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## Steiwer's Move A Political One

### Portland Paper Sees In Change of Residence Camouflage.

Henry M. Itzen in Portland Telegram:—From the office of United States Senator Frederick Steiwer at Washington comes the announcement that the senator contemplates abandoning his residence at Pendleton and making Portland his future abode.

The reason assigned for the contemplated change of residence is that the junior senator has severed his legal connection at Pendleton and that he would be more accessible to his constituents at Portland.

"Practical consideration must govern my future location to a large extent," the senator is quoted on the subject in Washington dispatches.

"I found last summer that many more of the people I represent could reach me at Portland than at Pendleton.

"During the adjournment periods delegations from all parts of the state call on my colleagues and myself to discuss legislative matters pending at Washington.

"I believe that I should be as accessible as possible to the callers, and Portland is easier of access for most of them than Pendleton."

But that is not the real reason why Senator Steiwer is considering making Portland his future official residence.

It is merely a pretended reason—merely political camouflage.

The real reason is political and it is in the interest of Steiwer's candidacy for re-election when his term shall expire.

Like the leaders of both the Republican and Democratic parties Senator Steiwer is recognizing the fact that just now the up-state enjoys a monopoly on all of the major political offices.

It has both the senators.

It has two of the three congressmen.

It has the governor.

It has the state treasurer.

It has the secretary of state.

In spite of the fact that Multnomah county casts a third or more of the total vote of the state it has only one representative in the major offices—Congressman Korrell—and in that office it is protected by the law fixing the congressional districts.

It is discriminatory and unjust distribution of the political offices of the state.

Multnomah county has smarted under this political discrimination for years—smarted under it so long that it is now on the verge of rebellion.

This situation is worrying, not only Steiwer, but other occupants of high office in the state.

In fact Steiwer sensed the seriousness of the situation as far back as the last senatorial primary campaign.

This contest was a three cornered affair with Steiwer and Stanfield from the up-state and Clark from Multnomah county.

So alarmed became Steiwer at one stage of the contest over the rising strength of Clark and the possibility of a something like a fairly even split of the up-state vote between himself and Stanfield that he seriously considered issuing a statement that if elected he would make Multnomah county his residence.

Political advisers counseled against it, however, pointing out that such a move on the eve of the election might cost him the up-state and gain him nothing of consequence in Multnomah county.

Whether such a move now would enhance or militate against his candidacy for re-election is problematical.

He would, of course, have five years or so to establish his residence here, and make his political connections.

Whether he could do so is a question.

Whether, if successful, he could retain his up-state following is another question.

As indicated there are other high office holders, in addition to Steiwer, who are worried over the rising tide of protest in Multnomah county against monopoly held by the up-state on all the high offices.

A class of 510 was initiated by the Salem Elks lodge Tuesday night, the largest in the history of the Salem lodge. About 200 remain to be initiated as a result of a recent membership campaign.

## DOROTHY EVANS



Miss Dorothy Evans, distinguished feminist of London, of the national advisory council of the International Woman's party, who came to the United States to address the National Woman's party convention in Colorado Springs.

## Two Hurt, One Dead In Express Train Derailment

Portland.—A locomotive engineer and his fireman were seriously injured early Sunday morning when their train, the Oregon Trail Express No. 23, west bound from Salt Lake City, crashed into a snowslide at Oneonta, 30 miles east of Portland.

The impact of the train, striking the obstruction while traveling at an estimated speed of between 40 and 50 miles an hour, hurled the lead engine, the second engine, four baggage cars and one passenger coach off the tracks.

The injured: Charles F. Theobald, engineer; Fred C. Warnke, fireman. Due to the heavy snow and ice-covered tracks, the train was running as a doubleheader with the two mountain-type locomotives pulling the heavy load through the snow-filled gorge.

The accident happened at 7:45 a. m. Snow was falling and it is thought that Engineer Theobald did not see the slide as he piloted his locomotive around a slight curve in his way down to Portland.

The slide which was five feet high and carried hundreds of tons of snow down from the mountain side, covered the tracks for a distance of 100 feet, blocking the right of way.

The lead engine, in which Theobald and Warnke were riding, plunged down a 20-foot embankment on the north side of the tracks. The right-of-way at this point is close to and parallel with the Columbia river highway.

The second engine followed the lead engine and the baggage cars piled off the tracks and landed on their sides. One passenger coach was derailed, but the sleepers remained on the tracks.

Passengers were thrown into a panic as they were jostled around in the crash but, although several were shaken up, none was hurt.

