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RAPIDS PROJECT ABLY DISCUSSED

Pendleton Men Point Out the Possibilities When Work Is Started.

Walla Walla.—Magnitude of the Umatilla Rapids project and its hopeful outlook were discussed before the Chamber of Commerce Tuesday by E. B. Aldrich of the Pendleton East Oregonian and George C. Baer, secretary of the Pendleton Chamber of Commerce, both representing the Umatilla Rapids association. James E. Akey, president of the Pendleton chamber accompanied them but did not speak.

The project, it was explained, is not a Pendleton plan, but for the whole northwest. Cheap power, once the project is finished, can be economically distributed as far east as Boise, Idaho, throughout Oregon and Washington and into northern California, it was stated.

The project will develop 420,000 horsepower, Mr. Aldrich said. Its generating cost is estimated at 1.2 mills per kilowatt hour, and it can be sold, at the switchboard, at two mills per kilowatt hour and this two mill charge will take care of all costs of the project, and retire all charges within fifty years.

It is for the purposes of developing power, improving the river for navigation, and also to develop an interstate bridge. There is ample flow in the Columbia for the project, the minimum at Umatilla being exactly twice the minimum in the Mississippi at Keokuk.

"The thing has sold itself," said Mr. Aldrich. "It is in a very favorable position. President Hoover's attitude and that of the Secretary of the Interior are favorable. Before it is approved it will be necessary to have the output of power sold. The city of Portland has already agreed to take all or part of the power and other cities are interested. It will supply cheap power for the northwest and also take care of the unemployment situation. We hope for favorable action at the short session of congress, or at the one to follow.

The estimated cost, Mr. Baer said, is \$45,000,000.

Mr. Baer, who spoke briefly, said that the project would drown out five rapids, making transportation on the river easier. It would be the first unit of the Columbia Basin project, as it would supply cheap power necessary for pumping water. While it was estimated at first that the power could be sold for two mills a kilowatt hour lower costs of construction might decrease this cost to one and three quarters mills. The power could be sold economically as far away as Portland at one half cent per K. W. H., which would make it available for heating homes, as half a cent a K. W. H. is equivalent to coal at \$10 a ton.

"As far as reclamation goes," said Mr. Baer, "it would affect Oregon and Washington the same. Oregon has 50,000 acres which could come under this project and Washington has 50,000 acres in the Horse Heaven country.

The engineering data has been completed and the project is ready to go as soon as congress gives the word. Between 1500 and 2000 men would be employed in the building, and enough additional on other work to take care of seven or eight thousand altogether. We would like to have the moral support of the Walla Walla Chamber of Commerce in this endeavor."

Cougar Team Robbed

A suitcase containing charts and plays to be used in the Tournament of Roses game with Alabama on New Year's day was stolen from the Washington State football team, along with \$70 and a gold watch, at a New York hotel Saturday night, it became known Monday. Jacob Kirby, identified as a "crasher" at a party given the team to celebrate a victory over Villanova, was arraigned in West Side court and denied any knowledge of the stolen goods. He recalled, however, that another crasher had shown him more money than he usually had.

Frost-Laden Wires

Fog and frost have persisted in the high country between Arlington and Condon until all wires are heavy and light failures are frequent. Telegraph and telephone lines are carrying tonnage of ice and some wires are large as stove pipes, so it is reported. Linemen are working to overcome the trouble. Thirteen poles were reported down on the telegraph line near Condon.

Has Appendicitis

Little Clayton Cornell was operated upon for appendicitis at a Walla Walla hospital, Tuesday forenoon, and favorable results are reported. Mrs. L. A. Cornell, grandmother of the boy, went to Walla Walla, returning to Athena after the operation.

The Blue Mountain Basketball League's Opening Game Wednesday Even

The opening game scheduled for the Blue Mountain Basketball league will be played in Athena high school gymnasium next Wednesday evening, between Athena and Milton teams.

Pendleton, Milton, Adams and Athena are the towns in the county which comprise the league circuit. The Athena team is sponsored by the recently organized Athena Athletic Association, of which E. C. Rogers is president, and it is reported that the Kiwanis club is back of the Pendleton team.

The schedule provides for a total of nine games to be played in each town represented in the league. Following the game with Milton next Wednesday, Athena's second game comes at Pendleton, December 16.

