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OREGON PENALIZES DRUNKEN DRIVERS

Patterson Signs Bill For Term Upon Two Convictions.

Under Oregon Senate Bill 240 signed by Governor Patterson a person twice convicted of driving an automobile while intoxicated is subject to a penitentiary term of two to five years and a fine of \$200 to \$500.

The governor signed bill appropriating \$30,000 for a mineral survey of Oregon, half to be spent on the east side and half on the west, the work to be done under direction of the federal government.

He vetoed house bill 249, Loneragan, providing that a person must qualify for performance before he could submit a bid for a public improvement contract of more than \$25,000, explaining:

"I believe it highly important that unnecessary restrictions be not placed upon the counties or upon the state highway commission in carrying out present or future programs of highway construction and improvement. This type of work, particularly, is reasonable in character and this act would tend to prevent the prompt action often required in awarding such contracts."

The governor also disapproved senate 174, by Joe Dunne, directing the industrial accident commission to reopen the case and claim of Bertha Bergerson for compensation.

Declaratory Contest

County School Superintendent Yeager has announced the dates for the sectional declaratory contests. For this section, Guy Brace of Weston, will direct the contest to be held at Weston on March 22. Children of schools at Weston, Adams, Athena, and Helix will take part in this contest. On April 5 and 6, the winners of the sectional contests will meet at Pendleton for the county finals.

Looks As Though Athena Fans Will See Baseball

Baseball stock seems to be rising in Athena. Coming on the heels of a bearish announcement in the Press last week, that only an Athena-Adams combination was in prospect this season it is now declared that a combination high school-town team will uphold the traditions of the local diamond.

This announcement is well received in view of the fact that it brings new material into the game, and gives opportunity to develop home players for future teams. It is understood that M. I. Miller will coach his school team for games with other high schools of the county. Hermiston high school is in the field with a team this year and other schools are expected to get in line.

The school-town team players would like to enter a league comprising the towns of Helix, Athena, Weston and one other town in the county.

The Adams team will probably take, Bannister, Pitcher; Harden, fielder, and Kretzer, first base in their lineup this season in a proposed league embracing Hermiston, Pendleton, Eagles, Mission Indians and Adams. Relative to this league it is understood that a proposal will be made to have a portion of the Adams games played on the Athena grounds, inasmuch as players on the team represent both towns.

Landed Downside Up

Leon Lundell's Ford coupe skidded on the slippery highway near Adams Tuesday night as he was coming home from Pendleton, where he had a playing engagement at the Rivoli theatre. It landed downside up in the ditch, says the Leader, and Leon was downside up in the coupe. Everything went out of his pockets but he fortunately escaped without a scratch. The car requires two new wheels and minor repairs. It is now the scarred veteran of four wrecks.

Cause of Death Fixed

A coroner's jury decided that the automobile accident at Walla Walla Thursday, of last week, which resulted in the death of Leota Robinson, 15, was due to "excessive speed and the number of occupants in the driver's seat." There were four young persons in the single seat of the roadster, and the car overturned on a curve.

Goes To Tillamook

Jack Perry, who recently resigned as pastor of the Athena Christian church, has accepted the pastorate of the Christian church at Tillamook. With the close of his present evangelistic meetings at Myrtle Point, Mr. Perry will be joined by his family

Woman Loses Life In Apartment House Fire At Walla Walla

Walla Walla.—Mrs. John Bakken, dressmaker, was injured probably fatally Sunday afternoon when she fell from a window ledge to which she was clinging to escape being burned to death in a fire in her apartments on the second story of the Farmers Exchange building at Second and Main streets. Scores saw her fall. Mrs. James Berry, who was visiting her, also fell and suffered a fractured jaw and other injuries. Mrs. Bakken's back was broken.

The fire did several thousand dollars' damage to the second and third floors of the building. The loss was covered by insurance.

Mrs. Bakken had apartments in the front of the building. She was using a small oil stove and it needed filling. She turned down the flame, but did not extinguish it, and began pouring in fresh fuel. The oil caught fire and the flames spread so rapidly she and Mrs. Berry could not get to the door.

They rushed to the window, climbed out to a foot-wide sloping ledge and held on with their hands, the flames pouring out over them. Both were forced to let loose and fall about 20 feet to the concrete sidewalk. They were picked up and taken to the hospital. Two painters working on the third floor of the building were forced out on a ledge and made their way to safety.

