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ENROLLMENT ON SLIGHT INCREASE

Last Year 136 Enrolled; School Begins This Year With 151.

The Athena schools opened for work Tuesday with a total enrollment of 151 pupils, as against a total of 136 last year. This year's enrollment divided between the grade and high school departments, stands 93 enrolled in the grades; 58 registered in high school. Enrollment in the grades is as follows:

First and second grades, Miss Bryant teacher, 26.

Third and fourth grades, Miss Thorsen teacher, 23.

Fifth and sixth grades, Mrs. Rominger teacher, 15.

Seventh and eighth grades, M. I. Miller teacher, 29.

In the high school division, the enrollment of 58 is distributed as follows:

Freshmen, 16; Sophomores, 18; Juniors, 12; Seniors, 15.

Tuesday was taken up mainly by registrations and preliminary details, and Wednesday morning the school was settled down to its routine work.

A course in shorthand is being offered in Athena high school this year, which completes a full commercial course of study, which according to Superintendent Meyer, places the Athena school on a par with leading schools of the state.

The department of athletics is looking up remarkably well, and Coach Miller is optimistic over the school's prospects for this year. Already light football practice is under way, and several new men are giving a good account of themselves in their try-out positions.

Two Are Burned To Death In Auto Crash

Eddie Wognild, 22, and Clifford Underwood, 20, of Arlington, Washington, near Everett, were returning home from a dance when their machine was struck in the rear by one driven by W. G. Countryman. The youths' machine turned over and instantly burst into flames.

The fire beat back those who tried to rescue Wognild. They threw a rope to him, but with one foot pinned under the machine, he was unable to move and he cried: "Kill me, kill me—I can't stand it."

When finally rescued, his legs and lower part of his body severely burned, he was rushed to a hospital, where he died a few hours later. The charred body of Underwood was found when the death car was righted.

A Big Fish

To date victory in competition for the prize fishing rod offered annually by Rogers & Goodman of Athena, for the largest trout caught in the streams of Umatilla county, is held by Amos O'Dell who brought home a 24-inch Dolly Varden trout, dressing five pounds and four ounces, from Salmon river. Mr. O'Dell was accompanied on the fishing trip by Herbert Parker. The O'Dell catch outpoints one from the same river taken by Fred Hendricksen, which measured 23 1/2 inches, and weighed three pounds and six ounces.

Death of Grover Hayes

Grover Hayes died at Portland Saturday, after a short period of illness. Announcement of his death was received in Athena by his sister, Mrs. Berlin, who was accompanied by her daughters immediately departed for Portland. Mr. Hayes had long been employed by the city of Portland in its street improvement department. The deceased was a son of the late J. M. Hayes, a former resident of this city, and he grew to manhood in Athena.

Morton-Kennedy

A recent event of interest was the marriage of Miss Alta Kennedy, daughter of Mrs. Henry Schroeder of Weston, and Fred Morton of Wrangel, Alaska, which took place at Ketchikan, Alaska, reports the Weston Leader. The groom holds a responsible position in fishing industries of the north country and the young couple will reside at Wrangel.

May Issue Proclamation

Governor Patterson has determined to issue a proclamation deferring the opening of the deer season Monday, unless rain comes in time to counteract the present fire hazard existing in the forests of the state. A number of Athena hunters have made preparations to be in the mountains for the opening of the season.

CASH REWARD IS DIVIDED UP

Sixty Per Cent of Hickman Money Goes To Pendleton Men.

The two Oregon officers who arrested William Edward Hickman, bringing to a close the man-hunt for the kidnapper and slayer of little Marion Parker, have been awarded sixty per cent of the \$27,728.38 reward collected by a radio broadcasting station.

The division of the reward was allocated by the award committee headed by Mayor George Cryer. Under its provisions, the two Pendleton, Ore., officers, T. B. Gurdane and C. L. Lieuallen will receive \$16,637 or \$8,318 each.

The remainder of the reward was allotted by the committee as follows:

Ten percent, or approximately \$2,772 to George V. Willoughby, Seattle haberdasher who received in payment for clothing one of the \$20 bills of the Parker ransom money, and then gave the police the information which turned the man-hunt to the northwest.

Ten percent to Fred King, operator of a gasoline service station at Portland, Oregon, who sold Hickman gasoline and who gave the police information as to the road taken out of that city by the fugitive.

Five per cent or \$1,386 to Roy W. McHugo garage owner of Kent, Washington.

Five per cent to be divided between James T. Nelson, Jr., and Irwin A. Mowrey, who were given a ride by Hickman on the slayer's flight north, and who notified the Seattle police of their identification of the hunted man.

