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FRUITMEN TRIAL AT APRIL TERM

On Charges of Violating a Federal Law, Classed as a Misdemeanor.

Walla Walla.—The six Milton-Freewater men arrested last week on charges of violating a federal law will likely have their trial at the Pendleton term of federal court beginning April 7, if the defense can prepare its case by that time. The men, all officers or directors of the Prune Growers Co-operative association of Freewater, were arrested under a law, which it is stated has never before been invoked. They are accused of having failed truly and correctly to account to growers for the proceeds of the sale of prunes during the 1929 shipping season. The six men claim the association had the right to withhold certain amounts from those who sold through the association.

According to the information between August 20 and Sept. 5, 1929, the association, which was engaged in a commission business, received prunes from various growers in the Freewater district by virtue of agreements with the growers to pack, sell and ship them at the actual cost. The association is charged with withholding amounts representing each growers proportionate cost of equipment used in the packing process as well as the cost of labor and materials.

The defendants claim this charge for equipment was a legitimate expense. The government alleges the association went beyond the provisions of its agreements with the growers by withholding this amount. Growers were not expected to pay for the cost of machinery, it is claimed by the government.

The offenses charged are only misdemeanors, so no indictments have been asked by the office of the district attorney.

Missionary Conference
The ladies of the Baptist church of Milton entertained members of the Pendleton, Helix and Athena missionary societies at a luncheon, Friday, March 6, following which this program was given: Devotional, led by Miss Hickenbottom of Milton; talk on "The Crusaders," Mrs. A. F. May Pendleton; "Worldwide Guild," Mrs. Kohler Betts, Athena; vocal duet, Mrs. Floyd Pinkerton and Mrs. C. E. O. Montague, Athena; paper, "Indis," Mrs. Louis Stewart; "Men and Missions," Mrs. H. A. Street; round table, led by Mrs. Williams Alber, Pendleton. Those attending from Athena were Mrs. Joe Anderson, Mrs. Charles McFarland, Mrs. Ross Payne, Mrs. Lola Payne, Mrs. Clarence Zerbe, Mrs. Kohler Betts, Mrs. Arthur Coppock, Mrs. Charles Betts, Mrs. George Banister, Mrs. Louis Dowd, Mrs. Floyd Pinkerton, Mrs. C. E. O. Montague, Mrs. Zeltha McIntyre, Mrs. Louis Stewart, Mrs. Frank Williams, Mrs. Alfred Kibbey, Miss Mildred Street, Mrs. H. A. Street, Mrs. E. B. Foster, Mrs. Fred Pinkerton, Mrs. Fred Pittman, Mrs. Jesse Gordon and Captain Hall.

Herman O'Harra Married
Herman O'Harra, formerly of Weston and prominent member of Athena-Weston American Legion, was united in matrimony to Miss Margaret Davis at Yakima, February 23, says the Weston Leader. The bride is a graduate of St. Joseph's hospital, Tacoma, and the bridegroom is stationed at Toppensish as the employe of an oil company. He grew to manhood at Weston and has a host of friends there. He was educated in Weston schools and Oregon State college and is a world war veteran, having served as captain of infantry. The happy young couple will make their home in Toppensish.

Progressives Meet
A renewed appeal for the export de-benture plan of farm relief was made by Senator Borah of Idaho at a meeting of republican and democratic independents in Washington. The Idaho republican said the farm board had failed because there was no element of permanent policy in its plan for dealing with the farm relief problem. He argued there was no difference between the protective tariff for manufactured products and the payment of de-benture certificates to farmers for the products they shipped abroad.

Garden Showers
The glorious growing weather, accompanied by showers of rain, have been an incentive to start early gardening in Athena. A number of plots of ground have been plowed or spaded this week. As usual, Billy Pinkerton is among the first to begin gardening. He has his onion crop set out and a number of rows have been seeded to peas.

High School to Present Vodvil For Two Nites

The vodvil which is to be presented by the Athena high school student body on Thursday and Friday, March 19 and 20, is going to be a bright, peppy and colorful performance. The Glee club pirate skit, will be presented in gay costumes. "The Pirates Chorus" which is sung by both boys and girls will make you believe you are living in the old days of pirates. One will feel he is sailing the seas with these bold men and their captives, when he hears the boys sing the "Pirate's Song" on their ship. You will be taken captive by this catchy number. The girls will sing the swinging song, "The Caballero," and a clever dance by Marjorie Douglas will be a feature of this number. Then once again the complete mixed chorus will sing you back to the days of Captain Kidd.