Occupants of apartments on the third floor made their way out windows and across the roof of a neighboring building. Louis Kan, cigarmaker, whose apartment was on the third floor, tried to get out into the hall and the flames drove him back. He and his wife were both burned slightly.

Thrown Ball Fractures Skull

Truman Whorton, of Freewater, who was struck by a thrown ball at Umapine Sunday afternoon and knocked unconscious, is now in a Walla Walla hospital with a fractured skull. His physician stated that he thought the young man would suffer no injury to the brain as the fracture was low. Whether an operation would be necessary was not decided as Whorton had regained consciousness.

Bridge Tea Enjoyed By Delightful Party

One of the most delightful parties of the season was enjoyed by a large group of friends, Wednesday afternoon when Mrs. C. M. Eager and Mrs. Laurence Pinkerton entertained at a bridge tea at the home of the former. Shamrocks and spring blossoms about the rooms and the score cards which marked the places at the nine tables were suggestive of St. Patrick's day.

Mrs. R. B. McEwen made high score, Mrs. Ravella Lieuallen second and Mrs. Marion Hansell received the consolation.

The St. Patrick's day idea was further carried out at the tea hour in the dainty refreshments served.

Those present were, Mrs. H. A. Barrett, Mrs. Lloyd Michener, Mrs. R. B. McEwen, Mrs. M. L. Watts, Mrs. H. I. Watts, Mrs. Fred Kershaw, Mrs. Henry Dell, Mrs. Chase Garfield, Mrs. Bryce Baker, Miss Hilda Dickenson, Mrs. M. I. Miller, Mrs. Bert Logsdon, Mrs. Sheldon Taylor, Mrs. Glenn Dudley, Mrs. Fred Pinkerton, Mrs. Don Johnson, Mrs. Revella Lieuallen, Mrs. Paul Lieuallen, Mrs. Jim Lieuallen, Mrs. Art Douglas, Mrs. E. C. Prestbye, Mrs. James Cresswell, Mrs. Penn Harris, Mrs. Marion Hansell, Mrs. C. L. McFadden, Mrs. Alex McIntyre, Miss Pearl Ramsay, Mrs. A. A. Kimball, Mrs. Forrest Zerba, Mrs. Archie McIntyre, Mrs. Dudley Rogers.

Freeze Causes Reseeding

A portion of the wheat land on the Alex Johnson place northeast of Athena is being reseeded. It is reported that the reseeded is made necessary because the growing grain was winter-killed by freezing. Inasmuch as the wheat crop in the Athena district was well covered with snow when low temperature came, and is in excellent condition at this time, it is presumed that the Johnson crop was frozen out before snow fell.

