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## MEYERS RESIGNS PENITENTIARY POST

**Says State Has Been Benefited by Regime, Strove to Better Charge.**

Salem.—Henry W. Meyers, superintendent of the state prison, Monday afternoon announced his intention to resign effective June 1. The announcement followed published rumors that he was contemplating such a step.

In announcing his intention he said: "I reached the decision to step out after numerous conferences with friends. I believe this action is for the best interests of the institution and officials who are connected with it. I'm fully aware that continuance in office as superintendent in the face of the fighting being made upon me by Governor Meier could only be detrimental to the institution."

Meyers sent the following letter to the board of control: "In dealing with a most trying situation, errors are bound to occur. We are all human and subject to mistakes, yet one can be honest in his intentions. My sole purpose during the past four years as administrator of the Oregon state penitentiary has been to remove the stench which has surrounded this institution covering a period of these many, many years, and to elevate the same to a degree so it could compare favorably with more modern penal institutions. If any progress has been made, it speaks for itself. A study of conditions and my record should indicate to every right thinking taxpayer of the state the extreme interest manifested to build and improve not only the physical plant but the incarcerated individuals as well, providing better food, cleanliness and sanitary surroundings. My efforts to install service and vocational training program within the walls of the prison for the betterment and needs of rehabilitating the prisoner have met with defeat.

"The unimportant indiscretions mentioned that may have been committed are most trivial. If one should measure and could realize the beneficial results obtained by permitting the prisoners to have other recreation than as provided by and under the usual prison environment there would be no criticism, but a hearty commendation pertaining to outside enjoyment, even though private interests benefited nominally.

"To counterbalance the minor use of state trucks and prisoners, the same has been more than equalized and the state has benefited and was compensated by the fact of the institution gaining by the use of my privately owned automobile covering a direct period of my first two years' incumbency, when transports were inadequate to meet conditions periodically for the past 24 months, without one cent cost to the state, yet privately owned autos used in the state business are entitled to 6 cents per mile.

"Also, my personal investigation and inspection of San Quentin, Folsom, Walla Walla and Westminister prisons at no cost to the state whatsoever, the expense incidental thereto being paid personally and the information obtained and derived from such inspection has been applied in the interest and benefit to the state of Oregon."

**To Participate in Program**  
The Etude club met Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. James Cresswell. A business session was held and plans made for assisting in the community program to be presented National music week. A social hour followed when the hostess served tea and cakes. The members adjourned to the home of Mrs. Alfred Kibbey where they greeted Mrs. John Phillips and serenaded her with a number of selections. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Laurence Pinkerton at 7:30 Thursday evening, May 7. All members are urged to be present as numbers for the music week program will be rehearsed.

**Begins Foreclosure Suit**  
E. C. Prestby, of the Athena law firm of Watts & Prestby, as plaintiff, has begun foreclosure proceedings in circuit court against the Northwestern Dehydrating Co., and others for non-payment of a \$15,000 promissory note, secured by mortgage. Attorney's fees of \$2,500 is also asked.

**Cartoonist Reynolds**  
Funeral services were held at Portland Tuesday for Edward S. Reynolds, for years staff cartoonist of the Oregonian, who died early Sunday morning of heart trouble. He was known throughout the Pacific northwest as "Tige" because of the tiger cub that always gambled somewhere in his cartoons.

## Mrs. Sarah Jane Harden, Athena Pioneer Passes on

Mrs. Sarah Jane Harden, a lovable pioneer woman of this city died at her home on Jefferson street at 11 o'clock Saturday night, aged 78 years, four months and 21 days.

Mrs. Harden was stricken with paralysis nearly two years ago, since which time she had been confined to her bed. Death came peacefully and she welcomed it as a relief from long months of affliction. She is survived by five daughters and two sons: Mrs. Mary McKay, Mrs. Chester McCullough, Mrs. Gerald Kilgore of Athena; Mrs. Anna Cartano of Pendleton; Mrs. Arthur Shick of Walla Walla; W. R. Harden of Athena and Jasper Harden of Salem. There are 11 grand children and one great grandchild. Her husband, John Harden, died in 1929.

A most estimable lady, Mrs. Harden was held in high esteem by a large circle of friends. For many years she conducted a hotel and later a boarding house in Athena. She was born in Missouri in 1852, and with the family, crossed the plains with an ox team to California. Fifty-four years ago she came to the Willamette valley. At the age of 17 she was united in marriage to John Harden and they came to this county 41 years ago, and to Athena in 1890.

