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Calendar for August 1908 showing days of the week and dates.

Remember the mass meeting for Saturday night.

Put water onto fertile Grande Ronde and then sit back and "Watch Grande Ronde grow."

The country around Echo produces fine honey. One man brought in 500 pounds one day.

Think of it, we should be generous with our neighbors in their hours of torture. Nat Reiss, commencing on the 24th, will hold a street carnival in Butte for two weeks.

Union will be connected by telegraph wire with the rest of the world, and the old time methods of sending telegrams by telephone or freight to the main line will soon be a matter of the past.

More than double the amount of fruit has been cared for by The Dalles cannery this season than was handled by that institution last year. Not only is this true of cherries, but also of strawberries and peach plums.

The saloon men of Grant county finally lost out in their contention to keep Grant county in the wet list after the voters decided otherwise at the last election. Their main point of contention was that in one precinct no notices of election were posted and in one or two other precincts the notices were not put up within a few days of the prescribed time.

The council of Baker City has passed a resolution to limit the saloons to 25. The mining camp spirit prevails possibly to a greater extent in Baker City than in any other town in the state. It was among the last to discard the wide-open policy. If the council would limit the number of saloons to five the temperament of the people might put off prohibition for several years, but we mistake the trend of the times if the people of Baker county will permit 25 saloons to exist many years. The American saloon must go. Is going at the rate of scores every day.

INTERESTING TO KNOW. The examination of children under 16 years of age who desire to work under the provisions of the new child labor law of the District of Columbia, seems to show that city girls are healthier than city boys. Since June 30, 1700 children have been examined and the inspectors have had to reject 75 boys for physical disability, and only two girls. Though the number of applicants for permits includes more boys than girls, the percentage of rejections in the case of the boys has occasioned surprise. They are for the most part found to be suffering from heart and lung troubles. It would be interesting to know how many of them are cigarette smokers or have other pernicious habits.—New York Christian Advocate.

With much satisfaction this city will entertain the eastern division of the Oregon Educational association this year, says the Herald. While the session proper will not be held until November, the executive committee holds a meeting in this city on August 29th, for the purpose of making arrangements, outlining a program and choosing men of national repute who will address the teachers when they meet in the fall. The executive committee is composed of State Superintendent J. H. Ackerman, J. S. Landers, superintendent of Pendleton schools; E. B. Conklin, superintendent of Ontario schools; J. A. Churchill, superintendent of Baker schools; E. E. Bragg, county superintendent of Union county, and J. F. Smith, county superintendent of Baker county, who is president of the association.

BUSY OFFICE. Entire Force in Assessor's Office is Working on Tax Rolls.

The busy season in the assessor's office is now on. All of the deputy field workers have completed their labors and filed their reports and now the office force is hard at work preparing the 1908 tax roll. This work is supposed to be completed by the third Monday in October and Assessor Hug expects to have it so completed. However, in case he does not, he has scores of precedents in asking for a few weeks extension of time.

SURE VICTORY FOR TAFT. Secretary Garfield Finds the West is Solid for Taft, and Prosperous.

Hot Springs, Aug. 19.—Secretary of the Interior James R. Garfield called on Taft today. He said his trip through the west, just completed, had convinced him that Taft will be elected. "I was in California, Oregon, Washington, Montana, Colorado, Idaho, Nebraska and Kansas," he said, "and everywhere I found the people prosperous. Bryan will lose his own state. A poll on the train coming this way showed Taft 47 and Bryan 17 votes."

York State Fruit Men. Ithaca, N. Y., Aug. 19.—Members of the New York State Fruit Growers' association assembled today in the auditorium of the College of Agriculture. Cornell university for the annual summer meeting. Dean L. H. Bailey, of the College of Agriculture, is in charge of the session, and some of the most competent horticultural experts of the country are on the program. A symposium on "Orchard Parasites" is the feature of the afternoon session. Tomorrow the delegates will go on an excursion down the lake and visit some of the famous orchards in the vicinity.

A NEW CITY. River Junction May Soon Be Platted Into Town Lots.

It is reported that River Junction, on the new railroad headed for Wallowa county, which is now a city of tents, may soon blossom into a city in fact. This point is located on the road where the Wallowa river joins the Grande Ronde, and is owned by John Anthony. It is reported that he is thinking seriously of having the site platted into town lots. The location is such that quite a territory will always be adjacent to this point.

Form Tobacco Combine. Bowling Green, Ky., Aug. 19.—Tobacco planters of Kentucky, Tennessee and Indiana will meet here tomorrow for the purpose of amalgamating the several tobacco growers' unions of the three states. The individuality of the various organizations now in existence will be preserved. Leaders in the movement deny any sympathy for "night rider" and dynamite methods adopted by some tobacco planters and declare that the unions do not countenance any such measures.

Another Ocean Record. New York, Aug. 19.—Making 25 knots an hour from Liverpool, this trip, beating its previous record, the Lusitania is today the fastest ship in the world. Wireless dispatches from the ship say she has steamed 1302 miles up to noon.

Many Prineville people in the mountains camping have been utilized as fire fighters by the rangers. They draw wages for the work, but they didn't go to the mountains looking for it.

LAW PROBLEM WHO WILL KNOTTY DIG DITCH?

In all probability there will be continued discussion over existing laws covering length of time required by the statutes to advertise a special city election. The new charter ordinances will be given its third and final reading tonight at an adjourned meeting of the council and as it will undoubtedly pass, the question of date for the city election will immediately come up. The supreme court established a precedent in the Portland case recently, which shows that 10 days are all that are required to advertise a special city election. But the question arises, if these 10 days are to be considered only after the ordinance calling it has become operative. Unless an emergency is declared, it will take 30 days before the charter ordinance is operative, hence 40 days before the special election. The city attorney is now juggling the question in all its phases and will likely be ready to report definitely at tonight's meeting on the legal phases of the question.

