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OLD MAN BOREAS RIDES GOLD WAVE

Athena Has Five Inches of Snowfall Sunday, Brings Total to 12 Inches.

Old man Boreas continues to ride on his cold wave over the Northwest states. He has been shooting zero weather in alternate gobs, crossing up his program with snow storms.

After dishing up below-zero temperature last week, he rushed in a snowstorm Sunday. Approximately five inches of new snow fell in Athena, leaving a total of 12 inches on the ground Monday morning.

Then the thermometer turned and zoomed down to 14 degrees below zero. At 11:30 p. m. Sunday night the mercury registered 5 above, the downward plunge taking place in the early morning hours of Monday. Furnaces and heating stoves are kept blazing hot day and night to keep Athena homes comfortable. It is taking lots of fuel for warmth, but as there is no apparent shortage at this time no complaints are heard.

A few homeowners have reported bursted water pipes, but as a rule care is being exercised in this respect. Sidewalks have been reasonably well kept free from snow. The through streets were given the once over Monday morning by Charley Payne, who hitched his mules to a snow plow that did satisfactory service.

Auto stage service on the Oregon-Washington highway was not interrupted seriously. The Athena highway crew kept the road open by the timely use of snowplows and the crews were enabled to keep close to their time schedules.

The Walla Walla valley has nearly a foot of snow, which is fine and dry and should a stiff wind prevail, traffic is liable to be retarded by drifts.

Four inches of new snow greeted residents of Portland Sunday, and city put on 450 men and 120 trucks to remove it through the arteries of traffic.

East of Portland the storm assumed blizzard proportions and for a time the Columbia highway was blocked.

The John Day highway, the Arlington-Heppner road, the road to Molalla and the Canyon road out of Portland were closed. Motorists traveling from Portland to Beaverton or Forest Grove were advised to go by way of Terwilliger boulevard. The Evergreen highway east from Vancouver, Wash., was open only to Washougal.

The most serious trouble was between Astoria and Seaside and between Yamhill and Tillamook.

The mid-Columbia region was covered with a 22-inch blanket of snow following one of the most severe storms in recent years. State highway crews were making desperate efforts to keep major traffic arteries open, but were being handicapped by slides on the Columbia river road.

Oregon Farm Outlook

Oregon State College.—The 1930 agricultural outlook report for Oregon and the nation at large will be issued through the college extension service early in February. The national report, now being prepared, will be adapted to local conditions as soon as published and these state findings will be distributed through the press, by radio and through the mail. The extension service will publish 5000 copies of the full state report and from 40,000 to 50,000 separate dealing with single enterprises such as poultry, dairying, livestock, farm crops and horticulture.

Colonel Raley Honored

Colonel J. H. Raley, Pendleton pioneer and well known attorney, has been greatly honored with congratulations from people of his county and the state at large, on his attaining his 75th birthday anniversary. Colonel Raley has been a resident of Umatilla county for 69 years and in the past has been state senator and has held numerous positions of trust.

Bailey To Run

Edward F. Bailey, senator from Lane county, announced he would formally announce his candidacy for the democratic gubernatorial nomination. Senator Bailey resides at Junction City.

Oldtimer Here

E. E. Bender was here this week from Kennewick, Washington. A long time ago Mr. Bender was employed on the Frank Berlin ranch, and is well known to oldtimers here.

10 Below At Walla Walla

With the mercury hitting 10 below, the lowest this season, and with the barometer reading the highest ever recorded, Walla Walla Tuesday shivered under a bright sun.

Kitchen Range Explodes In the Baptist Parsonage Fortunately No Injuries

Due to a frozen water back in the kitchen range at the Baptist parsonage, occupied by Rev. Dow and family, it exploded with a terrific force Wednesday morning.

The explosion literally demolished the range and scattered broken fragments of iron, live coals, ashes and cinders over the kitchen. Fortunately the family were in the dining room, and the members thus escaped injury. Had they been at the breakfast table in the kitchen, where they would have congregated a few minutes later, undoubtedly serious consequences would have resulted.

