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Fast Melting Snow Floods City Streets

Three Thoroughfares Carry Turgid Waters Through Town.

Melting under the influence of a chinook wind and sunshine, eight inches of snow and ice let go on the slopes of the Kirk field east of town, Sunday at noon and the turgid flood waters rushed through the city over three streets.

Fifth street in the residence district caught the flood and carried it south to Adams, Jefferson and Main streets, where it rushed on west, through the Tum-a-Lum Lumber yard, and hence on to Wild Horse creek. High street also carried a quantity of water and property on upper Third and Fourth streets was inundated during the afternoon.

Improvised wing dams afforded relief in directing the flow of water away from Main street to the extent that basements were not flooded, with the exception of that of the Athena Department Store, where the water entered from the rear of the building, before assistance arrived and it was controlled by diversion methods.

Friday evening one of the highway department snowplows was utilized to push the deep snow into the center of Main street, from both sides. This facilitated traffic by affording a oneway space on each side of the street, and providing ample parking room.

Also when the flood came the pavement was open from the center of the street to the curb, giving the water a free course without obstruction. Had the snow and ice not been shoved, to the street center it would have blocked the flood and every basement on the thoroughfare flooded.

Serve Prison Term Dr. Nelms Must

Walla Walla.—Dr. Milton A. Nelms took calmly the news that the supreme court of the United States had refused a review of his conviction in the federal court here on the charge of violating the Harrison anti-narcotics act. He would make no statement except that he did not know what steps might be taken and that they were up to his attorneys. His attorneys said this probably ended the case.

Dr. Nelms was convicted March 13, 1927, on three of six counts of an indictment and was sentenced by Judge Webster of the federal court to two years at McNeil island penitentiary on each count and fined \$1000. Sentences were to run concurrently. In October the United States circuit court of appeals at San Francisco upheld the conviction and the case then was taken to the highest court for a review.

Dr. Nelms is out on \$10,000 bonds. Principal testimony against Dr. Nelms was given by Francis Demarr, also known as Louise Fitzpatrick, a federal narcotics agent, who said she made successive visits to Dr. Nelms' office and got "shots" in the office and prescriptions, paying government money each time.

It Was a Hot Game

About the warmest basketball witnessed on the local gym floor this season was seen Saturday night, when Athena Hi defeated Union by the score of 19-16. Union had been defeated on the previous night by a narrow margin at Pendleton and came to town with the determination to even up on the local quintet. From the tap of the gong a real game was on with Athena leading at the half, 12-4. Myrick was the scoring ace for Athena, with 16 points. Crowley crimped the other three points for his team.

Scoutmaster Leaving

D. W. Hackett, scoutmaster for the Athena boy scout troop, owing to removal from the city has resigned his office and turned the command of the troop over to M. I. Miller and Mr. LeRoy. Mr. Hackett has been very successful in boy scout movement in Athena, and the troop he organized is actively participating in the different branches of scout work.

N. P. Mail Pouch

A new mail pouch leaves Athena at six o'clock each evening via Walla Walla with mail routed north and west of that city for points on the Northern Pacific. This new Northern Pacific pouch will greatly facilitate contact with the Pasco-Elco air mail service at the Pasco connection.

Snow in Valley

With the disappearance of the snow here and on the foothills east of town, a white blanket yet remains to cover the Walla Walla valley, to the depth of several inches.

IN PACIFIC FLIGHT



Mrs. Will Erwin of Texas, companion of her husband, Captain Erwin, in his flight from California to Hawaii. She is an accomplished flyer and radio operator.

Alexander O. Kirk Dies At Dayton Of Heart Failure

Alexander O. Kirk, a former resident of Athena vicinity, died at Dayton, Washington, Saturday last, as the result of heart failure. While in failing health for a year past his death came suddenly and unexpectedly.

Funeral services were held at Dayton Tuesday afternoon. He is survived by his widow, three sons, Herman and Dewey of Dayton, and Roy of Thorn Hollow; five daughters, Mrs. Dave Bonifer of Gibbon; Mrs. Elmer Taylor of Cambridge, Idaho; Mrs. Edward Walker of Waitsburg, and Mrs. Free Cauthers of Adams.

Mr. Kirk was endowed with remarkable literary talent. A great lover of poetry, he often delighted his friends by reciting Burns and other favorite poets. Himself a gifted writer of verse, many of his friends treasure poems written for them and presented with his compliments. One of these friends, B. B. Richards, has a choice collection, and the following one has been selected for publication in connection with the passing of its author. Mr. Kirk wrote the verses after hearing a sermon:

Knock And the Door Shall Open

Come to the Lord while he is waiting,
Come from near and afar;
Come bear the cross for Jesus,
Come while the door is ajar.