Three per cent jointly to H. H. Antles, G. W. Marshall and W. H. Rappold, Los Angeles First National Bank employees, who informed the police of their suspicion that Hickman, a discharged employee was guilty of the murder of the daughter of an official of the bank.

Douglas Fairbanks In Black Pirate

Douglas Fairbanks will be at the Standard Theatre tomorrow night in his big super-picture, "The Black Pirate," which will be played at regular admission prices. Fairbanks is a popular screen favorite with Standard patrons, and the fact that the "Black Pirate" is one of the best pictures the great actor has appeared in, presages large attendance. Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Pinkerton, violin and piano, will interpret the music score for the "Black Pirate" presentation.

Sunday night, two favorites of the screen, John Gilbert and Joan Crawford, will be seen in "Four Walls," Metro-Goldwyn's stirring human message from the narrow environs of New York's East side gangland. A splendid picture bringing to you the interesting story of the regeneration of a boy who went wrong. No finer acting on the screen.

Campfire Officers

The first meeting after summer dispensation of Wauna Campfire Girls was held on the lawn at the Fred Pinkerton home, and the officers for the ensuing year elected: President, Nylene Taylor; vice-president, Arlene Myrick; secretary, Betty Eager; treasurer, Mildred Hansell; song leaders, Esther Berlin and Marjorie Montague; scribe, Marjorie Douglas. The Campfire girls will go to Bingham Springs this week-end and will be chaperoned by mothers of the girls, Guardian Hilda Dickenson and assistant Guardian, Mrs. H. Wade LeRoy.

Douglas County Turkeys

Douglas county will have approximately 75,000 turkeys for the Thanksgiving and Christmas market this year, present estimates indicate. Fairly good prices last year, coupled with the fact that the present season has been a good one for the maturity of turkeys, with a larger crop than normally.

Funeral of Mrs. Kidder

Mrs. Ruth C. Kidder, widow of the late B. C. Kidder, a former resident of Athena, died August 25 at San Anselmo, California at the age of 84 years. The body was shipped here for burial, and the funeral services were held at the Baptist church Saturday afternoon.

Orchestra Returns

Bob Fletcher's Round-Up orchestra has returned to Pendleton after a tour of 500 miles through seven states in the Northwest. The orchestra is composed of members of Mr. Fletcher's family, and is a popular organization.

University of Oregon Sorority Has High Scholarship Rating



First row, left to right—Rosaland Lorenz, Portland; Helen Osborn, Portland; Dorothy Barthel, Pendleton; Wilma Enke, Portland; Elise Sundbome, Portland; Editha Thompson, Los Angeles; Ada Allen, Portland; Stella McCormack, Pendleton. Second row—Florence Grimes, Portland; Kay Rochester, Berkeley, Cal.; Mary Wilson, Portland; Margaret Hall, Portland; Dorothea Pullin, Portland; Harriet Hughson, Portland. Back row—Josephine Balston, Albany; Editha Barthel, Pendleton; Doris Gramm, Portland; Sally Lutten, Portland; Ruby Hayes, Burns; Lucile Powell, Portland; Shirley Maguire, Portland; Sally Hughson, Portland; Mairie Richards, Portland; Lucile Brown, Burns; Edna Ellen Bell, Portland.

University of Oregon, Eugene.—The Alpha Phi sorority placed highest in scholastic rating of all living organizations at the University of

Oregon for the past term, it is an active in campus activities. Highest place was won in competition with Members of the organization are also more than 40 living organizations.

Advance Ticket Sales Indicate a Record Attendance

Pendleton.—Pendleton wears an air of expectancy these days—and indeed, there's a reason! For the Round-Up, September 19, 20, 21, 22, isn't far away and heaps of work and preparation is going on.

Pendletonians have donned their Round-Up attire and bedazzle the eye with their colorful splendor. On September 8 the decorations go up and the whole city will be in gala dress for the annual autumn epic.

Cowboys and cowgirls are arriving and the livestock is here for the show. Besides the Round-Up's bucking horses and Mexican steers big aggregations of relay horses, buckers, roping horses, etc., are arriving from outside. The buckers are fresh from the range and promise some unusual entertainment for the cowboys.

Advance ticket sales show a decided increase and a record crowd is expected. Among distinguished visitors will be Philip Ashton Rollins of New York, author of "The Cowboy" and other books, and notable as a magazine writer also. Mr. Rollins has seen the show on other occasions and it was he who conceived the novel idea of giving a sack of oats to the most notorious buckler at the Round-Up. This trophy was won by the celebrated No Name, who died last year after nine glorious years of the very choicest bucking at the Round-Up. The sack of oats, most appropriately, bore a casket plate with fitting inscription when presented to the late No Name.

