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## JOHN W. LANGDON ENDS HIS CAREER

### Man Prominent in Affairs of Walla Walla Takes His Own Life.

Walla Walla.—Nerves shattered by the great struggles of finance and the development of the Klickitat Mineral Springs company and Langdon Lake at Tollgate, John Warren Langdon, 59, a leading citizen of Walla Walla and Eastern Washington took his own life Monday night.

He left his office with his brother about 6 o'clock promising to take dinner at his brother's home. When he did not arrive at the William Langdon home for dinner and failed to come later in the evening, William Langdon and his wife drove to the John Langdon home, 949 Isaacs and after attempting to arouse someone in the house, discovered John Langdon sitting at the wheel of his car at the side of the house. He was dead.

A thirty-two revolver was lying across his knee. The bullet had entered his right temple. In the dresser in his room was found a note addressed to "Linda," Mrs. Philinda Green Langdon, his wife, who was visiting with Mrs. T. C. Elliott at Seaview, Wash. This note was marked, "not for the public."

A second note, apparently for publication, was found in the pocket of his coat. It was as follows:

August 25, 1930.

"To Whom It May Concern:

The titanic struggles of finance in these times, the completion of the development of the Klickitat Mineral Springs up to production—the installation of machinery being now the only remaining chapter in that wonderful enterprise with which I have labored for seven years past and have been supported by an unusually fine group of Northwest business men who have had confidence in my ability to bring about production of both the splendid mineral waters and the carbon dioxide gas and place them on the market—has sapped not only all my strength but has used up and shattered my nerves to a point where I can neither eat nor sleep and I am utterly unable to continue the struggle longer.

No one can ever know how greatly I regret this rash manner of ending my strenuous career. I leave the dearest wife and sons and brother in this world and a host of the friends and acquaintances of years standing—all of whom I pray may feel charitably inclined.

Nothing can bring about a quicker demise than complete loss of nerves—I never before knew I had nerves in my system.

How I long for rest and peace."

John W. Langdon.

On Sept. 16, 1897, Mr. Langdon was married to Philinda Green of Walla Walla. Mr. Langdon is survived by his widow, his brother William Langdon and two sons, Warren Orville and John Green Langdon, both sons now being at the Mineral Springs.

Mr. Langdon was at one time secretary of the board of trustees of St. Paul's School and has been a director of Whitman College for some years. He was a member of the St. Paul's Episcopal church, interested in both the Young Men's and Young Women's Christian associations, the Red Cross and several philanthropic organizations.

He was a member of the state executive committee for food conservation appointed during the war by President Hoover. At the present time he was vice-president of the Columbia Basin Irrigation project, vice-president of the Baker-Boyer bank, Director of Whitman college, and was president and manager of the Klickitat Mineral Springs company which he formed seven years ago, and on which he has been working ever since.

**Lon Chaney Answers Call**  
Lon Chaney, 47, "the man of a thousand faces," died at St. Vincent's hospital Los Angeles early Tuesday after a valiant battle against anemia and congestion of the bronchial tubes. A hemorrhage of the lungs suffered shortly after midnight suddenly cut short the veteran actor's fight for life after he had been reported on the road to recovery. Chaney entered St. Vincent's August 15 for treatment of an anemic condition resulting from a severe attack of pneumonia.

**Pioneer Orchardist**  
James L. Dumas, one of the most widely known orchardists and educators in the Northwest died Tuesday at his home near Dayton. He recently was in a hospital in Walla Walla for treatment but returned home, feeling somewhat improved, although his health had not been good for some time. Mr. Dumas was 68 years of age.

## Harvest Looks Good Up Bonners Ferry Way With Jacob Booher In It

Henry Dell, who returned from a visit to Bonners Ferry last week hands us the following clipping from the Bonners Ferry Herald. Athena farmers will read it with interest as it mentions the success of a former Athena resident, Jacob Booher. In addition to Mr. Booher's wheat crop which the Herald notes, Mr. Booher threshed 25 acres of peas from which he took a yield of 2,898 pounds, netting him \$79.33 per acre. The Herald says:

The harvesting of spring wheat is well under way in almost every section of the Kootenai Valley and all reports have it that an exceptionally high quality of grain is being produced, with a high protein content.

