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

Land is worth just what it will produce. Water has made some very common-looking land wonderfully productive.

Advertising sent out from an arid section of the state contains this sentence. "The Lord made the desert for irrigation and irrigation made the desert for man."

If the account of the sheptender on Minam being eaten up by a bear is true, it should not take much of a campaign to have President Roosevelt visit the Minam instead of Klamath county, on his bear hunting trip this fall.

We presume that in about six weeks our county fair will be held. As usual there is no outward signs of any activity, and those who do not know the usual manner of handling our fairs will wonder why Union county fairs do not amount to anything more than a horse race.

There will be quite a number of our residents who go on the excursion, will view the grand old Pacific ocean for the first time. It will be well worth the trip to them. They can sympathize with the fellow in a small boat who was thirsty, and remarked: "Water, water everywhere, and not a drop to drink."

Mr. Bryan wants all of the democratic newspapers to take campaign subscriptions. If Oregon is a fair criterion to go by, there will be few papers active. In this state there are not to exceed one-half dozen democratic papers. There are several score actual democratic advocates, but with few exceptions, they fall under the head of Independents.

We think we have some of the best and most productive land anywhere. We have, but a very little investigation will show that land a few years ago that could be purchased anywhere from \$1.25 to \$5 per acre, is now finding a ready sale anywhere from \$125 to \$150 per acre. Water is the magician that caused this wonderful transformation. Our best land is now selling for about \$65 to \$75 per acre. What would it be worth if we had water on it? Figure it out for yourself.

Six years ago there were but 21 people living in Wenatchee valley. The railroad company put water on 14,000 acres of land that would not sell for anything, and today there are over 6000 people living in this valley. It cost \$40 per acre to put water onto these 14,000 acres, and now water rights are selling on a basis of \$60 per acre. This land was not worth \$2 per acre, while that lying below the ditch cannot be bought for less than \$100. Mr. Hoover, from whom we obtain these facts, while in The Observer office yesterday, stated that another large tract of 22,000 acres, which was purchased from the state at a cost of \$10 per acre, which was 40 miles from a railroad, had been put under water, and the land was now rapidly selling

for \$20 per acre. In this same section of the country a government project is under way, which will reclaim 150,000 acres, and the cost of putting water onto it is estimated at \$36 per acre. In view of these facts, our 20,000-acre project, at a cost of only \$20 per acre, is the cheapest project ever attempted in any irrigation district.

In speaking of irrigation districts, these districts include the entire northwest. When the Willamette valley and sections of the country around Tacoma and Seattle are irrigating, the irrigation district can easily be extended anywhere.

See what water has done for the Powder River valley, between North Powder and Baker City. A few years ago this land was all unoccupied. Today, ride through this same section and note the hundreds of hay and grain stacks. Water made this all possible.

Possibly few realize it, but our 20,000-acre project is deserving of careful consideration, and the mass meeting to be held in this city tomorrow evening should be well attended. There will be men present who will set forth the proposition in its every detail. Just disabuse your mind of just one thing, and that is, that some one is going to make something out of it. This is not a money-making scheme, only for the man who has land and will profit by having water put upon it. Of course, others will be benefited indirectly, as this means the large holdings will sooner or later be divided and the population greatly increased.

HAINS PAINTED AS ARCH FIEND

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that she turned to Annis when unjust suspicions were raised in her husband's mind by gossipers who poisoned him against her.

May Aid Husband.

It was reported this afternoon that a deal is considered by which Mrs. Hains will testify in behalf of her husband upon a promise that she will receive her divorce and the custody of the two children. According to the story, she will furnish the motive for the shooting of Annis by testifying that Annis suggested to her the stories of degeneracy in the belief that their circulation would prevent Hains from making sensational charges in his divorce suit.

AFTER UNIFORM LAWS.

National Commission to Promote Uniformity Meets in Seattle.

Seattle, Aug. 21.—The national commission on uniform state laws, appointed by governors to furnish a panacea for the tangled legislation by bringing about a uniformity in law throughout the nation, met here today. President Amasa Eaton delivered an address. He said: "The fact that we are meeting for the first time on the Pacific coast, emphasizes the immensity of the empire in which the conference is attempting to effect a uniformity of legislation between the states."

Montana Lawyers.

Billings, Mont., Aug. 21.—Several legal questions of national interest will be discussed by members of the Eastern Montana Bar association during the meeting opened today. The removal of the judiciary from politics will be one of the matters considered.

Telephone Girl Arrested.

San Francisco, Aug. 21.—Winifred Levigro, aged 18, a telephone girl, was arrested on the charge of burglary. The police say she is guilty of a series of systematic thefts in the fashionable apartment house district.

Gilliam county is not all dry upland—there are numbers of ranches on the creek and river bottoms where fruit of every description is raised in profusion.

First Baptist Church.

Cor. Sixth and Spring streets. Sunday school at 9:45 a. m.; preaching at 11 a. m., and 8 p. m., by Rev. M. M. Bledsoe of Portland.

Arizonians Meet.

Los Angeles, Aug. 21.—Citizens of Arizona, and former residents of that territory, met here today to begin a three days' celebration and reunion.

