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## A TOLL HIGHWAY TO BE DISCUSSED

### Meeting Will Be Held In Portland August 14 to Consider Matter.

The Umatilla county court has received a formal invitation from the state highway commission through Roy A. Klein, state highway engineer, to meet with the commission at its next meeting in Portland August 14 to consider the application for a franchise to construct a toll road between Umatilla and Wallula authority of chapter 288, laws of Oregon of 1925. This statute provides for a joint hearing on such applications with the county court, says the Pendleton East Oregonian.

Formal advertisement will appear later concerning this meeting for the information of all interested parties, according to Engineer Klein's communication. The application for the franchise was filed by the Western Highway and Bridge company, Inc., through M. N. Jenkins and associates. The applicants also submitted a petition to the highway commission and the county court with a number of signers from Cold Springs, Hermiston and Umatilla districts advocating a certain route known as the Diagonal road from Umatilla to Cold Springs station.

The applicants for the franchise beside M. N. Jenkins include M. G. Jenkins, D. C. Brownell and R. I. Keator, all of Umatilla county, and C. G. Brownell of Portland and Paul C. Harper of Seattle, Washington.

The county court is expecting to meet with the highway commission to discuss the matter.

## Weather Conditions Ideal For Harvesting

Weather conditions are ideal for harvesting the wheat crop, where motorized machinery is used in the fields. Where stock is used for power on the combines and wheat hauling, the hot days are hard on the animals.

A number of farmers are through harvesting, and the threshing of the present crop is past the peak in this immediate section. Trucks are whisking the grain in bulk to the receiving houses. A number of machines will finish work this week.

Frank Coppock's crop has been threshed. It averaged around 45 bushels per acre. Marion Hansell finished on the home place Monday forenoon, and moved his outfit to the A. L. Swaggart place to do the threshing there.

Henry Koepke has finished threshing one of his fields of fall sown wheat. It averaged 45 bushels to the acre.

Reports from those who are harvesting with the International machines, are to the effect that these combines are doing as excellent work, as they did last year. A number of these machines have been newly equipped with bulking attachments this season.

### They Lost "Mac"

On a trip to the mountains after huckleberries, Read Hill and Charley Williams lost the third member of the party, Bob McArthur. Stopping by the roadside eight miles this side of Camp McDougal, Hill started on, thinking "Mac" was in the Williams car. Charley drove on, believing "Mac" to be riding with Hill. A half hour later Hill stopped at McDougal and was soon followed by Williams. Then it was discovered "Mac" was missing. Mr. Williams drove back to hunt for him, and met a car which had picked up the wayfarer soon after his pals had started on. Moral: If he won't stay in the car like common folks, chain him to the seat.

### Mountain Cherry Crop

Colonel Johnson has been getting quite a profitable crop of Bing and Royal Ann cherries from the Fairview Farm orchard on Reed and Hawley mountain, says the Weston Leader. Usually he hauls them to market, but Tuesday buyers came to the place and took about \$20 worth. Colonel helped them pick, and claims to have made a record of 50 pounds of cherries in one hour.

### Fire Destroys Grain

Fire on the W. R. Ritter place near Prescott destroyed 300 acres of grain Monday shortly after noon. About one third of the grain was cut and in sacks and most of this was burned, together with the remaining two thirds still standing. A small part of the sacked wheat had been hauled away and was saved. Two stacks of hay were also destroyed by the fire.

"The Cossacks" Standard Theatre, tomorrow night.

## Educational Chats

By Dr. Arnold Bennett Hall, President, University of Oregon



Dr. A. B. Hall

An important function of rural government is the education and training of the youth in the public school. It would be difficult to find a subject of greater social significance than the rural schools. It is significant that the great bulk of thinkers and writers upon the rural life problem tend to find in the development and perfection of the school, the hope of the community, and the solution of its problems.

Space does not permit a discussion of this fascinating problem, with which thinking teachers are perfectly familiar. The transcendent importance of this subject is so obvious as to need no further comment. To reduce this information to the terms of the experience of the child would seem to require no special aid.