The funeral services which were largely attended by her friends, was held at the Christian church Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Pallbearers were Charles Henry, S. C. Charlton, Alex McIntyre, A. M. Johnson, Sims Dickenson and E. C. Rogers. Singing was by a quartet, Mrs. Dave Stone, Mrs. Otha Reeder, C. M. Eager and George Gerking.

## Dr. Dan Poling Gave Talk to School Pupils

On Tuesday afternoon the high school was very agreeably surprised with a special assembly. Dr. Dan Poling of Oregon State college gave a very interesting and inspirational talk.

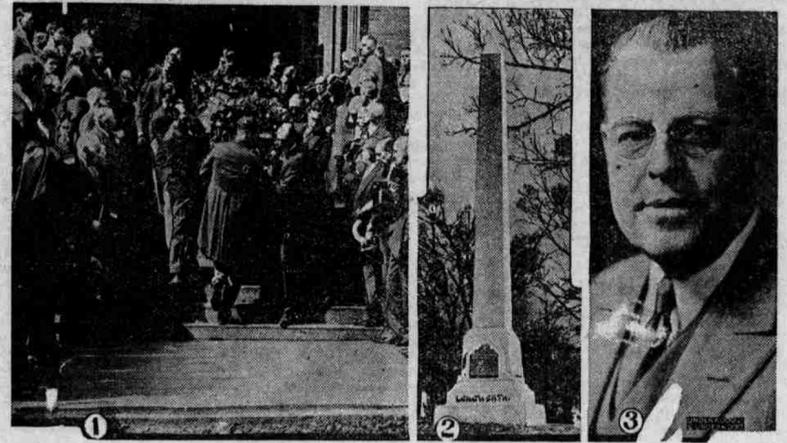
Throughout the course of his lecture he stressed the importance of a college education. He said that not all students could profit by a college education but all who could profit by this specialized training should get it.

The point was made that this is a day of competition. The only way to get away from it is to take specialized training and carry it beyond the degree to which the majority of one's competitors have the willingness or ability to go.

Dr. Poling said that any student could work his own way through college if he had the determination.

**Will Leave for Salem**  
Dr. and Mrs. R. D. Blatchford have definitely decided to reside in Salem, leaving Athena May 15. Dr. Blatchford's father, who is a prominent Salem dentist, is in failing health and unable to conduct the affairs of his office, and this necessitates calling the son back to the home office. Dr. and Mrs. Blatchford will be missed from Athena's civic and social activities in which they entered prominently during their residence here. Mrs. Blatchford was a member of the Athena high school faculty and had been elected by the board for next year.

## Scenes and Persons in the Current News



1—Scene at the funeral of the late Speaker Nicholas Longworth at Cincinnati. 2—Where the remains rest in the Longworth burial plot in Spring Grove cemetery, Cincinnati. 3—Warren R. Austin, the new United States senator from Vermont.

## Another Athena-Adams Hot One Taken by Locals

Another red hot Athena-Adams high school baseball contest went to the locals Friday afternoon by the same score of the previous game, 3 to 2. In the seven inning battle each team scored only two hits. Wilson and Murray scored first base for Athena. Stafford Hansell, playing first base for Athena, made two of Athena's scores and Ralph Moore, right fielder made the other one.

Adams scored her two runs in the third after Weber had gotten by safely in the first and second. He allowed his second hit after the bases had been loaded through errors. LaCourse the only Adams player to hit, found Weber for his second two-bagger, scoring Wilson and Murray.

Athena scored two in her half of the third. Huffman relieved Weber after the third. Hansell scored the winning run in the fifth when his fly to center field got away from Zerba, and two more errors boosted him along the path. The score: Athena ..... 0 0 2 0 1 0 x—3 Adams ..... 0 0 2 0 0 0 —2 Batteries—Weber, Huffman and Moore; LaCourse and B. Hodgen.

**Road in Bad Shape**  
Arthur Rigby, proprietor of Bingham Springs was in town yesterday, coming down for supplies. He reports that the road to the Springs is still in bad condition. In some places temporary fills have been made, and it is possible to reach the resort by careful driving. Sixteen men are now employed in making permanent repairs to the road, but it will be some time before it is in safe traveling condition. Mr. Rigby estimates that the flood damaged the Springs property \$5000.