Following is the player personnel which has been coached in practice by Laurence Pinkerton, and which is lined up for places on the team: Wilbur Harden, Arthur Taylor, Dalberth Taylor, Gordon Watkins, Orel Michener, George Pambrun, Fay Pambrun, John Pinkerton, Wayne Pittman, Dean Pinkerton, George Weatherly, Wayne Pinkerton.

It is expected the new suits for the Athena team will arrive in time for use in the opening game next Wednesday evening. Admission prices in Athena for the league games as given the Press will be Athena grade pupils free, high school students 25c, adults 35c.

Mrs. Phillips' Poems

An attractive book of poems by Amy Carson Phillips, formerly a resident of Athena, when her husband was pastor of the local Christian church, has recently been published. The book contains a collection of poems written in the past several years, some of which were read in Athena by the author herself. The poems are of high standard with beautiful sentiment and each has a definite message. One, entitled "The Infidel" received first prize in the National poets contest in 1928. The volume is bound in tooled leather and will be a real addition to anyone's library. She attended the University of Oregon where she was prominent in debating work being a member of the winning teams. Her home is now at Marshfield, Oregon.

A Slick Highway Puts Cars and Stage in Ditch

A slick highway, caused by heavy fog all of Tuesday night and Wednesday, made traffic dangerous east from Athena to Walla Walla. A number of cars were reported in the ditch as a result of the slippery condition of the highway surface.

A car went into the ditch east of the E. A. Dudley place Wednesday morning and had just been pulled out by the Athena Garage wrecker, when the west-bound Union Pacific stage came along and slipped into the ditch on the opposite side of the highway. No one was injured in either accident. Passengers walked into town and Glenn Dudley brought the Union Pacific stage back onto the highway with his caterpillar. The stage then proceeded into town, picked up its passengers and went on to Pendleton, after being delayed for about an hour.

Thanksgiving day, the J. C. Burke car skidded off the highway into the ditch east of town. No one was injured. One of the rear wheels of the car was smashed.

Thanksgiving day, while en route to the Ace Wagner home near Freewater, S. C. Charlton's car slipped off the highway and landed in the ditch. The car was damaged to some extent, the top and one fender being the worse for the accident. Mrs. Frank Sanders received severe bruises, and Mr. Charlton and Mrs. Charlton and Mr. Sanders escaped with a few minor injuries.

Dinner and Bridge

Mr. and Mrs. Justin Harwood entertained at dinner and bridge Tuesday evening. Guests present were, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Prestbye, Dr. and Mrs. R. D. Blatchford, Dr. and Mrs. Rice, of Pendleton, Mr. and Mrs. Max Hopper and Mr. and Mrs. James Lieualen of Adams. Mrs. Hopper held high score at bridge.