Rev. Dow tried the faucets before kindling the morning fire and they were found to be running freely. After a while he joined other members of the family in the dining room. He had no sooner entered than the explosion occurred. The swinging door between the kitchen and dining room was forced open and a portion of the range and cinders were hurled through it into the room, a range door narrowly missing Jack Dow, where he stood.

The concussion which forced the dining room door ajar found its vent there, and thus saved the windows in the kitchen from destruction. Ice formed in the water back, within a few inches from a partition which was warmed by an oil stove in the bath room.

After the disaster, Mr. Dow and family breakfasted at the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Richards. Insurance is carried on the parsonage residence, but none on the contents.

The Oak Springs Fish Hatchery Resists Cold

Portland.—While a howling wind holds the mercury at a scant 18 degrees below zero at the Oak Springs hatchery near Maupin, Or., the water temperature within the hatchery remains at an even temperature of 55 degrees. Matt Ryckman, superintendent of state hatcheries, announced.

Fed by an underground spring, the temperature of the hatchery water never varies a degree in the course of a year, Mr. Ryckman said, and the present outside temperatures have failed to lower the total.

Fifty-five degrees, according to the superintendent, is the ideal hatching temperature for trout eggs, and the resultant fish attain a prodigious growth in a few short months, while the fish of other state plants, hatched at the same time, are much smaller. "The Oak Springs hatchery," Mr. Ryckman said, "is considered our finest plant. Here we produce the finest fish in the state and this enables us to plant streams with mature trout instead of fingerlings. The common belief that fish hatched in water as warm as 55 degrees are inferior in physical resistance is a fallacy. We have proven our Oak Springs fry equal in quality to those of any other hatchery in the state."

Dog Team Used In Rush

A doctor, a guide and a veteran dog-team driver yesterday began a picturesque and perilous race from Grangeville, Idaho, to save the life of a miner, critically ill and cut off from medical aid by the frozen wastes of central Idaho. Between Roy Burke victim of blood poisoning at the Copper King mine in the Green mountain country of Idaho county, and civilization are 42 miles of deep snow, rough terrain and temperatures ranging from 30 to 38 degrees below zero.

Arrest Saves Sleeper

Clarence McCord of Waitsburg warmed up in jail after a chilly nap in an automobile six miles from Walla Walla. Deputy Sheriff George Kanze at 11 o'clock Wednesday night encountered the auto stalled in the road. Inside McCord was sleeping, and half a gallon of moonshine was found in the car. He is charged with possession of liquor. Had he not been rescued McCord might have frozen to death, as the mercury went to nearly 16 below zero.

Has Appendicitis

James Beamer of Weston, was operated on for relief from appendicitis at a Walla Walla hospital last week. Mrs. Jesse Gordon, sister of Mr. Beamer, visited him at the hospital, and found the patient to be doing nicely.

Ill With Pneumonia

Mrs. Patterson, mother of Mrs. Jesse Smith and Mrs. Joe Cannon is ill with pneumonia at the home of Mrs. Cannon. The best of care is being given the patient and relatives and friends hope for her early recovery.

Walla Walla Sued for \$74,500

Walla Walla is made defendant in four actions aggregating \$74,500 growing out of the construction of the sewage disposal plant. The claims were refused by the commissioners and court action is the result.

"Highest" Court in United States



"Pilot," said Judge Albert Stephens, "in the absence of our bailiff, leave the controls for a moment and come back here and call this court to order." And so was opened the first aerial court in the history of the country—in fact the highest court in the world. For when it was opened it was cruising toward San Francisco 7,000 feet above Los Angeles county in a Western Air Express plane. As soon as Judge Stephens became accustomed to the hum of the three motors, he began taking testimony in the condemnation suit brought by the county against the San Gabriel Canyon Development company, to force the latter to give up gold claims near the site of the great San Gabriel dam.

WEDDED 78 YEARS



Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Blackmar of Columbus, Ga., who celebrated their seventy-eighth wedding anniversary in Columbus, recently. They are ninety-nine and ninety-eight years old respectively.

