

**STATE NEWS.**

There are several cases of smallpox near Lebanon.

Many wells at Aurora have run dry this summer.

Woodburn is sprinkling its streets with crude petroleum.

Hopstickers are offered \$1.10 per hundred at Woodburn.

Astoria is to hold her annual regatta and country fair September 2-4.

Lebanon is to have a new depot, 36x60 feet, for passenger and freight.

Cottage Grove will have a poultry show sometime along about the holidays.

The St. Johns Pioneer association will hold its first annual picnic August 28.

Professors Strange and Harvey, principals of the Cottage Grove public schools, have tendered their resignations.

The Eugene cannery is said to have handled about 200 tons of cherries this year, or about twice as much as last year.

The well drillers at the Aurora waterworks plant took out a piece of wood from the well when down about 250 feet.

The total wool clip of Oregon this year is estimated at 20,000,000 pounds. Last year the sheep produced about 18,000,000 pounds.

Dan Kelley, the Oregon sprinter, has gone to Jamestown to take a hand in the races there. He promises to do some fast work.

Eugene is to have a new Federal building to cost \$50,000. They hope to lay the foundation this fall and complete the building next year.

The paped mills at Lebanon have set 35 Japs at work cutting wood to keep the boilers going until there is water enough to float down the usual fuel.

The State Normal school at Drain opens Sept. 17. Eight thousand dollars have been raised locally to supply the deficiency in the withdrawal of the state appropriation.

Martin Ophus, of Eugene, who killed his friend Ed Olson, mistaking him for a deer, while the two were hunting on the McKenzie, was exonerated by the coroner's jury at the inquest on the body of Olson.

Two gangs of surveyors are running lines across the Cascades, with what seems a purpose to extend the C. & E. road. One gang is encamped at Sand Mountain and is working along the line of the old survey of 1890.

The Secretary of the Interior has approved the proposal for the relinquishment of 2900 acres of land in The Dalles land district, now held by the railroad company.

Here's the latest in this year's bathing suits: Wifey—"Oh, George, I've lost my bathing suit. What shall I do?" Hubby—"Don't say anything about it, and it won't be missed."

Charles H. Pierce, the Ashland fruit canner, advises the people of Jackson county to raise more cherries, strawberries and raspberries. Not enough of these fruits are yet raised to meet the demands upon Ashland at prices remunerative to the grower.

At the fair to be held at Scio October 2, 3 and 4, a cash prize of \$2 will be awarded on best Angora buck and \$1 on best doe. A diploma will be awarded on best exhibit of four or more kids, and a premium of \$2 for the best exhibit of not less than six Angora goats.

The annual meeting of the Oregon Irrigation Association will be held in Grants Pass September 10, 11, and 12. The National Irrigation Congress closes at Sacramento, Cal., September 7, and all the Government experts who will be at Sacramento will go direct to Grants Pass and take part in the Oregon Irrigation Convention.

The steel bridge spanning the Willamette river near Harrisburg, speaks well for the enterprise of the Southern Pacific Company. It is an up-to-date structure, equipped with a draw through which steamboats may pass. This draw is operated by machinery that does the work automatically and one man can handle it.

It is proposed to build a road through the picturesque mountain region lying in Columbia and Clatsop counties between St. Helens and Astoria, over which automobiles may be driven and farmers' wagons drawn. The region is wild and beautiful in the extreme, and, covered by a good mountain road, no more enjoyable summer drive could be imagined.

Rumors are again in circulation to the effect that the Willamette Valley Company, which owns the electric light and power and waterworks plants in many points in the Willamette Valley besides Salem, and is backed by the Rhoades, Sinkler & Butcher syndicate, of Philadelphia, has designs upon Salem and has under consideration the scheme of entering the Salem field with a gravity waterworks system in competition with the Salem Water Company.

Hamilton E. Brooke, a well-known Portland man, died at 3 o'clock Wednesday morning at his home, 50 Twentieth street, north.

The steamer "Winema" which turned turtle recently in a gale on Klamath Lake, and sank near shore, has been raised and pumped out and put into commission again.

State Inspector Hutchinson says that sheep growers in Linn and Lane counties are in many instances evading the law which provides for the dipping of sheep. It may be necessary to quarantine those counties.

Governor Chamberlain has accepted an invitation to deliver an address on October 4 before the Inland Waterways Convention at Memphis, Tenn. His subject will be "The Importance of River and Harbor Improvement."

The conditions required by the new State Board of normal schools will be met by the Monmouth school and it will continue to run. President Reesler says that the canvass for funds has proceeded far enough to justify him in making this definite announcement.

Alina Howard, 13 years old, was shot Wednesday afternoon by a stray bullet, the missile striking her on the hip and glancing off. The girl is a grand-daughter of Captain Howard, of Walla Walla, and has been stopping with her aunt, Mrs. Desmond, at Seaside. She was walking along the road when the accident happened.

