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CREEK WATER IS UTILIZED IN POOL

Temporary Dam Put In To Raise the Water Supply For Pumping.

Workmen have been engaged in placing a temporary dam across Wild Horse creek at City Park and installing a pumping plant to furnish water for the swimming pool, which has been closed for the past week or more, since the supply from the mains was turned off.

With the failure of the springs at the head of the city's gravity system, the sole supply for domestic purposes rests in the capacity of the well and pumping station at the present time, and as there is no question of domestic service coming in for first consideration, those having the natatorium in charge immediately began preparations to secure a supply from the stream in near vicinity of the pool.

The natatorium was furnished water from the city mains free of charge so long as there was a surplus to spare, and now that the source of supply must come from the creek, the use of a pump and a motor owned by the city will be utilized in pumping water into the pool.

In one respect the water from the creek will be better for the natatorium than was the city water, in that it will be softer for swimming and bathing purposes, and will be warmer in temperature than water from the city mains.

It is regrettable that the natatorium was forced to close for several days, during the warmest days of the season when patronage was at the highest point of the season. The Legion Post feels the loss keenly, as the receipts would have assisted materially in liquidating indebtedness incurred in construction of the natatorium.

Mrs. J. F. Herr Dies Suddenly At Baker

Mrs. John F. Herr, formerly residing in Athena where she was highly esteemed by a large circle of friends, died suddenly at her home in Baker, Sunday afternoon.

The demise of Mrs. Herr was made especially sad for the reason that the end came without warning to her family and friends. In failing health for a number of years past, apparently she was no worse than usual Sunday. For several weeks she had been caring for the children of her daughter, Mrs. Louis Stewart of Athena, while she was recovering from an operation in Seattle.

Sunday morning Mr. Stewart drove to Baker for the children. Shortly after he left on his return to Athena, Mrs. Herr passed away. Mrs. Stewart was notified of her mother's death, and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Cannon at once started with her to Baker, meeting Mr. Stewart on his way home.

Mrs. Herr was prominent in the affairs of the Methodist Episcopal church while a resident here and endeared herself to many friends. She is survived by her husband, two sons and one daughter.

Semi-Weekly Visitor

E. A. Bennett, who recently moved to Milton, where he is engaged in painting, makes semi-weekly trips to Athena for the purpose of tending the home garden. He has a choice variety of vegetables in the garden, including tomatoes which are approaching the stage of maturity. New Stone, well known to old timers here, accompanies Mr. Bennett to Athena frequently and holds down the newsstand bench on Main street, while Bennett does his chores.

Has Birthday Party

In honor of her 8th birthday anniversary, Mrs. J. A. Alkire entertained a number of girl friends of her daughter Frances, Saturday last. Those present were Natalie Miller, Mary Jane Miller, Jack Miller, Jeanie Jay, Winifred Black, Beverley Barrett, Genevieve Barrett, Marjorie Martin and Mildred, Bonny, Helen, Frances and Ira Alkire.

Rights of Agents Defined

The rights of prohibition agents to investigate home manufacture of cider and fruit juices were defined by Commissioner Doran, who instructed his agents that investigation in homes could be made only upon a bona fide search warrant.

Runaway Girl Found

Pendleton officers found Betty Burns, a runaway girl from St. Helens, Oregon, with a girl companion, in a grain field near Pendleton. She was turned over to the Salvation Army, and will be returned to her home.

Except For Trimmings Wheat Harvest Is Over In the Athena District

Except for the trimmings, the 1929 wheat harvest is over in the Athena district, where a good crop was produced. With the aid of exceptionally good weather and the best equipped threshing outfits in the world—and lots of them—this season has been an ideal one for grain-saving operations.

Not a drop of rain to halt progress, with very little wind to bother, the gas-propelled outfits hummed and cackled around the big fields day after day until the center and last swath was cut.

A few machines were through and pulled into the sheds last week. This week many others have finished and next week only grain on the mountain ranches and a few trimmings here and there will remain of the 1929 harvest season.

Due to frequent shipments of grain during the delivery rush of bulk grain at the peak of harvest, storage facilities were the very best that have ever prevailed in Athena. There was storage room for everybody at all times and efficient crews made it possible for bulk wagons and trucks to be unloaded in turn with as little delay as possible.

Harvest Notes

Glenn Dudley's crop this year is a good one, averaging 55 bushels per acre.

McBride Bros., crop on the Eagle Hollow ranch is reported to be yielding between 45 and 50 bushels per acre.

