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## THIS IS NOW THE TWENTIETH CENTURY

Why Hark Back To The "Good Old Days" When Today Is Much Better

## GET OUT FROM UNDER

Automobiles, Flying Machines, Good Schools and Good Roads Go Hand in Hand

Once in a while a strange anomaly arises for which there is no possible answer, at least not with good common sense. We allude to the attitude taken by some people in regard to the schools of, not particularly Stayton, but the entire country.

Every once in a while one hears the expression, "well all I learned, I got in about 3 months a year in the little old red school house." That is well and one must thank one's stars that there WAS a little red school house twenty, thirty, or fifty years ago. Likewise in those same days there were horses, oxen, buggies, carts wagons, etc., as means of locomotion. Today we have autos, flying machines express trains, and even the person who got his education in the "little red school house," owns a car and never in the world would consider advising his son to travel by ox-team.

Wake up to the possibilities of the twentieth century. Don't think that education has lagged behind mechanics or other sciences. The people DEMAND the best and they will get it. One man may throw a few loose bolts in the wheels of progress, but it will only retard, not stop. Stayton's High School is here to stay, and will be followed soon by a department of manual training and domestic science.

## BIG CIRCUS DAY DRAWS NEAR

The day of all days in the calendar of the small boy has almost arrived and the youngsters of this vicinity are anxiously counting the hours until circus day. It looks now as though a large percentage of the local population, both young and old, will be present at one of the performances when the Barnum & Bailey Greatest Show on Earth exhibits in Salem on Sept. 9th.

Not in several years has so much local interest been evidenced in a circus event as has been displayed this season in the coming exhibition of the Barnum & Bailey Circus. It is promised that the show will display more and novel features than ever before, including 100 new acts from Europe.

The principal feature is the new Oriental, spectacular pageant, "Persia, or the Pageants of the Thousand and One Nights." This great display, which is portrayed by 1,350 persons, and hundreds of horses, elephants and camels, depicts in pageantry the famous tales of the Arabian Nights. In New York City where this pageant was produced for the first time this spring, it was announced the most gorgeous and stupendous Oriental display ever presented in America.

Among the foreign circus novelties to be seen for the first time this season are four troupes of wonderful Chinese performers direct from Peking, the great Hanneford family of riders Signor Bagoni, famous dwarf equestrian from Italy; James Teddy, champion jumper of the world; Pallenberg's two troupes of trained bears, and a host of other novel acts too numerous to mention individually.

The Barnum & Bailey circus is traveling this season on five trains, made up of 89 cars. More than 1,400 persons are carried in the various departments of this great show, which is also included an enlarged menagerie of 108 cages and 41 elephants.

A brilliant, new, three mile street parade will be given on the streets during the morning hours preceeding the first performance.

E. Shepherd and wife, and Jess Shepherd, wife and baby motored to the Wm. Brotherton home in the Jordan country last Sunday. They report that Mr. Brotherton threshed one field of 25 acres of oats that yielded 200 bushels or 80 bushels to the acre.

## WANTS OLD LAW REPEALED

Editor Mail: There are not many measures on the ballot to be voted on at the coming November election and every voter should consider it a patriotic duty to give each and every one of them fair consideration so they may vote intelligently on them.

I wish to call attention to measure No. 312 and 313. This measure, if carried will repeal the old Sunday closing law of 1869.

Since that old law was passed many changes have taken place, and the new conditions do not fit to the old law. It is not wise to retain a mass of obsolete laws on the statute books, and this old law that has been a dead "dead letter" for nearly half a century, was invoked in a few places in this state (notably in Portland) and this led to placing of the repeal measure on the ballot.

We do not need this law. It does not suit our present conditions. It seeks to establish Sunday at the Sabbath, and the Constitution of the United States forbids any religious legislation.

No one is morally or physically injured by the present Sunday arrangement, and a big majority are satisfied and many benefitted. If this old law repealed it will be enforced and will disturb or destroy the present arrangements. Not only the friends of the old law, but also its enemies, have announced their intention to see that it is enforced if not repealed.

It stands to reason that the wise thing to do is to repeal this old law and let things go on as they are, or enact new laws suited to the present times. So be sure to vote No. 312 X YES at the November election.