There are many examples and many splendid books that bring out the facts in an interesting and convincing way. Perhaps the best method of approach is to relate the achievements accomplished in some neighborhoods by a rural school that has been efficient and successful and where the teacher has developed a high degree of community leadership. The effect on the social life of the community has frequently been far-reaching and important.

The study of problems of agriculture and domestic science by the pupils and their demonstration upon the farm has taught many a parent invaluable lessons that he had thought himself too old to learn. The organization of corn clubs, pig clubs and calf clubs has stimulated private initiative, brought home the value of scientific training, encouraged business methods and systems of accounting, provided profitable and interesting employment during vacation periods, increased the production of the community, and established habits of thrift, foresight and frugality, that will yield large dividends through life.

The development of the idea of the civic center with the gathering together of the people of the community, has helped to restore to farm life something of the old thrills and comradeships that gave the bright and glowing colors to farm life in the old days of barn raisings and husking bees. In these gatherings they thrash out their common problems, study out cooperative methods for their improvements, and as they unite in the solution of their common problems, they learn anew the joy and thrill of common enterprise.

There seems to be no limit to the dynamic force that can be generated through the developments of community consciousness. Such a revolution in a rural community means a spiritual and social regeneration of rural life. Farm life passes from a competition in drudgery to a competition in business management and scientific effort. Barren isolation gives way to cooperative effort. Study, community activity and intelligent planning afford alluring variations from the monotony of manual toil. Farm life becomes not only more productive but more abundant. It has a broader outlook and a spiritual quality that is more dynamic and profound. And out of this all comes a better citizen and a broader man.

That this regeneration may come through the influence of a rural school may seem unduly optimistic. But in relatively short periods, many of these things have been actually accomplished. And we have yet only scratched the surface of the possibilities that lie ahead. It is with such a program as this, based upon specific accomplishment, that we may enlist the interest and enthusiasm of the pupils. Once they get the vision, they have gone a tremendous stride in the preparation for effective citizenship. Local government, with its rural school, will remain for them a matter of more than passing interest. It will mean to them the possible realization of a dream, both graphic and alluring.

### Indian Woman Hanged

Yakima.—Sheriff's officers, Coroner Moffitt and Deputy Prosecutor Sandvig left for a house west of White Swan, where the lifeless body of Laura Williams, 26, an Indian, was found Wednesday suspended from a rafter by a rope noosed about her neck. The manner in which the girl was hanged was said in a telephone report to indicate that she did not commit suicide, but was murdered.

### Pierce's Portrait Completed

A portrait of ex-Governor Walter M. Pierce, which was authorized by an act of the 1927 legislature, has been completed and will arrive in Salem later in the week. The portrait will have a place in the house of representatives. The portrait cost approximately \$1000.

## Many Legion Entries Promised Convention For Patriotic Pageant

American Legion posts from all parts of the state as well as delegations from California and Washington are expected to participate in the monster "Patriotic Pageant" which will be a feature of the State Legion Convention at Medford August 2, 3 and 4. Several handsome trophies are offered for the best entries by the Medford Convention Commission, including a fine silver cup for the post having the largest percentage of its membership in the line of march and also for the best out of town float in the parade.

Special awards for "honorable mention" will also be made. Many unique entries are already being lined up throughout the state for the pageant and the "stunt show" which will be a feature of the afternoon program on August 2nd and competition for the prize awards promises to be keen. A special night parade for the American Legion Ladies Auxiliary and "40 et 8" Society will be staged on Thursday night August 2nd.

This will be devoted exclusively to the above organizations and is expected to be one of the hits of the celebration program.

Unique lighting effects will be used on the floats and along the line of march and special illumination by 400,000 candle power flares released by airplanes will transform darkness into daylight.

## Northwest Simmers In An Intense Heat Wave

The hot wave did not pass Athena up by any means. Monday thermometers registered from 101 to 106 here, and it was as hot as that, and felt hotter. Other parts of the state reported temperatures as high as 106 to 114. Mountain resorts did not escape the heat, but in the evening breezes cooled the camps off.