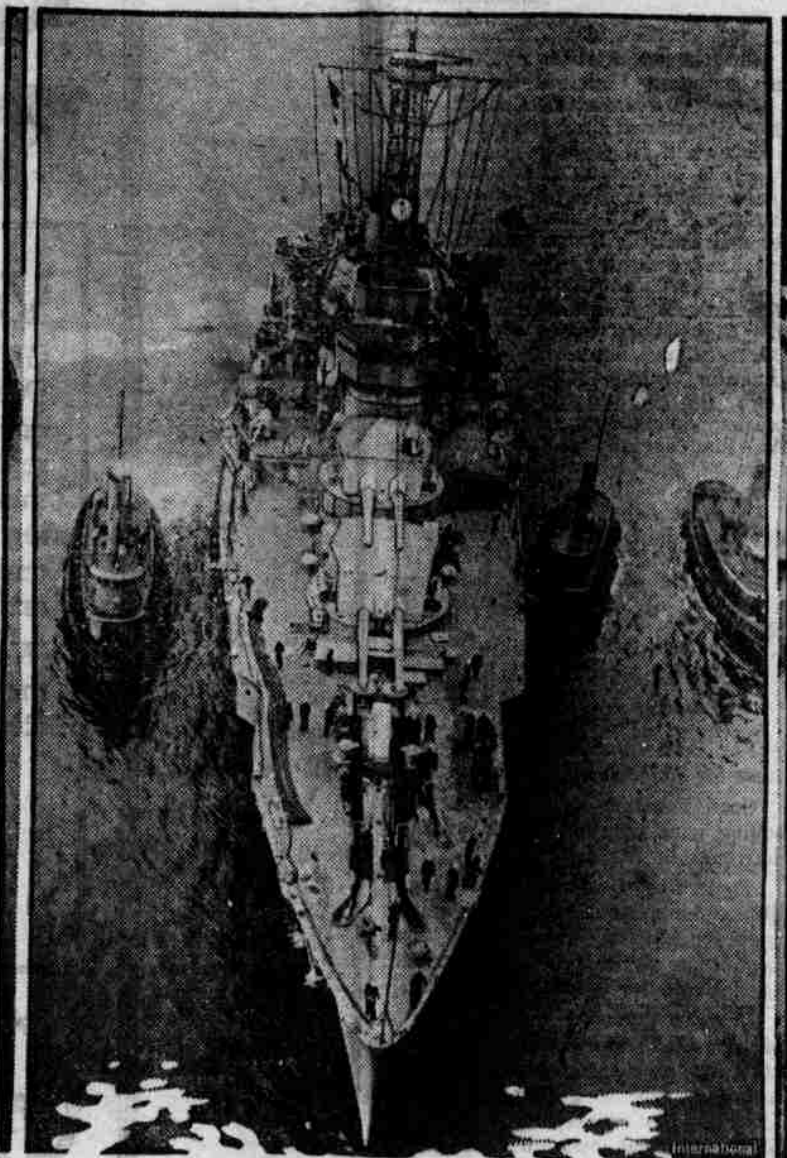
Chinese Elm Trees

A salesman for the Home Nursery company of Richland, Washington, was in Athena this week, and made a number of sales of Chinese Elm shade trees to local home owners. Chinese Elms may be seen at the farm of Mrs. Morton, South of Athena, who imported the trees from China.

Prison Population High

A new high record in the population of the state penitentiary was reached Saturday when 736 prisoners were registered. The latest to be received is a woman prisoner, Sylvie Madison, sent up from Umatilla county to serve a year for larceny.

The Battleship Utah



The battleship Utah starting from Brooklyn navy yard for Buenos Aires

Experimenting With a New Caterpillar Tractor

The International Harvester company is experimenting with a new caterpillar tractor on the Arnold Wood place, west of Athena.

The new tractor is pulling seven 14 inch bottoms, and is a different machine in appearance from other tractors operating in this neighborhood. It carries a wide track, and while in the experimental stage, develops plenty of power to do its work satisfactorily.

The tractor was brought here for the purpose of experimenting under conditions required of tractors in large and small farming operations, where deep plowing is necessary to insure conservation of moisture, the manufacturers of the machine realizing that tractors performing work satisfactorily in the Athena wheat raising district will be a success anywhere.

T. J. Aughinbaugh, Frank Henderson and Neil Cameron of the Portland office of the International Harvester company, and mechanics are on the ground checking up the experimental work of the tractor here. John Carson and John Micheals of the Spokane office, spent Wednesday here, also.

The tractor is drawing the attention of many farmers who have visited the Arnold Wood place. Experimental work was delayed yesterday when one of the track links broke, necessitating a replacement.

Hogs As Sideline

Hog raising as a sideline for the Umatilla county wheat ranchers and dairy farmers is recommended by H. A. Lindgren of the Oregon State College, who took an active part in the Farmers' Economic conference which was held at Weston. He recommended against hog raising as a major activity for farmers in the Weston district. "Hog raising will fit in well with the system of farming practised in northern Umatilla county," he said.

Transfers Lot to Price

The City of Athena has transferred lot 1, block 13, Railroad addition, to Ernest A. Price. The lot is located on north Fifth street, was taken over by the city for non-payment of street improvement assessments, and was sold to Price for \$200.

Back To Portland

R. A. Duffield who suffered a throat affliction, is in Portland again after returning home from the metropolis last week. Mr. Duffield's condition is not improving satisfactorily. Charles Russell remains in charge of the Duffield barber shop.

Pendleton-Athena, 70

The Pendleton-Athena gunners shot a 70 in the Oregonian Telegraphic shoot Sunday at Pendleton. Finis Kirkpatrick was high gun with a 24 and was followed by Marion Hansell and Henry Collins with 23 each.

Named Administratrix

The County Court has appointed May E. Lockwood administratrix of the estate of Zeph W. Lockwood, deceased.

Manager 25 Years of the Tum-a-Lum Lumber Yard

A. M. Johnson of Athena was one of the Tum-a-Lum Lumber company yard managers from 21 towns to meet at Walla Walla last Saturday, for their annual sales conference, and were entertained at noon at luncheon at the Marcus Whitman hotel. There were several guests at the luncheon and wives of both the employees and guests were present.

