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## BOOK ECONOMY IS WANTED IN SCHOOL

### Superintendent Bloom Proposes System of Rentals and Exchange.

E. F. Bloom, superintendent of Athena schools is in receipt of a letter from C. A. Howard, state superintendent of public instruction, advising that the 1931 legislative act providing for district ownership of text books applies only to elementary schools, and that high school students will continue to purchase their own books.

Mr. Howard is urging the organization of book exchanges and the introduction of a rental system as a means of reducing the high school textbook expense.

"Many of your students will find it difficult to obtain the necessary textbooks when school opens this fall," Howard said in a letter to high school principals. "Any plan you can work out for lightening the burden in this connection will be appreciated by the parents and by your students. I suggest the setting up of book exchanges in your schools, through which students may buy and sell used textbooks."

"I am confident that textbook expense for high school students can be reduced materially by a rental plan, and I earnestly suggest that the organization of such a system be inaugurated at the earliest opportune time. In the beginning such a system could not cover all the books in use in the high schools. If it were to include only one book for each grade, such as mathematics, civics and American history, it would save a considerable amount of money to the parents of your high school students. I am sure that the high school principals of Oregon can be depended upon to carefully study every feature of the administration of the schools under their charge, looking not only to the elimination of every item of unnecessary expenditure of public funds, but to possible reductions in student expenditures as well."

"At the suggestion of Mr. Howard," says Mr. Bloom, "we are urging that the parents permit the children to donate their old texts to the district. This is being done elsewhere. It was hoped that the district would be able to buy second hand books from students, but this is impossible because of limited funds."

"By donating second hand books to the school you may save the district considerable financial embarrassment and also aid in reducing taxes. The text budget is not sufficient to buy all the books needed."

"Only in cases where there are new adoptions will texts be purchased before school begins. Others will be ordered after the students are enrolled. This plan is being followed in order that rigid economy may be practiced in the purchase of new books."

### Vaughan-Berlin

Miss Esther Berlin of Athena and Alton F. Vaughan of Milton were married at 9 o'clock last Saturday morning at the Christian church in Pendleton. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Guy L. Drill and the couple was attended by Mr. and Mrs. James McCall, cousins of the bride. The bride who was attractively gowned in tan crepe with brown hat and fur, is the daughter of Mrs. Theresa Berlin of Athena and is popular with a wide circle of friends here. She is a talented musician and has been active in the several school organizations of which she was a member. Mr. Vaughan who has lived at Milton most of his life is the son of Mrs. Mary Vaughan of that place and is an employee of the Union Pacific Company. The young couple will make their home in Milton. Sunday Mrs. Berlin entertained at a bridal dinner, guests being the members of her family and Mrs. Vaughan, mother of the groom.

### Water Protest Presented

A delegation of Umatilla county citizens went to Walla Walla Monday to confer with Walla Walla business men and protest against the recent action started by the state of Washington against Oregon to adjudicate the waters of Walla Walla river, which flows through parts of the two states. The Umatilla county people fear it will cripple a number of tract and orchard owners who depend on the Walla Walla river water for irrigation.

### Says It's Hot

John Pinkerton who left recently for Indianapolis where he is employed by the Van Camp company writes that he is nicely settled. His duties consist of both office and field work. He speaks of the heat as being intense and already longs for a cool Oregon breeze.

## Pilot Uses Head When His Plane Strikes a Wire

Bert Coulson, Walla Walla pilot, certainly "used his head" when his plane struck a high voltage wire on the Pacific Power & Light company's high line in the north part of town, Friday forenoon.

Coulson, with Miss Lela Schubert of Athena and Dick Robinson, of Walla Walla, as passengers, took off from the Schubert field. The plane had gained but slight elevation when it was caught in an air pocket and forced downward. The ship was headed south and when it struck, the wire snapped allowing the plane to proceed with a badly damaged wing.

