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Auto Park Sites

City Commissioner Pier is to be complimented upon his untiring efforts in securing parking sites for automobiles. These sites will be located in different sections of the city, and the public will be informed in the near future of their location. Tourists sojourning throughout the country will find this new innovation to be a great convenience to them upon their arrival to the city, and as Mr. Pier contemplates to fit them out with all necessary improvements such as sewerage, water, etc., the tourists will not be compelled to be at any great expense while here. At the same time it gives them ample opportunity to do some shopping and enjoy all the comforts of home. It will, in case they are accompanied with their families, give the youngsters plenty of playground for their amusement and in the future will be the means of inducing them to make more frequent visits to the city. Mr. Pier has had this matter uppermost in his mind for some time and now that the opportunity is at hand for him to carry out his plans, he is going to go right ahead and make the "automobile rendezvous" one of real pleasure, comfort and enjoyment. Mr. Pier is to be congratulated in this "long felt want of making life worth living," and he will be long remembered as a true exponent of the joys and happiness of mankind, not only by the citizens of Portland, but by all those who may seek the hospitality of our fair city in the future.

A Ripe Old Age

John Shell, said to be the oldest living man in the United States today, celebrated the 131st anniversary of his birth at Lexington, Ky., last week. The aged mountaineer celebrated his birthday by taking his first automobile ride. He told friends that this is the first birthday on which he did not work and said he was anxious to get back to his farm, on which, he said, there is a mortgage. Shell told newspaper men that he does not expect to live to see another birthday. "I am getting old," he said. Mr. Shell was exhibiting himself at a fair in Lexington and will use the money derived in paying off the mortgage on his farm, he said. Shell was first married at the age of 19 and lived with his first wife for more than 90 years. He lived 75 years in one house. He is the father of 29 children, the oldest now living being more than 90 years of age. Six years ago he married again at the age of 125. By his second wife he has one child, a boy aged five years. He was at the advanced age of 74 during the Civil War. He was born near Knoxville, Tenn., 12 years after the battle of Bunker Hill, and was full grown when the war of 1812 began. He bears his age well. His mind is clear and his eyesight is far better than that of many men still in their youth.

Would Sooner Be a Man

I contemplate the poor dumb creatures, whose lives are shy of pleasant features. They are not learned, they are not clever, they eat and drink and sleep forever, and have no sane and high ambition to reach a loftier condition. Their hopeless state I can't help seeing; I'm glad I am a human being. I'm glad I am a human critter, though life is often hard and bitter, though gladness wanes and sorrow waxes, and I am stuck for income taxes, hopes are phoney, I'd hate to be a Shetland pony. Though I am deaf and growing deaf, I'd hate to be a Hereford heifer. And though a gloomy weird I'm dreaming, I'm glad I am a human being. We long for happiness unbroken; that sort of wish is often spoken; but if life handed us no bitterness, we'd be just like the poor dumb critters, which have no dreams of high endeavor, but eat and sleep and drink forever. I have my cares, I'm doubting, fearing, I'm stung by merchants profiteering and though from griefs I'm always fleeing, I'm glad I am a human being.—Walt Mason.

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Of Interest to Soldiers

Editor Review: A great many men who served in the Canadian army are now resident in the United States, particularly on the Pacific coast. Under the original Order in Council dealing with the payment of War Service Gratuities, men who did not see service in France and men who were discharged previous to the signing of the Armistice on Nov. 11th, 1918, were not entitled to participate in same. Under a recent Order in Council this ruling has been changed and men who come under the above classifications are now entitled to payment of Gratuity. The Assistant District Paymaster advises me that a great many men who are entitled to gratuity under this order have not yet filed applications for same. I should appreciate it very much if you could see your way clear to make these facts public through the columns of your paper in the hope that they might be read by some of the men interested. If any man who comes under the above category will write me enclosing a copy of his discharge certificate I will be pleased to furnish him all particulars regarding this Gratuity, also the necessary application forms. Thanking you in anticipation, I remain, yours faithfully, Geo. F. Pyke, General Secretary, B. C. Returned Soldier Commission, Parliament Bldgs., Victoria, B. C.

New Books at Library

Mayo—The Standard Bearers. Stories of special feats of the Pennsylvania State Police in their efforts to prevent or punish crime. More thrilling than any detective story, and they're true.