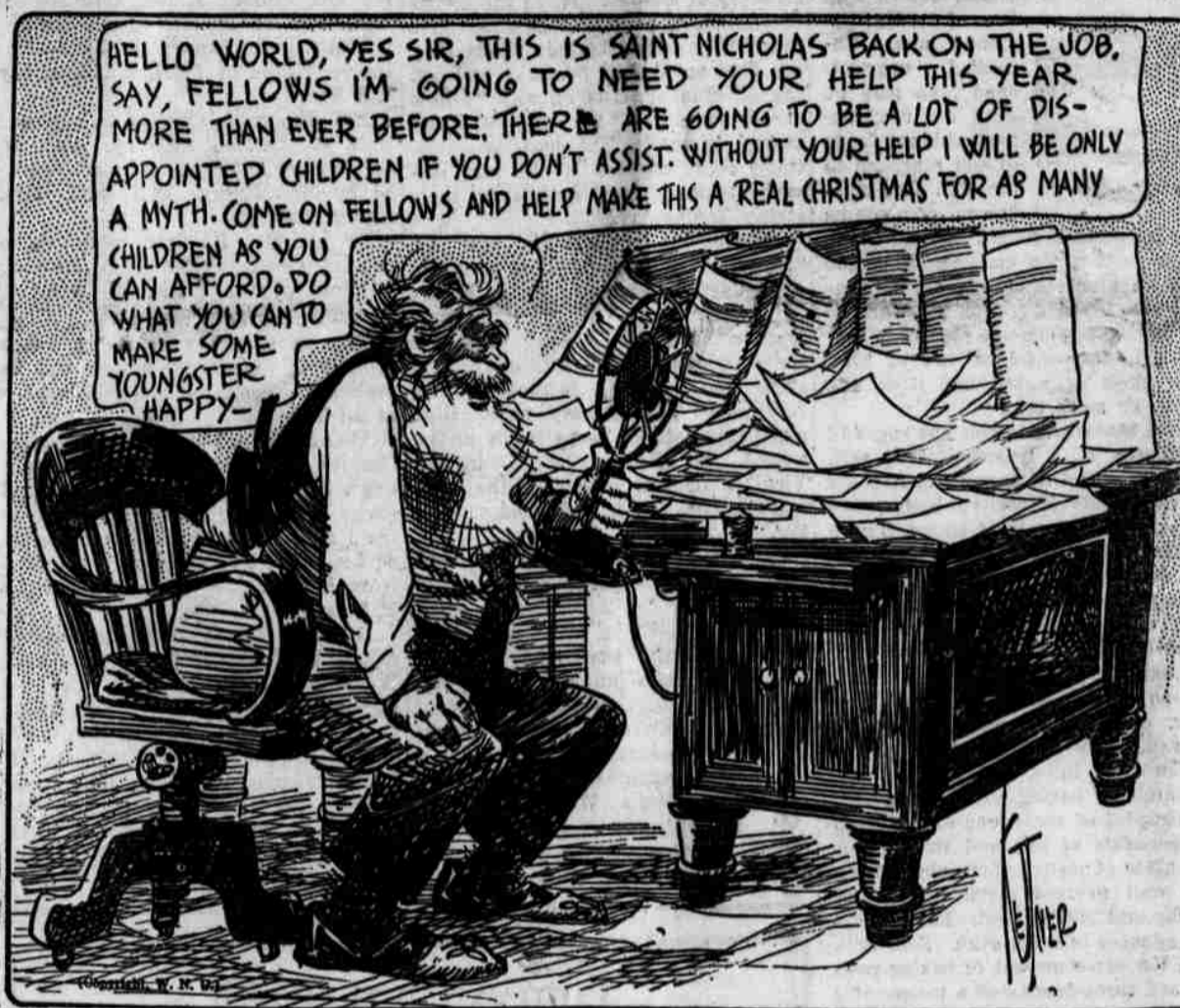
Regular Meeting Nights

At the regular monthly meeting of the Athena Athletic Association Monday evening, details pertaining to the playing schedule of the Blue Mountain Basketball league were discussed and tentatively adopted. Regular meeting nights selected by the association are the first Monday in each month.

Mrs. Patterson Home

Mrs. Patterson has returned from a visit with relatives at LaGrande, and is at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Jesse Smith. Mrs. Patterson visited at the home of Tom Booher in LaGrande. Tom is now a locomotive fireman for the Union Pacific, running out of LaGrande.

Santa's Appeal



Athena High School Is In First Game Tonight

Coach Miller's Athena high school football team will play its first game of the season tonight on the home floor, with a team from Whitman college as its opponents. The Athena players have been going through a strenuous practice season following the closing of the football schedule and should be in fair playing form for the opening game.

The team from Walla Walla which will play in the local gym tonight is one of Whitman's intermural combinations and Eldon Myrick, one of Athena high's last year leading players will be opposite his old team mates, a member of the visiting quintet. The game tonight does not count in the Umatilla county district scholastic contest, and while it is an exhibition game, both teams will turn in as perfect a game as though it bore scholastic results.

The schedule for the Umatilla county district scholastic games is tentatively as follows:

December 17, Athena at Pendleton; January 7, Athena at Weston; January 9, Athena at Milton; January 16, Helix at Athena; January 21, Athena at Adams; January 23, Weston at Athena; January 31, Milton at Athena; February 7, Adams at Athena; February 13, Athena at Helix; February 14, Pendleton at Athena.

December 12 is an open date to be filled with an outside team. On December 18, Dixie, Washington, teams will come to Athena for a double-header.

Mrs. Harrison Died

Word has been received here of the death of Mrs. John Harrison of Brownsville, which occurred Thursday, November 20. Funeral services were held Sunday, November 23. Her daughter, Mrs. Charles Kirk, formerly of Athena and who now resides near Creston, British Columbia, has returned to her home there. She had been at the bedside of her mother since the first week in October.

Belknap in Portland

C. C. Belknap, who formerly supplied a number of Athena patrons with Nash clothing and lived at Pendleton, has been forced to give up his work on account of failing health and is now residing at 766 E. 45th street North, Portland. Mr. Belknap's Athena friends will be sorry to learn of his serious illness.