During the week Oregon seems to have been the center of an intense heat wave, with Arlington purporting to be the hottest spot, hitting the mark Tuesday afternoon at 114 degrees. It was also 114 at Pendleton.

Lewiston, Idaho, reported 111. It was 110.5 in Condon, Or., while Walla Walla, The Dalles and Grants Pass recorded 109. Yakima, Wash., captured fourth place with 108.5. Spokane, Wash., and Salem, Or., placed fifth with 104 each. Medford and Roseburg came next with 103. Other cities trailed with Baker, Or., reporting 93 degrees, in last place.

## "The Cossacks" Tomorrow At the Standard Theatre

John Gilbert and Renee Adoree, stars of "The Big Parade," will be seen tomorrow night in Metro-Goldwyn's picturization of Tolstoi's "The Cossacks." Ernest Torrence, Dale Fuller and Mary Alden and a fine cast of players in support of Mr. Gilbert and Miss Adoree the play is one of gigantic and spectacular romance to which the famous body of Russian riders contribute much drama and innumerable thrills.

Sunday night, Warner Bros., present the wonder dog of the world, Rin-Tin-Tin, in "A Dog of the Regiment," in which the canine actor takes the part of a Red Cross dog of the German Army in the World War, and for the sake of old friendship, saves the life of an American flying ace, whose plane is wrecked and burning.

Coming soon: "Telling the World" and "Mlle. From Armentiers."

### Billy Fortier Here

Billy Fortier, one of the scrappiest, most mischievous kids, that ever claimed Athena for his home, was in town for a few hours Thursday from Chehalis, Wash., where he is proprietor of a pool hall. Billy was accompanied by his wife. He still finds time to play base ball, and this year his team won the pennant. He played on the lots here when the old "Yellow Kid" team was at its zenith.

### One-Legged Man Scores

Chilly Wallowa lake, conquered by five women in the last four years, has at last seen a man swim it from end to end. Reports today said Maurice Weis, LaGrande school teacher, swam the 4 1/2-mile distance in 2 hours 25 minutes. Weis's feat was the more remarkable because he has only one leg.

### The W. C. T. U.

The meeting place of the W. C. T. U. for Tuesday, July 31, has been changed from the home of Mrs. Stella Keen to the Christian church basement. All members are requested to be present.

### A Full Reservoir

Water Superintendent Taylor reports that the reservoir of the Athena water works is full, and running over, most of the time. He repaired three minor leaks in the pipe line between the reservoir and town, Wednesday.

## An Old Scout Tells Of the Key Battle In the Bannock War

J. W. Reddington, pioneer newspaper editor of Eastern Oregon, now a resident of Berkeley, California, writing to the Morning Oregonian, recounts some early Umatilla county history, pertaining to the battle at Cayuse station, with the Bannock Indians, in 1878. Mr. Reddington says:

The troops in the battle of Cayuse station to which allusion was made recently in The Oregonian, consisted of the 21st infantry, K troop, 1st cavalry under Captain Bendire, and a small outfit of Pendleton volunteers, all under command of Colonel Evan Miles, who was then acting colonel of the 21st. Its real colonel, Alfred Sully, remained at Fort Vancouver, incapacitated on account of age. He died next year.

While the battle was in progress all the warriors of the Cayuse, Umatilla and Walla Walla tribes, in full warpaint, sat on their horses on a commanding knoll and watched the battle. They whooped and cheered when the whites won. They were careful to be on the winning side. If the hostiles had won the battle those three "friendly" tribes would have joined them, and the combined forces would have cleaned out all the whites in that part of eastern Oregon, and then made a victorious raid across the Columbia and consolidated with the big tribe of Chief Moses.

There was a sort of gentleman's agreement about amalgamation between the Umatillas and the hostiles, and Umapine and his outfit met the hostiles in Fox valley and guided them to the Umatilla reservation. General Howard anticipated and outwitted this consolidation scheme after the battle on Bear fork of Birch creek by sending a courier to Colonel Miles, then on Camas prairie, instructing the 21st and Captain Bendire's troop to make an all-night forced march and head off the hostiles before they could consolidate with the Umatillas, which move was promptly carried out and it saved eastern Oregon for the white race.