If plans which the council has been working on of late, are carried out, the special election will be held within a very short time. The matter of selecting judges and clerks of election will also come up tonight if the charter passes.

Charles Vurpillat has locked horns with the city officials, and to all appearances he will come out a victor in the conflict. The action was caused by the street superintendent order Mr. Vurpillat to construct a sewer ditch beneath the sidewalk which he is about to build in front of his residence, corner First and Main. Residents on that street will remember that the spring freshets invariably form a torrent under the sidewalk on First street, and since the washouts last spring, the section of the ditch in front of the Vurpillat and Damon residences has been filled with earth. Mr. Vurpillat is about to construct a sidewalk, along with other improvements to his home, and immediately encountered an order from the city officials to build the ditch before he constructed the sidewalk. After taking legal advice he refused to obey the orders, and to all appearances his stand will be successful. While the city officials have not said so, it is intimated that they will build the ditch themselves.

WATCH MINAM SOFT DRINKS

It is reported that a certain soft drink emporium near Minam will be carefully watched in the near future with a view of stopping the sale of intoxicating liquors. It may be the brain twister is procured from some other source, but it is evident that its true source will be ferreted out. Because one cook got on a protracted spree recently, one of the railroad contractors lost 50 of his men. He does not propose that it happen again.

TO VISIT UNION

Foresters of America are to invade Union tomorrow night, when a large number of prominent Foresters of this city will leave by team for Union to establish a new camp in that city. About 60 acres to become charter members of the new camp, but it is likely that one poor mortal will be initiated just to show the others what they missed.

FLEET TO REACH SYDNEY SHORTLY

(Continued from page 1.) Northcote, governor general of the commonwealth, will give a dinner in honor of the officers of the fleet.

The arrival of the fleet tomorrow will be made the occasion of a great spectacular aquatic welcome on the part of the public. From the heads at the harbor entrance tens of thousands of spectators will hail the approach of the battleships, which will proceed to their moorings between lines of pleasure steamers and other harbor craft, bearing cheering multitudes, with flags flying and bands playing. Once the battle ships have picked up their moorings the fleet of pleasure steamers will pass along the line of anchorage and another rousing welcome will be accorded the American bluejackets.

Private citizens are well to the fore with suggestions for the entertainment of the coming guests, and social invitations are sure to fall like hail about the heads of the sailors—men no less than officers. Various local bodies are anxious to accord a welcome on their own account. The official reception of the fleet by the American or British authorities will be admitted.

INSANE WOMAN'S LAND TITLE IN CIRCUIT COURT

A case involving the title to 160 acres of land near North Powder, which is instituted by the guardian of an insane person, will come up before Circuit Judge Knowles tomorrow. The title of the case is Rachel J. Rafferty, by Mr. Buzzard of Cove, her guardian, against A. B. Davis. Attorney Sheehan of Enterprise, appears for the plaintiff, while Attorney L. J. Davis of Union will appear for the defendant. Rachel Rafferty is now in the insane asylum at Salem and the suit is brought by Mr. Buzzard of Cove.

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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at La Grande, Ore., August 10, 1908. Notice is hereby given that DAVID W. HUG, of Elgin, Union county, Ore., who, on August 10, 1908, made timber land application No. 0859, for 8 1/2 SW 1/4, section 5, N 1/2 NW 1/4, section 8, township 2 south, range 35, E. W. M., has filed notice of intention to make final timber proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before the register and receiver of the U. S. land office, at La Grande, Oregon, on the 25th day of October, 1908.

CONTEST NOTICE

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office, La Grande, Ore., August 13, 1908. A sufficient contest affidavit having been filed in this office by Benjamin Bowman, contestant, against H. E. No. 11061, Serial No. 037, made February 8, 1902, for N 1/2 SE 1/4, NE 1/4 SW 1/4, section 4, township 4 south, range 35, E. W. Meridian, by George E. Price, contestee, in which it is alleged that said George E. Price has wholly abandoned the above described land for more than six months last past, and further that he has not resided upon, improved or cultivated said land or resided upon said land as required by the homestead laws at any time, and that said alleged absence from the said land was not due to his employment in the army, navy or marine corps of the United States, said parties are hereby notified to appear, respond and offer evidence touching said allegation at 10 o'clock a. m., on September 22, 1908, before the register and receiver at the United States land office in La Grande, Oregon. The said contestant having, in a proper affidavit, filed August 13, 1908, set forth facts which show that after due diligence personal service of this notice can not be made, it is hereby ordered and directed that such notice be given by due and proper publication. F. C. BRAMWELL, Register. J. T. WILLIAMSON, Attorney for Contestant. WA21Sept15 WA21Sept15

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CITY JAIL EMPTY. Not an Arrest Made Since Circus Day—Few Hoboes. Chief of Police Walden says there is little doing these days in his department. There has not been an arrest made since circus day, which was on the 11th, and even the hobo tourist travel seems to have slackened up since harvest began.

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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION (Isolated Tract.) PUBLIC LAND SALE.

La Grande, Oregon, Land Office, August 17, 1908. Notice is hereby given that, as directed by the commissioner of the general land office, under provisions of act of congress approved January 27, 1906, Public—No. 303, we will offer at public sale, to the highest bidder, at 10 o'clock a. m., on the 20th day of September, next, at this office, the following tract of land, to-wit: NW 1/4 SW 1/4, section 17, township 4 south, range 35 E. W. M. Serial No. 01010. Any person claiming adversely the above-described lands are advised to file their claims or objections, on or before the day above designated for sale. F. C. BRAMWELL, Register. A. A. ROBERTS, Receiver. WA21Sept15 WA21Sept15

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