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THE NORTHWEST IS COVERED BY SNOW

Snowfall Continued As the Temperature Ranged Near Zero.

Athena experienced the effects of the general cold wave passing over the entire territory west of the Mississippi river this week. Snow continued to fall Monday and until yesterday noon, accompanied by near zero temperature at nights, until the old and new snow blankets the ground here to the depth of 19 inches on the level.

The depth of snow now on the ground exceeds that of any time since 1921. There have only been six winters in the history of the bureau records of which date back to 1873, when more snow was on the ground at one time. Athena residents remember the winter of 1916, when 37.5 inches fell in about two days, February 3 and 4.

The deep snow of 1916 went off gradually, and without floods resulting. How the present snow will disappear is a matter of conjecture. If there were no frost in the ground, much of the water from the melting snow would be absorbed, but if the ground proves to be frozen, the snow will probably go off in a rush of high water, leaving the grain fields cut up with ditches on the hillsides.

Sunday night zero temperature was felt here, when thermometers registered 4 to 10 below. On following nights, registrations showed from 6 above to 2 below.

The snowfall is general throughout the Northwest, and roads other than market roads and state highways are more or less blocked and impassable for motor traffic. The Oregon Trail has been kept open from Portland to LaGrande, but from the latter point east, the highway was blocked by snowdrifts a part of the time. The Pilot Rock-Ukiah and Pilot Rock-Heppner roads remained blocked for most of the week.

The highway from Pendleton to Walla Walla has been kept open by the use of snowplows. The Wild Horse market road and the Adams-Thorn Hollow market road were cleared of drifts by snowplows Monday afternoon.

Super Pictures Coming To Standard Theatre

Owing to the condition of the roads, which makes travel by motor cars difficult, Sunday night shows at the Standard Theatre will be discontinued during the month of February, commencing with the cancellation of the show for next Sunday night, February 8. Sunday night shows will be resumed March 3, when "The Docks of New York," featuring George Bancroft and Betty Compson will be presented.

With the reopening of Sunday shows in March, excellent programs of super pictures are included in the schedule for that month. At last the Standard has been able to secure bookings on "The King of Kings," which will be shown two nights, March 23 and 24. Also "Uncle Tom's Cabin" and "The Man Who Laughs" will be shown and "Varsity," the junior class benefit picture, will be given during March.

Tomorrow night all who can possibly do so, should make it a point to see the new faces on the Standard screen—the faces of Jean Hersholt, June Marlowe and Ralph Graves—in one of Broadway's greatest successes, "Alias The Deacon."

Sues For Divorce

Divorce suit against Herman De Hart, former deputy sheriff, was started in the circuit court Saturday by Bettye DeHart, present County Treasurer. In the complaint Mrs. DeHart alleges cruel and inhuman treatment as grounds for divorce and charges that her husband became infatuated with Grace Sunden and left her. Raley, Raley and Warner are attorneys for the plaintiff.

Thompson, Association Head

S. R. Thompson of Pendleton, was elected president of the Umatilla County Health association at a meeting of the association held on Saturday afternoon at the Umatilla county library, with about 100 members present. Mrs. Homer I. Watts was elected one of the vice-presidents, to represent Athena.

Schrimpscher Pleads Guilty

A plea of guilty was entered in the circuit court Friday by Harry Schrimpscher, who was arrested early this month on a charge of wheat stealing. Sentence on Schrimpscher will not be passed until February 7.

Athena High Trounces Weston and Loses Out To MacLaughlin High

"Pike" Miller's Athena high school quintet frisked a game from Weston high school handily on the home floor Friday evening, by the score of 17 to 11.

Further victory for the evening went to the Athena graders over Weston's grade hopefuls, 20 to 4. The Athena grade team put up a wonderfully fast game, and their team work was a revelation to the big crowd which filled nearly every seat in the gym.

Athena high went into the game short the services of Walter Huffman, who is ineligible for play during the present semester. His place at center was taken by Pinkerton.

Another doubleheader was offered the fans Tuesday evening, when Athena grade team and Adams graders appeared in the curtain riser. At the end of the session the score was tied at 10 all. In the five-minute overtime period each team converted a free throw, and everybody felt all right when it was decided to call the game a draw at 11-11.

In the first half of the main event, Mac-Hi never had a chance to get going and Athena slid into the dressing room at the end of the second period with a 7-3 lead to her credit.

In the third quarter, Athena continued to baffle the visitors with her smart checking, which was proving successful in keeping the fast Mr. Vancil away from the basket and fooling up Mac-Hi offense so effectively that out of 23 tries she had hooped only one basket.

