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WALLA WALLA HAS FORMED A LEAGUE

Mass Meeting of Dry Forces Held and Committees Appointed.

Walla Walla.—Formation of the Walla Walla Law Observance and Enforcement league was instituted last night at a mass meeting of prohibition and law enforcement supporters held in the Central Christian church at 7:30 o'clock. Approximately 150 people were in attendance at the gathering which was called under the auspices of the Anti-Saloon league of Washington.

The purpose of this organization as stated by B. N. Hicks, state superintendent of the league, is to arouse public sentiment for law enforcement and order, which includes scrupulous attention to the kind of public officials that are elected to office. Mr. Hicks was introduced to the assembly by D. P. French, assistant superintendent of the league in this state, who presided at the meeting. The gathering was called to order by Mr. French after which the Rev. J. B. Hunley of the Central Christian church, gave the invocation.

Mr. Hicks briefly outlined the machinery of this local organization as follows: There will be a central executive committee of five to control the affairs of the organization. Members of this committee have already been secured by personal contact by the Anti-Saloon league representatives and were approved and endorsed by the assembly last night. The five men comprising the committee are, J. W. Cookerly, A. L. Robinson, John F. Stack, Dr. R. C. Mayo and Harry Reynolds.

The plan of the organization also provides for five sub-committees, each having three members to work under the head group.

Mr. Hicks in summarizing the situation as it now stands, declared that the people of the state of Washington would have a fight on their hands to retain the state dry laws. He emphasized the fact that there are three wet organizations working for the repeal of these statutes and are continually sending out wet propaganda throughout the state. He closed by making an appeal for the supporters of the state and national prohibition to take active interest in the fight for retention of dry laws.

W. G. Coleman, county prosecutor, spoke briefly on the local and national aspects of law enforcement. He declared that the people of Walla Walla should be encouraged in the formation of such an organization as was started Monday night. Mr. Coleman went on to state it was his belief that the dry workers should take the fight to the enemy line. Most of the propaganda being issued at the present time is put out by organizations working for the repeal of the state, and national dry laws which creates the wrong effect especially for politicians who continually "have their ears to the ground."

Liquefied Natural Gas Used In Special Range

There is a new special range for burning liquefied natural gas for cooking purposes on display at the Rogers & Goodman hardware store—the Wedgewood range.

The gas is stored in tanks on the premises and recharged as needed. Standard Oil Co., of California has launched a campaign to market gas from its prolific Kettleman Hills wells in every community along the Pacific coast not already supplied. The service will be given through subsidiaries.

The Natural Gas corporation of Washington will distribute in that state, and the Natural Gas Corporation of Oregon and California handles it in those states.

The new principle of liquefaction of gas will be the basis of the new enterprise. The expense of construction of long pipe lines will be avoided by liquefying the gas, shipping it in containers, carburating it into tanks and thus into mains serving the communities. After carburating it will act just as ordinary natural gas already being used in California cities.

Hawley Files Candidacy

Willis C. Hawley, for over 20 years representative in congress for the first Oregon district has filed with the secretary of state his declaration as a candidate for another term. The slogan that for many years has been used by Mr. Hawley, "No interests to serve but the public interests," will again appear after his name on the ballot.

Deputy Sheriff Wayne Gurdane and Deputy Anderson of Milton, were in Athena Wednesday on official business.

Umatilla County Baseball League To Have 4 Teams—High School Boys Play

The Umatilla County Baseball League was organized at a meeting held at Pendleton, Monday night. Four teams will play a schedule of eight games each, beginning on Sunday, April 13.

Teams representing Athena, Helix, Pendleton and the Mission Indians have enrolled in the league, which will play amateurs only on the respective teams. The meeting was attended by Bryce Baker and M. I. Miller, representing Athena. M. I. Miller was elected president of the league, and Jack Allen of Pendleton, was elected secretary-treasurer.

The schedule of games will be formulated at a meeting of the league officials and team managers soon.

Athena has sufficient funds in the club treasury left over from last season to start the team without soliciting financial aid, states Bryce Baker, who was a member of the team last year.

Coach Miller has organized his high school material into a team, and members of this team will play positions on the Athena league team. Other material is available for the league team, in the persons of Baker, Miller and George Gross players on last years team, besides others.

To make local baseball matters all the more interesting, announcement comes that a county high school baseball league, comprising the high schools of Hermiston, Stanfield, Helix and Athena is well along the way of actual formation, and other schools in the county may decide to enter teams.