The next battle was in the rough region on the north fork of John Day, where the hostiles fixed up an artful ambush for the cavalry to ride right into and be shot down by an unseen foe. But the little scouting outfit under Rube Robbins, two miles in advance, saved the soldiers by uncovering the ambush and drawing the fire of the enemy. Several scouts were wounded, their horses all killed, and Scout Frohman, son of Dr. Frohman, pioneer physician on the Weiser river, was killed.

If he should come back at this late day he would be surprised to find that the war department has put him in the non-combatant class, as a mere civilian employe of the quarter-master's department, although he had nothing to do with the quarter-master's department, and his service filled all the dictionary definitions of "enlist" and "soldier."

## Flames Pillage Oregon Property During Week

Flames pillaged a vast amount of Oregon property during the past week. Industrial property and timber lands succumbed as the result of high humidity. The list of losses for the week aside from the Milton fire, include:

Cannery and other plants burn at Lebanon with loss estimated at \$350,000.

Long-Bell blaze and two in Wahkiakum range.

Ten thousand acres burned over and town of Hilt, California threatened.

Blaze rages over 400 acres of pine near Bend.

Lane county reports half dozen fires, some out of control.

Grants Pass camper starts brush fire.

Northern Manitoba has many timber blazes.

Home and shop at Mount Angel scorched.

Coos county barn burns from spontaneous combustion.

John Day Highway Inspected

Judge Sawyer of Bend, member of the state highway commission, and members of the Umatilla county court made a trip over the Pendleton-John Day highway Wednesday. The Umatilla county court is desirous of obtaining a contract for the resurfacing of the highway in the section between the Lazinka ranch and Albee. This uncompleted section of 12 miles in length will soon be graded.

Bare Legs Under Ban

The fad of discarding stockings had a short inning in the state motor vehicle department at Salem. Following the noon hour Wednesday a number of the girl employes appeared at the state department sans stockings. An hour later, Sam A. Kozar, secretary of state, issued an order that the stockings should be replaced. All of the girls were wearing stockings today.

## PRINCE ALBRECHT



Prince Joachim Albrecht, cousin of the former German kaiser, who is in this country to conduct orchestral concerts.

## Oregon State College Farm Market Review

Official information at present points to a world's supply of wheat for the 1928-29 marketing season very little different from that of the 1927-28 season, taking into consideration stocks on hand and prospective production. Should the quality be better, it would have the effect of increasing the supply. On the other hand, demand should be greater at least in proportion to increase in population, and there is some tendency for consumers of other bread grains to shift to wheat.

The rye crop in the United States and Europe is less promising than last year. The general trend of prices, however, was downward again last week under pressure of heavy marketing of hard red winter wheat and unusually favorable progress of the spring wheat crop in Canada. Rust damage has been unimportant thus far this season.

Substantial for immediate milling. Soft red winter declined the first of the week but advanced at the close.

## Anti-Crime Conference At Boise, August 16-18

The Eighth International Anti-Crime Conference will be held at Boise, Idaho, August 16-18, 1928, under the auspices of the Northwest Association of Sheriffs and Police. Delegates from seven states, two British Provinces, and Alaska will be present.

All governors, sheriffs, police officers, judges, district attorneys, mayors, and all other law enforcement officials are entitled to membership.

Questions of vital importance touching law enforcement and prevention of crime will be discussed. There will be lectures by expert criminologists and addresses by men experienced in dealing with law breakers. Every county and city should be represented. All law enforcement officials are urged to attend.

## W. W. Harrah Jolts Railroads at Hearing

W. W. Harrah, Pendleton farmer, gave the railroads a jolt at the hearing on rates in Portland, says the Oregonian.

Mr. Harrah had been cited frequently by Samuel J. Wettrick, Seattle attorney, as a farmer-champion against the differential. Mr. Harrah admitted he had once favored equal rates to Portland and Seattle, but later had changed his mind and proceeded to tell why.