Coming into the second half, Myrick, who was high point man of the evening with nine, made two good shots in rapid succession, giving Athena a lead of 11 to 5. Shortly afterward Athena's shifty guard went out on fouls and then the prunepickers found the going easier and plugged the hoop for five baskets in succession to win the game 15 to 11.

Cowboys Prove Heroes In Breaking Snow Trail

Lewiston, Idaho.—A tale of heroic struggle by Salmon river cowboys and stockmen, who pushed through snow drifts ten feet deep to take an 11-year-old girl to a surgeon, was told here.

Marcie Aram, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Aram, stockman living in the Salmon river country, south of here, was stricken with acute appendicitis Thursday morning. The nearest surgeon was at Cottonwood, Idaho, 30 miles away.

Aram started with his daughter in a covered sleigh. They battled through a blizzard all day, but were forced to turn back home. The father then telephoned his friends, living in the sparsely settled mountain country. They responded on horseback, gathering all available horses in the country and brought them along.

With cowboys forcing the horses ahead of them, a start was made again Friday morning. Cowboys drove the animals through the snow, which in places, reports here said, was drifted 10 feet deep. Progress was slow, almost by inches at times, but near nightfall the caravan reached a more sheltered road in Rice Creek valley, where a fresh relay of horses sent from Cottonwood, awaited it. Late Friday night Cottonwood was reached, and the girl operated upon Saturday. It was believed that she would recover.

Dr. C. H. Lash Kills Himself in Portland

Dr. C. H. Lash, dentist, committed suicide in Portland Wednesday afternoon by shooting himself through the right temple, at his home, 591 Beech street. He died in an ambulance en route to a hospital.

Dr. Lash formerly practiced dentistry in Athena, having offices in the buildings now occupied by Dr. Cowan, H. H. Hill and Miss Ramsay. Mr. Hill purchased the property from Lash after he left Athena.

According to Portland advices, Dr. Lash became despondent over ill health, but at no time according to the statements of relatives, did he do anything that would lead his family to believe he intended to take his own life.

Dr. Lash's office was in his own home. He was survived by the widow and two children.

Baker Newspapers Consolidate

The Baker Morning Democrat, one of the oldest daily newspapers of the Pacific Northwest, has been purchased by Bernard Mainwaring formerly owner of the Milton Eagle and Lucien P. Arant, owners and publishers of the Baker Evening Herald, from Ralph M. Mitchell, editor of the Portland Journal of Commerce. The deal involved a cash consideration of approximately \$38,000. The papers will be consolidated under the name Democrat-Herald.

ARTIST SHOWN AT WORK AT UNIVERSITY OF OREGON



Harry Camden, one of the most noted sculptors of the Pacific Northwest, is here shown at work in his studio at the University of Oregon, where he is professor of art. He is making a statue of the beautiful Pandora, who is here depicted holding up her hands in horror as she watches the contents of the box escape into the world.

INCREASE IN STUDENT LOAD NOW FAR AHEAD OF INCOME FROM STATE FOR UNIVERSITY

Portland, Or.—Amazement that the University of Oregon could still function efficiently on an income that has fallen far short of the rapidly increasing enrollment was shown here recently when a group of alumni and friends of the institution were shown figures and charts showing the relation of growth to income.

Since 1920, when the millage tax law went into effect, the student load (equivalent to full time enrollment) has increased 83.4, while the income from millage has increased but 12.1 percent. For the present year the student load is expected to reach an increase of 94 percent, while the income

will be but 13.5 percent. "Only the utmost attention to details and most efficient administration could be responsible for the present sound condition of the university under such a handicap," one alumni declared. "People of the state, however, cannot expect this condition to continue indefinitely, and in the very near future either the quality of instruction must drop, or some means devised to keep many deserving young men and women from attending the institution.

The chart below graphically illustrates the difference in growth in enrollment and income:

Year	Student Load (Equivalent Full-time Enrollment), 1920	Millage Income, 1920	% of increase in student load represented thus	Percentage of Increase Over 1920
1923-24	2856	\$822,030.75	35.6	35.6%
1924-25	3942	\$848,980.08	53.9	53.9
1925-26	3600	\$862,231.46	70.9	70.9
1926-27	3705	\$883,123.48	75.9	75.9
1927-28	3664	\$904,408.09	83.4	83.4
1928-29	4095 (est.)	\$915,596.26	94.0	13.5

Note: The student load (equivalent full-time enrollment) was computed as follows: the total credit hours in extension and correspondence were divided by forty-five to arrive at the full-time equivalent for this division. This is based on the assumption that a regular student remains for three terms and carries a normal load of 15 hours. The summer sessions are six weeks, and therefore one summer school student was counted as one-sixth of a full-time regular student. To these equivalents were added the enrollment at the Eugene regular sessions.