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Kendall—Benton of the Royal Mounted. A tale of the Northwest mounted police.

Parrish—Wolves of the Sea. A thrilling story of Spanish buccaners and pirates of two centuries ago.

Emerson Weed—Our trees and how to know them. New edition. Characteristics of the different trees and their peculiarities of change with the seasons. There is a plate of each tree, showing its foliage, bloom and fruit.

Davis—Grain value table. Shows how to figure the contents of bins by measuring their capacity.

McDermid—Shipyard practice. This book is intended to provide a knowledge of the actual operations performed in the shipyard during the construction and outfitting of a warship.

Schultz—Bird Woman. The romantic story of Sacajawea, the Indian girl who led Lewis and Clark on their expedition to the Columbia River.

Ptomaine Poisoning

One of the hardest problems faced by the canner today is the false fear of "ptomaine poisoning," declares J. O. Holt, manager of the Eugene Fruit Growers' association, one of the big men in the canning industry, who emphatically asserts that there is no such thing as ptomaine poisoning from canned goods. "Officials of the National Canners' association have for years been running down these stories and trying to find an authentic case of ptomaine poisoning traceable to canned goods but without success. Two years ago a committee headed by Dr. Rose-neau of Harvard university was appointed to try to settle this matter. After studying 51 cases involving 1500 persons they have been unable to verify one case of ptomaine poisoning traceable to canned goods."—Portland Press.

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Says Cafeteria Necessity

"Construction of a cafeteria at the municipal terminal at St. Johns is a public necessity and the money to be expended on the project is fully warranted," says G. B. Hegardt, engineer of the public dock commission, under whose auspices the eating place is to be erected. Referring to the cafeteria Hegardt said: "For the convenience of longshoremen employed in loading and unloading ships at the St. Johns terminal it was decided by the dock commission that a cafeteria building should be provided. The terminal is about one and a half miles from St. Johns where the nearest restaurants are located, and it is not practical for the workers to walk back and forth this distance for their meals. Plans which I have drawn for the cafeteria building call for an initial expenditure of \$9000, although this sum will have to be increased somewhat, the intention being to provide certain sleeping accommodations for the men. The Pacific Steamship company now has in operation on the Portland Oriental run two steamships, and the complete schedule will call for the service of four ships."—Journal.

For Sale at a Sacrifice—On account of illness in the family, will sell five room house at 202 North Fox street, lot 75x100, for \$1600 cash, which includes furniture garden truck, wood in basement, fruit, etc. This is a splendid buy for anyone wanting a desirable home. Also barber shop doing a good business at 108 Alta street. For further particulars see J. E. Coffey at 108 Alta street.

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Advocates Consolidation

There will be introduced at the next regular meeting of the City Council an ordinance by Commissioner Pier authorizing the consolidation of all duties connected with the management of municipal property, which includes civic stores, tools, automobiles and garages. City Commissioner Pier presented informally to the members of the Council his plan and at once received the sanction and indorsement from them as most feasible in its operation and far-reaching economy in the buying of goods. The main object is to supply all the bureaus from one store and to do away with the system as is now being done of each department buying for its own needs. Mr. Pier concedes that with his plan in good working order the city will be able to save thousands of dollars a year in buying in quantities and at the same time will result in preventing useless waste. At the present time the city has over \$2000 worth of old junk on hand which Mr. Pier claims can be assembled and disposed of advantageously under the new system which he proposes to introduce. Heretofore no one has ever paid any attention to converting this stuff into money, and Mr. Pier intends to make a general cleanup and assume the entire management hereafter of the buying and disposition of all goods and material used by the City.

Notice to members of K. and L. of S.: Monday evening, Sept. 15th, election of officers. All members should be out. Meeting called to order at 8 sharp. F. Gasser, Pres.; J. Mitchell, Sec.

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Principal Events of the Week Briefly Sketched for Information of Our Readers.

Eugene will soon have a commercial airplane of its own. E. F. Slade, examiner in the state banking department has resigned. The peach crop of Clackamas county is the largest known for many years.

A campaign will be made to enroll 500 new members in the Salem Commercial club. Fifteen hundred students are counted on to enroll at the University of Oregon this fall.