Bull fights in Spain have been seen by Miss Elizabeth C. Bridge, prominent resident of Maine, and she has witnessed the Passion Play of Oberammergau; now she wishes to see bulldogging and to witness the Round-Up, the epic drama of the West. Miss Bridge and party will motor here.

Miss Bridge, in making reservations, said: "I keenly anticipate seeing an exhibition which is so typically American."

Petition to Move Office

Postmaster Barrett of the Athena office has been circulating a petition for the removal of the office from its present location on Main street, to the vacant Athena State Bank building at the corner of Third and Main. The specific reason for the removal of the office as set forth by Mr. Barrett is that the bank building is equipped with vault facilities for taking care of stamps and postoffice records, which he is deprived of at the location now occupied.

Labor Day

Labor Day was observed in Athena by a general closing of business houses and almost complete exodus of workers and their families to out of town points. Walla Walla and La Grande put on extensive programs for the entertainment of visitors.

Goes to O. A. C.

Clifford Wood, member of Athena high school graduating class of last year, will enter Oregon State College at Corvallis, where he will take a special course in agriculture.

State Hospital Echo Postoffice Grocery Robbed

A series of robberies in Umatilla county, beginning at Athena last week, when the meat market, Killgore's Cafe and Steve's Grocery were entered presumably by yeggmen, culminated this week with robbery of the Echo Postoffice, the safe at the State Hospital and a Pendleton grocery store.

The East Oregonian says the three recent robberies netted the thieves over \$1400 in cash.

Over \$160 in silver was taken from the safe at the Cox and Howland grocery store 823 Main street. Entrance to the store was gained through a sliding door at the rear of the building. The door was pried open with a crowbar, taken from a truck parked near the rear of the premises.

The sheriff says that he has few clues to work on at present, but he is continuing his investigation. The combination of the grocery store safe was worked by the yeggman and only the money taken.

Silver and currency, totaling over \$1200, was taken from a cash drawer in the vault at the Eastern Oregon State Hospital some time Saturday night or early Sunday morning. No arrests have been made and there is but little evidence offered which might lead to the apprehension of the criminal.

According to Sheriff Cookingham, who was called Sunday morning to investigate the robbery, the bookkeeper at the hospital had been negligent in handling the large sum of money there.

On receiving word of the hospital robbery, C. W. Curtis, criminologist at the Washington state penitentiary at Walla Walla, was called to Pendleton to assist the sheriff in his probe of the robbery. Efforts were made to locate finger prints.

The third robbery of the week-end took place at Echo, according to reports reaching the sheriff's office. Charles Hoskins, chief deputy sheriff, received the call and went to Echo immediately to look into the robbery. Though few details of the case reached Pendleton it was rumored that the Echo postoffice had been entered and money taken from it.

Sheriff Cookingham said that in his opinion a professional yeggman is operating now in Umatilla county. In both cases at Pendleton, the robbery was done quietly and methodically.

Fix-McMinimee

Walla Walla Union: The marriage of Miss Elizabeth Fix, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Fix, and Mr. Clayton McMinimee was solemnized at the home of the bride's parents, 118 Newell street, Sunday afternoon. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. H. T. F. Wittrock in the presence of immediate relatives.

Walla Walla Fair

The Walla Walla county fair is in progress, having started yesterday morning, and will close tomorrow night. The livestock exhibit is said to be exceptionally good, and the races have attracted many visitors.

Finley Plays Goat To Take Pictures In High Rockies

William L. Finley, noted naturalist, author and lecturer, returned yesterday from a long expedition into the northern part of the Rocky mountains with Arthur N. Pack of Princeton, N. J., president of the American Nature association. He brought back, says the Oregonian, 10,000 feet of motion pictures of moose, mountain goats, bighorns, bear, elk, deer and other wild animal life taken along the roof of the Rockies. The photographs of big game are but part of the story which was full of thrilling adventures such as filming goats that play the part of expert steeplejacks on the highest cliffs of the continent and bull moose that proved dangerous subjects.

Finley has tried for many years to get pictures of what he considers the most difficult of American game, the mountain goat. This time he played the trick by dressing up in a white goat costume with imitation ears, horns and beard and stalking along the ledges with an Eyemo motion picture camera tucked in next to his chest. His strategy worked almost too well one day when an old billy disputed his right to a certain high ledge on Chapman peak.

The real billy looked at the imitation, twiddled his tail, lowered his horns and started for his rival. But the buzz of the camera halted him and the telltale wind gave the secret of human scent. "I got near-up pictures," said Mr. Finley, "but it was perhaps fortunate I didn't smell goat for I was on the narrow ledge of a very high cliff."