It is proposed that each school team must play a six-game schedule to figure in the league standings, the winning team to receive a silver cup trophy.

Regional Potato Plan

Organization of a regional potato committee to coordinate marketing and other activities of the industry in Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Utah, Washington and other adjacent states, was approved at a meeting of the Northwest Potato Growers and Dealers at Walla Walla.

E. L. Hiteman Graduates; Will Teach at Cloverdale

Among the graduates at Oregon Normal school, Tuesday, was E. L. Hiteman of Athena. Mr. Hiteman returned to Monmouth after many years and finished the course which he started in that institution, after leaving high school. He completed all requirements pertaining to teaching, and already has contracted to take over the principalship of the school at Cloverdale, Oregon.

The Lamron, Oregon Normal school paper, says of Mr. Hiteman securing his Cloverdale position:

"In the opinion of the Bureau, the psychological moment has great possibilities. This conclusion has been reached partly as a result of the circumstances surrounding the election of Mr. E. L. Hiteman to the principalship of the Cloverdale Public school. Deciding to apply in person for another position in Tillamook County of which he had heard, Mr. Hiteman drove over one Monday afternoon, and stopped to interview the board at Cloverdale. He stopped, not because he had heard of a vacancy there but because he liked the appearance of the community and its splendid new school. Not a great deal of hope was allowed him; hence he was somewhat surprised to learn of his election about a week later. Evidently he arrived at the psychological moment."

Expectant Mother Paroled

In order that her child might escape the stigma of birth within prison walls, Mrs. Anna Randall of Eugene was released from the state penitentiary on a conditional pardon by Governor Norblad. The pardon was based on recommendation by James Lewis, warden of the prison. Mrs. Randall, with her husband, Willard E., and son Willard M., were received at the prison January 31 last, to serve three years each for larceny from a dwelling.

Farmers Meeting Tomorrow

Another farmers meeting will be held at K. P.-Odd Fellow hall this afternoon at 1:30, at which time matters pertaining to completion of the organization of the Athena local cooperative will be attended to. At a former meeting the officers and directors of the Athena local were named, and 121,000 bushels of grain was signed up. It is expected that more grain will be signed up at the meeting this afternoon.

Carload of Trucks

A carload of International trucks were unloaded for Rogers & Goodman in the Union Pacific yards, Wednesday. There were five trucks in the shipment and they were snugly and safely packed in a big automobile freight car. Wayne Pinkerton, Don Johnson and Herman Hoffman unloaded the trucks.

Sure Sign of Spring in the Capital City



When these pretty secretaries to members of congress were seen eating their luncheon out of doors in the shadow of the great dome of the Capitol it was certain that spring had arrived in Washington. They are, left to right: Olivia Stevens, secretary to Representative Bankhead; Mamie Hale, secretary to Representative Jed Johnson; Ann Evans, secretary to Representative Kemp; Evelyn Lang, secretary to Representative Buckbee, and Nancy Dean, secretary to Representative Simmons.

Colonel John Leader Writes Glowing Tribute

From England comes a reflection of the gubernatorial campaign in Oregon, for Colonel John Leader has written a letter replying to the reference to Henry L. Corbett as "High-Hat-Harry." Colonel Leader was a British army officer who was sent to Oregon during the latter part of the war and was in charge of the officers training camp at Eugene. He was known as a two-fisted fighting man and became immensely popular during his sojourn in this state.

Colonel Leader writes from 3 Whitehall Place, London, S. W., to a Portland friend and is quoted by the Oregonian as follows:

"The winds of chance recently wafted to me the good fortune of an Oregon paper, which, however, contained an otherwise clever article referring contemptuously to H. L. Corbett as 'High-Hat-Harry'."

"I have not heard from Mr. Corbett for years, and probably I have faded from his memory, but he served under me in the Oregon officers' training camp the last year of the war. I think that if the most capable writer of the article referred to had seen him he would have altered the tone of his article. When the black death—the terrible influenza epidemic—struck us, we had over 100 men stricken together; no nurses, and little accommodation. Corbett sat up every night nursing the sick, and it is my absolute belief that he saved at least a score of lives. By day he did his ten hours hard soldiering, and was always the first to volunteer for the most unpopular 'fatigues'."