W. H. ADDIS

## A BIT OF CHARITY TO MARION COUNTY

Under a heading "A Bit of Charity" Aurora Observer prints free of charge to the county a notice of the meeting of the Board of Equalization on Monday, September 11th, 1916, at 10 a. m. to publicly examine the assessment rolls and correct errors in valuation, etc.

The county is getting pretty tight when it cannot spend a half dozen dollars for the publication of what are in reality, legal notices. Up to June 1916, the notice and schedule of Teachers Examination had been sent out to the county newspapers as paid advertising. But in June a cog slipped somewhere. It is not known just where it slipped, but perhaps it will be found in the Widow's pensions that was so long held up by our all-wise and omniscient county judge.

It is a noticeable fact that the road district proceedings are regularly and persistently printed in the Salem papers and "devil a crumb" falls to the floor for an outsider. Of course that is the law "as she is" an no one complains, but for heaven's sake gents give the country printer a show for his "white alley," or something may drop with a dull and sickening thud that can even wake up a "Salem Hog."

## STAYTON WATER FIRM ANSWERS

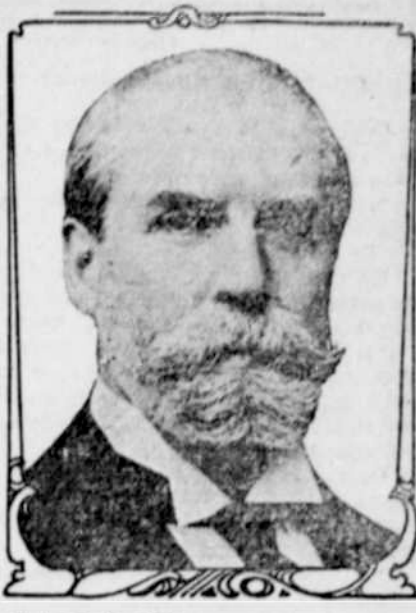
In answer to a complaint of water and power users of Stayton that they had failed to keep sufficient water in the ditches, the Stayton Water Power Co. Monday filed a denial of the charges with the public service commission says the Salem Statesman.

The company says that the Brown-Petzel Lumber company, whose officers joined in the complaint, have frequently filled the power ditch with logs until the water backed up, and they have been obliged to hire men to break the jams.

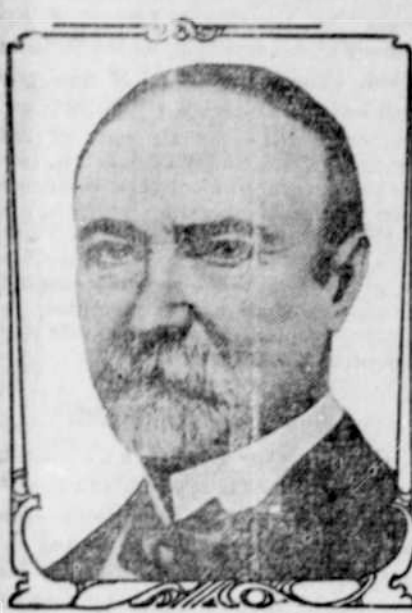
The difficulty is increased, they say, by the fact that logs in the Santiam have deteriorated the dike which diverts water into the power ditch of the Salem Flouring Mills. As the flouring mill ditch is connected with the Stayton power ditch by a slough, and is slightly lower, this condition makes it difficult to keep the Stayton ditch filled.

The company promises, however, that repairs are to be made to the head gates in October, when an arrangement with the flouring mill will enable them to take water from the flouring mill ditch.

Sister M. Theophane of Saint Mary's Academy of Beaverton, Ore., visited with her parents Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Ruttegers and family in Linn county Thursday.



CHARLES EVANS HUGHES.



CHARLES WARREN FAIRBANKS.



WOODROW WILSON.



THOMAS R. MARSHALL.

## The Candidates

### A WRONG DATE

The compositor got his wire crossed last week and stated in the West Stayton news that Ferry Bros. started their threshing machine on Sunday, when it should have read Wednesday, Aug. 16. Mr. Ferry says that he never threshed grain on Sunday in his life, nor does he ever intend to.

