutionized every phase of our daily life have been brought about as the result of the ceaseless labors of men or women who tried and triumphed over all the difficulties which came in their way.

What would be the result if this desire, "to try," were suddenly taken out of the lives and ambitions of men? What would be the effect upon the human family? What would be the effect upon each one of us? These three questions are of vital importance to all of us who are interested in the welfare of our nation and of our posterity. It is hard for us to comprehend the result to the world if this desire were eliminated, but we can say this! If men ceased to try, if men were no longer urged on by the desire to attain greater heights, to try just one more new venture, all the activities of the world would soon come to a standstill. The desire, "to try" gone, man would cease to accomplish. And in a startlingly short time the human

race would become stagnant and then extinct.

The lives of the men who have helped to make the history of our own country are glowing proof of the burning desire, "to try." Name over the great men of our nation, or any other nation, read their biographies and you will find that in nearly every case they started out under the most trying conditions yet tried constantly and as a result succeeded.

There are many men who owe all their success and greatness to trying and trusting. Three such men come immediately to my mind when referring to those who have traveled each step from the bottom to the highest rung of the ladder of success: Jacob Riis, J. C. Penney and Abraham Lincoln. Jacob Riis, an immigrant, who came from Denmark, a man whose spirit and ambitions were not broken by cold, hunger, or sleeping in door ways. Today he is considered the one man who has done more to better the conditions of the Slums in New York City, than any other man. Roosevelt said of him, "He comes the nearest to the ideal of an American citizen."

J. C. Penney began to shift for himself at ten years of age. His first investment was a pig. Today he is at the head of the largest chain of stores in the United States.

We do not need to say anything about the trials and hardships of Abraham Lincoln the man who came from the log cabin to the White House, the man who is honored through out the world. Lincoln once made the following statement which illustrates the force of trying, "I will try and prepare myself so that when the time comes I shall be prepared."

If we of the graduating class are going to try, in whom are we going to put our trust? To succeed all great men put their trust in God, themselves and their fellowmen. Let us consider these three things:

In the first place our religious beliefs are the foundation for our ambitions. They are the force which holds us in the right. Through trust in a supreme being, we learn to trust our fellow men and in turn to be trusted by them.

The one thing which hinders the ideas and progress of men, more than any thing else is that they have not the confidence in themselves. They are afraid to trust themselves to launch out on some great undertaking. This lack of trust in oneself is the cause of a great majority of the failures in the world.

Man cannot afford to be an isolated being. He must cooperate with and trust in his fellow men if he is to succeed in any undertaking, be it great or small. He must feel that when he has sent some man on an important errand, he will accomplish the task he has laid before him. And in turn he must make himself worthy of the trust of others. A race without a goal, a contest without a prize or a search without a reward would cease to be for us a race, contest, or search. So in life's race we are interested in the goal, in the possibility of triumph. Few of us are big enough to continually try and trust unless there be some possibility of a triumph. What will be the return for all our labors is man's constant query. The answer to that query will be directly dependent on the manner in which we have tried and trusted. Some one has said, "A great man cannot be measured until he has fallen." Only when we shall have left behind those things which are non-essential, those things which will hinder us in our going, and shall have tried and trusted to the best that is in us, can we hope to reap that triumph which shall come if we sincerely follow our motto, "Try Trust and Triumph."

## Jesse Vaughn Dead

Athena relatives received word Wednesday of the death of Jesse Vaughn, brother of Mrs. W. R. Harden and Mrs. Henry Miller, who died suddenly at Pendleton. His death came as a shock to Athena relatives, as he was in his usual health when seen by Mr. Harden, last week. Jesse Vaughn grew to manhood at Athena, and of late years had been engaged in farming in the Pendleton district. He is survived by his widow and five children, three sons and two daughters. Funeral arrangements are incomplete pending word from a daughter in Idaho.

## Meeting of U. of O. Alumni

The U. of O. Alumni of Pendleton will sponsor a meeting at 8 o'clock, Monday evening May 23rd, at the Library club rooms in the interests of the Fine Arts Building. Mrs. George T. Gerlinger of Portland will address the meeting. All Oregon alumni are requested to attend. No funds will be solicited at this meeting.

## Back From Yakima Shoot

Marion Hansell and Omer Stephens returned home Sunday night from Yakima, where they attended the Washington state trap shoot. Neither of the Athena trap men shot up to usual form. In one event Hansell made a score of 49 out of 50.

## Bridge Club Entertained

The Athena Bridge club was charmingly entertained Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Lloyd Michener. Spring flowers in profusion were used about the rooms. Three tables were in play, the award for high score falling to Mrs. W. S. Ferguson. A dainty guest prize was presented to Mrs. Max Hopper.

## Oregon Trunk May Build to Klamath

### Interstate Commerce Commission Authorizes Extension of Line.

Washington, D. C. — Withdrawing practically all the conditions it had sought to impose upon railroads contemplating new construction in central Oregon, the interstate commerce commission authorized the Oregon Trunk and the Southern Pacific to proceed with building operations which have been in controversy between them for several years.

The commission specifically gave the Oregon Trunk authority to build from Bend to Klamath Falls, provided it began work before June 17.

It also gave the Oregon, California & Eastern, which the Southern Pacific has tentatively acquired, permission to proceed with extensions it has planned, and relieved it from the necessity of tendering joint use of its tracks to the Oregon Trunk.

Holding that construction of the extension from Bend by the Great Northern alone is obviously less desirable than if the service is performed in conjunction with the Northern Pacific, each road being half owner of the Oregon Trunk, the commission denies the application for separate construction recently presented by President Budd of the Great Northern, without prejudice to its right later on to renew the application for construction of a line by itself or for acquisition or operation of the line to be constructed by the Oregon Trunk under the plan now approved. This is to meet the contingency that the Northern Pacific will refuse, as part of the Oregon Trunk, to participate with the Great Northern in building into Klamath Falls.

O. D. O. Picnic  
The O. D. O. club held their annual picnic Saturday at Dorothy's Grove. Games and stunts kept everyone in high spirits and a bountiful lunch appeared hearty appetites. This being the last meeting of the year for the club, officers elected for the following year are: Mrs. Flint Johns, President; Mrs. Jesse Gordon, vice president; Mrs. Lee Whitehead, secretary-treasurer and reporter.

## Farewell Reception

Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Hadley will be honored at a reception at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Bollinger next Tuesday evening. The affair is being given by members of the Baptist church who extend an invitation to friends of the honorees. Mr. and Mrs. Hadley will leave shortly for Portland and the affair is in the nature of a farewell.

## Severely Burned

J. E. Snively, proprietor of the Twin City Cleaning establishment at Milton was seriously burned on the face, arms and hands when a steam pipe burst in the cleaning department, Saturday. Discovering that the pipe was leaking, Mr. Snively put on gloves and held a sack between himself and the escaping steam, and while he was in the act of tuning the valve, the pipe burst. The sack was blown aside with the result that Mr. Snively was burned. Quick application of linseed oil and flour served to lessen the severity of burns.

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## Saving the Vicksburg Railroad Transfer



The railroad transfer of Vicksburg was in great danger of destruction by the flood waters of the Mississippi and an army of men was put to work reinforcing the levee with thousands of sacks of dirt.