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Summer Excursion Rates and Special Train Service Now on Between Portland and Clatsop Beach.

The Summer schedule of the Astoria & Columbia River Railroad has been inaugurated between Portland, Astoria, Gearhart and Seaside in connection with special round trip excursion tickets to all Clatsop and North Beach points, and train leaves Union Depot 8:00 A. M. daily and runs through direct, arriving at Astoria 11:30 A. M., Gearhart 12:20 P. M. and Seaside 12:30 P. M.

The Portland-Seaside Flyer leaves Union Depot every Saturday at 2:30 P. M., arriving Astoria 5:50 P. M. and runs through direct, arriving at Gearhart 6:40 P. M. and Seaside 6:50 P. M.

In connection with this improved service, special round trip season excursion tickets are sold from Portland to all Clatsop and North Beach points at rate of \$4.00 for the round trip, good for return passage until Oct. 15th.

Special Commutational tickets, good for five round trips, are sold from Portland to same points for \$15.00, good to return until Oct. 15th.

Saturday Special round trip excursion tickets from Portland to all Clatsop and North Beach points on sale every Saturday at rate of \$2.50 for round trip, good to return Sunday.

Tickets sold from Portland to North Beach points are issued in connection with I. R. & N. steamers from Astoria and baggage is transferred to and from depot and Steamer dock at Astoria free of charge, and all tickets sold by the O. R. & N. Co. from Portland to Clatsop and North Beach points, are interchangeable and will be honored on trains of this company in either direction between Portland and Astoria.

For additional information address C. A. Stewart, Agent, 248 Alder St., Portland, Ore. or J. C. Mayo, G. F. & P. A., Astoria, Ore. Seaside Souvenir of 1904 will be mailed to your address free upon application. Write for it.

Columbia river sand for sale.
C. N. GREENMAN.

Beautiful Columbia River Folder.

The passenger department of the Oregon Railroad & Navigation Company has just issued a beautiful and costly panoramic folder entitled "The Columbia River, through the Cascade Mountains, to the Pacific Ocean." From Arlington to Portland, and from Portland to the Pacific Ocean, every curve of the river and every point of interest are shown, while Mt. Hood, Mt. Adams and Mt. St. Helens, perpetually covered with snow, stand out in all their beauty. On the back of the map is an interesting story in detail of the trip from Huntington to Portland, and from Portland to the ocean, not overlooking the beaches and the San Francisco trip by ocean. A copy of this folder may be secured by sending four cents in stamps (to pay postage) to A. L. Craig, General Passenger Agent of the Oregon Railroad & Navigation Company, Portland, Oregon. By sending the address of some friend in the East, and four cents in postage, the folder will be promptly mailed.

Popular hats at popular prices.
Miss C. Goldsmith.

POPULATION NEAR 20,000

Labor Commissioner Reports on Clackamas County.

HAS 2300 MILES OF ROADS

Total Area is 1,189,830 Acres, Much of Which Is Open to Settlement for Farming and Grazing.

SALEM, Oct. 11.—(Courier Special)—Labor Commissioner Hoff has, in his annual report, a brief summary of Clackamas county, as follows: Population, 19,658; soil is stone, mineral; land rolling, mountainous, level; roads are good and fair; roads are kept up by the county; county has 2300 miles of roads; 224 miles in good condition; coal is found in the county and is mined to a limited extent; timber consists of fir, oak, cottonwood, ash, cedar, maple, larch; good logging streams; produce is marketed by railroads, wagon roads and the Willamette river; wood fuel is produced and costs about \$2.50 to \$3.50 per cord; principal crops are wheat, oats, vegetables, hay, cattle, horses; the finest teasel in the world is grown in this county; health, water, climate, railroads, scenery and fruit are the general advantages; no poorhouse; poor are cared for by monthly payments direct; there are 15 male paupers and 12 females, of which 10 are natives of the United States and 17 are foreign born; land office located here; total area of county 1,189,830 acres, classed as follows: Surveyed and unsurveyed unappropriated lands, 80,922 acres, of which 53,162 acres are surveyed and 27,760 acres are unsurveyed. There are 341,896 acres reserved. The total area of the appropriated land is 768,012 acres. The character of the land open to settlement is timberland, farming and grazing.