What the farmers of Umatilla wanted, he said, was the lowest possible rate to the nearest tidewater port, Portland. They would not ask for a lower rate to Seattle, he said, and they were not interested in any private fight between two large cities. They "didn't want to be switched to a long mountain haul and weaken their case when they had a water grade to work on," he said.

"Then what you are really asking for is a wider differential," quipped Examiner Hall.

"Yes, yes indeed!" was the emphatic answer.

### A Specimen Stalk

Weston Leader: Corn is by no means a "shrinking violet" in the foothills near Weston, as is shown by a specimen stalk from the field of J. A. Hill which he exhibited at the Austin service station. It measured exactly nine feet and two inches from top to bottom.

### Back From Portland

R. A. Duffield motored to Portland Sunday, and returned Tuesday. Mrs. Duffield, who has been visiting relatives there for some time, accompanied him home.

## MILTON BLOCKS SWEEP BY FIRE

### Walla Walla Firemen Help in Halting Advance of Flames.

Crippled, not disheartened, property owners in the affected district of Milton and Freewater are preparing to rebuild the two blocks of structure which turned into smoke and ashes Sunday morning.

Over a dozen businesses were wiped out and estimates of the loss range from \$100,000 to \$300,000 and some even go higher. Insurance from partial to complete coverage was carried on most of the structures.

Origin of the fire is not known but it is presumed it started in the dehydrating plant or in a pile of boxes and rubbish along the building. Tramps were seen near the building the evening before and may have been responsible.

Buildings destroyed were: Milton Dehydrating plant. Milton Cooperative Fruit Growers Union packing plant.

Tum-a-lum lumber Co. building, including yards.

Western Union telegraph office building.

Crimmons barber shop.

Fruitland Grocery (partial damage.)

Curley's restaurant.

Simmonds Shoe repair shop.

Pearson's real estate shop.

Wallace barber shop.

Parrot Candy Kitchen.

Lee's Cigar store.

Toner's meat market.

Moler's service station (slight loss).

O. W. R. & N. water tank roof destroyed.

O-W station windows broken and 4 cars burned.

The fire started about three a. m. and was going strong when discovered. By that time the first few buildings were about ready to fall. The alarm was sent in and the Walla Walla fire department was asked to send men and equipment, Chief Thomas Casey responding immediately and a fast run was made. By the time Casey and his crew reached Milton the fire had reached the Fruitland grocery, its first reach into the town of Freewater. The Milton department had been battling the flames and the water pressure was down. Casey had the pumper attached and the water was taken from the Freewater swimming pool. The water thrown by the Walla Walla department stopped the spread of the fire.

Three refrigerator cars standing on the track next to the packing plant were destroyed and others were damaged. Two box cars, one loaded were also destroyed.

The dehydrating plant was erected several years ago and was being depended upon this year to use some of the surplus prunes in order to stabilize the market. The cooperative association had a right to exercise option on August 25 for the drying of prunes. Whether this plant will be rebuilt is said to be still a question.

When the fire got going strong people living in the path of it moved some of their household possessions out as it was feared that all of the residences would go. A fortunate shift in the wind and the arrival of the fire department from Walla Walla battled the advance.

### The Huckleberry Crop

The big huckleberries in the mountains east of Athena are furnishing pleasant and lucrative diversion for a large number of people who are camped there. At least two-thirds of the crop is yet green, but there are sufficient ripe berries on the bushes among the green ones to afford the pickers profitable quantities. It is estimated that 500 automobiles passed through McDougal Camp, Sunday, loaded with people seeking berries and pleasure.

### Horse Dies at 37

Old "Luzon" the white horse ridden by the late H. C. Caplinger, died at the Will Campbell place last week at the age of 37 years. For the last few years "Luzon" has been on the pension list, having his freedom from work. He was considered one of the best saddle horses in his day, and was always ridden by Mr. Caplinger on his hunting trips to the mountains.

### Holdups Secure \$400

Held up and robbed of \$400 by three young men, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Buck of Fresno, Cal., were bound and left beside a road near Cascade Locks Tuesday morning. The three hold-up men covered their victims with a blanket and escaped in an automobile.