The pilot managed to keep the plane on a comparatively even keel, in the meantime coolly selecting a suitable place for a forced landing. Gliding along but a few feet above ground, he finally set the plane down safely in the Reed field south of town, himself and two passengers none the worse for their exciting voyage.

For Miss Schubert, it was her initial flight in a plane, and she says she really did not know the plane had struck the electric wire until she landed in the Reed field. Electric power was automatically shut off because of the accident until linemen came to make repairs.

At first it was reported that Chester Dugger was piloting the plane, it being known here that he was engaged in constructing a ship at his home near Goldendale, Washington. Pilot Coulson is a printer, employed in the office of the Walla Walla Union.

## Reception Tendered Mr. and Mrs. Sias at Church

To honor Rev. and Mrs. Sias, a group of Christian church members and friends assembled at the church parlors Tuesday evening. Clusters of brilliant fall flowers were used as decorations and the following informal program was given: Piano solo, Mrs. Glenn Steen of Milton; vocal solo, "Bells of the Sea," C. M. Eager; musical readings, "Spring Gardening" and "Family Traits," Mrs. Ralph McEwen; vocal solo, "Moving Day," Mrs. Guy L. Drill of Pendleton; vocal solo, "Just a Wearin' for You," Kohler Betts; reading, Mrs. Glenn Steen; vocal solo, Mrs. Francis Arant of Milton; vocal trio, "Loves' Old Sweet Song," Mrs. Floyd Pinkerton, Mrs. Lloyd Michener and Mrs. C. E. O. Montague.

Rev. Arant of Milton and Rev. Drill of Pendleton made appropriate remarks and Mrs. Louis Keen on behalf of friends expressed their appreciation of the friendship and services of Rev. and Mrs. Sias during their stay here, assuring them of regret at their departure, extending best wishes and presenting a gift. Rev. Sias responded in his usual jovial style and was surprised at the conclusion of his remarks to be presented with a beautiful birthday cake glowing with candles. A social hour followed when punch and delicious cakes were served from a prettily appointed table presided over by Mrs. Lloyd Michener, Mrs. Laurence Pinkerton, Mrs. C. M. Eager and Mrs. Flint Johns.

Rev. and Mrs. Sias left early Wednesday morning by motor for Turner, where they will have charge of the Christian church Boys' Home, located there.

### Interesting Meeting

An interesting meeting of the Christian Missionary society was held Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. D. A. Pinkerton. Mrs. Louis Keen was leader, and a number of ladies were on the program including Miss Crawford, Mrs. Eager and daughter Virginia, Mrs. Floyd Pinkerton and daughter Joyce, Mrs. McPherson and Mrs. McKay. Twenty ladies were served tea by Mrs. Pinkerton, assisted by Mrs. Johns, Mrs. Scott and Miss Bonnie Johnson. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Charlton with Mrs. McPherson leader. Mrs. John Stanton and Mildred Stanton were guests.

### Return From Valley

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Scott have returned from a fortnight's visit at Portland and Willamette valley points. While away they visited Miss Pauline Scott who is employed as secretary in the office of the State accident commission at Salem. Margaret Luck, also a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Scott is employed with the Farmers' National Grain Corporation at Pendleton.

### Here From Ashland

Charles May was in Athena Wednesday from Ashland. Charley reports the Southern Oregon town as being a pleasant place in which to live, but says the depression there is as pronounced almost as much as it is here. He also reports that Mr. and Mrs. William Rice, former residents of Athena, are employed in a canning factory at Ashland.

### Clinton Hodgen Ill

Clinton Hodgen, well known in Athena, has been seriously ill at his home in La Grande, but reports now as that he is improving. He has been ill for two weeks and his mother, Mrs. Fred Hodgen of Adams, was called to his bedside.

