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## County Official Paper

No Sympathy

A broken auto, or an auto stuck in the mud on a country road, excites less human sympathy from passers-by than almost any other misfortune that could happen to a person. Why this is so, is not apparent, but true, nevertheless. An instance of this kind came under the observation of the writer a few days ago while riding in a loaded passenger car on one of the electric lines leading out from Portland. Some persons with their auto had progressed over the muddy roads for several miles when a mud-hole of more than ordinary depth was encountered, and the auto failed to get through; a near by farmer team of horses were pressed into service and were just hitching to the machine as the loaded passenger car came by laughter, jokes and jeers met the troubled driver of the auto by nearly every person in the car. If that misfortune had happened to a farmer driving a team of horses to a farm wagon, instead of jeers and jokes there would have been expressions of sympathy and willingness to aid him in getting out. With an auto it is different; there is a different feeling toward him. This is a trait of human nature that can hardly be explained.

Gipsy Smith

There is only one Gipsy Smith, Evangelist and Exhorter. There can be no question of the great amount of good he does in a community where he holds his meetings. His converts run into the hundreds and thousands, some of them holding their religion long enough for the excitement and emotion to die down after the Gipsy's departure, others truly and permanently converted to his religious beliefs. The Salvation Army is found in every city and town in the civilized world, doing good among a different class of people from the Gipsy converts. Yet because the Salvation Army has adopted a uniform dress and wear it on all occasions they are ridiculed and rebuffed by the Great and Only Gipsy. Perhaps if the great evangelist would permit other people to worship the same God that he does in the manner they see fit and attend to his own method of worship, the amount of good he could do would be greater far than at present.

Statements have often been made that the prices of land in Columbia County are too high; that so long as the unimproved lands of this county are held at the prices now asked the county will remain undeveloped. Yet a comparison of the prices asked for the logged off lands in this county with the same class of lands in other parts of the state shows that our prices are from 50 to 200 per cent lower than those. Of course there is no other part of the state that has the favorable location we have, yet the prices in less favored locations are much higher than ours. It is not the prices of our lands that is holding back our development, but what we need is a thorough awakening to the fact of our first class location and a campaign of adver-

The people of Portland are clamoring for an all-night car service and the Council have taken the matter up. It is quite probable that the service will be put on shortly. This reminds us that a train service out of Portland toward this country at some late hour would be a great convenience to our people. As it is now the last train out of Portland in the evening leaves the North Bank depot at 5:45; just a little too early for a person to transact his business and get his dinner in Portland and just a little too late for him to wait until about 7:15 for dinner at St. Helens. Then too there are a great many times that people in this vicinity would like to spend the evenings in Portland and come home on a late train, but under existing schedules this is impossible.

Every voter in the State will have the chance to vote for one delegate to the National Convention of his party to nominate candidates for President and Vice President under the new law. It does not seem hardly right for a voter to be limited to voting for only one delegate when there are some ten to be elected, and we fail to see any good reason for such a law. However it is just one more than the voter was ever permitted to vote for before and perhaps the law may be changed some day so that we can all vote for as many as there are to be elected.

### STATE NEWS

That the completion of the Panama Canal will mean millions of dollars annually to the fruit growers of the Pacific Northwest was the statement of J. N. Teal in an address to the State Horticultural Society at its annual meeting. He believes the fruit grower will profit more by the opening of the canal than the man engaged in any other industry, with the possible exception of the lumberman, although producers generally will be much benefited.

Mr. Teal told of the reduced freight rates to the markets of the world that will follow when the canal is opened, while at the same time better rates will lower the cost of almost everything the horticulturist uses. Markets for fruit will be widened greatly because of cheapening of transportation and Mr. Teal estimates a saving of approximately \$20,000,000 in freight charges to growers of the Northwest each year.

Oregon will have a creditable exhibit on board the Governors' Special train that leaves St. Paul Nov. 27 for a three weeks tour of the East. Various communities have contributed products and the exhibit has been sent forward. It is believed such a showing will have a good effect in attracting settlers to this state.

The first cargo of lumber to be used in the construction of the Panama-Pacific Exposition buildings went from an Astoria mill. The Pacific Northwest will probably supply many cargoes for this purpose during the pre-exposition period.

Legislation that will give the buyer of clothing the same protection as the pure food law gives the purchaser of provisions is to be sought as the result of the recent convention of Oregon wool growers. "Pure Wool" may be demanded and those making and selling goods of poorer quality must label their product, showing how much wool and how much shoddy the goods contain, if the proposed measure is made a law.

To get due recognition for the Columbia and Snake rivers in appropriations by the Government, the whole Northwest is interested in sending a strong delegation to the Rivers and Harbors Congress which will be held at Washington, D. C., December 6 to 8. Oregon, Washington and Idaho commercial bodies are naming delegates and it appears there will be a good representation.

Dr. Lowe's glasses are death to headaches.

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