"In a Hawaiian Garden" is the title of the act the band is presenting. Visit them and as you hear them play "Na Lei O Hawaii," float into that beautiful island with them. Betty Eager and Marjorie Douglas are singing as a duet, "Hawaiian Moonlight," a pretty melody of dreamy Hawaii. When the band plays "Aloha Oe" you will realize that it is time for you to leave their garden and once more return to Athena.

A one act play, "The Valiant," will also be presented by the following cast:
James Dyke.....Roland Wilson
Josephine Paris.....Betty Eager
Warden Holt.....Stafford Hansell
Father Daly.....Solista Pickett
Attendant.....George Pittman
The price of admission will be ten cents for all grades, and thirty-five cents for adults and all others.

County Health Nurse Reports
Helen J. Samson, county nurse has made her report covering the months of January and February. All towns in the county were visited by the nurse, including Athena, where with the assistance of Dr. Blatchford a dental survey was made at the schools. Dr. Blatchford cooperated with the county nurse in making a dental survey in the schools of Adams and Weston, also. The annual meeting of the county public health association was held at Pendleton, February 20, with approximately 50 members present. Mrs. J. P. Stewart was elected president, Mrs. James Hill vice-president, Mrs. George Stangier secretary and Mrs. Herbert Decker treasurer.

Oleo Measures Will Become Laws June 5

Salem.—Two measures affecting oleomargarine sale and use have been signed by Governor Julius L. Meier and will become effective June 5, or 90 days after the adjournment of the legislature. The third bill introduced, which would impose a license upon manufacturers and dealers in oleomargarine and butter substitutes, was killed by the house after it had passed the senate.

House bill 294, providing for an excise tax of 10 cents a pound on all oleomargarine, was introduced by the house committee on food and dairy products. It was signed by the governor last Saturday. The bill did not carry the emergency clause, so will not become effective until after June 5. Reports of a referendum move on this bill have been received at the state house.

The other measure which survived the legislature prohibits the use of oleomargarine, imitation cheese and other dairy product substitutes in state schools and institutions. This bill, senate bill 78, was introduced by Senator Joe Dunne of Multnomah county.

Boys Enjoy Party
A number of boy friends were invited to attend Billy Hansell's 11th birthday party, Saturday afternoon. The following boys were present and enjoyed the afternoon: David Lowe, Teddy Miller, Gene Miller, Donald Jones, Billy Johns, Dale Jenkins, Tillman Taylor and Gale McLean. Games of all kinds, and such as boys enjoy were played during the afternoon and the feature of the party was toasting winners over the embers of a campfire. Other goodies were on the menu, including a delicious birthday cake, which featured a 12 o'clock luncheon.

Murnau Killed in Wreck
F. W. Murnau, who directed the Fox motion picture, "Our Daily Bread," later produced under the title, "The City Girl," filmed on the Harold Barnett place at the head of Thorn Hollow, a couple of years ago, was killed in an automobile wreck near Santa Barbara, California, early Wednesday morning. He recently returned to Hollywood from the South Sea islands, where he filmed a picture with natives taking the roles.

Scenes and Persons in the Current News



1—Thomas A. Edison untying the ribbon across the new \$500,000 bridge over the Caloosahatchee river at Fort Myers, Fla., named for him, on his eighty-fourth birthday. 2—Building of the Smithsonian institution in Washington which will be razed to make way for a new street. 3—Governor Emmerson of Illinois, the Japanese ambassador and Maj. G. L. Swift, representing the President, at the rededication of Lincoln's tomb in Springfield, Ill.

Death Comes to A. M. Gillis Unexpectedly at the Home of His Son

Death came unexpectedly to A. M. Gillis some time Tuesday night at the home of his son, Lloyd Gillis, near Washtucna. He came to the Gillis farm Tuesday evening from Walla Walla, and turned his attention to work on income tax papers. Next morning he was found dead by his son.

Only few particulars are known here, but it is surmised that a stroke caused Mr. Gillis' death, he having suffered a slight stroke a number of years ago.

Mr. Gillis had a large circle of friends in Umatilla and Walla Walla counties. In the late 80's he came to Athena, then Centerville, and following contracting and building with his brothers, the late John Gillis and Daniel Gillis, now residing in California. The firm constructed a string of warehouses and elevators on the Athena-Pasco branch of the North-south Pacific, then known as the Hunt Line.