Bad Roads Prevented Trip

Mr. and Mrs. M. I. Miller got as far as Walla Walla Wednesday afternoon of last week, enroute to Endicott, Wash., to spend Thanksgiving with relatives, when bad condition of the highway forced them to return home. Shortly after arrival here their little son Eugene became ill and has been confined to his home since.

Death of Mrs. Gillette

Mrs. Lucille Rogers Gillette, pioneer resident of Echo, died in a Portland hospital Thursday of last week. She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Clarence Gagnon, and two sisters, Mrs. Dixie Oliver of St. Helens, and Mrs. Neva Bettinger of Oakland, California.

Snow at Baker

With more than 20 inches of snow in the foothills near Baker, the low lands were bare until Monday when several inches of whiteness covered the town and valley.

Miss Maiden Delivers Interesting Address of the Missionary Work in India

Athena residents enjoyed an unusual treat Wednesday evening when they had the privilege of listening to an address by Miss Daisy Maiden, who has recently returned from India where she has been engaged in missionary work for the past two years. She was stationed at Cuttack, near Calcutta, and did special work in the orphanage there which is primarily a rescue home for girls.

Preceding her work in India, Miss Maiden was at Chinkiang, China, on the Yangtze river, for ten and a half years. She has numerous others who were forced to leave China in 1927 during the revolution at that time. Because their buildings were on Chinese soil the inhabitants contended that the buildings belonged to the Chinese, and the lives of the missionaries were in danger as well as their property.

Headquarters have been removed to Shanghai and Miss Maiden expects to return there in the fall. She is a representative of the Church of God but on furlough at present and is visiting her parents who reside at Milton.

Mrs. L. A. Cornell and Miss Mary Tompkins arranged an interesting program aside from the address which included a solo by Mrs. Ross Payne; piano solo, Betty Eager; reading, Mrs. C. M. Eager; piano solo, Miss Esther Berlin; trombone solo, Dan Tilley.

A social hour followed the program and the guests enjoyed seeing the interesting curios which were on display. The affair was sponsored by the Methodist ladies and was held at the Methodist parsonage.

Engine Gas Kills Two In a Railroad Tunnel

Eugene.—Two unidentified men are dead and 11 others are in the hospital here as a result of being caught in a 290-foot tunnel on the Southern Pacific's Cascade line between West Fir and Oak Ridge shortly after noon Monday.

The men died from suffocation and from being gassed and the survivors are suffering from gas poisoning, attendants said.

A 70-car freight train which left Eugene shortly after 10 a. m., Monday was on its way to Klamath Falls when in some manner it broke in two while in the long tunnel. It is believed failure of the mechanism of the air brakes to function properly caused the train to separate.

There were approximately 20 itinerants besides the crew on board the train, but several managed to leave the tunnel without assistance. Members of the train crew were able to get out of each end of the tunnel to signal approaching trains. The accident occurred at a time when no train was due for more than two hours, it was said.

Moving to Walla Walla

Mr. and Mrs. A. G. DeMerritt are removing from Athena to Walla Walla, where Mr. DeMerritt has received promotion by the Standard Oil company, and giving him a resident position with the company in the Garden City. Mr. DeMerritt, for some time has been traveling auditor for the company, during which time his family has resided here.

Senate and House Open Labors Amid Excitement

Washington.—Falling gavels with and falling police batons without sent the 71st congress away Monday on its dying session.

Both houses met on the stroke of noon and at the very moment of assembly police were having their hands full outside the chambers endeavoring to disperse a mob of Communists who attempted to invade the capitol with revolutionary banners.

Crowded galleries, looking for a thrill, witnessed the getaway, but it was drabber than usual. The spectators were somewhat disappointed in that neither Senator-elect James J. Davis, republican of Pennsylvania, nor Senator-elect Dwight Morrow, republican of New Jersey, appeared to take the oath of office.

Davis refrained from presenting himself because had he done so, Senator Gerald P. Nye, republican of North Dakota, chairman of the senate campaign funds investigating committee, would have presented a motion for Davis to "stand aside" until the committee can present a report on the amount of money used in electing Davis.

Morrow's absence was explained by the fact that New Jersey state canvassing board will not meet until later to ratify officially his election.