Amiel Schubert's acreage averaged 53 bushels per acre.

Sims Dickenson pays tribute to even tempered Jess Gordon, whose combine has been acting up during the season's "run." Hit or miss, Sims says Jess is just the same old Jess.

The Weston Leader reports that J. A. Hills arises to remark that he will plant no more Forty Fold wheat to thresh, although he likes that variety for hay. He says that it began to shatter even before it was ripe, and the field produced no more than 30 bushels to the acre.

Weston Leader: The elevators of the Weston Warehouse company at Weston and Downing are now full of wheat which has been coming in rapidly. Grain that comes to the elevators from now on, it is announced, will have to be shipped to Portland on consignment.

Officials Get Violators Of the Prohibition Law

Pendleton.—Continuing their sweeping attack upon liquor dealers from the hip pocket peddler to the "joint" operator, prohibition officers working in the county Monday, arrested a man and his wife at Adams for the alleged operation of a "joint."

Mr. and Mrs. Jewett Murray were arrested by county officers working under the direction of Sheriff Tom Gurdane. They were arrested at Adams and have been charged with maintaining a nuisance. Mr. and Mrs. Murray have posted bond and have been released.

Charles Moore, who was arrested last Saturday night on charges of sale and transportation of liquor, posted \$2500 bonds with S. A. Newberry, U. S. commissioner Monday, and gained temporary freedom. He is to be taken into the Federal court at Portland to face charges of violation of the Jones law.

While the week-end cleanup has been hailed by some as a tremendous victory for the county Sheriff Gurdane says that enforcement will not let up until other liquor operators are taken.

Although there may be a few "beer gardens" and "booze joints" yet in operation here, it is believed that Pendleton is dryer now than it has been in years.

Purchase Residence

Justin Harwood, who with Mrs. Harwood arrived in Athena last week from Huron South Dakota, has purchased the residence of Everett Zerba, on High street, east of Fifth street. Mr. Harwood will make improvements to the property, and is now occupying it.

Mrs. Ben Hill Dead

Mrs. Bertha E. Hill, wife of a former mayor of Walla Walla, Ben Hill died Tuesday afternoon following an illness of several weeks duration. Mrs. Hill was 39 years old, having been born in Richfield, Washington, July 14, 1890.

Montana Wheat

Dave Nelson of Pendleton, who has a wheat ranch in Montana, says his crop there is going to be better than expected earlier in the season. He expects Federation to be better than last year, with Marquis lower in production.

Hickman-LeForce

Ellsworth Hickman, 22, of Milton and Annie LeForce, 19, of Freewater, were united in marriage at Milton, Monday evening.

FIGHT FOR FREIGHT IS KEENEST ON COAST



SEA RULES RAIL RATES—J. T. Saunders, freight traffic manager for Southern Pacific, who says three steamship lines handling two-thirds of north and south freight, tramp steamers and truck lines, as indicated on map, make coastwise competition the most difficult faced by railways

MORE than a million tons of freight annually borne in the holds of coastwise steamships between ports of California and the Pacific Northwest exceeds north and south railway traffic by a margin in excess of 100 per cent, according to J. T. Saunders, Freight Traffic Manager for Southern Pacific company.

Not only do three steamship lines handle twice as much freight as its rail-borne, but the railway also faces competition of numerous motor truck carriers operating upon the public highway. These truck lines now radiate to almost every community upon the Pacific slope, carrying annually thousands of tons of freight formerly handled by the railroads.

Climate, much advertised as a tourist attraction, adds to the competitive difficulties of Pacific Coast railways. Every day in the year is a good travel day for Pacific Coast motorists and fine paved highways have made automobile so easy that railway passenger revenues annually decline to the tune of millions of dollars.

"No railway anywhere," Saunders said, "faces competition so strong as

that met by Southern Pacific. Five major transcontinental railways, air routes, four coastwise steamship lines, many tramp steamers and traffic motor-borne upon the highways all compete with our lines.

"In four representative months—January, April, July and October of 1927—three steamship lines alone moved 319,685 tons of freight between California and Portland and the Puget Sound ports. In the same period rail traffic north and south between California and Oregon was only 151,453 tons.

"An average of 75,000 pounds a week is moving by steamer from California ports to Crescent City, California, whence it is delivered to destinations in Grants Pass, Medford and other Oregon cities.

"Separately and jointly trucks and steamships are moving thousands of tons of freight which once moved by rail.