Later Mr. Gillis engaged in the lumber and fuel business here, disposing of a portion of his interests to the Tum-a-Lum Lumber company. He was a stockholder in that company and occupied the position of auditor, having his office at Walla Walla and making frequent visits here and to the company yards in other towns.

Mr. Gillis was 67 years of age and is survived by three sons, Ralph and Lloyd Gillis of Washtucna, and Herschel Gillis, who is a salesman for the Petroleum Products company of Albuquerque, New Mexico. His wife, the former Ida Campbell, whom he married in this city, died several years ago, and one son, Everett preceded him in death. Mr. Gillis was a prominent member of the Masonic order. He served as councilman and city marshal while residing here and after removing to Washington state, as one of the commissioners of Adams county.

It is understood here that funeral services will be held at Ritzville with interment taking place at Seattle, where his wife and son are buried.

Rural Route Difficulties

Otto Purcell, rural mail carrier on the Basket mountain route was injured in a runaway about ten days ago and during his enforced vacation, the mail is being delivered by Ray Jones. Snow drifts and deeply cut roads have rendered traveling almost impossible and the heavy rains of the past few days have added to difficulties. Wednesday, Mr. Jones was forced to leave his car 9 miles up the mountain. Walking 2 miles to the Jones ranch he procured a team and sled, with which he struggled a mile and a half farther where he was able to borrow a hack. With this he proceeded the remaining three miles to the Basket mountain school house, the end of the route. The trip home was made in the same order of relays, and Thursday the trip was repeated.

Extending Wing

Work on the extension of the wing to the city well is under way this week with several men employed under the supervision of J. W. Pinkerton of the city council water committee. Uncovering of the present wing developed a satisfactory state in the condition of the material in the top covering, which it will not be necessary to renew. The wing excavation was cleaned out and additional extension of 100 feet will proceed.

Seeding Peas Earlier This Spring, Than Last

The seeding of land to peas is well under way in this section, beginning at a much earlier period than last spring. Manager Sloan of the Washington-Idaho Seed company, states that there will probably be a larger acreage in this district sown to peas than before, but he was not in a position to estimate the approximate acreage for the reason that new applications for seed continue to be received.

Last season was considered fair for production, but the present early seeding should favor a still larger yield, making it possible to begin harvesting the crop in June. This will be an advantage to the company, in that the Athena cleaning plant, which gives employment to forty women and girls and several men will be assured of a long run, once the harvesting of the new crop begins.

The plant is now running full time and has been for the past two weeks, taking care of the remaining few carloads of last season's crop.

Seth L. Haworth Dies After Lingered Illness

Seth L. Haworth, a resident of Athena and vicinity for about 20 years, died at one o'clock Tuesday morning at his home in the northeast part of town after a lingering illness, at the age of 77.

Mr. Haworth had been in declining health for some time, and but recently returned to his home here from a hospital. His wife died in Athena several years ago. He is survived by the following children: Mrs. W. E. Martin of Seattle; Sam Haworth of Tacoma; D. M. Haworth of Athena; Seth Haworth of Seattle and James Haworth of Newmarket, Tenn.

James Haworth came by automobile all the way from Tennessee, arriving here Tuesday morning, shortly after his father had passed away. The other children were at the bedside of their father when death came. Funeral services were held at the Christian church Wednesday afternoon at two o'clock, with C. A. Sias preaching the sermon.

Pendleton Defeated Adams Will Represent the District

Pendleton swept the board clean at the district basketball tournament by defeating Adams by the score of 49 to 16 in the finals, having previously handed Mac-Hi a lacing. Mac-Hi eliminated Athena, winner of the Helix tournament, in the Friday preliminary game by the score of 43 to 20. The first quarter was close. Crowley was high point winner on the Athena team with seven. The lineup: Huffman center; Crowley and Jenkins forwards; Rogers and Hansell guards; Jenkins, Weber and Pickett substitutes.

New Chemist Laboratory

A new laboratory for chemistry has been added to Preston-Shaffer Milling company plant, and John Milligan, chemist, will arrive here shortly from Waitsburg to take charge. The new building, 10x18, has been constructed on the west side of the mill, opposite the office. It will be equipped with modern machinery for flour testing.

Thursday evening of last week machines driven by Chas. DuPuis and Francis Lieualen collided on the gravel highway leading to Thorn-hollow.