Mrs. M. A. Heltzel and little grandson Master Fredrick returned home Monday evening from their all summer's stay visiting relatives in Salem and Washington.

### BUYS PEERY STOCK

Stockton's store of Salem, bought the bankrupt Peery stock and removed it Monday evening with an auto truck. The room is now for rent again.

"Did you observe," said the merchant to a customer, "the handsome advertisement I had painted on the railing of the bridge?" "No responded the customer, "but if you will send the bridge around to my house I will try and read the announcement. I read the papers and haven't time to run around from place to place to read the bill boards."—Ex.

## Mayo's Reduction Sale

IS DRAWING EVERY DAY

The Reason Why Is Below. Read

Calicos, All Colors Reg. 7c now	5c	Cotton Batts Reg. 20c now	16c
Apron Gingham Reg. 7c now	5c	Cotton Batts Reg. 75c 3lb now	67c
Dress Gingham Reg. 12c now	9c	Men's Work Shirts Reg. 50c now	42c
Fancy Zephyr Gingham Reg. 10c now	12c	Window Scrim Reg. 13c now	9c
32 inch Percale Reg. 10c now	8 1/2c	Window Scrim Reg. 18c now	14c
Outing Flannel Reg. 8c now	5c	Ladies Waists Reg. 75c now	25c
Outing Flannel Reg. 10c now	8c	Ladies' Waists Up to \$1.25 now	48c
Outing Flannel Reg. 15c now	12c	Ladies' Waists Up to \$1.50 now	78c
Toweling Unbleached Reg. 10c now	7c	Ladies' Waists Reg. \$2.00 now	98c
Toweling Unbleached Reg. 12c now	10c	Hop Pickers Gloves Reg. 60c leather now	43c
Toweling Bleached Reg. 15c now	12c	Hop Pickers' Gloves Reg. \$1.00 now	78c
Cotton Batts Reg. 10c now	8c	All Men's Work Gloves reduced	

## Mayo's Cash Store

## WINSTON-SALEM ON MAP

Until recently St. Louis led all cities as a tobacco manufacturing centre. The forward thrust of Winston-Salem is therefore seen to be in the nature of phenomenal.

For the year 1914 the United States census showed that the cities of St. Louis and Winston-Salem—the two leading tobacco manufacturing centers of the world—had from their combined tobacco manufacturers an output valued, respectively, at \$32,207,893 and \$32,273,966. From these figures it will be seen that Winston-Salem led St. Louis by \$66,073 in 1914. When they became available the figures for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1916, will show Winston-Salem's lead to be nothing of amazing.

The government erected a \$250,000 postoffice building there and the receipts in one week paid for it. The largest and most important industry is the gigantic plant of the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Co., Mr. Reynolds starting with \$7500 cash capital in 1875 and now the company has an authorized capital of \$20,000,000.

## A BLAMED FOOL

A wise woman once said that there were three follies of men that always amused her. The first was climbing trees to shake the fruit down, when if they would wait long enough the fruit would fall itself; the second was going to war to kill each other, when if they only waited they would die naturally; and the third was that they should run after the women, when if they did not do so the women would be sure to run after them.—Ex.

## WOMEN CLUBS FOR THE NORMAL SCHOOL

Pendleton, Oregon., Aug. 29.—Women's clubs over the state are joining the ranks of the supporters of the initiative measure providing for the establishment of a normal school at Pendleton. Parent-Teacher organizations are also enlisting for the campaign.

One of the first public endorsements received for the measure was from Mrs. Charles H. Castner, president of the Oregon Federation of Women's Club. "Believing that the time has arrived when it is necessary to make additional provision for the normal training of our public school teachers, she states, and that the great distances in our state make it advisable that a school be located in the Eastern section, I therefore most heartily endorse the location of said normal school at Pendleton.