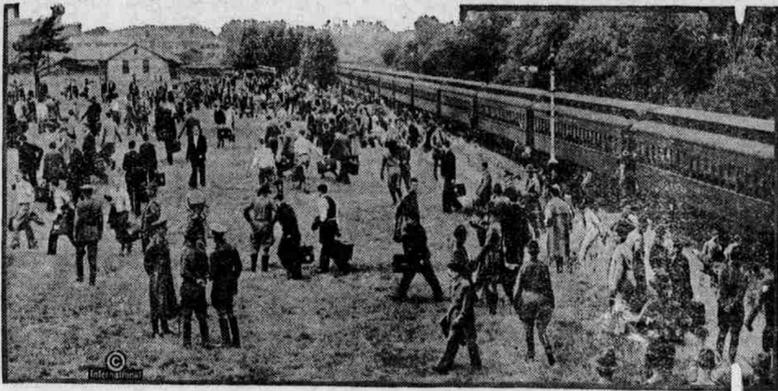
### Farmer Gored to Death

Ludwig Schulbach, 71, Lewis and Clark district farmer near Astoria, was gored to death in his garden by a large bull. Mrs. Schulbach found her husband's body.

### Bandits Rob Bank

Two unmasked robbers escaped with \$1500 from the First National bank of Aurora Tuesday after overpowering the cashier, Kathryn Joehne. They entered the bank five minutes before closing time.

## Rookies Arriving at the Plattsburg Camp



The famous training camp at Plattsburg, N. Y., is open again and throngs of young civilians are receiving the rudiments of military education. Above is seen a special train unloading rookies from New York city.

## Pilot Gives Warning To Forest Service Guard

Portland.—An example of how air planes aid in the detection of forest fires was reported to Varney Air lines, operators of the mail and passenger service from Portland to Salt Lake City, Spokane and Seattle, by J. F. Irwin, forest supervisor of the Umatilla national forest.

While crossing the Blue mountains, Roy Warner, pilot, discovered a small fire. He circled it until he attracted the attention of a forest service guard who was traveling by automobile in that vicinity.

Realizing that the maneuvering of Warner's plane indicated a fire the guard was able to take action an hour sooner than would have been possible through the regular forest service lookout, according to Supervisor Irwin.

Warner flew on to Pasco and telephoned the forest service to double-check the location of the fire.

"As a consequence, the fire was held to a small acreage at small cost and effort," Supervisor Irwin said. "Such action on the part of your fliers is very highly appreciated by the forest protective organizations."

## Drunken Motorists Are Feeling the State Drive

Salem.—The drive by state police to rid Oregon highways of the drunken motorists set a new high monthly figure in August. Twenty-two arrests were made by the state constabulary, which resulted in 21 convictions. The sentences ranged from \$250 fines and 90 days in jail to \$1000 and one year's suspension of licenses.

Fifteen arrests for drunken driving in July was the previous high mark. In June, there were eight arrests, and in May, five.

Police believe that further statewide reports in the next few days will boost the drunken driving totals for August to 30.

### Committeemen Named

Members of the Umatilla county unemployment committee consisting of Judge I. M. Schanep, L. L. Rogers and Charles Bond, appointed recently by Governor Meier, have named a chairman for each of the towns of the county outside of Pendleton. E. C. Rogers has been named to represent Athena on the committee, Bert Kirby at Adams and C. W. Avery at Weston.

### Fire Destroys Planes

The East Oregonian reports that fire completely destroyed two airplanes at the airport there Monday afternoon when gasoline used in cleaning the ships ignited. The two planes were owned by C. W. Rigdon, who as the Pendleton Airways, Inc., has been operating the larger plane, a four-passenger Ryan cabin ship, on a passenger run between Pendleton and Portland. The smaller ship, an Aronca, was used for training purposes in Rigdon's flying school.