"I doubt if there were many greater instances of devotion to duty by any soldier in any country in the war. My name will convey nothing to Oregonians now, except, perhaps a few 'old-timers,' but these will know that I do not make wild statements. My life has been spent on the outposts, at the uttermost ends of the earth, where one does not often meet soft men, but I have had no experience of a more unpretentious man, nor truer man, nor a bigger man than H. L. Corbett of Portland, Or."

From the Oregonian of March 10, 1930.

Roads Get \$104,459.73

Five Umatilla county road districts will get \$104,459.73 for highway construction and improvements this year, and work has already begun on the Myrick-Cold Springs sector. The five districts raised \$52,229.73 by special tax and the county matches this amount. The amount raised by districts is as follows: Number 53, Athena; \$8,109.13, five miles to be laid out. Number 55, Weston; \$6,048.55, three miles. Number 56, Cold Springs-Myrick, \$12,902.50, ten miles, work already under way. Number 57, Despain Gulch, \$5,833.60, ten miles voted, but only five to be built at this time. Number 58, Juniper and North Cold Springs, \$19,345.95, ten miles. These amounts are being matched by the county court.

100 Acres Seed Peas

The Washburne-Wilson Seed company of Moscow, Idaho, has decided to try out the value of Weston land for the raising of seed peas. It was learned this week, says the Leader. Frank Greer, well known farmer south of Weston whose land is well adapted to the purpose, will raise 100 acres of seed peas for the company this year under contract, and seed shipped to him for the purpose was received last Saturday.

New Longview Bridge Is Connecting Link In Greatest Ocean Route

Longview.—A long arc, rising 195 feet above the surface of the Columbia river, connected the Washington and Oregon shores just eight months to the day from the time the first steel construction crews started work June 13, 1929.

The link between Longview and Rainier, Ore., riveted in place February 13, as workmen swung high over the murky water, was the signal for the starting of preparations for laying a light-weight concrete deck which will be under the floor of the 8,192 foot bridge.

The span connects the western Oregon beaches with the Puget Sound country, eliminating the necessity of ferrying across the Columbia near Astoria or traveling to Portland to cross the river. It will enable motorists to choose one of two routes, either of which will take them along the shores of the mighty river.

Completion of 12 miles of highway between Aplary and Vernonia, Ore., will connect the Westside Pacific highway with the new bridge and materially shorten the important arterial route.

The day the new bridge goes into service, Astoria, near the mouth of the river, will be brought 100 miles closer to Washington by an all land route.

On Saturday, March 29, the construction engineers say the span will be completed, ready for Golden State to press the golden telegraph key in his office in Washington, D. C., that will officially mark the opening of the bridge.

Athena Takes Last Game From Pendleton

Athena town basketball team took another game from the Pendleton Athletic Association on the Adams floor Saturday night by the score of 33 to 19.

The game was a great deal more interesting than the two previous games played between the two teams on the Pendleton and Athena floors. The first half ended with the locals two points in the lead, 13 to 11.

Pendleton was all pepped up in the second half and looped two baskets before Athena could stop their attack. After the sudden leap to the lead, Athena settled down and soon overhauled the Pendleton lads to win.

After the game a dance was given in the Adams city hall by the two teams. Fletcher's orchestra furnished the music. After all expenses were paid the proceeds were divided between the two teams and Adams school, each realizing \$7.70.

Thankful for Patronage

The noodle feed given by the high school student body at Masonic dining room, Saturday evening, netted the fund for the School Annual the tidy sum of \$35. For the liberal patronage received the committee in charge requests The Press to express the appreciation of the school, and to all who assisted in making the affair a success, many, many thanks.

Forest Fires Early

The first forest fire of the 1930 season in Oregon forests were reported at Eugene Tuesday by forest rangers in the McKenzie section of the Cascade mountains where it was said five fires were burning briskly over several acres of young timber.

Senator L. L. Mann Has Filed For Reelection

Pendleton.—State Senator L. L. Mann has announced his candidacy for reelection and his name will appear on the primary election ballot in May for the republican nomination. Thus far there is no indication that he will have opposition.

In filing his candidacy Senator Mann made the following statement:

"If I am nominated and elected I will, during my term of office, favor such legislation as will reduce the existing tax burden; support such laws as will reduce the expenses of government; and aid, as far as reasonably possible, the repeal of existing statutes rather than the enactment of new statutes."

"I wish printed after my name on the nominating ballot the following words, 'Economy in Government; Conservation of the State's Resources.'"

Senator Mann is now concluding his first term as state senator but he had previously served five terms in the house of representatives. He was first elected to the house in 1909 and was reelected for the 1911 and 1913 sessions. He was then out of politics for some years but was elected to the house for the 1923 and 1925 sessions.