A total of \$2,082,000 was paid to residents of Oregon last year by life insurance companies. Duert brothers of Sheridan received a check of \$22,000 for their crop of wheat and oats from a local miller.

A large vein of coal three feet in thickness has been discovered in the Warm Springs reservation country. Frank Campbell, a prominent insurance man of Eugene, died in San Francisco, following a minor operation.

Returned service men of Redmond, have effected an organization and applied for a charter in the American Legion.

A rich ledge of gold assaying \$10,000 a ton has been uncovered on Rose creek in the southern part of Coos county.

Because of a change in the schedule of the presidential train, President Wilson will not be able to make a stop at Salem.

The United States government has awarded a contract for 20,000 barrels of Pacific coast soft wheat flour to Pendleton roller mills.

Mrs. Mary Jane Heater, who came to Oregon with the overland immigration of 1850, died at her home near Springbrook, aged 99 years.

Ross Hickernell, the new instructor on the cornet in the school of music at the University of Oregon, arrived in Eugene from Warren, O.

Heppner lodge of Elks awarded their contract to L. N. Traver of Portland for the construction of the new lodge building to cost \$39,900.

Army goods at army prices will be offered to the people of Portland at a retail store to be opened by the United States army September 25.

The second annual convention of the International Association of Fire Fighters convened in Portland Monday and continued until Saturday.

The monthly financial statement just issued by the state industrial accident commission shows a balance in the accident fund of \$1,114,014.53.

There was a total of 523 accidents in Oregon during the week ending September 4, according to a report issued by the industrial accident commission.

The electric light plant at Florence at the mouth of the Siuslaw river was destroyed by fire and the town will be in darkness for some time to come.

General celebration and observance of "constitution day" on Wednesday, September 17, throughout the state is urged in a letter issued by Governor Olcott.

Workers in the steel shipbuilding plants of Portland will receive an increase of 8 cents an hour in all the crafts and a 44-hour week will be granted them.

Miss Belle Grover, dean of women at McMinville college, died in Seattle last week. She had gone to Seattle to take a special course at the Washington university.

Permanent organization of an association to hold annual fairs in Albany was effected at the meeting of Linn representatives from various parts of the county.

Amos Nichols, resident of Linn county for 45 years, died at the home of his son, James Nichols, near Plainview, aged 83 years. He was a veteran of the Civil war.

The flagship Birmingham, a veteran cruiser of 21 months' service in foreign waters, and a squadron of six torpedo boat destroyers, paid a five-day visit to Portland.

Secretary of the Navy Josephus Daniels arrived in Portland Tuesday after spending Monday afternoon visiting the proposed naval base site at Tongue Point, near Astoria.

Hood River Knights of Pythias lodge has employed C. H. Schultz, formerly a member of a San Francisco orchestra, to instruct a band just organized by the fraternal body.

Dr. B. R. Wallace of Albany has been appointed examiner for Linn county for the bureau of war risk insurance and is examining Linn county discharged soldiers with disability records.

As the result of a vote taken at a session of the Portland fair price committee, letters will be sent the Oregon delegation in Washington, D. C., urging that steps be taken to reinstate wartime food regulations requiring licensing of dealers and limiting profits.

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West Munham Arrives

Adequacy of Portland's new terminal at this place and some idea of the immense amount of foreign and local freights which are now being handled at the pier may now be gained by any one who will personally inspect the activities which are now in progress there. The arrival from the Far East of the steel steamer West Munham this week with cargo valued at \$1,500,000 in hemp alone, aside from a cargo of oriental goods including silks, teas and other products, has created a busy scene. Longshoremen are piling the pier high with merchandise and to add to the general air of business, cargo is now being assembled on the pier for the next sailing of the Pacific Steamship company, whose steamer, West Hartland, is soon to commence working her initial cargo for far eastern ports. Despite the large amount of space available on the pier, the goods that are being stowed there temporarily are rapidly occupying the floor accommodations. In the immediate vicinity of the pier workmen are rushing to completion the new 1,000,000 bushel grain elevator under the auspices of the dock commission, and other gangs are driving piles for pier construction and extension. Workmen are also engaged in the installation of six big steel storage tanks for the vegetable oils which are expected to come to Portland when suitable facilities shall have been provided by the dock commission.