In Drainage District No. 1, J. Booher is harvesting a field of 320 acres on which the average yield is better than 78 bushels to the acre. An 80-acre tract in this same district owned by Frank Clapp is reported as having produced better than 80 bushels to the acre.

The wheat yields are exceeding anticipations and many fields have produced far larger crops than was estimated by the owners.

In Drainage District No. 9, an estimate of 30 bushels per acre was made on a field of 30 acres of wheat by one of the best qualified men in the county to judge wheat yields and when the tract was threshed it was found that better than 40 bushels to the acre had been harvested.

Estimates of from 50 to 60 bushels to the acre were made on the grain which is yielding close to and over 30 bushels to the acre.

Polzin Bros. report a yield of nearly 59 bushels to the acre of winter wheat grown on a tract of five acres on the north bench. They also threshed 64 bushels to the acre of a new hullless oat (50-pound bushels). Samples of this crop and also the winter wheat crop are on display at the Herald office.

## Closing of Deer Season Hinges Upon Fire Hazard

Salem.—Unless the fire hazard in Oregon forests becomes worse than it is now Governor Norblad will not interfere with the opening of the deer hunting season on September 15, he announced in a statement issued last Wednesday. Extraordinarily dangerous weather, he said, would cause him to keep the season closed to October 1, but he said he would not close it after that date.

The governor said he had received many requests to proclaim the season closed beyond September 15, the normal opening date, as a precaution against forest fires, but also many petitions not to interfere. A ban on deer hunting until October 1, he added, would work a hardship on "fall workers, college professors, students and other persons from enjoying the season."

"If the hunting season is partly closed there will be a great number of hunters in the woods during the condensed season thereby increasing danger to life and limb," the statement said. "The deer hunters are no more careless than fishermen, hikers, berry pickers, tourists and others. The latter class of people are not prohibited by law from going into the forests during the hunting season and they far outnumber the hunters."

Another reason is that "our Oregon season overlaps the season in some adjoining states. If the season should be closed up to October 1 many hunters would come from other states after having killed a legal quota of deer in their own states. This is unfair to the people of Oregon."

The governor stated that after September 15 there is heavy dew in the mountains, reducing the danger of fire. He further says that many guides, small storekeepers and ammunition dealers depend on the hunting season for most of their year's income.

**Miss Hansell Entertains**  
Miss Helen Hansell entertained last Friday evening eight girl friends at bridge. Two tables were in play. Dainty refreshments were served by Miss Hansell assisted by her mother, Mrs. M. W. Hansell. Guests were as follows: Misses, Dorothy Berlin, Lois Johnson, Blanche Johnson, Kathleen Radtke, Jessiedean Dudley, Lenore McNeil and Mrs. Clifford Wood. Miss Lois Johnson held high score and Mrs. Wood low score.

**Makes Round-Up Vest**  
Mrs. J. W. Pinkerton has completed a beautiful Round-Up vest for her grandson, Garth Pinkerton. Made from brilliantly colored silk, the vest is trimmed in red silk braid and red buttons. No one at the Round-Up will have a finer vest than the one Garth will wear.

**Miss Mildred Watkins** left Athena Wednesday morning after the summer spent with her brother, Gordon Watkins and family, for Centralia, Washington, where she will teach in the Centralia schools.

## Fighting the Locust Pest With Fire



Egyptians spraying chemically produced flames into the swarms of locusts that were destroying the crops there. This method of fighting the pest was found most effective.

## Athena Centers Interest In Pendleton Round-Up

More than ever, Athena interest is centered in the Pendleton Round-Up this year although in the past the big show has always been liberally supported by the residents of this part of Umatilla county.

Year by year the Round-Up seems to improve by leaps and bounds and larger crowds are enumerated in increasing attendance. The events are more thrilling, competitive endeavor in the arena is of a higher order and much of the crudeness of former exhibitions has disappeared.