### Thorn Hollow Guests

Visitors Round-Up week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Brace at Thorn Hollow were: Mr. and Mrs. Bill Mahaffey and sons Laurel and Elmer, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Lane and daughters Velma and Opal, Mrs. L. O. Kelly and Mrs. Martha Mahaffey all from Silver Lake, Oregon. Mrs. Martha Mahaffey remained there for another week's visit before going to Gibbon where she will spend the winter at the home of her daughter Mrs. J. F. Thompson.

### Stock in Fair Shape

Herman Geissel, accompanied by Floyd Arbogast, came up from Ritter, Grant county, Friday, and visited at the Geissel home. They attended the Round-Up Saturday, returning to the stock ranch Sunday. Despite the dry condition of the range stock is looking fairly well in Grant county.

### School Opens Tuesday

Owing to Labor Day falling on next Monday, and due to the fact that a number of pupils are out of town, opening day of the Athena schools has been deferred to Tuesday. The only activity occurring at the school house Monday will be a meeting of the teachers.

### School Fails to Open

For several hours Monday four teachers waited for the Orchardville district, near Yakima, school to open. They went home when the district clerk informed them the treasury contained only \$150. The district had an enrollment of 113 pupils last year. Patrons are trying to agree on what to do.

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## Steiner Predicts Heavy Tax on the Rich; An Upward Revision Seen

Portland.—An increase in the federal inheritance tax, and a stepping up of the income tax in the upper brackets was pictured by Frederick Steiner, junior United States senator from Oregon, as the only means available for the national government to meet its obligation to its distressed citizens in the present emergency without imposing additional hardships on the average man, in an address before the Portland Kiwanis club at the Mullnomah hotel.

Concentration of great wealth in the face of extreme need is a threat to our government institutions, the senator told his listeners. In the time of stress the able and strong must bear the burden, he said, in order to prevent further and greater disaster through the turning of our population to dangerous doctrines of communism.

Quoting from an article written at the national capital by John W. Kelley, head of The Oregonian Washington bureau, that at least \$300,000,000 would be required to meet the needs of the unemployed this winter, Senator Steiner said that there was no way that this could be raised by private charity. An increase in the rates of inheritance and income taxes in the upper brackets is the only apparent solution, he said, if our people are not to suffer great privation.

## Studnick Is Willing to Ride Midnight Again

A Salem, Oregon, dispatch to the Pendleton East Oregonian says: Frank E. Studnick, judged the world's champion bucking horse rider of the world at the Pendleton Round-Up, said here that efforts of Ed McCarty and Vern Elliott of Chugwater, Wyo., to turn down his title ride appeared to be caused by a desire to maintain the reputation of their horse, Midnight.

Studnick has been riding outlaws before the public 11 years, and beyond that is a long training period that began on the farm when he was a boy of 13 breaking colts. He said he rode Midnight at least 10 seconds at Pendleton and he believes the men who judged the ride are competent.

"But if the owners are not convinced let them bring Midnight to the Oregon State Fair and I will ride him a third time," Studnick said. "I not only rode him at Pendleton but I rode him several years ago at Winnieburg when he was labeled the champion bucking horse of Canada."

Studnick was rated number seven from the thousands of bucking horse riders in rodeos of the American Rodeo association last year. There are 50 rodeos in the association, and Studnick got his rating after appearing at but nine shows.

## Finishing the Survey of Upper Snake River

Lewiston.—A federal engineering party has completed a survey of 26 miles of the upper reaches of navigation on the Snake river. The party is now leisurely drifting down the river between here and The Dalles, tying up scows at night and sounding all rapids between Lewiston and the mouth of the Snake river near Pasco.

### Easy Ones for Jack

A crowd of about 12,000 at Spokane, saw Dempsey, armed with pillow-like gloves, shove Elgin Taylor, Spokane negro to the canvas in 35 seconds to open the exhibition. Dee Richmond, Chewelah, Wash., lasted 33 seconds; Big Bill Nearing, Mullin, Ida., two minutes 22 seconds; Tony Talerico, Walla Walla Wash., one minute, 48 seconds. Cyclone Thompson, Wenatchee, Wash., stayed two rounds.