Sand Dunes Are Moving and Are Covering Over Desert "Lost Forest"

Bend.—The "lost forest" of interior Oregon, a five-mile-square tract of pine timber on the Lake country plateau southwest of Wagon tire mountain, has been reached by advance waves of huge sand dunes, some more than 50 feet high, and some of the big sentinel pines on the outposts of the tiny forest already have been covered to their tops.

The big dunes are creeping from the southwest before prevailing winds at the rate of about 12 feet a year. Whether the little forest of the isolated plateau eventually will perish under the sands is problematical, but it is known that nearby junipers which were covered by dunes many years ago were killed. The trunks of these sand-killed junipers, stripped of bark and foliage, stand like ghost trees, white and gnarled, amid sagebrush which has attained root in recent years.

The huge dunes are moving toward the "lost forest" in a series of waves which reach many miles into the southwest. A number of residents of the Wagon tire mountain country, Lake, Cliff and the Christlake country believe that the sand will not kill the pines, but will gradually spread out as it reaches into the sheltered timber. The sand movement among the trees will be so slow, it is said, that young pines will gain a foothold on the new soil and will succeed the mature trees.

Soil where the isolated pines are growing, more than 30 miles removed from the nearest pine belt, appears to be peculiarly suited to the conifers. The pines are unusually large and even junipers growing in the desert forest are much larger than those on nearby hills.

Because of the long period of dry years, the advance guard of the restless sand dunes moved toward the forest with considerable rapidity in recent years. The dunes are spread over a front of several miles and will cover practically all of the southwestern part of the desert forest in the next few years.

Missionary Society

The Missionary Society of the Christian church met at the home of Mrs. Stella Keen Wednesday afternoon. Following the business session an interesting program arranged by Mrs. W. McPherson was enjoyed by the members. Mrs. McPherson reviewed a paper entitled, "This Fine Pretty World." The devotionals were led by Mrs. Charles Sias; "Mountain Mothers," Mrs. Keen; "Grayson City, home of the normal institute," Mrs. F. B. Boyd; "Seeing the Sunny South," Mrs. Wm. Pinkerton. The feature of the next meeting will be the annual election of officers and the place will be announced later.

Death of Mrs. Molstrom

Mrs. W. P. Littlejohn was called to Pendleton yesterday by the death of her mother Mrs. Abe Molstrom which occurred Wednesday night. Old residents of Athena and vicinity will remember the Molstrom family as they resided on the present Barrett ranch near town during the '80s. Mrs. David Nelson of Pendleton is also a daughter of Mrs. Molstrom.

Move for Referendum

Once again the Rogue river fish fight may be decided by the voters of Oregon. F. B. Postal and 10 other Curry county fishermen filed preliminary papers for a referendum on the bill passed by the last legislature,

Revival Meeting Crowds Overflow Baptist Church

(Contributed)
The revival meetings being conducted under the leadership of the Meade Evangelistic party have been so well attended it was necessary to find larger quarters to accommodate the



Harold C. Meade
Director of Music and Children's Work

crowds, and the meetings are now being held in the Christian church.

From the very first night a spirit of interest has been evidenced and it has deepened nightly. The singing in this meeting is an outstanding feature. The song service led by the large chorus choir is an inspiration to the congregation. The special music is delighting the audiences nightly and the preaching is of the highest type. No ranting, exaggerating, or sob stories come from the lips of the evangelist. A number of decisions have already been made and many conversions are expected before the week is over making Athena a better town to live in. The remaining services are as follows: Tonight, state night—everyone sitting according to his native state, subject: The Library of Heaven. Saturday night, children's program; subject: The Mayor's Wife. Sunday morning, The Christian Life. Sunday evening, The Unpardonable Sin.

Many Veterans in This State Apply for Loans

More than 8000 applications for adjusted service certificate loans had been received and nearly 2000 had been paid, or prepared for payment, by the Oregon veterans bureau headquarters at Portland Monday morning. Three thousand more will probably be paid this week, providing money is received from Washington as needed.

The Portland bureau had expected call for no more than 8000 loans during the whole month of March.

Total sum received and disbursed up to Saturday was \$485,000. On that day funds ran out and payments were stopped until \$500,000 more was received by telegraph from Washington.

Officials of Athena-Weston American Legion Post report a number of ex-service men, members of the local post, have applied for loans.