**FEAR OF GHOSTS.**

Harmless Visitors From Whom We All Shrink in Terror.

Deep down in the heart of man there abides a firm belief in the power of the dead to walk upon the earth and afflict, if such be their pleasure, the souls of the living. Wise folks, versed in the sciences and fortified in mind against faith in aught that savors of the supernatural, laugh ideas of the kind to scorn, yet hardly one of them will dare to walk alone through a graveyard in the night, or if one be found so bold he will surely hasten his footsteps, unable wholly to subdue the fear of sheeted specters which may rise from the grass grown graves or emerge from moonlit tombs and follow on, for, strangely enough, the dead, if not actually hostile to the living, are esteemed dangerous and dreadful to encounter.

It used to be the fashion, says a writer in Lippincott's Magazine, to sweep away all such notions by saying that they had their origin in the childhood of the race and that they sprang from fear of the unknown. This unquestionably was the easiest way to dispose of them, but was it fair? The subject possesses intense interest for a great majority of mankind, and, though the existence of ghosts is unproved, there is undeniably a vast deal of testimony in their behalf that deserves serious and respectful consideration. Fortunately, within the last few years the attitude of science toward the problem has altogether changed, and, actuated by a new spirit of inquiry, the wise men have been engaged, thoughtfully and without prejudice, in studying it out.

While it cannot be said that any final and definite conclusions have as yet been reached, an immense amount of evidence has been sifted, enough to show pretty conclusively for one point that the traditional specter of the Cock Lane school, with clanking chain and attributes disagreeably suggestive of the grave, has no basis in fact. On the other hand, there are certain phantoms, altogether different in their characteristics, in whose behalf a mass of testimony is adduced far greater than would be required to establish complete proof in any ordinary case in a court of law. Nothing short of absolute demonstration in such a matter can be satisfactory, but the evidence in question certainly staggers incredulity.

Our fear of phantoms appears to spring from a dread of the unknown, the mysterious and the intangible. That it is a groundless terror is proved by the fact that in many thousands of cases of alleged spectral appearances subjected during the last few years to painstaking investigation not a single instance has been found in which an injury was inflicted by the ghost upon the person or persons to whom it presented itself. So that, even if we are to accept apparitions as veritable, we ought to regard them with curiosity rather than with apprehension, and instead of trying to avoid such supernatural visitors we should eagerly seek an opportunity to be haunted for the sake of observing for ourselves phenomena so intensely interesting.

**Exchange in Neckties.**

A South Penn square business man has evolved a plan of how to dodge wifey, but there is merit attaching to it in this case. His wife insists on buying his neckties and dotes on lavender and red or green spots or a pale shimmering Nile green shot with purple. Rather than cause her anguish by seeming to decry her taste in cravats, her husband most deceitfully starts for the office every morning wearing a tie of her selection. Once in the office, however, the traitor quickly exchanges the offending necktie for something quieter which he keeps under careful lock and key in his own private desk. It would be interesting to find out his wife's sensations should she pay him a visit some day in office hours or should he forget to make the exchange again before his trip home.—Philadelphia Record.

**FACTS FROM FRANCE.**

Paris derives a huge revenue from the sale of dolls' dresses.

Three hundred and fifty Hebrews are officers in the French army.

From Puy de Dome, an extinct volcano in France, carbonic acid is procured for commercial purposes.

Sixty persons in France annually die of snake bite. Six cents is paid for the head of a viper, and there are men who make their living by killing snakes. In a single department 300,000 vipers were killed in twenty-seven years.

Captain Humbert, a French deputy, complains of the excessive number of officers attached to colonial troops. He says that the artillery of the colonial corps could on mobilization turn out eight four-gun batteries, which would be commanded by eight generals, eight colonels, twenty-six lieutenant colonels and eighty-five commandants, to say nothing of mere captains and lieutenants.

**MODES OF THE MOMENT.**

There is apparent a decided tendency toward the semitalored rather than the strictly tailored costume. Lingerie waists are showing a great deal of butter colored lace in their construction, and very often it is used in connection with pure white.

The fancy for wash gowns, strong as it is, does not seem to have diminished the vogue of the separate blouse, which has taken unto itself new scope and new beauty.

For morning wear there is nothing prettier or more generally satisfactory than percale. It has all of the wearing and laundering qualities of linen and is much less expensive.

Indications of the return of the tunic grow daily more significant, and, although as yet it is only suggested by the decoration, the suggestions are strong enough to insure a more pronounced effect in the fall, when heavier fabrics come into use.—New York Post.

**SHORT STORIES.**

Chalk contains 500 different kinds of tiny shells.

Taken the world over, the annual average rainfall is sixty inches.

The utilization of herring for fertilizer has been stopped by the Canadian government.

The highest flag pole in Connecticut is said to be in Burlington Center. The pole is 100 feet long and stands 98 feet out of the ground. From it floats a 20 by 14 flag.