## Evangelistic Meetings At the Baptist Church

Rev. Neil J. Barnes will begin a series of evangelistic meetings at the Baptist church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. The evangelist is said to be a forceful and convincing speaker and the local church members are looking forward with much interest to the success of the meeting.

Pastor Bollinger asks: "Will you be one of the winter worshippers who wend their way regularly to the Baptist Church for the series of meetings. It is yours to share the blessings and privileges offered by these services and to show the world that "faith" is not dead in the earth.

"Now to those who are giving largely of their time to things of the world, and so little to the concerns of the life that which is to come, reveal to them the cheapness and emptiness of it all."

## Hunting Shelter

The saucy little English Sparrow apparently finds no trouble in seeking shelter to protect his mite of feathered body from the ravages of the winter storm. A small flock of these birds are making themselves at home in a shed situated in the north part of town. They also find feed there, helping themselves to grain along with domestic fowls.

Mrs. E. J. Burchill of Pendleton, visited over the week end in Athena.

## One Dead, One In Jail After Farm Battle

### Relatives Find Couple in a Granary; Bullets Follow Threats.

Enterprise, Oregon.—Bert Hopkins, 40, was placed in jail here, charged with killing Ferdinand Sanday, 32, on the Sanday farm about three miles southwest of Flora, Oregon. Hopkins was arrested and brought in by Sheriff Miller, accompanied by Deputy Madison, Coroner Booth and District Attorney Burleigh, who left here on receipt of word of the shooting and met Hopkins on his way here to surrender.

The killing, according to details gathered by Sheriff Miller, occurred at an old granary across the road from the Sanday home.

Hopkins, who was staying at the residence of Orville Myers, a neighbor of the Sandays, is said to have been paying attentions to Golda Sanday, 17, a sister of the man killed. It further was said that he had been warned to let the girl alone and that he had Myers telephone her to meet him last night.

Hopkins and the girl went to the granary and her brother, missing her, became suspicious. He and his brother-in-law, J. R. Underwood, were reported to have armed themselves rifles and an electric flash, and to have discovered the pair in the granary.

According to Hopkins, they ordered them out, threatening to shoot. The girl finally emerged, but Hopkins refused to do so and, it was said, Sanday and Underwood opened fire, one of the bullets wounding Hopkins' horse.

The besieged man then fired through a window with his automatic pistol, the bullet striking Sanday in the stomach, inflicting injuries from which he died in about half an hour. Underwood and the girl took the wounded man to the house and Hopkins left. Later he started for Enterprise intending, he stated, to surrender.

The Underwoods are living in the Sanday home during the absence in the east of the dead man's parents. Hopkins is said to have been acquitted of a murder charge in Baker, Oregon, and since coming here he was acquitted of a charge of assault with a deadly weapon.

Hopkins is familiarly known as "Tige," in Athena, and for several years worked in this vicinity.

## Taylor and Son New Dairy Firm

B. D. Taylor and son Dalberth Taylor, have formed a partnership under the firm name of Taylor & Son to carry on a dairy business in Athena. In a modest way B. D. Taylor has been conducting a small dairy for over a year.

The new firm has purchased some of the stock together with the business and milk routes of George Payne, and now control the dairy business in Athena. The dairy is situated at the south terminus of Fourth street. The firm has only first class milk cows, and are prepared to furnish their patrons with a supply of good wholesome milk and cream.

## Found Dead In Truck

W. W. Parks, who left Pendleton December 16 for St. Louis, was found dead at the steering wheel of his truck on a road near Dodge City, Kansas, Monday night. Heart failure caused his death. He is survived by a son, Theodore Parks of Pendleton, and a daughter, Mrs. C. R. Graham, also of Pendleton.

## Returns to College

Fleenor Douglas who formerly lived in Athena, has returned to Los Angeles after spending the holidays here. He is a student at the Osteopathy College in Los Angeles. During his visit he was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. L. J. McAtee of Pendleton; his sister, Mrs. Francis Lieuallen of Adams and his brother Arthur Douglas of Athena.

## Crashed Into Bridge

Miss Lois McIntyre met with an automobile accident while returning from Walla Walla, one day last week. Driving the Paul Lieuallen Chrysler roadster, the machine crashed into a bridge near Freewater. The car was wrecked, but Miss McIntyre fortunately escaped from injury.