This year Athena is liberally represented in the presentation of the Round-Up program in all three days of the show. Miss Lois McIntyre, Round-Up queen and one of her attendants, Miss Mildred Hansell are Athena girls. During the past week Queen Lois and her attendants were feted at a number of social affairs, beginning last Saturday evening with a dance at Happy Canyon. Tuesday evening members of the Pendleton Women's club entertained for them at a reception held at the library club room. Mrs. Marion Hansell, mother of Miss Mildred Hansell, and Mrs. A. H. McIntyre, mother of Queen Lois, were among the ladies who poured.

Fay LeGrow will be one of the race judges. Bryce Baker is furnishing live stock for the Happy Canyon show, and others from Athena are assisting in one way or another.

## Six Burned To Death In Automobile Wreck

Portland.—Six residents of Portland, returning from a Sunday outing at Battle Ground lake, near Vancouver, Wash., were burned to death, and three were injured as their automobile, driven by G. E. Cobb, attempted to swerve suddenly to avoid another car, plunged into a ditch and caught fire.

The dead: G. E. Cobb, 49; Mrs. Martha Fuller, 47; Mrs. A. C. Henson, 32; Margaret Cobb, 6; Joe Cobb, 4; Beatrice Henson, 10.

A. C. Henson suffered a broken leg, Mary Cobb, cuts and bruises and Roberta Henson, slight bruises. The three injured escaped death only because they were thrown clear of the car. Bodies of those caught in the wreckage were burned beyond recognition. Owing to the fierceness of the flames, rescuers were unable to reach any of the victims.

**Building New Sidewalk**  
An O.-W. R. & N. construction crew has been in Athena this week putting down a new 10-foot plank sidewalk adjacent to the warehouse on lower Main street and also extending in front of the Tun-a-lum Lumber company property. It is understood that the crew will make suitable alterations in the warehouse for the Washington-Idaho Seed company's seed cleaning and sorting plant, which is to be located there.

**Two Drowned**  
The bodies of William Sherwood, 38, auto camp proprietor, and his son, 6, were recovered Monday from Fore Bay, near Prospect, Oregon, where they were drowned. Father and son were on a fishing trip. It is believed both went down as the father attempted to rescue his son.

**Propeller Kills Woman**  
Mrs. Mariam Williams, 26, Astoria, was killed Monday, at Long Beach, Wash., when an airplane piloted by Clyde S. Murray, Vancouver, Wash., crashed into a crowd of women and children on the beach, Edith Croeger, 2, Portland, was injured slightly.

## Medford Juveniles Taken In Raid On Vice and Booze

Medford.—Following the arrest and binding of Wayne Bowman to the grand jury without bail on a charge of contributing to the delinquency of minor girls, city and county officials commenced an exhaustive drive last week against vice and rum orgies. They placed 39 minors of both sexes in the county jail in one day. Ten were girls. Bowman is charged with a crime committed a year ago. He went to California but was arrested on a recent visit here.

Simultaneously with the arrest of Bowman, a 16-year-old San Diego girl stopping with an older woman at a local auto camp was arrested and bound over to the grand jury with bail fixed at \$1000 and is now in jail awaiting the arrival of California officials. She is alleged to have forged a check in the South. Local charges against her will not be pushed.

Among the girls detained in jail was a beautiful, educated Indian lass who was drawing a monthly allowance from the government of \$80. According to her story she joined a colony of Indians between Crescent City and Gold Beach where white men were visitors and liquor flowed freely. She was returned to her family on the reservation. Besides her parents there are eight children, all receiving \$80 each from the government.

## Round-Up Visitor Falls Out of a Hotel Window

Pendleton.—C. H. Vaughan, creamery man of Cheyenne, fell from a second story window at Hotel Pendleton at 6 p. m. Sunday and is in St. Anthony's hospital with a fractured back. He will probably be there for several weeks. The vertebrae near the base of the spine are fractured.

Vaughan, whose age is given at 34, was sitting in the window when he became overbalanced and fell. The room is on the north side of the hotel and diners at the hotel were startled to see a human projectile hurtling through the air.

Mr. Vaughan had come to Pendleton with the intention of seeing the Round-Up.