**Teachers Salary Cut**  
Walla Walla city and county teachers who have been battling against lower wage scales, heard O. C. Pratt, superintendent of schools at Spokane, warn them that they must adjust themselves to conditions prevailing during the period of depression but at the same time warned taxpayers that they can go too far in their efforts to slash budgets. He declared that a shift in taxation is an imperative need so that real estate can be relieved of its excess load.

**Seek Aid for Milton**  
After inspecting the area flooded by the high waters of the Walla Walla river early this month U. S. Senator Frederick Steiwer told a committee of Milton-Freewater business men, studying the flood control problem, that he would seek to have the federal government assist in finding a solution to the flood situation.

**Steiwer and Fee Honored**  
Approximately 200 friends of Senator Steiwer and Judge Alger Fee met at the invitation of the Pendleton Chamber of Commerce to honor them at a banquet in Pendleton, Saturday evening. From Athena, M. L. Watts, B. B. Richards, F. S. LeGrow, E. H. Leonard, M. W. Hansell and E. C. Rogers were in attendance.

**Will Grow Corn**  
R. V. and Holt Stockton of Sheridan who have completed plans for growing, picking, drying and shelling 80 acres of corn this year will be the first growers of corn from grain on a large commercial scale in Oregon. They believe that corn will pay better than wheat in western Oregon.

## National Music Week Will be Observed Here; Community Program

National music week will be observed in Athena by the presentation of a community program at the high school auditorium at 8 o'clock Friday evening, May 8.

A "get-together" movement is being stressed in the plans, and community singing as well as group work and solos will be a feature.

The object of national music week is to draw attention of the general public to the influence of music, the enjoyment of it and the importance of early impressing its value on the minds of growing children. Calvin Coolidge has said, "Music is the art especially representative of democracy, of the hope of the world. Of all the fine arts there is none that makes such a universal and compelling appeal as music."

The fact that the advantages of music study are enormous from an educational standpoint is widely recognized and the realization is growing that we "need music because it helps us in its inimitable way to a successful life."

Mothers of the community will be especially honored in accordance with approaching Mother's Day, and many of the numbers on the program will be appropriate to the occasion. Everyone is invited to this entertainment and no charge will be made. The program follows: Song—"America," Audience. Paper—"Greeting to Mothers," and "What is National Music Week?" Mrs. Lewis Stewart. Chorus—"Night Breezes," "Mistress Margarita," "The Big Brown Bear," Etude Club. Rhythm Band—"Shoemakers Dance," "Norwegian Mountain Dance," "Pop Goes the Weasel," 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th grades. Song—"In a Land of Dreaming," "The Voyagers," 5th and 6th grades. Old Time Music—Mr. Alf Johnson. Songs—"Solitude," "Star Daisies," "The Cooper," 7th and 8th grades. Vocal Solo—Selected, Mrs. Ralph McEwen. Chorus—"Grandfathers Clock," High School Glee Club. Vocal Duet—"Sing, Sing, Bird on the Wing," Mrs. Floyd Pinkerton and Mrs. C. E. O. Montague. Piano Solo—"Kamenoi Ostrow," Betty Jane Eager. Selection—"High School Band. Vocal Solo—Selected, C. M. Eager. Trombone Solo—Selected, Dan Tilley. Vocal Duet—Mrs. E. F. Bloom, Mrs. Ralph McEwen. Chorus—"I Know a Lovely Garden," "Lullaby Moon," "The Piper of Love," Etude Club.

## Oregon Day Observance By Athena School Today

"Oregon Day" will be observed by the Athena schools by the presentation of an interesting and appropriate program at the high school auditorium this afternoon at two o'clock. Oregon history, Indian legends and the singing of Oregon songs will be features of the entertainment. An invitation is extended to all to attend. The program follows: Oregon acoustic, 1st and 2nd grades. Oral narrative of the state bird, 3rd and 4th grades. Indian play, "The White Canoe," 5th and 6th grades. Poem, "The Oregon Sun Knows Where to Set." Story, "The Covered Wagon," 7th and 8th grades.

**Indians at Celilo**  
Numbers of Indians are taking advantage of the good fishing at Celilo Falls and take quantities of the finny tribe with dip nets. Several auto loads of fish have been disposed of in this vicinity.

## Vacant Lot Made Into Playground for Children

A children's playground is being made on the lot in front of the Press office on Third street. Councilman J. W. Pinkerton is bossing the work, which includes removal of trees and leveling the grounds.

The work is being done through popular subscription and some donation of labor. Leon Miller's truck and a small road grader were used in leveling the ground for a small baseball diamond.