### Went to Fossil

Miss Glea Sias left Sunday evening for Fossil, Ore., where she will spend the winter, tutoring the children in the family of her sister, Mrs. Salome Huntington. News was received just prior to her departure of the serious illness of Mr. Huntington, in a hospital at The Dalles.

### County Reduces Budgets

Walla Walla county commissioners have made a reduction of \$12,333.50 in three budgets in completing their preliminary estimates for 1932 in accordance with state law. The health office suffered the biggest cuts, with the positions of county nurse, sanitary inspector and dairy inspector eliminated.

### Driver Fatally Injured

Crushed under a log which rolled from the top of his truck, Marion Christman, 22, driver for the Oregon Trail Lumber company, was fatally injured Tuesday on Catherine creek, near Union.

## Four New Members Appear on School Faculty

There will be four new members on the Athena school faculty when school opens next Tuesday, instead of Monday, as previously announced. A teachers' meeting will be held Monday.

In the grades, Miss Hazel Williamson of Pendleton has charge of the fifth and sixth. Miss Williamson is a graduate of the Eastern Oregon Normal school and has had special training in music.

Miss Olive Calef of Independence, Oregon, will handle the third and fourth grades. Miss Calef is a graduate of Monmouth Normal school and University of Oregon. She majored in art in both institutions. She has taught in the intermediate department in one of the Salem schools.

Mrs. Gladys Milligan of Athena will teach in the first and second grades. Mrs. Milligan is a graduate of the Normal school at Cheney, Washington. She has taught four years, the last three of which were in Waitsburg, Washington.

The only new member on the high school force will be Mrs. Stewart of Pendleton, who will have the part time science position vacated by Mrs. Blatchford. Mrs. Stewart has taught in the science departments of both the Gresham and Pendleton high schools. She has a B. S. degree from Linfield College and has done graduate work at Columbia University in New York City.

Miss Mary Cameron who will again teach English in the high school, was obliged to undergo an operation some three weeks ago. She will be unable to resume her duties when school begins next week. She feels confident, however, that she will be back to work not later than September 12.

## Prestbye Stock Ranch In Path of Forest Fire

Word has been received from Mrs. Grant Prestbye that upon her return, last week, to her home near Kalispel, Montana, she found their cattle range of 500 acres, entirely burned over.

The fire, which was assuredly incendiary, was started about four miles from the home buildings and only due to efforts on the part of fire fighters and an abundance of water on the place were the house and barn saved. Contents of the home were badly blackened by the dense smoke and are nearly ruined by a tar like residue caused apparently by the burning pitch of the trees following the fire. Many household articles were stolen, especially kitchen utensils.

So far it has been impossible to locate the range due to fallen trees and burning fragments, so the extent of the loss of stock is unknown. However, a few of the unfortunate animals have come in with badly burned feet.

The ranch, which is located about 15 miles from Kalispel was a valuable piece of property with fine meadows in addition to the splendid range through the forest. The entire county around is devastated and is still burning.

### Bean Ground Produces

Weston Leader: McBride Bros. threshed better than 50 bushels of Federation wheat to the acre from 250 acres of "bean ground" at their place on Eagle creek south of Weston. They also harvested 120 acres of wheat for Judge Schanep which made the same yield. The latter was the same kind of ground, with no fence between, but the wheat had been sown on summer fallow. The result shows that it made no difference in the wheat crop whether or not the ground had been used for bean culture.

### Governor Meier Ill

Governor Julius L. Meier, who left Salem for Portland last week suffering from an attack of indigestion, has been confined to his bed at his home there. His physician has ordered him to rest for at least a week. The illness has resulted in the governor cancelling his trip over the state this week, as well as keeping office hours in Salem. The governor had planned to tour over most of the state, to visit state institutions and most cities.