**Celebrated Birthday**  
Little Gene Miller celebrated his ninth birthday anniversary Wednesday afternoon, when sixteen boy friends were invited to the Miller home to participate in the event. Games were played and the youngsters enjoyed ice cream and other refreshments. Present were Billy Johns, Billy Hansell, Bobbie Zerba, Clarence Montague, Donald Jones, Arlie Kilgore, Dale Jenkins, Paul Kibbey, Dick Smith, Leon Mayberry, Orville Peterson, Teddy Miller, Eugene Miller, and Bobbie Baker of Genesee, Idaho, and Milton Conover of Colfax, Wash.

**Rebuilding Shoulders**  
The highway construction crew which has been engaged in rebuilding road shoulders now have their equipment in the vicinity of Athena. A steam shovel lifts the earth to the shoulders, where it is rolled and covered with rock. The crew has the shoulders completed on the section between Athena and State Line, and are now working toward Adams and Pendleton.

**Mrs. Sias Honored**  
At the regular weekly Aid meeting of the Christian church ladies last Thursday, the pastor's wife, Mrs. C. A. Sias was specially honored in a social session, when refreshments were served. Fourteen were present. Mrs. Sias was presented with a token of the high regard in which

## PLANT IS TO HAVE LARGER CAPACITY

### Bean Crops of Three Counties Will Be Taken Care of At Athena.

Machinery is now being installed for increasing the output of the Eickhoff Farm Products corporation's bean cleaning plant in Athena.

Workers are making alterations in the plant which is situated in one of the big warehouses in the railroad yards at the lower end of Main street to accommodate the installation of a mammoth big cleaning machine and three scouring machines. Foundations for these machines are now in place, and when the machines are assembled, power will be supplied by an electric motor from one lineshaft transmission to all four machines.

The capacity of the Athena cleaning plant will be increased to 700 sacks of cleaned beans per day, and will give employment to quite a number of Athena men.

All beans raised this year, and which will be harvested soon from the Athena-Weston, the Walla Walla and the Dayton, Washington, acreage will be cleaned, scoured and shipped from the Athena plant, other plants having been abandoned to centralize the work at this point.

Arnold Wood, who is in charge of the cleaning plant at present, estimates that the plant will handle about forty carloads of beans this season, for shipment east.

## Sprayed With Gasoline While Cleaning Clothes Milton Woman Succumbs

Spattered with flaming gasoline when a can of the fluid exploded while she was cleaning some clothes at her home in Milton late Tuesday afternoon, Mrs. L. L. Johnson was fatally burned and died at the Walla Walla sanitarium at 8:30 o'clock.

Mrs. Johnson was rushed to the hospital where all that was possible, was done for her. For a while it looked as if she might survive and pass up a few moments before she succumbed away, attendants refused to give up hope. Dr. H. L. Flowers of Milton attended Mrs. Johnson and did all that was possible to save her.

Mrs. Johnson is survived by two sons, both of Milton, and four daughters, besides her husband, Lewis L. Johnson. The sons are Mniun and Ben Johnson. The daughters are Mrs. R. L. Hubben of Seattle; Mrs. J. K. Bippod of Redlands, California; Mrs. W. J. Montany of Davistown, North Dakota; and Mrs. H. E. Weaver of Riverside, California.

## Athena Schools Will Open Monday, September 8th

The Athena schools will open Monday September 8, for the years work and it is estimated that attendance will be about the same as last year. E. F. Bloom, who comes from the Adams schools to be superintendent has moved his family to Athena and the members of the high school faculty and the corps of teachers in the grade schools will be here next week.

Members of the high school faculty are E. F. Bloom, superintendent; Mrs. E. F. Bloom, Daniel Tilley, Miss Mary Cameron, Mrs. R. D. Blatchford. The corps of grade teachers include M. I. Miller, 7th and 8th grades; Miss Margaret Lee, 5th and 6th grades; Miss Blanche Thorsen, 3rd and 4th grades; Miss Della Bryant, primary department.

**Chelan Sheriff Taken**  
Peer Wheeler, sheriff of Chelan county, Washington, for the past three years, Wednesday was served with a bench warrant charging him with conspiracy to violate the prohibition laws and with interfering with the movement of justice. The warrant came as an aftermath to indictments in Spokane recently, charging peace officers with violating the prohibition laws. Wheeler furnished \$5000 bond and was released from custody.