Bandon is to have a new veneering plant that will employ 10 or 12 men.

REBUILD ON ASHES

Though \$50,000 worth of local property went up in smoke last night, the fire sufferers have not been cast down by the weight of their loss, but instead, are already making plans for the future, may the Pendleton East Oregonian.

At an early hour this morning the Wilcox company opened up headquarters in the old brick paint shop on the west side of Cottonwood street, opposite the burned store. At the time of the fire the company had two automobiles stored in the old shop and these together with a roll top desk that was saved, constitute the firm's stock in trade at present.

But the fire had hardly been extinguished this morning before R. H. Wilcox, head of the firm, began wiring for goods to fill orders they had on hand. According to Mr. Wilcox, he will re-establish his business at the old stand if W. H. Jones will erect another building for his use. Mr. Wilcox places his actual loss at between \$10,000 and \$15,000. At the time of the fire he had a stock that would invoice between \$25,000 and \$30,000, covered by \$16,000 insurance.

Will Rebuild Church.

Up to this time the Christian church people have not worked out any definite plans for the future, but they are unanimous in saying their church will be rebuilt. The location may be changed if they can dispose of their present property and secure a desirable location. When the new church is built it will be of stone. The old church was painted but a few months ago at an expense of \$300.

FIRST STATION IN BRYAN TOUR

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He will arrive in Chicago tomorrow to confer with the democratic-union leaders.

Chicago, Aug. 21.—William J. Bryan will arrive in this city tomorrow to begin a conference with democratic leaders and labor union officials, which may have an important bearing on the campaign.

During his three-days' stay in Chicago, Mr. Bryan will meet and confer with Chairman Mack and other campaign managers and give them the benefit of his counsel. The conference of national and international union leaders, affiliated with the American Federation of Labor, has been called for the same time and Mr. Bryan will doubtless meet the labor officials and urge upon them the necessity of giving their whole-shouldered support to the democratic national ticket.

From this city Mr. Bryan will go to Indianapolis, where he will attend the Kern notification ceremonies, scheduled for Tuesday. Upon that occasion, the Nebraskan will deal with the trusts and will deliver a long speech on the subject of combines and monopolies.

On the way back to Lincoln from Indianapolis, Mr. Bryan will stop at Topeka next Thursday and will deliver an address in support of the plank in the Denver platform declaring for federal and state guarantee of bank deposits. Mr. Bryan will make this one of the most important issues of the campaign, and will point to the success attending the trial of the plan in Oklahoma as proof of its practicability.

Among other speeches arranged for by Mr. Bryan are those on the tariff at the Minnesota state fair, August 21; on labor, at Chicago, September 7, and on "The State and Nation," at Peoria, September 9.

John Kern is here with his leaders putting the finishing touches on his speech of acceptance, which will be delivered at Indianapolis next Tuesday. Governor Johnson of Minnesota, was a visitor at the democratic headquarters today.

Negro Bankers Meet.

Baltimore, Aug. 20.—The National Negro Bankers' association, affiliated with the National Negro Business Men's league, held its convention here today. Colored financiers from nearly all the southern states were present and report prosperous conditions in their respective localities.

PIONEER IS INSANE

Over 82 years of age and declared insane is the sad state of affairs with J. C. (Pike) Ward of Elgin, who was this afternoon examined by the county authorities, aided by physicians. The old fellow is a pioneer of the first type. He has made his home in this county for nearly 40 years and his many friends will be grieved to know of his insanity. He is not violent at all, but is in a state of mental decline that makes it unsafe for him to be out of the asylum.

Attendants will arrive in the morning or Saturday evening to take the old fellow away.

Umatilla's Record Wheat Crop.

So far as the East Oregonian has been able to learn, the crop of wheat raised by Samuel Banister near Weston, is the banner yield of Umatilla county this year, although other fine yields on small tracts have been reported.

Mr. Banister harvested 34 acres on his farm near Weston which yielded 39 bushels per acre and his entire 140 acres yielded 40 bushels per acre. The wheat harvested by Mr. Banister was of the red chaff variety and was sold for \$1 1/2 cents per bushel, making the grower a handsome income from his crop. The crop amounted to \$6451. Another good yield is reported by F. A. Sikes of Milton, who harvested 560 acres of red chaff near Milton, which yielded 36 bushels per acre, and which was sold at 80 cents per bushel by Mr. Sikes.

Other excellent yields have been reported, but these two seem to stand at the head of the list. The East Oregonian cordially invites farmers having good yields to report them and proper credit will be given.—Pendleton East Oregonian.

Papke-Ketchell Fight a Go.

Los Angeles, Cal., Aug. 21.—Jim Jeffries today denied there is any danger of the Papke-Ketchell Labor day fight being called off.

Quiet in Springfield.

Springfield, Ill., Aug. 21.—Business was resumed here today. The people are going about as usual. There is still a subdued air of terror in the negro quarters. The grand jury is still considering the cases.

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 S 1/4 SW 1/4, section 5, N 1/4 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.

Claimant names as witnesses: Samuel Parker, of Elgin, Ore.; W. H. Gibson, of La Grande, Ore.; H. J. Hug, of Elgin, Ore.; Henry Hug, of Elgin, Ore.

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