Feed the Game Birds

In all parts of Umatilla county the plight of pheasants and partridges is at a critical stage for want of food. The snow is now so deep that it is utterly impossible for the birds to seek food on their own account, and without immediate assistance hundreds will perish. To make matters worse, the first snowfall was slightly melted and froze before the later snow came, making it impossible for the birds to feed at stacks and chaff piles in the fields. So far the Press has heard of but one effort to feed the birds in this vicinity. Jens Jensen and Henry Miller scattered grain in several places, and left a supply with Louis Keen and Ross Payne to feed the birds in their neighborhoods.

Adams Wins From Helix

The Adams high school basketball team won from Griswold high school of Helix by the score of 32 to 20. Athena plays Adams at Adams in the near future.

Farm Home Burns

The farm home of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Lieuallen was completely destroyed by fire last Friday evening. The fire started in the upper story and when discovered had gained such headway that little of the furniture, clothing or household goods were saved. Mr. and Mrs. Lieuallen resided on the old Lacourse place south of Adams. This is the second farm home that has been destroyed by fire in the Adams community this winter. A few weeks ago the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Morrison was burned, together with its contents.

Snow Deep at Tollgate

Weston Leader: Five feet of snow was reported at Tollgate, prior to the latest heavy snowfall, which must have materially increased the depth. Five feet is said to be less than the normal amount there at this season. Lower down, in the cultivated region, large drifts in the roads have made travel difficult. Automobiles cannot be used.

Minstrels Will Be One of the Greatest Events of Theatrical Season

Pendleton.—A night of merriment and fun is promised the folks who will pack the Rivoli Theatre, Wednesday on February 6th., for the Best People on Earth, of which Pendleton Lodge heads the list, presents the Elk's Minstrels, with a cast of 50 people. It's going to be a dinger and full money's worth in laughable jokes; old fashioned song revues, skits and what not, will be in abundance.

Many tuneful numbers, consisting of southern melodies and the latest hits from Broadway will be presented in true professional style. Harmony is what these boys have most of and they are sure running true to form. Jokes, those kind with the KICK in them, funny enough to make a cat laugh. Skits, that cannot be beaten in home talent production, will delight you. Dinky boys who can sure strut their stuff, and,—well there's no need telling you any more, for we know, you know, it's going to be good and why spoil it all by letting you in on the fun before the big night.

Of course the old stars, who are heading the show, such as Nigger "Buck" Buchanan; Mistah Bert Jersard; Brothah Ed. (Ole) Olsen; Massa Brooke Dickson and Nat Kimball, are always welcomed and go over big. Oh, we forgot to mention Pendleton's Tenor Singer Elmer Storie, who shovels coal and piles wood when not singing; and, there's the Butcher Boy Kid Elmer "Peanuts" Pozegar, who will give you some dancing numbers, which is in a class of its own. Watch your dates, set aside that night of Wednesday, February 6, reserve your seat and be there when the curtain goes up. But if atmosphere of Joy, Merriment and Wholesomeness bores you, well—? That's all.

Eight Honor Students For Entire Semester

Eight students of Athena high succeeded in winning places on the honor roll for the entire first semester of the school year. To be listed on the honor roll a student must make a grade of "B" or better in every regular subject. Those who succeeded in maintaining this high standard of scholarship for the first half year were: Seniors, Alberta Charlton; Juniors, Beatrice Hiteman; Sophomores, Bertha Price, Stafford Hansell; Freshmen, Marjorie Douglas, Betty Eager, Mildred Hansell, and Goldie Miller.

To Marjorie Douglas goes the honor of having the highest grades in the entire student body. With the exception of a "B" in one subject for one six weeks period, Marjorie had a straight "A" card.

Several students were able to be listed on the honor roll for one or more six weeks periods. Those for the first six weeks were: Carl Calvert, Alberta Charlton, Marjorie Douglas, Betty Eager, Mildred Hansell, Kathryn Kidder, Goldie Miller, and Bertha Price.

Those who won a place for the second six weeks were: Alberta Charlton, Marjorie Douglas, Mildred Hansell, Stafford Hansell, Beatrice Hiteman, Bertha Price.

For the third six weeks the following were listed on the honor roll: Alberta Charlton, Marjorie Douglas, Betty Eager, Mildred Hansell, Stafford Hansell, Goldie Miller, and Bertha Price.