The door may soon close forever,
Ourselves and our loved ones unsaved;
What anguish and sorrow in knowing,
No repentance is found in the grave.

Knock and the door shall be opened,
Knock and admitted you'll be,
Knock is the pass word and token,
To all that salvation is free.

Then come while the door is still open,
Put your trust in the Savior today;
Thou your sins are dyed deeper than scarlet,
He will tenderly wash them away.

Six Are Indicted

Five public indictments and one secret were returned at Pendleton last week by the Umatilla county grand jury. Henry Flynn was indicted on a charge of receiving stolen goods. R. Motley and Ima Fields each was indicted for possession and transportation of liquor. The grand jury recommended that all vouchers drawn on the prohibition fund contain an itemized statement showing in detail for what services the money was paid. This follows the declaration of the jury that the annual report of Sheriff R. T. Cookingham on expenditures from this fund does not include an itemized bill showing for what services the money was paid.

Forgot His Kiddies

Henry Barrett informs the Press that he feels he owes an apology to Athena kiddies for not taking them on their annual sleighride. The snow came at a time when Mr. Barrett was very busy, and hopes that it is not yet too late for snow to come, and if it does he will be ready to give the little ones their ride.

Union Pacific Wreck Engineer Dies.

Portland, Or.—Charles F. Theobald, engineer on one of the locomotives of the Union Pacific passenger train wrecked in Onocenta gorge last week, died at St. Vincent's hospital here. The death of Mr. Theobald was the second resulting from the wreck. Fred C. Warnke, fireman, dying shortly after the wreck. Miss Lillian Carnes, a passenger injured in the wreck, was reported recovering.

Death of Mother Orphans Children

County Court Will Look After the Welfare of Three.

The funeral of Mrs. Ada Stamper, who died at St. Anthony's hospital at Pendleton Wednesday of last week, as the result of injuries received in an automobile accident Christmas evening, was held at the Baptist church, Saturday afternoon at two o'clock, Rev. Bollinger, pastor of the church, conducting the services.

In the death of Mrs. Stamper three children, two boys and a girl are left in straightened circumstances, whose welfare will necessarily be left in the care of the county court. Homes for these little ones will be sought by the court. The two boys aged nine and eleven respectively have been attending school in Athena. The little girl is aged three.

The father, Andrew Stamper, died at Weston about two years ago, since which time the mother and three children have resided in Athena.

Mrs. Stamper who was Ada Hopper, was born at Bonners Ferry, Idaho, May 12, 1891. The Hopper family came to Athena in the late '90's, and made their home in the north part of town on Fifth street. Mrs. Stamper attended the Athena schools. On December 29, 1908, she was united in marriage to Andrew Stamper. Six children were born to them, two having died. Mrs. Stamper is survived by three sons, one an inmate of the home for feeble minded, and Lawrence and Francis, and a little daughter, Agnes; her mother, Mrs. J. W. Hopper of Umatine, two brothers, Ray Hopper of Umatine and Ellis Hopper of Los Angeles; one sister, Mrs. Edna Creavens of Causick, Washington.

Standard Theatre Picture Program

Jackie Coogan will be seen at the Standard Theatre tomorrow night in his current Metro-Goldwyn picture, "Buttons." Jackie, always a favorite screen entertainer, has been given a splendid story for his latest photoplay, and is supported by a talented cast.

Sunday night the Standard presents the inimitable Famous Players comedy team, Wallace Beery and Raymond Hatton, in their world famous hit, "We're in the Navy Now!" This picture has received more newspaper comment than any Paramount has produced for a long time. Ask those who have seen it. They will tell you that it is a good picture.

Hank Meant Well

Weston Leader: Hank Fanning hasn't been around much, it is said, and doesn't know a great deal about metropolitan practices and customs. Thus the bell ringing at Weston Saturday night at midnight in welcome to the New Year he took for a fire alarm, and pranced down town on dishabille to save the city fountain from destruction. The mercury was down around zero, and Hank was aware that he didn't have much of anything on without looking on dishabille up in the dictionary. His intentions were good but they weren't the kind to which the pathway to the lower regions is paved—leastwise, not this New Year's eve.

Robert Proudfit Is Reported Missing

Went to Spokane and Fails To Return at Stated Time.

Walla Walla.—Spokane police have been asked to locate Robert Proudfit, an employee of the A. E. Page Co. here, who has not been heard from since he went to Spokane December 31 to spend the New Year's holidays. His failure to return after having telegraphed relatives that he would be back January 3, caused them to notify the authorities.