Death of George Corder

George Corder, a resident of this city for the past 20 years, died yesterday morning at the State Hospital in Pendleton, where he was taken several days ago for treatment. He was born in Ohio, and was 82 years of age at his death. Mr. Corder came to the coast from Ohio about 35 years ago. For many years he was employed on the Northern Pacific maintenance crew at Athena, under Foreman Ramsay. For several months he had been in failing health before going to the hospital. He is survived by one daughter, Bessie Corder and one son, William Corder, of Tacoma, Washington.

Sells Home and Will Leave

Mrs. S. F. Sharp has sold her Athena home to Robert Carstens and in company with her son and daughter will leave in the near future for San Diego, California. Mrs. Sharp has been a resident of Athena since 1879, when she came here with her husband, the late Dr. S. F. Sharp. Mrs. Sharp does not know definitely at this time whether she will remain permanently in California, where her daughter, Mrs. Carrie Heinen resides.

Officers Elected

McKenzie Chapter O. E. S. held the annual election Wednesday night with the following officers elected to serve for the ensuing year: Mrs. Chase Garfield, worthy matron; Mrs. Marion Hansell, associate matron; Mrs. James Cresswell, conductress; Mrs. Kohler Betts, associate conductress; Mrs. Louis Keen, secretary and Sadie Pambrun treasurer. Installation will be held December 17.

Lodge Officers

At the regular meeting of Mignollette Rebekah lodge last week, the following officers to serve for the ensuing six months, were nominated: N. G. Edna McIntyre; V. G. Lucille Johnston; recording secretary, Virgie Moore; financial secretary, Celia Hardep; treasurer, Katherine Keen.

Winter Courses At Oregon State College Starts To Brighten Farmers

Oregon State College.—With winter becoming more and more a time for farmers to go to school, either by way of magazines, radio or actual attendance at college short courses, Oregon State college has added several short schools for this season. These will cover farm crops work on seed testing and crop inspection, as well as the annual canners' school.

Announcement of the new courses followed the unusually successful prune growers' three-day short course which drew 120 different growers from all dried prune counties of the state to the campus conference. These put in three days of solid study of current problems.

Cherry growers of the state will hold a similar course at the college December 15 to 17 when results of the recent intensive campaign against the cherry fruit fly will be discussed. This year it was demonstrated that a directed spray program timed to accuracy of application, will control the pest, though much additional study is needed.

Men interested in grain inspection work or in seed testing are offered a full term course beginning January 5 and running to March 20. These courses are intended for those who are connected with marketing of the northwest grain, hay or potato crops, or for those who wish to fill positions with seed houses as seed analysts.

These two courses are separate and are taught by different instructors, but they are arranged so both may be taken together as well as allowing the students to take other regular courses in the college.

The annual canners' short course is a distinctive event of Oregon State college and always draws men from many states. The dates this year are January 26 to February 13.

The Eagle Churn Club

One of the largest affairs of the winter season occurred Tuesday afternoon when the Athena members of the Eagle Churn club entertained at the home of Mrs. John Huffman. The rooms were beautifully decorated with a profusion of autumn flowers, chrysanthemums predominating. Games and needlework occupied the fifty guests and at the tea hour the hostess served delicious refreshments. A short business session was held. The club has been organized for less than a year but is already thriving and popular. Guests other than members included, Mrs. Chet McCullough, Mrs. Charles McFarland, Mrs. Fred Bruce, Mrs. Bert Alkire and Mrs. Lee Crawford. Those responsible for the success of the affair were Mrs. J. D. Huggins, Mrs. Will Harden, Mrs. Bunn Moore, Mrs. Henry Miller and Mrs. Ora Shigley.

Hodgen-Montgomery

Miss Marjorie Montgomery, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Montgomery of Pendleton, and Clayton (Newt) Hodgen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hodgen of Adams, were united in marriage at a quiet wedding in Walla Walla, at the Presbyterian manse, Monday afternoon. Mrs. Francis Lieualen and Mr. Kenneth Hodgen, of Adams, brother of the groom attended the couple. Mr. and Mrs. Hodgen will reside at La Grande, where the groom is employed by the Standard Oil company. He was connected with the company's distributing station in Athena, before his transfer to La Grande.