"In order to meet this competition Southern Pacific since the World War, has spent over four hundred million dollars for construction of new and rehabilitation of old lines, new equipment and betterments.

MRS. T. G. WINTER



Mrs. Thomas G. Winter, prominent clubwoman of Minneapolis, is directing the Republican "kitchen campaign." It is Mrs. Winter's job to line up the housewives and their daughters in support of Herbert Hoover.

Daniels and Boyd

Bebe Daniels is coming to the Standard Theatre tomorrow night in Paramount's pleasing comedy, "What a Night!" Supporting Miss Daniels is clever Neil Hamilton, William Austin and Wheeler Oakman. Sunday night William Boyd appears in "The Leatherneck." This photoplay was booked for showing at the Standard several months ago, but the picture proved so popular with the public, that the larger theatres demanded first run rights over the smaller houses at that time. Alan Hale, Robert Armstrong and Dian Ellis are featured players in the cast.

Two Drowned In Columbia

In attempting to save Glen Robinson of Ione, from drowning in the Columbia river, near Boardman, Sunday afternoon, Miss Eva Strange, 17, was drowned with him. Miss Strange resided at Longview, and was visiting the Robinson family at Ione.

He Caught Nice Ones

Harry Keller has been fishing again over at Bend. He expressed a fine lot of big Rainbows over to his relatives and a few Athena friends. Last year Harry did the same, and here's hoping he'll make it ditto next year.

Remains Unconscious

Charles Stephens whose skull was fractured when a train struck his car last Saturday at an Echo crossing has been unconscious since the accident, in St. Anthony's hospital at Pendleton.

Til Taylor Statue Has Arrived From Belgium

The Til Taylor statue which will be unveiled in Til Taylor Park, Pendleton, on the first day of the Round-Up, Wednesday, September 18, has arrived in Pendleton from Belgium.

The statue, which is of heroic size, was done in bronze and gold leaf by A. Phinister Proctor, internationally famous sculptor. It is said the figure is true in likeness of the late sheriff, is mounted in characteristic pose on a horse, and minute detail is carried out in reproducing the Sheriff's attire, workmanship on saddle and bridle, etc.

The funds for purchasing the statue were generously donated by friends of Til Taylor, and came from all over the country. Mr. Proctor completed the statue in Belgium, and it was shipped from that country to Portland, and was brought to Pendleton on a special trailer which was borrowed from Morrow county for that purpose.

Oregon Solons Lose Contemplated Increase

Salem.—W. A. Jones, head of the Marion county grange, won his suit in circuit court to keep the 1929 legislators from receiving the \$5 a day additional expense money which they voted themselves shortly before adjournment, when Judge L. H. McMahon signed the decree declaring their action to be "unconstitutional, illegal and void, and of no force or effect whatever."

Hal E. Hoss, secretary of state, and T. B. Kay, state treasurer, defendants in the action, or any of their subordinates are forever restrained from making the payment of the \$5 a day expense money, according to the decree, the plaintiff, Jones, is also given costs in the case.

Took "Sky Line" Trip

Driving a President 8 Studebaker sedan, George Ferguson, of the Foster-Richey company, made the trip over the famous "Sky Line" drive from Toll Gate to Dayton, last Sunday. "A wonderful drive," says George, "but they want to widen the trail on the curves to make it safe for long wheelbase cars."

Oregon Man Is Champion

Bradshaw Harrison of Oregon, a Pacific Coast candidate for national tennis honors, captured the Atlantic coast singles championship. Harrison, University of Oregon student, defeated Bruce Barnes of Texas University 1-6, 6-2, 6-4 in the finals.

Would Change Rates

Drastic changes in livestock freight rates from Pendleton are recommended by Examiners Stiles and Parker of the Interstate Commerce Commission, as the result of investigation conducted under mandate of the Hoch-Smith resolution.



"More than ten per cent of this amount has been spent since 1923 for the construction and rehabilitation of 521 miles of mainline in northern California and southern Oregon. Within a few weeks our new 97 mile line between Klamath Falls and Alturas will be opened, providing a new mainline route to the east 236 miles shorter than from Klamath Falls to Chicago than any line now existing or proposed.

Valley Prune Harvest Will Start August 15

Walla Walla.—Prune harvesting will not start until August 15, according to the growers at the Prune meeting at the Chamber of Commerce rooms last night. The harvest will continue up until September 5 it was thought. The shipments will run about 80 cars a day during the harvest.

