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EVENTS IN OUR STATE OF MINOR IMPORTANCE

Salem—Hop men report that 20 cents for 1909 hops is being freely offered.

Oregon City—The farmers of Tualatin are arranging to hold a farmers' convention and barbecue for Saturday, August 7.

Pilot Rock—This city was visited Saturday morning with the greatest fire in its history, the damage being approximately \$15,000.

Roseburg—Joe Lesina, who was convicted of selling one bottle of beer, was fined \$150. This is the first conviction for selling beer in this county since the adoption of the local option law.

Albany—Committees have already organized for the third annual Albany Apple Fair, to be held this fall, and plans for the biggest event of the kind in the history of the Willamette Valley are under way.

St. Helens—Two men were drowned and four narrowly escaped a similar fate when a boat belonging to the steamer Yosemite overturned in the Columbia river Saturday afternoon. The victims were sailors on the steamer.

Salem—Articles of incorporation have been filed in the office of the secretary of state for the Oregon Horticultural Society. The society is being incorporated so that it may legally receive a bequest willed to it by a Yamhill county pioneer.

Pendleton—Mrs. Mabel Warner has again lost out in the battle which she has been waging in the courts of Umatilla county for more than three years for the possession of the \$50,000 estate of the late James W. Young, of Weston.

Albany—The race meet of the Albany Fair Association has been called off. The directors and the owners of the track are unable to come to a proper understanding concerning the future lease. This means that there will be no races in Albany this fall.

Eugene—In order to better serve the patrons of his route, J. H. Maxwell, United States mail carrier on a rural route, has purchased an automobile to deliver the mail. He will be enabled to cover his route in two hours.

Pendleton—Because Frank Johnson, a young Indian, overdid the thing in eloping with his mother's horse and buggy, as well as with his friend's wife, he is now occupying a cell in the city jail, awaiting the arrival of a deputy United States marshal from Portland.

Albany—A romance which began years ago in Austria, 10,000 miles away, culminated here when Stanislaus Strylewicz, of Linn county, secured a license to wed Miss Jadwiga, who arrived Saturday to become the bride of her girlhood sweetheart in the fatherland.

Salem—The last big Bill in the Salem, Falls City & Western railway is being made and before September 1 trains will be running regularly between Salem, Dallas and Falls City. The construction crews are now within a mile of West Salem and the work is progressing at a very satisfactory rate of speed.

Portland—One hundred delegates from the Portland churches of the Christian denomination will start October 5 for Pittsburgh to attend the Centennial International Christian Convention, to be held there October 11-19. It is expected this will rank among the largest church conventions of recent years.

Salem—George Quinn, employed on a five-story steel building, had a remarkable escape from instant death, when he fell from the fifth to the third floor of the building, crashing through the temporary floor and barely averting a fall to the ground. He was able to walk to a doctor's office, after being extricated from the debris, but will be laid up for a few days.

Pendleton—An unknown tramp, whose foot was severed by the wheels of a car under which he was riding near Meacham Saturday, exhibited unusual grit by clinging to his precarious seat on the brakebeam for more than seven miles after the accident occurred. He was placed on a stretcher and taken to the La Grande hospital.

The Dalles—Maud Krooks, a 14-year-old girl of Roseburg, was taken from a train here by Sheriff Christman. While being held here, word was received that she was on her way to marry an employe of a circus she had met in Roseburg. She will be sent direct to the Reform school.

Portland—The American Association of Farmers' Institute Workers will assemble for their 14th annual convention on August 16 and 17. The Association for the Promotion of Agricultural Science will convene on August 17 and the Association of American Agricultural Colleges and Experiment Stations will institute the 23d annual convention on August 18 and will continue until adjournment on August 20. These conventions will be held in Portland.

1909 AUGUST 1909. Calendar grid showing days of the week and dates from 1 to 31.

OREGON STATE NEWS

Interesting Happenings From All Parts of the State.