Rebekah Entertainment

Members of the local lodge of Rebekahs entertained at a St. Patrick's day party Tuesday night. Guessing games, bridge and pinocle were features of entertainment, following which a delicious supper was served. Places were laid at tables decked with green center pieces and candles. The menu carried out the selected color scheme, sandwiches and cakes in the same tints being served. About forty-five guests were present, a number stopping in for supper following the meeting at the church.

The N. A. G. R.

N. A. G. R. club was charmingly entertained Wednesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Max Hopper. Yellow jonquils centered the dinner table and a St. Patrick's day note was accented by the use of green tapers and attractive cards marking covers placed for twelve guests. Bridge was the diversion of the evening and James Lieualen won high score. The club will next be entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lieualen in Adams.

Gas Price Down

Gasoline prices on the Pacific coast have continued to fluctuate downward this week. There is an unevenness noted in price schedules, California points being much lower than those of Washington and Oregon. The slash reached Athena and prices dropped from 26 cents to 21 cents per gallon at service stations.

OREGON FARMERS TO RECEIVE AID

Umatilla County Man Member of Committee That Will Pass on Loans.

Farmers in some portions of Umatilla county who may need assistance in financing coming crop operations may find relief through definite steps taken by the secretary of agriculture, according to a report from the Portland Oregonian's Washington news bureau. The report says: "The secretary appointed D. N. Mackay, Condon; W. H. Steiwer, Fossil, and G. W. Rice, Pendleton, to act as a committee passing on loans. "They will establish an office and install an executive secretary. As it is almost impossible to make loans from the \$45,000,000 seed and feed fertilizer bill because the law provides that a mortgage must be given on the 1931 crop and Oregonians need money to fallow for the 1932 crop, there is little hope for northwest relief from this source.

"Senator Steiwer stressed the practicability of help from the \$20,000,000 bill, as half is set aside to lend to agricultural credit associations. Under this bill the capital of such associations can be augmented. "Mackay, Steiwer and Rice can increase the capital of The Dalles Empire Credit association, The Pacific Wool Growers' association or the Oregon Livestock Loan association, or set up loan organizations of their own, or do both, but acting with the intermediate credit bank at Spokane, the secretary of agriculture wants the loan organizations financed 50 percent, contending that the associations should have credit interests in the undertaking.

"Birth Night" a Success

"Birth night" at the revival services being held here was well attended. Mrs. McKinney who is in her 89th year was the oldest lady present and was presented with a birthday gift. H. H. Hill, 74 years of age, held the same distinction among the men. The oldest lady bachelor and bachelor were also remembered. Representatives from 19 states were present as follows: Wisconsin, Pennsylvania, Arkansas, New York, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Missouri, Rhode Island, Michigan, California, Illinois, Montana, Kentucky, Utah, North Carolina, Indiana, Kansas, Maine and Canada. A basket dinner has been announced at the close of the Sunday morning service to which everyone is invited. An additional meeting will be held Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock when Rev. Meade will speak on the subject "Heaven, its riches, realities, inhabitants and rewards." Mrs. Oris Harris of Portland will sing at this service.

Bridge Luncheon

A profusion of violets and a St. Patrick's day note accented by place cards, confectons and other table appointments were attractive features at the home of Mrs. Glenn Dudley when she entertained the Athena Bridge club at luncheon Friday afternoon. Covers were placed for sixteen, and following luncheon four tables were in play. Honors for the afternoon were won by Mrs. H. A. Barrett who made high club score and Mrs. M. L. Watts second. The guest prize was presented to Mrs. E. J. Burchill of Pendleton. Other guests were Miss Helen Hansell and Mrs. Justin Harwood.

One Vetoed, One Signed

The creation of a new state game commission of five members, to be appointed by the governor, four to be recommended by the Oregon Game Protective association, the Oregon Council of the Isaac Walton League, the State Grange, and the State Forest Fire association, was vetoed by Governor Julius L. Meier. The rules of the road measure was signed by the governor. This measure providing for a uniform traffic code, eliminates the set speed limit of motor vehicles and provides a new code for traffic on highways, conforming to codes being adopted by most of the states.

Marion Jack Estate

The net value of the estate left by Marion Jack, who died at Pendleton, June 24 last, has been set at \$44,968.76, according to the first account and report filed in county court by the First National Bank of Pendleton, acting as administrator.

Wa-Hi Eliminated

For the first time in five different years that Walla Walla high school has entered a team in the Washington State basketball tournament, a Wa-Hi quintet was eliminated in the first round of play when Enumclaw nosed out a thrilling 31 to 29 victory.