Pythian Lodge Visited By Neighboring Members

Pythian Lodge, No. 29, K. of P. held an especially interesting meeting Thursday evening of last week, when Harold Kirk was given the rank of Knight. A number of visitors from Milton, Weston, Adams and Pendleton lodges were present to participate in felicitations of the evening, and assist in conferring the rank.

An appetizing and succulent feed was provided by a particular bunch of good scuds who are familiar with the how, when they served liberal portions of steamed clams and crabs with trimmings galore.

Drive On Rabbits

Farmers in the west end of the county are preparing for a campaign of poisoning jack rabbits in that section. It is reported that sufficient snow now covers the ground to make war on the long eared denizens of the sage brush effective. Poisoned grain and alfalfa hay is placed in the runways of the destructive bunnies, and it is expected that thousands will be killed by this process.

Pioneer Business Man

Charles S. Jerard, a pioneer of Umatilla county, and for many years a dealer in agricultural implements at Pendleton, died in that city last week at the age of 69 years. He was born in Cass county, Missouri, and came to Eastern Oregon in 1879. He is survived by his widow, one son, Bert Jerard, and one daughter, Mrs. James Bowler, all of Pendleton.

Schannep Leads Association

L. M. Schannep, Umatilla county judge, was elected president of the state organization of county judges and commissioners, at the annual meeting held by the association at Portland, last week. Judge Schannep succeeds Victor P. Moses, judge of Benton county.

Skating and Coasting

Athena young people have been enjoying skating and coasting parties at Homer I. Watts' ranch, north of Athena. The spot selected is ideal for the sport which is enjoyed by all who participate.

Cooked Food Sale

The ladies of the Baptist Missionary society will hold a cooked food sale in the Rogers & Goodman hardware store, tomorrow afternoon.

Athena Farmers Meet To Form Local Cooperative Monday, January 27th

Farmers of Athena and vicinity will hold a meeting at the Standard Theatre, Monday, January 27, at 10 o'clock a. m. for the purpose of discussing the formation of a local cooperative marketing organization. The principal speaker will be A. R. Shumway, who will address the meeting on general plans of local cooperative organizations and their relative status with the federal farm board in marketing grain.

Since the Eastern Oregon wheat growers conference at Pendleton last week, farmers throughout the county have taken much interest in the proposal of cooperative marketing, and a number of local organizations are about to be formed.

Arrangements for the meeting at the Standard Theatre were made by W. O. Read and the time set, 10:00 a. m., is considered the most convenient to facilitate attendance.

Athena Loses to Weston and Defeats Pendleton

The local town team was nosed out by the Weston team in the last two minutes of play in the game Thursday of last week. The score was 24 to 20, at the end. Monday night of this week Athena redeemed herself by swamping the Pendleton team, 29 to 16.

Athena took the offensive in the first quarter of the Weston game, running up a score of 9 to 1. At the half they began to tire and Weston crawled up within three points, the score at half time being 13 to 10. The local lads held the lead until the final two minutes of play and then Weston forged ahead.

The contest Monday evening was fast from start to finish. Athena was on the offensive most of the time, and was never behind in scoring. Although Pendleton used two teams, the Athena boys managed to keep in pace and showed no signs of tiring. Team work on the part of the Athena basket tossers was an outstanding feature and due to winning the game. All of the subs were given a chance to play against Pendleton.

Eddie McMurdo, Whitman college player refereed both of the games in fine form, with fairness to both sides.

Mildred Crimmins Died At Pendleton Friday

Athena friends of the family, were shocked to hear of the death of Mildred, ten year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Crimmins, former Athena residents, at Pendleton, last Friday.

The little girl was taken ill in class at the Washington grade school in Pendleton, only last Wednesday. She was immediately taken to St. Anthony's hospital, grew rapidly worse until the end. At first it was reported that death was caused by infantile paralysis, but an autopsy performed after death disclosed that the cause was diabetes, complicated with tubercular meningitis.

Funeral services were held at Walla Walla Monday afternoon at 2:30, the remains being taken to that city for burial.

Mr. and Mrs. Crimmins and three children were well known in Athena, where Mr. Crimmins for two or three years was employed in the Preston-Shaffer mill here and the children attended the grade school.