**Milton Man Selected**  
Lieutenant George Hansen, former Freewater man, has been selected with Lieutenant I. J. Williams of Phoenix, Arizona, to represent the Ninth Corps area national aerial gunnery matches for the flying service of the U. S. Army. Hansen and Williams were selected because of their exceptional ability as fliers and aerial gunners.

**To Travel Oregon Trail**  
A Overby, of Walla Walla, who first came to this country about 60 years over the Old Oregon Trail is getting ready to start back east over the trail. He will go to Mt. Vernon, Ill., where he will visit friends and relatives, and then make a trip through Missouri and Arkansas.

## Arrangements for Special Events, Oregon State Fair September 22-28 Inclusive

Salem.—Arrangements for special events during each of the seven days of the 69th Oregon State fair here September 22 to 28 are rapidly nearing completion, it was declared today by Mrs. Ella S. Wilson, secretary of the state fair board.

Each day is to be devoted primarily to the interests of a specific area or group in the state, with Community day on Monday, September 22, as a starter for the week's festivities.

Grange Day on Tuesday, September 23, probably will be attended by the largest gathering of rural visitors ever assembled on the Oregon State fair-grounds, Mrs. Wilson declared, with dozens of entirely new features for their entertainment and convenience.

Salem Day on Wednesday, September 24, is expected to draw more than 20,000 to the exposition, with a record-breaking Portland Day to follow on Thursday when plans are being made to accommodate approximately 25,000 fair visitors. Extra traffic officers probably will be necessitated by the hundreds of cars expected to make the trek from the Oregon metropolis, according to officials. Every co-operation to expedite travel has been promised.

Friday, September 26, has been named Governor's Day, the first event of its kind ever sponsored at the Oregon exposition. Specific plans for the day are not yet complete, according to Mrs. Wilson, although a real gala event is promised, with exhibitors and organizations co-operating to the utmost for the occasion.

Saturday, September 27, has been labeled Children's Day and Press Day, with all children under 14 admitted free and those from 14 to 18 for half price, it is announced. Saturday evening on the fair-grounds is expected to see the largest crowd ever assembled in the 69 year history of the Oregon fair. Special entertainment at the horse show is being planned, as well as other features throughout the exposition.

Sunday, September 28, has been given no title, as heretofore the fair has ended Saturday evening, with Sunday devoted to dismantling of displays.

Efforts are being made to obtain special trains at greatly reduced fares from all parts of the state on the last day of the exhibit. Fare of one and one-third for round trip will be in effect on all lines in the northwest throughout the fair, according to Mrs. Wilson, and a further cut is expected to be secured for Sunday excursionists.

## Opening of Malen Burnett School of Music In Athena

The Athena branch of Malen Burnett School of Music will begin its fall term on Wednesday, September 10th under the direction of Miss Edna Hanna, who has just returned from her usual summer course of study.

This year Miss Hanna was a member of the Stojowski Master Classes, conducted by the New York pianists, Mr. and Mrs. Sigismund Stojowski in Seattle. The class included teachers and artists from all sections of the northwest, Canada and California and was a most enjoyable group socially as well as artistically.

The new term will be the beginning of Miss Hanna's seventh season of teaching in Athena where she has had beginners, intermediate and advanced pupils and has contributed largely to the development of music appreciation and artistic talent in this community.

**Entertain At Dinner**  
Dr. and Mrs. R. D. Blatchford entertained at dinner Monday evening at their home. Those present included, Dr. and Mrs. Rice of Pendleton, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Watkins, Miss Mildred Watkins, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Prestbye, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Harwood, Fred Blatchford and the host and hostess. After dinner bridge was indulged in, Mr. Prestbye received high score and Mrs. Harwood low score.

**Mail Carriers Have Picnic**  
The rural mail carriers held their annual picnic at Emigrant Springs Sunday. J. E. Jones of the Athena route and Ray Gordon of Weston, accompanied by their wives, were carriers who represented this district at the picnic. A carrier from Eagle Valley in Baker county, came the longest distance to attend the picnic.

**Starts Suit**  
A. W. Logsdon has started suit in circuit court against Jack Murphy whom he charges with failure to pay a bill for merchandise owing from September, 1925, to the amount of \$75.15. Court costs are being asked in addition. Watts & Prestbye are attorneys for Logsdon.