A small court where the kids can play marbles without intruding on home yards will be smoothly surfaced. A big swing, trapeze and a teeter board will be added as equipment to the playground, so that the smaller kiddies may find amusement as well as the older ones.

Councilman Rogers will command a bunch of the older boys tomorrow in scalping the grass off the baseball diamond. The lot on which the playground is located is owned by the city.

**He Will Recover**  
A self-inflicted knife wound under the heart and a plunge into the Rogue river were survived by Arthur Hobson, 18, Grants Pass, who was sent to a hospital. He walked to the center of the Rogue river bridge, stabbed himself under the heart with a pocket knife, investigators said, wiped off the blade, replaced the knife in his pocket, and plunging into the water 50 feet below he recovered sufficiently to swim ashore. Later he showed up at a service station where the attendant reported his condition. Physicians say he will recover.

**Indians Play Here Sunday**  
The Mission Indians, winners of the game last Sunday from Athena by the score of 6 to 3, are coming to town Sunday afternoon thirsting for more baseball honors. The game will be called at 2 p. m., and Athena is all pepped up to get in the winning column of the Umatilla County Baseball League schedule. Athena has dropped a game to Helix and one to the Indians, and as a result are in the cellar, with Helix leading the league.

**Will Grow Strawberries**  
The Weston Leader says W. W. Penry is improving five acres of strawberry ground leased from Will Van Winkle at the Van Winkle place on Reed and Hawley mountain. Two acres are in old berry plants which will bear again this year. Three acres of new plants of different standard varieties will be set out by Mr. Penry and family.

**Helix Here Today**  
Helix high school baseball team comes to town this afternoon to play the second game of the season with Athena high. The visitors won from Athena in the first game, played at Helix, A week from today, Weston will play Athena on the local grounds.

**One Shot; One Jailed**  
John Boggan is in jail and Leonard Naught is in the hospital at Walla Walla, as the result of a shooting affray at Boggan's home. Officers found Naught with a 44-caliber bullet in the thigh. The officers say the pair had been drinking.

## Proclamation Issued for Child Welfare Week

Conforming to the joint resolution of congress which proclaims May Day as child health day, Governor Meier has issued the following proclamation:

To the People of Oregon:  
The annual, nation wide observance of May first as Child Health Day and the week thereafter as Child Health Week, shows a growing appreciation of the importance of sound physical endowment and proper opportunities for nurture and development.

Good health is not merely a matter of individual concern; it is a matter of public importance. It requires community of purpose and united effort.

This year the White House Conference on Child Health and Protection has added an incentive and a program for the conservation of the nation's human resources by renewing interest in childhood and youth. It has brought us to a fuller realization of the fact that the foundation for a better future generation must be laid during the impressive years of childhood.

I hope that the people of Oregon will cooperate in an observance of Child Health Day and Child Health Week which will bring the objectives of the White House Conference into Oregon and that we may, during this week, make an investment of interest in child health which will bring rich returns throughout the year and for the future.

Yours respectfully,  
JULIUS L. MEIER, Governor.

## Pendleton Will Have a New Airplane School

Called the Pendleton Airways, Inc., a new aviation school and air taxi service has been opened at Pendleton by Claude Rigdon, at one time connected with the Mirow Flying Service there. Rigdon is president and Bob Alexander, also formerly of Portland, is chief instructor. A number of students already are enrolled, according to reports.

Rigdon is using a new two-place Aeronca plane recently purchased through the Rasmussen Air Service in addition to a four-place Ryan biplane. Plans are to add a three-place plane to the equipment soon. Closed and open ships are being used on both local and long-distance taxi flights.

**Junior-Senior Banquet**  
An illuminated ship surrounded with yellow and orchid tulips made an effective and appropriate decoration for the table at the banquet given by the Junior class in honor of the Seniors last Saturday night. Jensen's tea room in Walla Walla was the scene of the affair and covers were placed for thirty-four. Miss Mildred Hansell acted as toastmistress and those responding were as follows: "Out of the harbor into the sea," Jack Moore; "The Ships Cargo," E. F. Bloom; vocal duet, "Sweetheart of my student days," Betty Eager and Marjorie Douglas; "Goodbye, Alma Mater," Arthur Crowley.

**Reeder Farm Home Burns**  
The farm house at the Otha Reeder ranch west of Athena burned to the ground late Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. Rose, house keeper, and her son were at home at the time and hearing a roaring noise thought it was a car passing. But as it continued, they investigated and found a bed room in flames. A few articles were saved but the house was a complete loss. There was some insurance but not enough to cover the loss.