Jensen To Plead

Everett A. ("Bud") Jensen, son of a Walla Walla merchant, driver of the automobile which collided with a bus at Seattle, January 12, as a result of which four coasters lost their lives, was charged with manslaughter on four separate counts, in information filed in superior court at Seattle. Bail was set at \$2,500, the same as before. Jensen's counsel, has indicated his client will plead not guilty on the ground that the accident was due to neglect of the city in failing to provide proper barricades for a restricted coasting zone.

Ban On Parrots

To guard the Puget Sound area against parrot fever, the tropical disease that has caused deaths in many parts of the country, Dr. Lunsford D. Fricks, United States public health surgeon, stationed at Seattle, placed a ban on the importation of these birds.

Back In Store

F. B. Radtke is back in his Athena Department Store, after a week's illness with the influenza. During his convalescent period, Fred found time to tinker up a few reels and rewrap a couple of fish rods, getting them in shape for next season's fishing trips.

Old Landmark Gone

The Weston Leader reports that the old church on Weston mountain, known as "the lower church" was destroyed by fire Sunday evening from some unknown cause. It was a landmark for half a century and had been unoccupied for years.

Sportsmen Cooperating With Game Commission In Protection of Birds

Game birds in Umatilla county are no doubt hard pressed for food on account of snow covered ground and cold weather. However, as in the past, feed will be placed for the birds wherever possible. Last winter local sportsmen and others provided food for pheasants and partridges, and will do so in the present emergency.

The state wide bird feeding program launched by State Game Warden Harold Clifford will be a complete success, he announces. Splendid co-operation has been received from various state sportsmen's organizations, the Isaak Walton league, the Oregon Humane society and individuals, he reported and ample feed is being provided for the starving birds.

Game birds, whose normal habits during storms of the present nature is to hunt a warmer climate, are suffering the most, Mr. Clifford said, and every effort to relieve them is being made by the game commission.

More than five tons of cracked wheat and mill screenings, admirably suited for bird feed, was purchased by the commission from the Crown mills at Portland, and reports of donated portions of grain have been received from various portions of the state.

"We were notified that the sportsmen of Lane county have collected more than \$400 to provide feed for the song birds of that area," Mr. Clifford said, "and that the sportsmen would take care of all the birds in that section. Wherever this is being done, the game commission will lend assistance when it is needed, but we intend to serve those quarters of the state where such aid is not being rendered—in places where there are no towns or groups of sportsmen."

Athena Boys Win Game, Girls Lose at Pilot Rock

With the temperature way, way down below zero, Athena high boys and girls' basketball teams motored to Pilot Rock Friday evening to keep an appointment. The boys were rewarded with victory, coming out ahead of the Rock with a score of 22 to 13. Athena led all the way through.

The girls' team lost out by one point, 22 to 23. Athena led most of the time, and only in the last minute of play did the Rock girls collect the point that won them the contest. Considerably complaint is heard over the referee's decisions.

Athena boys play Weston high on the local court tonight, and it is expected that the game, which is the first of the present season between these teams will be hotly contested. Tomorrow night Athena boys and girls go to Echo for one of the two annual games with Echo high school.

Feed the Game Birds

County Game Warden Albee issues warning through the press of the county, that unless game birds are fed, many will perish as a result of deep snow and cold weather. Mr. Albee says: "It is now time for people to feed the birds. Pheasants and ducks are suffering and I wish that people would put out grain for the birds. Donations of feed will be most welcome. The place for the feed is along the rivers and streams. It is best not to scatter too much feed in one spot for if snow comes, the grain is covered up and wasted."

Tuning In On London

Athena radio sets have been tuning in on the naval conference at London, and listeners have been hearing the speeches made by the delegates representing the five nations participating in the proposed disarmament proceedings. The international hookup comes in exceedingly well at times, the voices of the speakers being strong and enunciation almost perfect.

Graduate Nurse

On February 5th, Miss Mildred Stanton of this city will be a member of the class of nurses graduating from St. Anthony's hospital at Pendleton. At that time Miss Stanton will have completed her full three years course in professional nurse training at St. Anthony.