PIONEER BUILDING DECAYS.

Historic Home of Dr. John McLoughlin Should Be Preserved.

Joseph Buchtel, a well known pioneer and resident of Portland, in a recent visit to Oregon City, noted that the old building built by Dr. John McLoughlin, the famous Hudson's Bay factor, was rapidly passing into decay and he is anxious that something should be done to preserve this historic relic. He said: "I think that the people of this state owe it to the memory of Dr. McLoughlin to preserve this relic, and also to erect a suitable monument to his memory. I have a very tender feeling for him. When I had a picture gallery in Oregon City, shortly before his death in 1867, the venerable old man, with his flowing white locks, came into my study and said he wanted his picture taken. Naturally, I wanted to please him and did the best I could to get his likeness. We then took the old daguerreotype pictures.

"I took one picture and showed it to him. He said in a rather gruff tone, 'Don't like it. Take it away.' I was determined to please him, and made half a dozen in the same way, and each time he said, 'Don't like it. Take it away.' By this time I got out of patience and told him I could not do better, and that the pictures were the best that any one could take. 'Who said, they are not good?' he answered. 'Well you said you didn't like them,' I answered. 'Of course, I don't like them. They make my hair white, when it once was black. Finish them all up and send them around with the bill.'

"I finished up the pictures and these are the pictures we have today of the old man. His old home ought to be restored and preserved ere it be too late. All the rotten wood about the sills could be removed, the roof perhaps reshingled and the house painted. But it should be kept as near like Dr. Loughlin made it as possible. Keep the little windows as they are. The cost of preserving the building where it stands could be bought on the spot it stands. The very thought of the subject appeals to the sentiment of every one. I hope something will be done, and that somebody who has the means and the time will take hold of the matter and see that this relic of this great man is preserved. I should be willing to contribute to the cost."

HOME CIRCLE DEPARTMENT

AT THE TABLE.

The years have sped since first I led
You to the table, dear,
And you sat over there alone
And I sat smiling here.
A year or two flew past and you
No longer sat alone,
A little one was in your arms,
Your darling and my own.
And then another year or so,
And some one else was there;
And Willie sat near me, you know,
While Trottie claimed your care.
The years have sped since first I led
You to the table, dear,
And you looked queenly 'at the foot
And I felt kingly here.
Today, as I look down at you,
On either side I see
A row of hungry little ones
All gazing up at me.
We've added leaves, one after one,
And you are far away—
Aye, twice as far, my dear, as on
That happy, happy day.
But though we sit so far apart—
You there and I up here—
Two rows of hearts from my fond heart
Stretch down to you, my dear.
Thank God for every extra leaf
That table holds today,
And may we never know the grief
Of putting one away.
"Better late than never" is not
half so good a maxim as "Better
never late."

How we appreciate a boy who is always on time. How quickly we learn to depend on him, and how soon you find yourself intrusting him with weightier matters. The boy who has acquired a reputation for punctuality has made the first contribution to the capital that in after years make his success a certainty.

As the future oak lies folded in the acorn, so in the present lies our future. Our success will be, can be, but a natural tree, developed from the seed of our own sowing; the fragrance of the blossoms and the richness of the fruitage will depend upon the nourishment absorbed from our past and present. The earth we tread beneath our feet is composed of clay and sand and soot and water and if nature has her perfect work in these substances, the clay will become porcelain, and may be painted upon and placed in the king's palace; then again it may become clear and hard and white and have the power of drawing to itself the blue and the red, the green and the purple rays of the sunlight, and become an opal. The sand will become very hard and white, and have the powers of drawing to itself the blue rays of the sunlight and become a sapphire. The soot will become the hardest and whitest substance known, and be changed into a diamond. The water in the summer is a dew drop, and into the winter crystallizes into a star. Even so the homeliest lives, by drawing to themselves the coloring of truth, sincerity, charity and faith, may become crystals and gems "of purest rays serene."