Lovelace Denied Return to Roseburg Soldiers' Home

Salem.—Charles A. Lovelace, discharged from the Soldier's Home at Roseburg last September for drunkenness and insubordination, lost his appeal for reinstatement before the state board of control Wednesday.

Lovelace admitted that he had been drinking and was probably abusive as charged at the time of his discharge, but claimed that he had been discriminated against in that other members of the home had been guilty of the same offenses yet permitted to remain in the home.

This claim was denied by Commandant Sam Starmer, who declared that he had discharged Lovelace only as a last resort after he had refused to accept a 60-day parole. Lovelace is a veteran of the Spanish-American war, the Philippine insurrection, the Boxer rebellion and the World war with a record of 18 months in France.

Size of Crop Fixes Price

The potato demand is very inelastic and the price reacts a great deal according to the size of the crop. Prof. E. F. Dummer, of W. S. C., stated this week. When the crop is large the price must drop to get all of the product into consumption. Present indications are that this is going to be a poor year to go extensively into the potato raising business, he predicted. The potato market is a national one, not a world market, he asserted.

Golden Anniversary

The golden anniversary of the Order of the Eastern Star in the state of Oregon was observed in Ashland Thursday night with appropriate ceremonies when Alpha chapter, No. 1, the first chapter to be instituted in the state of Oregon, observed the 50th anniversary of its founding with appropriate ceremonies.

Scarcity of Pheasants

Scarcity of pheasants is noted in the Athena district this spring, and some believe that there will be no shooting during October, unless extensive planting of birds by the state game farms are made here.

Business Section Of Elk City, Idaho Wiped By Fire—Loss \$200,000

Elk, Idaho.—Charred bits of walls and ash piles were about all that remained Tuesday night of this isolated mountain village which nearly 70 years ago was one of the west's most turquoise mining boom cities, filled with 5,000 frenzied gold seekers.

Late Tuesday afternoon fire starting from an undetermined origin and carried by a strong wind swept over nine business houses, a residence two hotels, a pool hall, a bowling alley, and a drug store. Telephone and telegraph wires were destroyed and news of the plight of the 200 odd residents did not reach the "outside" until Wednesday.

Only one person was reported to be seriously hurt. He was S. B. Morgan, a hotel owner, who was struck by falling timbers as he attempted to save furnishings of his hotel. Acceptable estimates of the loss were unavailable, but those based on the value of the village reached \$200,000.

Once started the conflagration raged while citizens scurried for safety after dragging out of the buildings what few belongings they could. There is no fire department here.

Elk City came into fame in 1861 along with Warrens and Florence, also in this region, shortly after Capt. E. D. Pierce found the first traces of gold in Orofino creek. Unsuccessful prospectors in the Clearwater river region worked over the mountains to the southeast and uncovered some of the richest placer "diggings" this state has ever known.

As word reached miners at Orofino, a stampede headed through the wilderness and deep canyons of the Salmon rivers, and gold deposits of immense value were uncovered. The boom lasted only a short time, and miners went to richer camps. In recent years the few hundred residents struggled to keep their town from joining the desolate "ghost cities" of the west.

This year some development work was attempted and for a time citizens believed that the glory of the old boom days would be revived.

In Memory Of Chief Lawyer, Noted Nez Perce

The dedication of a monument to commemorate the virtues of Chief Lawyer (Hol-lol-sote-tote) noted Nez Perce, will take place on Whitman college campus, June 3.

On June 3, 1855, the great Nez Perce, Chief Lawyer, Hol-lol-sote-tote, saved the lives of Governor Isaac I. Stevens and his white companions by a daring act of heroism. While the Great Council, in which five thousand Indians met Governor Stevens to consider permanent treaties, was in progress, a secret plot of hostile Indians to kill the white men was discovered by Chief Lawyer. He quietly notified Governor Stevens and before dawn on June 3 moved his own lodge and family from the Nez Perce camp and placed them along side the Governor's tent. He thus extended the powerful protection of the Nez Perce tribe over the white men, foiled the conspiracy, and made the later success of the Council possible.

On June 3, 1930, just seventy-five years afterwards, a bronze memorial tablet in honor of Chief Lawyer will be presented by the graduating class of Whitman College to the State of Washington. The monument, a huge granite boulder, is on the site of the Nez Perce camp, now a part of the campus of Whitman College. A great granddaughter of Chief Lawyer will unveil the tablet.