Killed At Crossing

Friends of Miss Elizabeth Holwager were shocked to hear of the death of her sister, Mrs. Rose Christianson and little daughter Jane of Palo Alto, California. Mrs. Christianson was driving her little girl to school and in crossing railroad tracks had just avoided the south bound train when the car was struck by the "Lark" the north bound Southern Pacific train. Her sisters, Elizabeth, Mary and Martha left Wednesday for Palo Alto. Mrs. Christianson visited at the home of Mrs. B. B. Richards about two years ago.

Football Players Complimented

Complimenting the football players of the Athena high school, a party was arranged for last week, Tuesday. All high school students and the faculty were guests and games and refreshments were features of the entertainment. Betty Jane Eager, Mildred Hansell, Myrtle Campbell and Mary Tompkins acted as hostesses for the affair.

Ex-Sheriff Improving

Zoeth Houser, former sheriff of Umatilla county, who recently underwent two operations at a Portland hospital, is at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Nona McFaul in Echo. He is gradually recovering, so it is reported.

Buys West Side Home

Ora Shigley has purchased the former Henry Wood home on the west side from Arnold Wood. The property consists of a residence and lots 2 and 3 in block 3, Rose's addition to Athena.

DEMOCRATS WANT SPECIAL ELECTION

Governor Norblad Would Appoint Settlemeir, Republican, Outright.

Salem.—Talk of a mandamus proceeding to compel Governor Norblad to call a special election in Marion county for the purpose of selecting a state senator to succeed the late Lloyd T. Reynolds was heard in Salem Monday after it became known that the governor had announced himself as opposed to such a special election.

Democrats especially, are indignant over the governor's attitude on the ground that it shuts off all chance of electing a member of the minority party in this county which they had considered particularly good just at this time with William A. Deizell as the prospective candidate.

The governor's position, it is argued is tantamount to dictating the appointment of Frank Settlemeir of Woodburn to the position and a number of progressive Republicans who are opposed to Settlemeir's candidacy are also said to be considerably wrought up over the situation.

On the other hand the governor has received a number of congratulations on his stand. Members of the Marion county court, unaware that the governor had declared himself as opposed to a special election, called at the executive office during the day to urge such action and commended the governor for his action when appraised of his stand.

The court was opposed to the election because of its expense, involving as it would, the expenditure of approximately \$4500.

It is believed here that legal complication may grow out of the governor's plan for filling the vacancy. He was advised by Attorney General Van Winkle last week that under existing laws the only method for filling vacancies in the legislature is through special election called by the governor.

Marion county democrats had already planned, if the issue went to an election, to throw W. A. Dalzell into the race. Dalzell was candidate for congress against W. C. Hawley and ran far ahead of him in Marion county. Several prospective republican candidates were mentioned.

Two Newlyweds Are Jailed at Lewiston

Lewiston.—Two newlyweds, known to neighbors in the fashionable Lewiston Orchards residential section as honeymooners, were arrested on a moonshine charge.

The couple, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Oswald, who said they were married in Walla Walla in September, rented the house in which they lived about a month ago.

Federal agents and county officers said they found two whiskey stills, one of them in operation; 60 gallons of whiskey and 250 gallons of mash, as well as distilling equipment.

They will be arraigned before a United States commissioner.

Benefit Bridge Party

The Wauna group of Campfire girls sponsored a benefit bridge party Saturday afternoon at the Knights of Pythias hall. The room was made attractive by the use of varicolored chrysanthemums and was lighted by gaily shaded lamps. Bridge and pinocle were enjoyed by the guests and Mrs. Glenn Dudley and Mrs. Jess Smith won first, while second prizes were awarded to Mrs. Ralph McEwen and Mrs. L. A. Cornell, respectively. Score cards and prizes were made by the girls and were cleverly planned. A dainty salad was served at the tea hour. The sum of sixteen dollars was realized from the affair. The group wishes to thank their friends for their kind cooperation in their enterprise.

Cayuse Kicked Him

Frank Watkins, who formerly resided in the north part of town, was in Athena Tuesday from his ranch southwest of Meacham. Frank was sort of limping as the result of weakness from a broken leg caused by a kick from a cayuse some five months ago. Mr. Watkins reports snow at Meacham, but says cattle are still browsing in open range on the breaks near his ranch.

County Pays Tax

Umatilla county has paid its last half of state taxes. The amount, \$96,094.45, was sent in full by check to the state treasurer Monday, by Bettye DeHart, county treasurer.

L. L. Mann Improving

L. L. Mann, who has been seriously ill at his home in Pendleton with ulcer of the stomach, is reported to be slightly improved.