About 1200 cars of prunes are expected to be harvested. Originally the growers expected a total crop of 1500 cars but due to the ravages of the red spider mite it is estimated that about 20 per cent of the crop will be lost.

Growers and shippers are busy getting things in shape for the start of the harvest. Several of the shippers are installing large grading machines in their warehouses. The growers are stocking up in boxes and other necessary paraphernalia for prune picking.

Dean Straub Retires

University of Oregon alumni wherever they may be, will be interested to learn that Dr. John Straub, dean emeritus and professor of Greek at the University, will conclude his active teaching work in October, 1930, rounding out 52 years of service to the institution, and 53 years of teaching. Announcement of his resignation was received by the University this week. He will continue to make his home in Eugene.

Seriously Burned

A. B. McDonald, representative of the Spokesman-Review at Walla Walla, was seriously burned on the Umatilla river, near Bingham Springs, Sunday morning, while he was engaged in pumping air in a small gasoline stove reservoir. He was using an automobile tire pump, and the stove exploded, seriously burning him on the chest and stomach. He was taken to a hospital at Walla Walla.

Service Station Purchased

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Pinkerton and family will remove from Athena to Milton to reside in their home there. J. L. Booth of Washtucna, Washington, has purchased the service station and acreage property on lower Third street from Mr. Pinkerton, and will reside here permanently. Mr. Booth is the father of Mrs. Ralph Dowd of Weston.

"Two-Gun" After Him

"Two-Gun" Hart, Coeur d'Alene reservation policeman, is heading a posse into the hills in search of Charles Charrapin, Indian, charged with slaying his wife.

Jamboree in Second Week

Fifty thousand Boy Scouts from all around the world entered the second week of their international jamboree near London, their camp is a sea of mud from incessant rain.

Wheat Prices Slump When Heavy Selling Hits Eastern Market

Portland.—The break in world wheat markets the fore part of the week resulted in a decline of 4 to 5 cents in Portland futures and a loss of 5 cents in all kinds of cash wheat. It also stopped selling in the country, for which local wheat handlers are thankful. Dock and elevator space has been filling up rapidly and the slowness of the outgoing movement has caused anxiety.

Trading was very light on the Portland Grain Exchange Tuesday, only 20,000 bushels both ways with sellers plentiful and few buyers. Prices declined without a break from the opening gong to the close. At the wind-up, losses were 4 1/2 cents in September, 5 cents in December and 4 cents in May, as compared with the last prices of the previous day.

The Chicago market was off 6c to 7c at the close. The break started when a big Winnipeg bull started unloading his line on the Chicago market. Upsetting of confidence came abruptly after the market had shown a tendency to advance on account of big purchases of flour in the southwest and because of rapid falling off in the movement to winter wheat to most of the leading terminals. In Chicago, the number of cars of wheat arriving was much smaller than either a week or a year ago and there were also greatly diminished receipts at Kansas City, Omaha and St. Louis. However, all this was quickly lost sight of when a leading Winnipeg trader was reported as throwing overboard his holdings.

A tumble of 10c a bushel at Winnipeg added to the force of the selling storm which overwhelmed the Chicago trade. Besides, the selling orders from Winnipeg came at a time when the Chicago market was without much of the aggressive buying support that of late had been conspicuous. Meanwhile, about the only known incentive for the selling were reports of some rains in Canada and rather vague advices that Argentine acreage would be enlarged. Slackness of export demand was also a considerable factor, as well as general knowledge that contracts in the Chicago market have piled up to the unprecedented total of 217,038,000 bushels, an increase of about 12,000,000 bushels in hardly more than a week.

Emigrant Party Will Make Hike

Seattle.—The last surviving male member of the first emigrant party to cross the Cascades north of the Columbia river, George H. Himes, Portland, will start tomorrow on a "hike" over the old Naches pass road.

Other "old timers" in the hiking party will be C. B. (Pop) Bagley, Seattle, and Clifford Babcock, W. F. Bonney and A. H. Denman of Tacoma. Babcock is president and Bonney secretary of Washington State Historical society.

The trip, partly for historical purposes and partly for pleasure, will begin at Clover creek, 10 miles southeast of Tacoma, the last camping place of the emigrants of 1853, Bagley said. "From there to the summit, we will follow the route of the old military road laid out by George B. McClellan, afterwards famous Civil war general."

"Called" Him

Employees in the shop of the Price-Ransom Chevrolet company, kidded their boss, Lee Price when he was married recently. He responded to their joking by saying that to the first one of the boys in the shop who got married, there was coming to him a two weeks' vacation on full pay. Saturday evening "Chuck" Bell, head mechanic, flashed a marriage license on the boss' desk. Now the mechanic and his bride are on their honeymoon.