James T. Crawford presided over the luncheon, and toasts were responded to by Dorsey M. Hill, president of the Chamber of Commerce, John Davis, John Odell and J. M. Crawford, president of the company. Special recognition for 25 years' service each with the company was given Howard Mansfield, manager at Milton-Freewater, and Matt Johnson manager at Athena, both of whom have been with Tum-a-Lum since its start.

A motion picture, entitled "The Transformation," was shown to demonstrate how old dwellings can be modernized, and this was followed by "still" pictures showing several remodeling jobs in Walla Walla and vicinity done with the aid of the company.

Morning and afternoon sessions at which various problems of the yards were discussed, took place at company headquarters. Women present were guests of Mrs. Crawford at a motion picture show during the afternoon. The territory from which delegates came included Pasco-Kennewick, Heppner, and Pomeroy as limits.

Passing of S. T. Gore

Simon T. Gore, a pioneer carpenter and contractor of this section died at his home in Walla Walla, Sunday, after a short illness. Funeral services were held at Walla Walla Wednesday afternoon, interment taking place in Weston cemetery. A number of Athena homes, among them the M. L. Watts residence, was constructed under the supervision of Mr. Gore.

Picture Program

Richard Dix popular screen actor, will be seen in "Moran of the Marines" tomorrow night at the Standard Theatre, and it's another fine Paramount picture; the best show in town. Sunday night, the funniest Scotchman in the world, Douglas MacLean is coming in a sparkling new comedy-drama, "The Carnation Kid." Don't miss it. Sports reels, news reels, cartoon reels, both nights.

Pendleton Meetings

M. A. McQuarry pastor of the Christian church of Milton, is holding a series of evangelistic meetings in the Christian church at Pendleton. Mr. McQuarry is assisted by his wife, who has charge of the music and singing in the meetings, which will continue until after Easter.

Sale Nets \$24

The cooked food sale held in the lobby of the Athena Hotel Saturday afternoon netted the Methodist Ladies' club \$24. The proceeds will be used to defray expense of repairing the roof of the Methodist Episcopal church.

More American Troops Are Moved To Border In View Mexican Strife

Washington.—Apprehension of American residents along the international border over the safety of themselves and their property as a result of revolutionary activities in Mexico prompted the movement of additional troops to the border.

The detachment, composed of a company of infantry and a troop of cavalry were ordered to Naco, Arizona, and to guard the water supply of Bisbee, a city 8 miles north of the border.

No other troop movement at present is contemplated, American government officials said.

The northward progress of former President Calles, who is in command of the federal troops advancing to meet rebel forces in the state of Durango, is being watched closely by officials. The rebels appear to be withdrawing from the south and concentrating in Durango and in the adjoining state of Chihuahua. There are extensive American mining and ranching properties in the state now controlled by the rebels, but thus far no damage has been reported to American property.

Some Americans have left mines and ranches in those states and have sought safety in the United States.

A decisive battle in Durango or Chihuahua is believed in Washington to be impending and it is the opinion that such an encounter would disclose the strength of the revolutionists.

Commissioners View Road

County Commissioners Hales and Bean and Roadmaster Shannon were in Athena yesterday, and went out to view the road that will loop the farming district north and northwest of Athena with the market road west of town. Commissioner Bean stated that work on the new road will be commenced by the county in the very near future. This road is to be constructed under bonding provisions of Road District No. 53, which last fall, through the efforts of Homer Watts and other land owners of the district, voted a 10 mill additional tax for that purpose.

Jury Decides Woman Suicides By Shooting

The mystery of the death of Mrs. Mamie Butts, who was found dead in her room at the Columbia rooming house Pendleton, early Sunday evening, was completely cleared when a doctor probed the bullet wound in her head and discovered the missile had lodged in the skull, says the East Oregonian.

Search for the bullet in the room was carried on because the first doctor's report indicated that the bullet had entered Mrs. Butts' head at her left ear and had emerged above her right ear. It was found that the shot was fired by herself above her right ear, but did not pass through the skull.

At the coroner's inquest the jury returned a verdict that Mrs. Butts took her own life.

Water Conditions Improve

Believe it or not, during the long cold period of the past winter, there were times when the depth of water in the city reservoir was very low. This was caused by reason that the watershed supplying the Athena gravity water system was frozen up, and very little water flowed through the intake pipes. But now everything is different, thank you. There is a plentiful flow, and with the watershed fairly oozing with surplus moisture from a bountiful snowfall, prospects are bright for a plentiful supply of good, pure water for Athena this year.