According to O. L. Ingram, court stenographer and Mr. Proudfit's brother-in-law, Mr. Proudfit has been suffering for several years from an abscess in his ear, which it is said, nearly drives him insane with pain. The abscess had been troubling him for several days before he went to Spokane, Mr. Ingram declared. It is the belief of his relatives that the pain may have temporarily turned his mind.

Mr. Proudfit had about \$200 with him when he left, and had no baggage. He has a daughter living here.

Elect Bank Officers Cashier for 26 Years

The annual election of officers and directors of the First National Bank of Athena, took place Tuesday afternoon at a meeting of the stockholders. All officers and directors of the bank were re-elected to serve for the ensuing year, as follows: E. H. Leonard, president; M. L. Watts, vice president; F. S. LeGrow, cashier; Max Hopper, assistant cashier. E. H. Leonard, M. L. Watts, M. W. Hansell, Henry Dell, F. S. LeGrow, directors.

Mr. LeGrow as cashier of the First National, has rounded out twenty-six years of service for the institution in that official capacity. Under his guidance the bank has grown to be one of the dominant financial concerns of Eastern Oregon.

With capital and surplus totaling \$110,000.00, the First National Bank of Athena ranks well among the banks of the Northwest. Its splendid condition is shown in its statement to the comptroller as published elsewhere in today's Press. Loans total \$643,880.08, and deposits \$666,310.68.

Pasco Plane Failed

For the first time since the Pasco-Elko air mail service was established, a mail plane failed last week to make the takeoff from the Pasco field. When one of the planes warmed up, and was pulled out to the starting point, the condition of the runway was such that ice and snow prevented it from rising. Of late visibility has been so poor that pilots have been compelled to make several attempts before they could fly across the Blue Mountains.

Sidewalk Caved In

The sidewalk in front of the Tum-a-Lum Lumber company's office building on lower Main street caved in as a result of the flood Sunday night. The channel for the water is excavated underneath the broad board sidewalk at that point, and the channel was inadequate to take care of the flood, and the walk was undermined. It dropped when the flood released it, and columns supporting the porch in front of the building were left dangling.

For Year 1926-1927 Athena High School Costs Lower Than Others

The Freewater Times finds that the school reports of the district clerks of Umatilla county, submitted to J. A. Yeager, county superintendent, for the school year of 1926-27, shows high school education for students is an expensive matter.

There are 12 high schools conducted in Umatilla county and the cost of educating each high school pupil aggregates from \$157.60 at

HIGH SCHOOL AT					
	Total Enrollment	Av. Daily Attendance	Full Time Teachers	Part Time Teachers	Cost per pupil Year 1926-1927
Athena	65	60	3	1	\$157.60
Adams	22		3	0	375.10
Pendleton	378	331.6	15	5	168.03
Umatilla	69	49.8	4	0	175.83
Hermiston	110	90	6	2	197.50
McLoughlin	207	267.9	15	2	203.04
Echo	44	44	4	0	264.68
Umatine	32	25.9	3	1	243.48
Pilot Rock	49	41.7	4	0	273.03
Stanfield	52	46.7	3	1	364.03
Helix	57	51.4	4	0	401.55
Weston	59		4	0	175.83

CAPT. H. E. LACKEY



Capt. H. E. Lackey, commander of the U. S. S. Memphis, the cruiser which brought Col. Charles Lindbergh home from France.

High Water Held Up Passenger Train Monday Morning

A washout of O. W. R. & N. tracks east of town, and high water near Blakeley Station, west of Adams, caused annulment of the Spokane train, via Athena, Monday morning. The train was routed through Umatilla and Wallula. A construction crew made temporary repairs to the track, affording passage of the westbound train, which came through on schedule time Monday evening.

The washout east of Athena, occurred in the place where washouts have been encountered in the past, at a point on the Willaby farm. In this instance the washout was approximately twenty feet deep and fourteen feet wide. It was discovered by section men Sunday afternoon in time for the westbound train from Spokane to be routed via Wallula.

Considerable flood water was carried down Dry Creek Sunday afternoon, but the railroad tracks were not damaged.

"Lame Duck" Bill Approved By Senate

Washington, D. C.—For the fourth time the senate approved and sent to the house the constitutional amendment of Senator Norris, republican, Nebraska, to prevent "lame duck" sessions of congress, after general elections.

The vote on adoption was 65 to 6. Senators Bingham, Connecticut; Dale and Greene, Vermont, and Sackett, Kentucky, republicans; and Blease, South Carolina, and King, Utah, democrats, voting against it.