## Woman Confesses Husband Poisoned

### Preston Clark and Dead Man's Widow Held At Walla Walla.

Walla Walla.—Prosecuting Attorney Coleman has in his possession a confession signed by Mrs. Nellie Mae Bidwell, widow of A. L. Bidwell, who died suddenly Friday morning, supposedly of heart trouble, that the man was poisoned.

The confession set out that the poison was placed in food by Preston Rae (Slim) Clark, Mrs. Bidwell and Clark are both in jail. Clark denies the charges.

Clark has been staying at the Bidwell home since August 1.

Immediately following the death of Bidwell neighbors told the officers that Clark had been rather intimate with the woman and that Bidwell had expressed the fear that he would lose his wife to Clark.

Coleman and Sheriff McInroe investigated Saturday and finally decided to make arrests. Coleman and Deputy Sheriff Bride searched the back yard at the Bidwell home and found a bottle containing poison which Clark admitted having thrown away. He asserted that Dr. J. E. Vanderpool had given him poison tablets to take. Dr. Vanderpool denied there was any poison in the medicine that he had given Clark.

Mrs. Bidwell made conflicting statements and finally, after hours of questioning, said she would tell all she knew. The confession then was written and signed.

"Slim did it, and he told me so. I'll make a confession. You write it and I'll sign it," Mrs. Bidwell declared. The confession was witnessed by the prosecuting attorney, sheriff and three deputies.

"Slim admitted he put strychnine in some hog brains we had for breakfast," said the confession. When I accused him of it first he dropped his head and turned red. I gave him another jolt in the front room when Mr. Bidwell was on the couch before Slim went for the doctor. He admitted putting poison in the brains. Slim did not tell me when he put it in. Clark flatly denies the charges and officers say he threatened the woman with bodily harm.

Bidwell was 49 and Mrs. Bidwell is 40. They have been married 20 years. Clark is 36. Officers stated they have further evidence which they refuse to divulge at this time.

## Pheasants Need Care When Snow is Deep

Six inches and more of snow makes it imperative that food be placed where pheasants and other game birds may have access to it. Otherwise, in a short time mortality runs high and the surplus from state game farms is more than offset in the number of birds perishing through starvation.

As a rule deputy game wardens and gun club members are the first to take action in relief of birds in emergency cases, but sportsmen generally can be depended upon to see that feed is provided and distributed in haunts of the game.

It is said that the Hungarian pheasant can hustle for food in winter weather better than the chinks, for the reason they are not hampered by long tail feathers, as in the case with the latter. Numerous reports have been recorded where chinks have been found with their tail feathers frozen fast to the ground.

Other instances are known where the chink has hovered in the shelter of creek banks and made no effort to seek food on account of deep snow. Like the quail, he selects a heavy brush growth for his winter quarters, and under the snow finds weed seeds which provides sustenance for him.

## Annual Poultry Show

Walla Walla's annual poultry show opened Tuesday, after elaborate preparation had been made for receiving a large number of entries. There is space at the show to accommodate 350 birds. There will be \$350 in cash prizes awarded to the winning birds.

William Winship, former Athena resident, is here this week from his home at Salem, visiting relatives and friends. Mr. Winship's two daughters and son Dick reside with him at the present time.

## ROUSES THE CLERICS



Prof. Shirley J. Case of the University of Chicago who has just published a life of Jesus which has created quite a stir in religious and literary circles. Some of his assertions, especially that Jesus never thought himself the son of God, have been strongly attacked by orthodox Christian ministers.

## Grandma Shick, Pioneer Woman, Dead at 88 Years

Grandma Shick died at her home in Athena early Saturday morning at the age of 88 years, one month and 29 days. She had been in poor health for a long time, and the end which was welcomed by her was not unexpected by her friends. Funeral services were held at the home Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Martha Jane Bender was born at Ft. Wayne, Indiana, November 2, 1839. She was united in marriage to Amos Shick, November 2, 1857. To them were born nine children, eight of whom have preceded the mother to the grave, and the husband died April 19, 1913. Mr. and Mrs. Shick came to Athena in 1877, settling on a farm northwest of this city.

For many years Mrs. Shick has been a member of the Christian church, and until old age crept upon her and illness dulled her activities, she performed the many good and charitable deeds that characterize a lovable neighbor and true friend.

She is survived by one son, Arthur Shick of Athena, ten grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

## The Jensen Hitch Takes Place of Shoeing

Winter days are busy ones for Jens Jensen, Athena blacksmith, since he conceived the idea of making the Jensen hitch for tractors. Mr. Jensen is now at work on the fourth hitch, and is ready to take orders for more.