Woman's Flight in Cave Tragic. Grants Pass—While Frank Ellis and a party were exploring Josephine county caves Sunday, Ellis being in advance of the party, slipped and a pistol he was carrying was discharged. The ball entered his left eye, death resulting after four hours.

At the discharge of the weapons, all fled except Mrs. Ellis. Finally Mr. Ellis died and Mrs. Ellis, groping on all fours until she found the trail string which the party had brought in, followed it with great difficulty and finally crawled her way to the cavern's mouth.

The strangest feature of the case is the action of the party in not returning to the cave. They notified a rancher what had occurred, but were too frightened to return.

Horse Thieves in Wallawa. La Grande—About \$1000 worth of horses have been stolen from one ranch near Lostine within a month, according to District Attorney Irwinhoe. At Enterprise the grand jury found true indictments against Arthur Hulse and Wm. B. Hunter or charges of horsestealing. Hulse pleaded guilty and will serve one year in the penitentiary. Hunter's case will come up next term of court.

The confession of Hulse disclosed the fact that in Wallawa county there is a well organized band of horse thieves.

State Fair Plans Progressing. Salem—On September 12 will open Oregon's annual state fair, which has come to be recognized as the greatest affair of the kind west of the Missouri river. Because the A-Y-P. Exposition will still be open, tourists will get special rates to Oregon's show and a part of Oregon's superb exhibit at the Seattle fair will be exhibited at Salem.

New Method of Transportation From Shaniko to Klamath. Bend—The recent inauguration of automobile stage lines connecting Shaniko and Bend has proved so successful that J. H. Weand, the proprietor of the present line via Madras, announces that he has purchased a new machine for a supplementary service beyond Bend.

The new car will have its headquarters at Bend and from here will make quick connections with Sisters and the trans-Cascade stage line and especially will facilitate transportation southward to Rosland and in the Klamath direction.

This means that hereafter passengers coming from Shaniko, bound for the towns beyond Bend, will not be obliged to abandon the automobiles here, but can continue by this quick method.

New Potato Pest Is Found. Albany—A new kind of potato bug has appeared on some farms about seven miles north of Albany and has proven very destructive in the few patches it has attacked. The bug is black in color and has the appearance of an ant, but flies well. It attacks the size of about half an inch in length and is very hardy and multiplies rapidly. The huge bite of the blossoms on the potato vines and then attack the plant, killing it quickly.

Fined for Swearing, He Gives Coin. Eugene—John B. Coleman, a local capitalist, who was arrested and fined \$5 in police court recently for swearing at an automobile which came near running into him on the street, has given another brick block, valued at \$15,000, to the Eugene Bible University, in addition to a block valued at \$25,000, given a year ago. The gift is in memory of his wife, who during her life was a devout member of the Christian Church.

Honorary Degree for Pastor. Corvallis—The third honorary degree conferred in 49 years by Philomath College was given Rev. J. R. N. Bell, the well-known divine of Corvallis, Friday. Twenty years ago Dr. Bell attended a meeting of teachers in the old college building. Since that time he has been active in his efforts to advance educational as well as religious work in Oregon.

Rural Carriers Meet. Corvallis—Officers of the Oregon State Association of Rural Letter Carriers were elected here Saturday night. Upon invitation of the Portland Commercial Club the next annual convention will be held in Portland in June, 1910.

Packing Companies Row. Astoria—A suit has been filed in the circuit court by the Columbia River Packers Association against the Tallant-Grant Packing Company to restrain them from anchoring a scow in front of the Nicholas Kereage staking ground.

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The owners and holder of dry land between the Boise and Payette rivers will hold a convention at Caldwell Aug. 12, to take up the momentous question of irrigating the Payette-Boise north side project which the government has failed to complete. The Idaho farmers seem to be as much adverse to private irrigation companies as the Malheur land owners.

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Dissolution of Copartnership. The copartnership heretofore existing between L. J. Rickard and R. M. Carlile has this day been dissolved by mutual consent.

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