The ceremony, at 4:00 p. m., will be open to the public.

To Help Agriculture

Directors of the Portland Chamber of Commerce have voted to create an agricultural department to take an active and aggressive interest in agricultural development of the state and to enlist forces in a constructive program to retrieve \$100,000,000 in farm revenue said to be lost annually through Oregon's backwardness. The action of the directors was taken following receipt of a report from a special committee which has been studying the state's agricultural status for several months.

Thieves Steal Torch

The new acetylene welding machine installed last week by Jens Jensen has been crippled by thieves who broke into the blacksmith shop, Saturday night or Sunday night and stole the torch equipment and gases from one of the tanks. Besides delaying welding work at the shop, Mr. Jensen's financial loss is over \$100. Mr. Jensen did not miss the torch until Monday morning, when the shop was opened for the day's work.

Goes To LaGrande

Newt Hodgens, who has been in the employ of the Standard Oil company at the Athena distributing station for several months, has been transferred to the LaGrande station. His brother, "Tuck" Hodgens has come from Astoria to take the Athena position.

PIERCE LOOMS UP IN DEMO SITUATION

Studying Conditions Before Declaring Self For Office Again.

Ralph Watson says in yesterday's Oregon Journal: Walter M. Pierce, between now and Sunday—maybe before he leaves for Union county,—will make up his mind whether he intends to bid the white faced calves good bye, throw his ten gallon hat into the political ring once again and go out after a second four years as governor.

He confided, from his room at the Steward hotel where he had been conferring with his Democratic friends throughout Wednesday, that he is inclined to yield to the yearning and once more get out in the arena, mop up the Democratic nomination if he can and take on whoever the Republican primaries give him as an opponent in November.

Wednesday was a busy day for the Democrats in Portland. Early in the morning George R. Wilbur, former state senator, ex-service man and lawyer of Hood River, arrived in town to give the political situation the check and double check before making up his mind whether he would yield to the urging of his friends and come out as a candidate for the gubernatorial nomination, on the Democratic ticket.

At about the same time Pierce galloped into town and started right out to give the situation the once over on his own account. Before the forenoon wore through Pierce and Wilbur went into a huddle to talk over the proposition as it concerned them mutually. At noon a bunch of Pierce's friends and retainers tendered him a select and private little luncheon at the Seward, where they went into the prospects as they saw them.

Before the pleasant pangs of digestion had fully subsided Democratic National Committeeman Oswald West steamed into the snug harbor of the Seward and hove to alongside his partisan colleagues where they both swung at anchor for half an hour in seeming peace and amity. During that period, so it is understood, West told the former governor that, under existing conditions, the Democrats had a good chance in "clean up" in the November campaign and that he would "go to bat" for the Democratic nominee, whoever he might be.

After West had weighed anchor and sailed away, Wilbur came into the anchorage for a second time, and for an hour or so the two Eastern Oregon leaders once more discussed their mutual interests in the coming fight.

Wilbur left for Hood River in the evening, but said before he started for his train that he was giving the probability of his candidacy careful thought, having been urged by friends to seek the nomination, and having been assured of support from many sections of the state. He was particularly interested in the situation as it concerned his candidacy in Multnomah county. He had no definite state of mind, he said, and wanted to check up carefully before committing himself.

The general impression among Pierce's close friends is that he will decide to run, and that he will be out openly in the race before the end of the week.

It also is the alternative opinion that if Pierce should not finally decide to run that Wilbur will do so, while either way the one who runs will have the aid and support of the other.

Harvey G. Starkweather is another potential governor to loom on the Democratic horizon. Word comes that he has been urged by partisan colleagues seeking a Portland candidate to go out and give battle.

Dancing Party

Mrs. W. J. Kirk and Mrs. Bryce Baker were patronesses for a dancing party last evening, given in honor of the boys and girls' basketball teams of Athena high school. The affair which was a most pleasant one took place in the Miller furniture store building, and was attended by the high school student body, teachers, faculty and Athena citizens. Fletcher's orchestra furnished music for the occasion, and at the conclusion of dancing, sandwiches and coffee was served.

School Plan Defeated

The long-sought-for Watertown school will not be built at least for some time, according to action of the Walla Walla school board which has found there are no more children now than in 1920 and that there is no more need for a building now than then. The board will consider at its next meeting the matter of repairs to Baker school, which was erected 50 years ago.