The hitch, which is finding favor with tractor owners, is substantially made, and Jensen manufactures them for both the 30 and 60 tractors. The device is mounted on wheels with roller bearing equipment and is used as the connection between seeders, slickers, harrows, etc., and the tractor.

Since the motor truck has put the kibosh on horseshoeing, Jensen looked around for something to keep his shop busy, and that is how he got into the tractor hitch game.

## Bucking Highway Snow

The highway maintenance crew with headquarters in Athena, had its hands full and running over, Sunday and Sunday night, to keep the highway open between this city and the State Line. It was well along into the wee sma' hours of Monday morning when the crew had completed its round trip to State Line and back with the big snow plow, pushed by a heavy truck.

## Back to School

Athena students of Universities and colleges who spent the holiday period here, are returning to the work this week. Beryl Hodgen's holiday visit was cut short at home for the reason that he played in the all-west all-east football game at Los Angeles.

## Hodgen Family Reunion

The annual reunion of the Hodgen family was held at Umapine, Saturday last. A sumptuous banquet was had, and in the evening dancing took place at State Line hall. A number of Athena friends attended the reunion.

## Milton Rancher Passes

Highly Harris, aged 73, prominent Umatilla county farmer died Tuesday morning at 5 o'clock at his home near Milton on the Walla Walla river. His death followed a prolonged illness of several months.

## Inland Empire In Grasp of Winter

### Highways Blocked, Trains and Stages Held Up By Snow.

On the wings of a zero temperature six inches of snow fell at Athena Saturday night and early Sunday. Since then snow and sleet have piled on two more inches, so that the ground is covered with a white blanket eight inches thick.

The winter blast is general throughout the Inland Empire and the Pacific Northwest. In every direction motor stage traffic and railway train service has been greatly hampered by excessive snowfall and zero weather. At Athena the temperature crawled down to eight below, and Meacham, in the Blue Mountains, reported 28 below zero.

The Athena highway crew, by dint of hard work and luck kept this division of the highway opened up, and stages ran late, while passenger car traffic was curtailed on account of the weather.

Farmers say snow is just what is needed for grain protection, and since the sleet covering came, there is little likelihood of the snow drifting to any great extent.

Portland reported blocked highways, towns and communities isolated, wire service interrupted, trains delayed and busses stalled—these were some of the conditions now existing in the wake of the howling blizzard and sleet storm that ushered in the New Year in that vicinity.

A blanket of sleet on top of about five inches of hard packed snow rendered travel conditions very difficult over a wide area. In Portland the Portland electric power company managed to maintain car service with delayed schedules on most of its lines. Street cleaning apparatus was kept busy removing drifts piled up by the swirling winds.

Bus service on the Columbia river highway had to be suspended because of snow and ice blockade between Corbett and Cascade Locks. Similar conditions prevailed on the Pacific highway between Portland and Kelso. A silver thaw on the lower Columbia river highway stopped stage travel to Astoria.

Points on the Willamette valley were icebound by the silver thaw.

Many automobiles were stalled and abandoned on roads, and in Portland hundreds of owners were forced to leave their machines on their driveways, being unable to force them to negotiate inclines into garages.

## Gets Wild Turkeys

Marion Hansell has made arrangements with the state game farm at Pendleton to receive several pairs of wild turkeys, which will be liberated at points near Athena. Since the first importation of wild turkeys from the Southern states by the game commission, the Pendleton farm employes have been successful in raising a satisfactory number of young birds. Last year a shipment of the birds was made to Southern Oregon, and it is reported they are increasing in numbers there.

## Now In Vodvil

Tom Gurdane, chief of Police, and Buck Lieuallen, state traffic officer, captors of W. Edward Hickman, have signed a contract with Alexander Pantages which will cover approximately 25 weeks and take them over the greater part of the circuit, according to the East Oregonian.

## Green Hudson Goes Back

The Elst Oregonian reports that the green Hudson car driven by William Edward Hickman, Marion Parker's slayer, is now on its way back to California. Will Penland is taking it from Pendleton to Hollywood where the car will be restored to the rightful owner, F. R. Peck.

## Back to Umatilla

Mr. and Mrs. V. C. Burke, who came to Athena from Garfield, Washington, to spend the holidays with relatives, have been held here for several days longer than they intended to remain, on account of the bad condition of the highways. Mr. Burke who is in charge of grain warehouses at Garfield, intends to return to Umatilla county next fall to reside.