**Motor To Alberta**  
Barney Foster and Art Douglas motored up to Alberta this week. Mr. Douglas has farming interests there.

## FALL PLANTING OF WHEAT TO BE LESS

### Farm Board Reports 4.5 Per Cent Decrease In Winter Sown Wheat Crop.

Washington, D. C.—The Farm Board read a message of cheer for its acreage reduction policies in agriculture department reports that farmers intend to seed 4.5 per cent less winter wheat this fall than was seeded last fall.

Board headquarters, in the absence of Chairman Legge and Sam R. McKelvie, member representing grain, authorized a statement that the reduction in the heart of the winter wheat belt—notably Kansas—was of particular significance since in that state the bitterest opposition to acreage adjustment developed.

Kansas expects an average only 93 per cent as large as the acreage seeded in 1929; Nebraska, 87 per cent; Oklahoma, 87 per cent; Texas, 95 per cent and Colorado, 93 per cent.

While considered favorable to the Farm Board's program, the situation in Kansas admittedly is somewhat of an enigma. The reduction in intended seeding there is figured against the largest acreage in history in Kansas, unless the 1930 acreage proves to have been larger. In 1929 Kansas harvested 11,476,000 acres against 10,433,000 in 1928.

According to current estimates a total of 42,392,000 of winter wheat will be seeded this fall as compared with 42,880,000 acres actually planted in 1928, of which 40,162,000 acres were harvested in 1929. It is the lowest intended acreage since 1923.

Farmers in 17 of the 22 states growing winter wheat report intentions to seed more land this fall than a year ago but they are not surplus producing states. With the exception of New Mexico all have harvested large acreages at some time in the past than in 1929. New Mexico anticipates a 5 per cent increase over her records of 263,000 acres in 1929.

Almost all the cotton belt states, except Texas and Oklahoma, show intention to increase their acreage of winter wheat from 10 to 50 per cent over the acreage seeded in 1929. Georgia lists the 30 per cent increase, but Georgia harvested only 85,000 acres in 1929 as against 125,000 in 1927.

Nevada and Washington are the other two states indicating a 50 per cent increase. It is not considered so important in Nevada, where 5,000 acres in 1926 was a record, but Washington indicates an acreage of 1,956,000 acres as compared to 1,210,000 harvested in 1929 and 1,424,000 in 1928.

## Hodgen-Johnson

The wedding of Miss Blanche Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Johnson of this city and Beryl B. Hodgen son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hodgen of Adams, was solemnized at 5 o'clock Saturday afternoon at the Central Christian church parsonage, in Walla Walla, with the Rev. J. B. Hunley officiating. Miss Lois Johnson, sister of the bride and James Hodgen, of Pendleton, were the only attendants. Mr. and Mrs. Hodgen will make their home in The Dalles, after a trip to Portland and vicinity. Mr. Hodgen was graduated in 1928 from the University of Oregon, where he was affiliated with the Sigma-Nu fraternity also the Friars, senior men's honorary society; was a member of the varsity football squad three years, acting as captain in his senior year and was president of the Order of the "O." Mrs. Hodgen also attended the University of Oregon and was a member of Gamma-Phi Beta sorority. The bride was attractive in a brown chiffon dress with hat and shoes to match, carrying a corsage of Cecile Bruner rose buds, her going away costume was a chic traveling suit of tan and orange with hat and shoes to match.

**Canadian Prices Slump**  
A hundred and forty-three thousand Canadian farmers, members of the Prairie wheat pool, knew Tuesday what the initial payment would be on their 1930 grain crops. It will be the lowest in the seven years of the pools, 60 cents a bushel on wheat; oats No. 2 C. W. 30 cents; barley No. 3 C. W. 25 cents; Rye, No. 2 C. W. 35 cents and flax No. 1 N. W. C. \$1.25. "C. W." means "car weight on track."

The last grain harvested this season delivered to the Farmers Grain Elevator company in Athena, came from a mountain ranch east of town and was delivered sacked by Harrison Kirk and George Lieuallen.

Arthur Schaeffer convicted murderer from Shelton is scheduled to be hanged at the Washington state penitentiary Friday. This is the second execution set for this month.