Blue Mountain League

Organization of the Blue Mountain baseball league for this season, will include teams representing, Baker, La Grande, Enterprise and Pendleton. The season opens April 21, with teams playing in LaGrande and Pendleton. Teams will be permitted to hire only two outside players, which privilege makes it possible to secure good batteries for each team.

Mrs. Zerba Entertains

Mrs. F. L. Zerba entertained the Jolly Twenty club last Friday. Thirteen members were present, and after a short business meeting, the afternoon was spent socially. Mrs. C. L. McFarland and Mrs. A. A. McIntyre served refreshments. The next meeting of the club will take place at the home of Mrs. J. T. Lieuallen, Jr., at Adams, next Friday afternoon.

Endeavorers Entertained

Fifteen members of the junior Christian Endeavor were entertained at the home of Mrs. E. Darr at Adams, Friday last. Miss Jaunita Crawford, leader, was in charge of entertainment. Dainty refreshments were served.

FARMERS ELEVATOR INCREASE CAPACITY

New Addition Will Total Storage Facilities of 290,000 Bushels.

Two carloads of building material are on the ground ready for beginning the construction of additional grain handling facilities at the plant of the Farmers' Grain Elevator company, at the west end of Main street.

G. R. Huginin of Portland, has been awarded the contract for building the new addition to the elevator, which will have a bin capacity of 130,000 bushels of grain. The new building will be constructed of 2x6 and 2x8 lumber. The dimensions are 40x60 feet, with a height of 65 feet, and will be of the crib pattern.

The new addition will occupy space on the north side of the present concrete structure, with which it will be connected. Two years ago, addition to the elevator property was built on the south side of the concrete structure. Its capacity is 60,000 bushels.

The concrete elevator has storage capacity for 100,000 bushels, which with the first and second additions, will give the elevator a total storage capacity of 290,000 bushels of bulk grain, aside from its warehouse facilities for handling sacked grain in volume.

Work will begin on the new addition as soon as possible so that completion may be realized by June 15th, the time allotted to the contractor. With this increase in facilities, the company will be in full command of sufficient storage space to accommodate its farmer customers during the coming harvest season, without resorting to forced shipments of grain, as in the past.

The elevator company had a very successful business year in 1928. Aside from a large storage and grain handling business the company deals in feed, having a rolled barley mill in operation, carries in stock chicken feed products and handles coal in carload lots. It devotes attention to cleaning and treating seed wheat, having special machinery for this purpose.

Officers of the company are A. R. Coppock, president; Geo. R. Gerking, vice-president; W. O. Read, secretary-treasurer; R. L. Wilson, manager. Directors, Cass Cannon, Louis Keen, V. B. Harris, A. A. McIntyre, A. R. Coppock, Geo. R. Gerking and W. O. Read.

Movement Started To Ban Cigarettes

Salem.—Cigarettes would be entirely banned from Oregon under a proposed constitutional amendment which the Anti-Cigarette league of Oregon is initiating. Copies of the proposed constitutional amendment were filed with Secretary of State Hoss with a request, that he submit the petition to Attorney General Van Winkle for the preparation of a ballot title preliminary to the circulation for signatures to place the measure on the state ballot at the general election in November, 1930.

The proposed amendment would forbid the manufacture, importation, possession, advertising, sale or giving away of cigarettes, cigarette papers or materials. Penalties for violation of the proposed law would include fines ranging from \$25 to \$250, and jail sentences ranging from 30 to 90 days.

Burglars At Weston

Burglars broke into the Nelson H. Jones store Thursday night of last week, says the Leader, effecting entrance through a rear window. Two cash registers were jimmied and \$28 in money stolen. One was put out of commission. Two watches and some candy are missing. The safe, which contained no money, was untouched.

Real Estate Transfers

Lenna Coppock Read to John Tompkins lot 9, block 9, City of Athena. Lenna Coppock Read to W. O. Read, 1-2 interest in lots 3 and 4, E 1-2 SW 1-4, Sec. 30, Tp. 4, N. R. 35 E. W. M. Lots 1 and 2, Section. 36, Tp. 4, N. R. 34 E. W. M.

Cougar Hunters Kill 'Em

A total of 161 cougars have been killed in Oregon by hunters during the current year, according to the reports of the State Game Commission and this means that \$4,025 has been paid out in bounties.

Sues For Divorce

Zula White has brought suit in circuit court for divorce from Jesse White. A. C. McIntyre is attorney for the plaintiff.