**Athena Study Club**  
Mrs. M. M. Johns entertained the members of the Athena Study club at her home on Adams street, Friday afternoon. Mrs. M. W. Hansell gave an interesting review of Mayo's book, "Tales of Fear." Mrs. Stella Keer gave a talk descriptive of Korean peninsula life. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. F. B. Boyd, May 8. This meeting will close the year's work.

**Frost Damaged Fruit**  
Reports from Hermiston are to the effect that much of the fruit in that district has been killed, including apples and cherries. With the season more than half over, but little asparagus has been cut compared to other years.

**Fair Buildings Damaged**  
Three buildings, including the one which housed the cattle at the annual show of the Umatilla project fair at Hermiston, were blown down during the wind storm of last week. Trees were uprooted some work was lost on new land that was being leveled.

## TOM KAY STRICKEN AT BOARD SESSION

**State Treasurer Collapses as Meeting Ends, Death Follows.**

Salem.—State Treasurer Thomas B. Kay, suffered what was believed to be a paralytic stroke during the meeting of the state board of control here Tuesday.

Kay and Governor Meier had been arguing, and the state treasurer was on his feet, gesticulating, when he suddenly slumped to the floor.

Dr. C. J. Robertson, Salem, said that he treated Kay for a similar ailment about two years ago, and that Kay's condition was "serious."

Kay was removed to his home in an ambulance and died during the night. The board of control had been considering the resignation of Henry W. Meyers, superintendent of the Oregon state prison, and had just reached an agreement to make the resignation effective as of May 10 instead of June 1 as proposed by Meyers.

The meeting was held in Governor Julius L. Meier's office and Kay rose and started toward the governor's desk but collapsed. He was taken to his home and medical aid summoned, but he failed to rally.

Kay had long been identified with the republican party in Oregon. In 1902 he was elected to the Oregon house of representatives and served in the house from 1903 to 1905. He was chairman of the ways and means committee.

In 1907 he was elected to the state senate and served there for two years. He was first elected state treasurer in 1910 and in 1914 he was re-elected and continued to serve until January 6, 1919.

Kay again was elected to the lower house of the legislature in 1920. In 1924 he sought again the office of state treasurer and was elected by a large majority. He was re-elected in 1928.

Kay was born in Trenton, N. J., February 1864. The family moved to Oregon that summer. Kay is survived by his widow, a daughter and one son.

Appointment of an interim successor is in the hands of Governor Meier.

**Camp Fire Indian Program**  
Ohayata group of Campfire girls met Wednesday afternoon at the home of Virginia Eager. During the business session it was decided to give a tea next Wednesday afternoon at the McEwen home, in honor of mothers of the members. Plans were made and committees appointed. An interesting Indian program was given as follows: Solo—"Mammy Moon," Virginia Eager; reading—"An Indian Festival," Wilma McIntyre; piano solo—"By the Waters of the Minnionka," Arleen Foster; reading—"Forest Lore," Jewell Pinkerton; piano trio—Joyce Pinkerton, Wilma McIntyre and Virginia Eager; Indian legends—Mrs. McEwen. Games and refreshments followed the program.

**Lift in Wheat Prices**  
Increasing likelihood of material curtailment of 1931 wheat acreage in Canada did much Wednesday to bring about price upturns in Chicago wheat. Dearth of moisture indicated that unless the Canadian situation quickly changed a general acreage reduction would be unavoidable. New export business in North American wheat was estimated at more than 80,000 bushels, including some durum wheat from the United States.

**Mrs. Johns Injured**  
Mrs. M. M. Johns is slowly recovering from a serious fall down the steps of the Christian church Sunday morning. Missing a step at the top, Mrs. Johns fell the full flight of steps striking her head and suffering a scalp wound. She was otherwise badly bruised and shaken but no bones were broken.

**Vandals Smash Planes**  
A dastardly act of vandalism is reported from Pendleton which involves the attempted destruction of planes at the Pendleton air port. Two planes of the Pendleton Airways, Inc., were badly smashed and a small glider was almost totally destroyed. Numerous holes were cut in the wing fabric of a large plane.

**Yellow Pine Wood**  
Stafford Hansell will operate a truck in hauling yellow pine wood from the O'Shea timber near Meacham, when school closes. The wood is now being cut while the sap is up, which insures highest quality.

**Apple Shipments Lead**  
Oregon's apple shipments continue to rank first in volume, in the carlot fruit and vegetable industry of the state. Pears are a close second.