Coppock Dairy Herd

Some dairy herds made particularly attractive records for last year, as shown by the testing. The Holstein herd of T. H. Haddox of Hermiston made the highest record for the year with an average of 438.1 lbs. of butter fat per cow. A. R. Coppock of Adams was a close second with an average of 439.9 lbs. of butter fat per cow. The Coppock herd is mainly Guernseys, although for a part of the year the herd included a Holstein cow which was the highest producing cow of the association, this individual producing a total of 694 lbs. of butter fat equalling 833 lbs of butter.

Fuel Situation Relieved

With the receipt of two more carloads of coal in Athena Saturday and Sunday the fuel situation has greatly improved here. The Tum-a-Lum Lumber company which had an order out since January 15th, received a carload of coal Saturday. The Farmers' Grain Elevator company received its second carload in a week, Sunday, and as a result the coal bins of the community are not so empty.

Stock Rustlers Busy

Klamath Falls, Or.—Activities of daring "motorized" cattle rustlers have suddenly shifted to the lower Klamath basin country recently where Fred and Dan Liskey lost 28 head of Duroc-Jersey hogs. The method employed by the rustlers was apparently the same as before. The animals were killed and then lifted into an enclosed truck.

UMATILLA SOLONS ACTIVE AT SALEM

Scott and Norvell Active In Legislative Work Down At Salem.

(Oregon Voter Reporting Service) Salem, Oregon.—Considerable controversy is expected when two bills, concerning dower and courtesy rights introduced by Representative James H. E. Scott of Umatilla County, come up for debate later in the session. These companion bills would extend the rights of dower and courtesy to personal property, a departure from the present law which restricts such inheritance to real property. Decided opinions for and against the measures have been expressed, and lively debate is anticipated on them.

Under the provisions of these bills, in cases where a husband or wife has died intestate, the dower and courtesy rights include one-third of the personal property, in addition to the already existing right of life interest in one-half of the real property. A further provision of the bills is that the widow or widower may substitute a title in one-third of the lands for the life interest in one-half of the lands.

Representative Scott pointed out that in many cases where there was no real property, the present law works a real hardship on the heirs, and that these bills were designed primarily to provide justice in such cases. Several other prominent attorneys interviewed upon the subject, felt that it was quite a radical legal departure and that the terms "dower" and "courtesy" could not be interpreted to mean anything but real property.

Representative J. S. Norvell, of Umatilla County, was one of a legislative committee of four who left Salem on Saturday morning at 8 o'clock to inspect the St. Agnes Home at Oregon City, the Baby Home at Portland, and the Christy Home at Oswego. The committee made the trip by auto.

A bill to extend the jurisdiction of Justice Courts in civil cases involving \$250 to include up to \$350 will be introduced the first of this week in the House of Representatives by J. H. E. Scott of Umatilla county. Mr. Scott explained the purpose of the bill in saying that it would bring trials nearer home and save expenses.

Senator Fred A. Kiddle has a new hat. It is not the kind of hat usually seen on men who come from such counties as Morrow, Umatilla and Union. Neither is it the kind of a hat which loyal Republicans wore during the recent political campaign. It is a derby hat, and when Senator Kiddle appears in it about the legislative halls he creates a mild sensation.

Studying The Habits Of Hungarian Partridge

Study of the habits of the Hungarian partridge by men in charge of the State Game Commission's three game farms has proven interesting. When a pair of the little birds decide to mate up they mean it as a rule and a "divorce" is almost unknown. European authorities claim that the Hungarians mate for life, but Gene Simpson, superintendent of the game farms, says that he has known several cases where this has proven untrue. Early each year all the Hungarian partridges on each farm are placed together.

The females look over the males, and choose one as a mate. When mated each pair is put in a separate pen. A male is as diligent about setting on the eggs as the female and rears the brood in case of death on the part of his mate.

Killer Reward Offered

Offering a reward of \$500 the Walla Walla county commissioners hope to bring about the arrest and conviction of the murderer of John W. Brooks, attorney, who was slain December 9 by a masked intruder at his home. The board has been considering the reward for some time but delayed action at the request of the sheriff.

Buys Freewater Bank

The sale of the Bank of Freewater, Ore., to the First National of Milton, has been completed. The former will liquidate its real estate and other holdings and retire from business. The First National bank of Milton has a branch at Freewater, giving the two adjoining cities banking facilities under one management.

A number of Adams people came up Tuesday evening and witnessed the games between the Athena-Adams grade schools, and Athena high school vs. MacLaughlin high school.