Mechanics in the Klondike get \$10 a day and common laborers \$4 to \$5, with board. Everything consumed in the way of living costs from two to three times as much as it does in the States.

When the chimney on the old Tristram Goldthwaite house in Fort Hill, Me., was torn down recently 10,000 bricks were taken out, or enough to build four ordinary chimneys. This one was built 195 years ago.

**PLAYS AND PLAYERS.**

According to the London reviewers, a waltz in "The Merry Widow" has "created a perfect furor."

Dorothy Tennant, whose original success was scored in "The College Widow," is announced as one of the new stars to twinkle next season.

One of the scenes in "The Merry Widow," the new Viennese opera, is located in Maxim's, where the people are said to be the most frolicsome found in any resort in Paris.

A host of American opera lovers will be interested to know that the well remembered contralto, Marion Ivell, has been engaged to appear at the opera in Nantes for the coming season.

Ada Lewis, whose eccentric characterizations are making her name foremost in that line of work, has made Winnie Wiggles in "Fascinating Flora" one of the most talked of roles in New York.

**Eczema.**

For the good of those suffering with eczema or other such trouble, I wish to say, my wife had something of that kind and after using the doctors' remedies for some time concluded to try Chamberlain's Salve, and it proved to be better than anything she had tried. For sale by Howell & Jones.

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**THE COURTS**

**MANDAMUS THE SCHOOL DIRECTORS**

School districts Nos. 18, 20 and 38 have been merged into a regular district to be known as No. 110. Certain directors in the old districts have refused to make an accounting of property to be turned over to the new district and a mandamus suit is the result. It seems that part of district 2 is also taken into the new district and 110 is entitled to a share of the assets of No. 2, whose officers refuse to turn it over. It is said that the value of the property in controversy is \$250. The usual procedure is for each district to appoint an arbiter, but No. 2 refused, and will not turn over the assets. The directors have been ordered to appear in court Monday, August 26, and give cause for their refusal.

**SELLING TIMBER THE CHARGE MADE**

The case of George W. Yergen vs. Garrison P. Nickell was heard Tuesday. Yergen claims ownership of lot 4, section 27, township 3 south, range 1 west, which was homesteaded by the defendant, and the plaintiff has a contest pending against the land in the United States Land Office in Portland. He alleges that Nickell is attempting to denude the land of the timber, having installed a sawmill outfit. The defendant filed an answer, stating that he had filed on the property when it was vacant and that it

was covered with a growth of small trees, wholly unfit and unsuitable for saw or merchantable timber. He removed from time to time some of the timber for the purpose of clearing the land and putting up the necessary fences and building, and had only sold the surplus timber from these improvements. Nickell filed a copy of a letter from the Commissioner of the General Land Office, in which the defendant is granted permission to clear the land and sell the surplus timber.

Judge Dimick decided the contention over ownership was legitimate, and allowed a temporary injunction against removing the timber.

**COURT NOTES.**

Henry Fleschenstein & Co. have taken judgment \$154.78 against F. E. Ring.

J. A. Wells has been appointed guardian of Cecil, Roy, Ethel and Earl Wells.

Will of Margaret J. Sawtell admitted to probate and record. Ralph Sawtell administrator. Elmer Albright, George Adams and Charles Dougherty appointed appraisors. Value estate \$7,300.

May West has instituted suit in Circuit Court asking for a divorce from George West, to whom she was married in Portland in May, 1906. She charges West with desertion and wants to return to her maiden name, May Woodman.

Mrs. Mary Kramlein and Peter Joseph Irmen appeared at the court house Monday afternoon and asked for a marriage license. None was granted as the woman's decree of di-

vorice had been granted only last April, and less than six months had elapsed.

It has been decided to continue the case against Harry Salaman of Milwaukie, complaint having been made that he is of feeble mind and an effort having been made to commit him.

Mrs. Foster wants a divorce from James Foster, charging cruel and inhuman treatment. The parties live at Damascus and were married at Roaring Branch, Pa., in 1874. They have six children, five grown. Mrs. Foster asks for \$200 to defray expense of suit and \$30 a month alimony. Foster is said to be worth \$1,900.

The J. A. Barnes Machinery Company, of Oshkosh, Wis., has filed a suit in the Circuit Court against the Oregon City Mill & Lumber Company to recover \$945, with interest at the rate of 6 per cent, from April 1, 1907, and for the costs and disbursements of the suit. The plaintiff corporation alleges that the local company purchased a double-ended tenoner for \$875, and a special sash glotting attachment for \$75, and has failed to pay for the machinery or any part of it.

**LOST.**

Thursday night, August 15, in front of Meillon's second hand store, dress suit case, containing letters addressed to Mrs. Ammerman, Reward. Address, Mrs. Mark Ammerman, R. F. D. 2, Oregon City.

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