Stop Grain Dumping

Former Governor Samuel McKelvie, back in Nebraska from Washington where he received a farm board appointment from President Hoover, declared that putting a stop to "dumping" of grain is the big problem that faces those who would help the wheat producers. Producers are losing ten cents a bushel, he asserted because of the rush at terminal markets.

Bus Company Gets Permit

The Idaho Public Utilities commission granted permits to the Columbia Gorge Motor Transport company to operate bus lines between Lewiston and Pendleton, Ore., and from Spokane, Wash., to Coeur d'Alene. The application for a permit to run a line from Coeur d'Alene to Wallace was held over.

Fire Near Tollgate

A small forest fire was burning but under control, near Spout Springs, south of Tollgate the fore part of the week. The fire, which was the first of the year in the Blue Mountains east of Athena, was started by an electric storm which passed through the mountains last Friday night.

Found Unconscious

Giles Mortimer, well known at Echo, was found unconscious and in a serious condition at the Frank Sloan sheep camp in the Blue Mountains, Saturday.

BEAN HARVEST IS APPROACHING FAST

Machinery Ready For Work—Crop of Peas Being Threshed.

Bean harvest is near at hand in the Athena-Weston district. Cutting has commenced in parts of the Walla Walla district, and the cutters will soon be at work here. The cutting machines will be followed by combine harvesters equipped with a picking up attachment, which delivers the bean straw to drapers which carry it to the cylinder.

The combines have been put into condition for the bean harvest, five of them being assembled in Athena at the present time. The bean crop is ripening rapidly and indications are that the yield will be satisfactory to the Eickhoff Products company, promoters of the enterprise here.

Cleaning and grading machines have been received at the warehouse in the railroad yards. The machines are mounted on trucks and the motor of the truck is utilized for power to run the machine when cleaning and grading the beans.

The work of harvesting the Sloan seed pea crop has commenced on the McBride Bros. ranch, south of Athena. The pea vines are being cut with an ordinary mower, bunched into windrows and picked up by one of the specially equipped bean harvesters.

Mr. Sloan is satisfied with the yield and quality of the pea crop on the McBride place. He is also experimenting with pea growing on mountain land, which gives indications of good yields. The mountain crop is not as far advanced in ripening as the field on the McBride place.

Russian Grain Grower Views Athena Fields

M. J. Kalmancvitch, chairman of the board of directors of the Grain Trust of the U. S. S. R., Moscow, Russia, on a tour of the United States to see large grain farming operations, was in Walla Walla, Monday. He was accompanied by his interpreter. The men visited several of the larger farms in the Inland Empire.

The men were traveling by motor, and Tuesday passed through Athena, en route to Portland from Walla Walla.

There now are 50 wheat farms in Northern Caucasus operated by the Grain Trust which is a cooperative proposition financed by government capital. Acreage included in these farms total 4,000,000 acres. The smallest of these farms is 50,000 acres, the largest 375,000 acres with the average around 150,000 acres.

Campbell-Morey

William B. Campbell of Athena and Miss Morey of Freewater, were married in the Christian church at Walla Walla, Saturday afternoon. Rev. Hunley, pastor of the church, officiating. The wedding ceremony was performed in the presence of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Campbell, parents of the groom, and Mrs. Morey, mother of the bride. Mr. Campbell is a graduate of Athena high school, and well known young farmer. His bride is a sister of Mrs. Frank Coppock, and an estimable young lady. The young couple are receiving congratulations from their friends on the happy event.

Former Police Chief

Ed Hussey, formerly chief of police of the Walla Walla department, fell dead Sunday just before noon as he was walking to lunch down the corridor of the main building in the state penitentiary. Mr. Hussey was serving as a turnkey at the penitentiary, and has been employed there since 1926 when he started work as a guard.

"Buck" Gets Two

"Buck" Lieuallen, state traffic officer made two arrests this week in line with his duties. G. A. Moore, driver of one of the motor coaches, was fined in justice court on the charge of speeding. He was assessed \$50. When "Buck" found four persons riding in one seat, he arrested the driver, Gayford White, who was fined \$15.

Navy Deserters Caught

Traffic Officer Pyle apprehended two marine deserters from the battleship California, at Arlington, Saturday evening. They were J. E. Taylor and Roy Olifant, wanted at Bremerton.

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