By making a blind near a lick where moose were accustomed to come. Finley and Pack got an old bull too close to get photographs. They were in his trail and were nearly stepped on. When the huge antlered bull discovered the cameramen, he lowered his head and shook himself from head to foot with the bristles of his neck standing erect, which is the challenge before a charge. With only brush for protection, the photographers had to lie perfectly quiet and this saved the day for them because the moose finally turned his attention to a cow and calf that came in to the water hole.

Morning Glory Treatment

Weston Leader: After a comprehensive campaign against wild morning glory on the York and Killgore holdings north of town, the pests have all received a liberal dose of the K. M. G. treatment. The weeds have since turned brown, indicating that the chemical has taken hold. K. M. G. is tough on shoes and clothing as well as morning glory, as Jess L. York is in a particular position to testify.

Last Rites For Gaines

Seattle.—A last salute was fired for Wallace Gaines as his body was lowered into its grave in the veteran's corner of a cemetery here today. While Rev. William J. Getty read the funeral services, the little chapel was crowded with friends of the man who was hanged Friday for the murder of his daughter.

WALLA WALLA MAN OUTLINES SOLUTION

Problem of Lower Priced Wheat Helped Out By Machinery.

Walla Walla.—What would the wheat farmers of the Walla Walla valley do if the price of wheat became constant at 80 cents a bushel? Would the great grain fields be abandoned or could the farmers meet the situation and raise wheat for less than 80 cents?

Farmers who say they cannot produce wheat at the present price of about a dollar, declare they will walk off their ranches if the price goes lower. Others, more optimistic, think the solution for the wheat farmer is not higher prices but more efficient methods.

F. S. Dement, rancher and grain dealer, when asked whether the farmer could evolve a method of raising wheat for 80 cents replied that they have done it before and could, and undoubtedly will, do it again. However, a radical improvement of methods will be necessary for survival he declared.

Perhaps the most important and certainly the earliest step in the more economical production of wheat is the substitution of mechanical power for men and horses. An indication that the farmer is realizing this fact is shown in the tremendous increase of production of tractors and tractor driven machinery. At first the tractor was used merely as a substitute for horses, but with the adaptation of machinery to tractors, the capacity of man power is being increased.

Thomas D. Campbell, who as president of the Campbell Farming corporation directs the farming of 95,000 acres of land in Montana, tells in the June issue of the Magazine of Business, his own experience with the economy of motor driven machinery.

"Labor costs per acre on our job," he says, "at \$6 a day for engine operators, are less than they were 30 years ago when the standard wage for hired help on the farm was \$26 a month and board.

"We have developed large power units and hitches whereby we can plow an acre of land at a labor cost of 27 cents, seed it for about 7 cents an acre labor cost, double disc it for ten cents an acre, and harvest it and thresh it at a labor cost of 40 cents an acre."

As the labor cost is the chief expense it stands to reason, Mr. Dement points out, that with such use of tractors, wheat can be raised at a profit at rather low prices, where land is adapted to their use. Some land of course, he says, cannot be worked with tractors and if more careful farming will not increase the profits, perhaps would have to be abandoned with continued 80 cent prices. However, he points out, much larger crops might be raised on almost all the land now farmed with a more careful conservation of moisture by the proper care of fallow land.

Chemical research and engineering progress will undoubtedly aid the production of cheaper wheat, and with the decreased cost of labor per bushel, the grain farmer will survive, Mr. Dement is sure.

There is another side to the medal of lower labor costs, Mr. Dement admits. It is perhaps largely due, he says, to the lower production costs of wheat raised on the large tractor powered farms of the mid-west prairies that has lowered the price of wheat to the level at which it stands today. If this is the case the only possible solution for the Walla Walla country is to adopt the same methods and by careful farming, out-produce the mid-west grain fields.

Killed Two Bear

Two bear, mother and cub, were shot and killed by Bob Cutler and Charley Payne at their mountain wood camp, east of Weston, the fore part of the week. The second cub made its escape. The mother bear was a large one, weighing over 300 pounds.

Leased Adams Ranch

Rich Thompson and Barney Foster have leased the Walter Adams ranch, southeast of Athena, the deal having been closed a couple of weeks ago. Mr. and Mrs. John Stanton, who were employed by Mrs. Adams, have removed from Athena to the ranch, and will reside there.

Fire At Tollgate

Fire covering six acres broke out Sunday in the territory about six miles south of Toll Gate between that place and Elgin. The fire is the worst this season in the Walla Walla district.