The amendment would fix January 2 of each year as the meeting time for congress without limitation or regard to long and short sessions and would set January 15 of the year after election as the day for the president and vice-president taking office instead of March 4. Under the proposal, members of congress who had been defeated would not pass on legislation, as they may do at present.

DREAM LOCATES BODY

Dennis Webb Recovered From Bay by North Bend Youth.

Marshfield, Or.—Body of Dennis Webb of Abilene Tex., who was drowned here with his wife several weeks ago when he drove off the North Bend dock in his automobile, was recovered Saturday. Body of Mrs. Webb is expected to be located soon. It is believed Webb lost his way in a dense fog. The Webbs came to Marshfield from Roseburg, intending to go to Bandon to locate.

Rudy Whitlock, North Bend youth who found the body in the bay, said he had a dream about the drowned couple and in it had a vision revealing to him the location of the body.

Playfulness

Playfulness is a more important consideration than play. The former is an attitude of mind; the latter is a passing outward manifestation of this attitude. When things are treated simply as vehicles of suggestion, what is suggested overrides the thing. Hence the playful attitude is one of freedom. The person is not bound to the physical traits of things, nor does he care whether a thing really means what he takes it to represent. When the child plays horse with a broom and cars with chairs, is of no account. Playfulness will not terminate in an imaginary world if we but gradually pass the play attitude into the work attitude.—John Dewey.

Goitre Surveys Made in Schools

Reveal Alarming Conditions Existing Among 298 Children.

The goitre survey which was made in the Milton-Freewater district in October, has been practically completed, and the county health nurse gives the following facts for publication:

This examination was made by a physician and included seven rural schools and the schools of Milton and Freewater. There were 917 children examined and of these 917 children, 298, or 32.5 per cent had enlarged thyroids. Of these 298 children, 110 had definite goitre.

Talks to parents of the different schools were made, explaining the survey, purpose and results found and prophylaxis treatment to be carried out either in the home or school was advised.

In Portland, Walla Walla and many of the other schools in Oregon and Washington have adopted the plan of putting the iodine tablets in the schools as a public health measure. This is financed in various ways. In many of the schools, the school board supplies the tablets. The iodine tablets are given to the children having normal thyroids only and used strictly as a preventative measure, the iodine in the tablets supplying the deficiency that seems to be lacking in the food and water supply. Children with goitre may be given the tablets in the school only with a physician's written permission, because as a public health measure, treatment is for prevention of goitre and not for cure, unless strictly under a physician's order.

The tablets have been put in five of the schools examined and the other two have it under advisement. The parents of children in Milton-Freewater schools have each received a letter from the superintendent of schools, telling them of the survey, purpose and results and home treatment has been advised for the children with normal thyroids.

This particular district has been chosen for the survey because of the larger schools. It does not mean that the percentage of goitre is any greater in this locality than in the other parts of the country. All parents in the so called goitrous regions should inform themselves on the subject of goitre and its prevention. In this recent survey, definite goitre was found to exist largely in the upper grades. Public Health authorities say, if the iodine deficiency could be supplied in the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th grades, especially during the winter months, goitre would perhaps not develop in later years.

Highway Thrills Entertain Players

Athena high school boys and girls basketball teams encountered thrills on the highway Friday night, while returning from Adams after playing a double header, in which the boys were defeated in a fast game, 20-17.

O. O. Stephens, driving his Studebaker, and members of the boys team as passengers, encountered ice and sleet on the trip home, and the car turned completely around twice. Stopping to take on a pedestrian, discovery was made that the under part of the car was on fire. Quick work snuffed out the fire and no material damage resulted to the car.

The Athena girls defeated the Adams girls, 19-2, and in company with Mrs. Campbell, in whose car they were returning home, celebrated their victory by skidding into the ditch, and remaining there until pulled back on the highway by a wrecker.

Buys Milton Ranch

Through a deal recently negotiated by Kyle McDaniel of Walla Walla, George Gerking of Athena, has purchased the 433-acre wheat ranch of Will Harder, near Milton. The ranch is located south of Milton on the highway, and is considered to be one of the best in that district. The price paid for the land is not made public. It is understood that Mr. and Mrs. Gerking will move to the Harder place to reside.

Plenty of Water

With 30,000 acre feet of water stored in the Cold Springs reservoir, Umatilla project farmers are assured of all the water they will need for irrigating use during the coming crop season. This amount is three-fifths of the reservoir maximum capacity 50,000 acre feet, and last winter at this time there was stored but 9,000 acre feet.

Sell Horses

Jesse Gorden and Henry Barrett sold horses to Patterson and Shaw, Walla Walla buyers. The horses were purchased for shipment to the Denver market.