### Gives \$45,000 to Church

Announcement that a sum of \$45,000 as a gift to the Pendleton Presbyterian church had been set aside for that purpose by John Vert, pioneer Pendleton resident, was made at a dinner in his honor at the church Monday night. The sum will be used in the erection of a new church.

### Twenty Mongolian and 30 China Pheasants

Raised by Vic Bracher of Pilot Rock have been expressed to Anchorage, Alaska, for liberation by a sportsman's organization. Bracher sent a large consignment of birds to the Hawaiian Islands a year ago.

## IRRIGATION HELD BIG BASIN WORRY

### Report Says Navigation on Upper Reaches of River Is Unimportant.

Washington.—Important sidelights on the army engineers' Columbia Basin report were seen in an article by Major John S. Butler of the engineer corps, in the September issue of Civil Engineering magazine.

Butler, as district engineer at Seattle had charge of the survey and drew the report now in the hands of the reclamation bureau for review but which will not be published until congress meets in December. His article, under the title of "The Columbia River—For Irrigation and Power" does not discuss the conclusions of the report but shows many of Butler's beliefs in regard to the Columbia's potential development.

He presented six conclusions as "apparent to all familiar with the subject."

That navigation on the river is important only on the tidal section; that navigation improvements upstream would be justified only in connection with power developments; that the latter is dependent on suitable dam site; that flood control is not a problem except on the lower section of the river; that there is an enormous area of irrigable land in the basin and finally that irrigation is the question of paramount importance in considering the basin's development.

"As irrigation is recognized as a more beneficial use of water than power generation," said Butler, "it seems evident that the proper approach of irrigating the 1,500,000 acres in the Columbia Basin irrigation project and then make the plans for power development and improvement for navigation conform to this method as far as practicable."

### Kayser-Wilson

At a simple ceremony at the Methodist church parsonage in Pendleton at 11 o'clock last Friday morning, Miss Marjorie Wilson was married to Wilbur H. Kayser. The ceremony was read by Rev. Wemett and the attendants were Mrs. Charles Wilson and Harold Kirk. The bride was most attractive in a brown ensemble with beige bodice embellished in embroidery in autumn tints. Her hat was a becoming brown Empress Eugenie model and other accessories were in the same shades. Mrs. Kayser is an attractive and popular girl and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Wilson of Athena. She was graduated with the class of 1929 of the local high school and since that time has been at home with her parents here. The groom is a graduate in agriculture from the University of Idaho and also took post graduate work in Iowa. He is a member of Theta Kappa Epsilon. Mr. Kayser is employed at the local plant of the Washington-Idaho Seed company and the young couple will make their home in Athena.

### Margaret Proebstel Passes

Miss Margaret Proebstel, who spent last winter with her sister, Mrs. Lillian Fredericks at Weston, died in San Francisco as the result of cerebral hemorrhage. The remains were brought to Weston for interment by a brother, Charles Proebstel of Santa Fe, New Mexico. Funeral services were held in Weston Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Miss Proebstel, a professional nurse, formerly resided in Honolulu. She was the daughter of the late Senator G. W. Proebstel, Weston pioneer hardware merchant. She is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Lillian Fredericks of Weston; and Mrs. Levi Hughes of Santa Fe; and two brothers, Charles S. Proebstel of Santa Fe, and Albert Proebstel of San Diego.

### Compliments Sister

Complimenting her sister, Mrs. Henry Gissel, who departs today for her home in Brooklyn, New York, Mrs. Charles Betts entertained a small group of friends informally Wednesday afternoon. Those present were Mrs. Henry Koepke, Jr., Mrs. Gordon Watkins, Mrs. Ralph McEwen, Mrs. Kohler Betts, the honoree and hostess.

### No License; Goes to Jail

Upon failure of Norvell Ferguson of Weston, to pay a \$10 fine assessed against him for driving without a 1931 license, Judge B. B. Richards committed him to the county jail. Ferguson was arrested by Lawrence Pittinger, state police officer.