There are 1000 vacancies in Oregon schools each year, according to the state superintendent, and the normal school at Monmouth turns out only about 150, leaving school authorities to select the balance as best they can. The rural schools are shown to be the chief sufferers because in such schools the percentage of normal trained teachers is the lowest. At the same time the need for highly trained teachers is greatest in rural districts because of the absence of supervision.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL GIRLS ENJOY CAMPING TRIP

The Loyal Girls of the Stayton Christian Bible school, Mrs. A. E. Bradshaw, teacher, returned from their camping trip on the Little North Fork, Thursday afternoon. That they had a most delightful outing is putting it mildly. In fact, they say words fail to express the fun they had in the eight days they were there. The girls wore middies and bloomers. Fun—well just ask them about it.

On Wednesday night each girl with her blankets strapped to her back, climbed Boedeker hill and slept in a little grove on the top with the hoot owls.

Of course the kodak was used freely, so they will have many pleasant reminders for days to come.

Those camping were: Mable Weddie, Alma Nendel, Thelma Riggs, Mary Tate, Cleo and Marie Weddie, Madeline Wirth, Mable Bradshaw, Viva Davie, Gertrude Shepherd, Zora Stowell and Mrs. A. E. Bradshaw.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ficklin came over from Stayton last Saturday evening and visited until Sunday evening at the home of his brother-in-law, Walter Bilyeu. Mr. Ficklin recently bought the Stayton Steam Laundry, moving there from McMinnville.—Santiam News.

## STORY OF A TRIP TO CITY OF EUGENE

A Two-Hundred Mile Run In Chas. Cladek's Chalmers Reveals Many Things

## TEN TOWNS ARE VISITED

Crops Look Fine All Along The Road, But Much Harvesting Yet To Be Done.

The writer, together with Chas. Cladek, Martin Berg and W. F. Goodman took a 200 mile ride over the southern part of the Willamette valley on Sunday last. The ride revealed the fact that thousands of acres of wheat and oats were still uncut; late sown spring grain that would make immense yields; and but very little threshing done.

Near Eugene were seen several fields of flax, not grown for the fibre, like that around Salem, but grown for the seed. It looked like a good yield too. In Lane county signs greeted one everywhere saying that peaches were to be bought at almost any cross road, and made us wonder why there were no peach orchards near Stayton in place of so much brush land.

Most of the roads were simply fine one unusually good stretch being from Albany to Monroe, via Corvallis. This road has an air line in one place of 18 miles, and Mr. Cladek's Chalmers 6-30 fairly flew over it.

We have lived and traveled in almost one half of the states of the union, and surely there is no more prodigious prospect of plenty anywhere in the broad land than in the Willamette Valley.

While in Eugene we drove to the top of Skinner's Butte, and from there could pick out every street, alley, building and farmstead in Eugene and the surrounding country.

The automobile has opened up the country to the whole people, as this is a land of plains, woods, mountains rocks, waterfalls and never ending vistas, one should take the time and trouble to go and take a look-see. It will pay big returns. Try it.

## ANNA MAYHALL WINS SWIMMING MARATHON

Anna Mayhall, of this city, won the women's three mile Marathon swimming race in Portland Saturday. Little Miss Mayhall's time was two hours, four minutes and fifty one and one fifth seconds.

Twenty-two men and five women entered the race. Miss Mayhall led her nearest woman competitor by three quarters of a mile and finished seventh in the race. The fact that she defeated sixteen men entries shows the ability of the little swimmer who is only fourteen years of age.

Miss Mayhall has received her training from Don Vickers, instructor at the Natatorium. Mr. Vickers is one of the best swimmers in the state having won one of the Christmas swims in the Willamette several years ago.

Miss Mayhall has had a remarkable career as a swimmer. In spite of the fact that she learned to swim but slightly over a year ago, her achievements are unusual. She has already won a number of silver trophies. In addition to being a good swimmer, she is a graceful diver and always provides entertainment to frequenters of the Natatorium by her diving.—Yaquina Bay News.

## SLOWLY COMING WEST

A Chicago cop was nearly scared to death Sunday when he saw a young ady skipping toward the bathing beach with a snake entwined around her left leg. A Chicago cop is a brave and gallant man, and he immediately rushed to the rescue—but only to discover that the reptile was painted! on the bare skin. The dispatch does not state but it is supposed to have been a garter snake. Painted legs of all description are now to be seen in the Windy City, but flowers, hearts and barber pole stripes are the most popular.