Has Whooping Cough

Beth, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Zerba, is reported to be very ill at her home in Waitsburg with whooping cough, from which she has been suffering for several days.

Charity Worker Arrested

On complaint of a Salvation Army officer, Dr. E. J. Potts of Milton, was arrested last week on a charge of failure to account for funds entrusted to his care.

26 Below At Pendleton

The coldest weather since 1919 was recorded at Pendleton Monday night when the thermometer registered 26 below after a day of 10 above.

LEGISLATURE COSTS ARE AT VAIRANCE

Washington State Session Is Found To Be Lower Than Oregon.

That it costs the state of Oregon more to legislate than it does the state of Washington is disclosed in a recent dispatch from Salem.

Figures compiled by Secretary of State Hoss show that the cost of the 1929 session of the legislature, in addition to the per diem and mileage of members, was \$121,494.41. It was a 50-day session.

The Washington legislature continued 60 days and cost \$107,312.80. Over \$14,000 less than the Oregon assembly, although Washington has 138 members to Oregon's 90. Although the Washington senate has 42 members to Oregon's 30 the former employed only 18 stenographers to the Oregon senate's 28, the total salaries being \$5400 at Olympia against \$8665 at Salem.

In Washington stenographers served as committee clerks also, while in Oregon the senate had 33 committee clerks and 15 desk clerks, costing the state in salaries and wages \$10,851.50 and \$5,280 respectively. The report says the cost of the senate committee clerks at Olympia was less than half that of Oregon's senate.

In the Oregon house of representatives 55 stenographers were employed by the 60 members, their total cost being \$13,680, some receiving as much as \$10 a day. In the Washington house the 96 members used only 17 stenographers.

The Oregon house also employed 61 clerks who received \$17,123 and 16 desk clerks who received \$6,090.

The cost of printing and other incidental expenses in the Oregon legislature totaled \$59,796.91. Printing and supplies for the Washington session cost \$14,477, with \$17,331 added for printing the session laws. Incidental printing costs and indexing cost \$1596 and \$800 respectively. It cost the state \$2200 to broadcast Governor Hartley's inaugural speech, and this was charged to legislative expense.

By the day the cost of the Oregon session was \$2,724.94 and the Washington session \$2,578.25.

Counting the per diem and Mileage of members the Oregon session cost \$136,246.96 and the Washington session \$154,690. The Oregon cost was a reduction as compared with the 1927 session which cost \$160,540.18.

University Gains 12 Students

University of Oregon.—Enrollment of full-time students at the University of Oregon has reached 1184, it is reported by Earl M. Pallett, registrar. This is 12 more than were signed up at this time last year. With students who completed their studies at Christmas and others who have dropped out until later the actual campus census now stands at 2900, a gain of 62 over this time last year. The university eliminated 37 students for failure in studies at the end of the fall term, while many others completed work for their degrees. These latter will receive their diplomas at the regular graduation exercises next June.

New Thermometer

A new thermometer has been installed at the Preston-Shaffer mill in the Northwest part of town. The new instrument is supposed to record temperature accurately and will take the place of one that formerly registered the mill site as being the coldest spot in Athena. It at once proceeded to "show up" the old thermometer by registering 18 below zero Monday night, when others in town went down as low as 26, and Tuesday night it said 17 below.

Few Autos On Streets

It is easy to find a parking place in the business district these days. Very few private autos are to be seen downtown, and they usually are not left very long at a time on the street, because of the rapidity with which they "freeze up." Storage garages are doing a big business.

Cold Closes School

The cold weather forced the closing of school taught by Miss Glea Sias, near Hermiston, for the remainder of the week. Miss Sias is at the home of her parents in Athena, until such time as the weather moderates sufficiently to permit opening of her school again.

Corporation Buys Wheat

For the second time the Farmers' National Grain Corporation has entered the market. The Farmer's Union at Duluth was authorized to purchase No. 1 dark northern at \$1.25 and two other grades at \$1.22; No. 1 Durum at \$1.12 and No. 2 Durum at \$1.10.