Paul once stirred up Ephesus with some lively sermons about the sins of that place. Among the most important results of these sermons was the fact that the citizens brought out their bad books and papers and in a public place made a bonfire of them. One of the wants of this community is a great bonfire of bad books and news papers. We have in this vicinity enough of such fuel to make a blaze 500 feet high. Take forth this trash and put it into the fire, and let it be known in the presence of God and angels that you are going to rid your homes of this curse of profligate literature. We believe it is intended that the printing press shall be a means for the world's rescue and evangelization. The great last battle of the world will not be fought with swords and guns, but with type and presses, purified literature triumphing over and crushing out forever that which is depraved. The greatest blessing that ever came to this nation is that of clean elevated literature, and the greatest scourge has been that of unclean literature. This last has its victims in all departments of life. It has helped to fill insane asylums and penitentiaries. The London plague was nothing to it. What books and papers do you read? A newspaper is only a book in a swifter and more portable shape. In selecting your paper do you make no distinction between the tree of life and the tree of death? Cherish good books and newspapers. Beware of the bad ones. Benjamin Franklin said that the reading of Cotton Mather's

essay on "Doing Good" molded his entire life. May not the reading of the Home Circle Column, crude though it may be, have an influence upon your children in molding their lives while they are yet easily impressed. We strive hard to keep the columns of this paper clean and pure so it can be warmly welcomed into the best homes of this community. In our next issue we will have something to say about novel reading.

FOND OF CONTENTION.

As individuals, as families, counties and even nations we seem to be coming more fond of contentions. It is contention more than any other one thing that takes from the Home Circle its every charm. Russia and Japan at the present time are only samples of the contention that can be found in too many homes. In this country where our blue skies are full of robins and doves and meadow larks, we select as our national symbol, the fierce and filthy eagle. In Great Britain where they have lambs and deer their symbol is the merciless lion. In Russia, where from between her frozen north and blooming south all kinds of beasts abide, they choose as their symbol the growling bear. So fond are we of contention that we climb out through the heavens and baptize one of the other planets with the spirit of battle and call it Mars after the god of war. We suppose our readers have noticed how much in love dry goods stores are with other dry good stores, and how highly groceryman think of the sugars of the grocery man in the same block. You have noticed in what a eulogistic way allopathic and homeopathic doctors speak of each other, and you have noticed how even ministers will sometimes put ministers on their beautiful cooking instruments which the English call a "spit," an iron roller with spikes on it and turned by a crank before a hot fire, and then if the minister being roasted cries out against it, the men who are turning him say: "Hush! brother, we are turning this spit for the glory of God and the good of your soul, and you must be quiet while we close the service with

"Blest be the ties that binds Our hearts in Christian love."

The music that was heard at the laying of the world's corner stone, when the morning stars sang together, is not heard now. We prefer the roar of the lion, the scream of the eagle, the growl of the bear. We seem to be seeking after contention and too many of our beautiful homes that on the outside are peaceful with every appearance of June are January within. Perhaps only here and there is a conjugal outbreak of incompatibility of temper through the divorce courts, or a filial outburst about a father's will through the court, or a case of wife beating or husband poisoning through the criminal courts, but there are thousands of families in this old world with June outside and January within.

COST OF LIVING.

In Four Years the Increase Has Been
14.71 Per Cent.

SALEM, Or., Oct. 19.—Labor Commissioner O. P. Hoff has compiled statistics showing the comparative prices of articles of consumption in 1900 and 1904, the purpose being to show the increased cost of living. For this purpose he has taken the market quotations as published on June 30 of these two years. He has also ascertained the proportion of the total expense of living each item constitutes, and the per cent of increase or decrease in each item.

This shows that in four years the cost of living has increased 14.71 per cent. Thus it is shown that house rent constitutes 28 per cent of the total cost of living and that the expense of this item has increased 25 per cent in the past four years, and that because of the increase of this one item the total cost has increased 7 per cent.

The proportion each item bears in the total cost of living and the per cent of increase or decrease are shown in the following:

	Per cent	Per cent increase
House rent.....	28.40	25.00
Wood.....	7.00	22.00
Light.....	2.00
Meat.....	15.80	*4.06
Lard.....	1.60
Butter.....	7.00	*6.80
Sugar.....	4.10
Eggs.....	.50	21.50
Flour.....	4.00	35.50
Potatoes.....	2.50	45.57
Other vegetables.....	5.90	18.00
Fruit.....	5.80	21.00
Miscellaneous.....	12.40
Total.....	100.00

*Decrease.