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## OLDEST WOMAN

IN THE WORLD IS MRS WOODS OF HILLSBORO, WHO IS IN HER 119th YEAR.

Mrs. Woods Dresses and Cares for Herself and Walks About the Yard and the House—A Justice of the Peace Caught Stealing.

Hillsboro, Or., Oct. 20.—To be older than the United States government, to have been a toddling infant when Washington was inaugurated president in the 18th century and to walk erect in the full possession of her faculties under Roosevelt's administration in the twentieth century, to have witnessed all the stirring events of a wonder-working century, to have survived out of the old time into ours, has been the good fortune of Mrs. Mary Ramsey Woods of Hillsboro, Oregon, who is probably the oldest woman in the world.

In her 119th year Mrs. Woods is still quite active. Daily she walks about the garden of her daughter's home, with whom she lives, and sits upon the porch in sunny weather to converse with visitors. She keeps well posted on the events of the day and maintains a lively interest in politics.

Mrs. Woods was born on May 20, 1787, at Knoxville, Tenn., the year that the Northwest Territory was organized, and two years before the United States constitution went into effect. Her maiden name was Ramsey and her father burned the brick and built the first brick structure in Knoxville. She was 7 years old when Tennessee was admitted as a state and 18 years old when Lewis and Clark made their famous journey to the coast.

At an early age Mary Ramsey married Jacob Lemons and was left a widow 73 years ago, at the time Andrew Jackson was nearing the end of his first term as president. As a young matron she remembers distinctly the war of 1812, when her father strapped his blankets across his shoulders, took down his old rifle and fought the British until the close of the struggle.

After the death of her husband she accompanied her daughter, Mrs. C. B. Southworth, and her husband across the plains to Oregon, arriving in Hillsboro in 1853. She was then 66 years old, but rode a bay mare the entire distance from Tennessee, her daughter and her husband driving an ox team.

Soon after arriving in Hillsboro Mrs. Lemons married John Woods, with whom she lived happily for many years. At Hillsboro she built the first hotel, which occupied the site of the opera house now being constructed. The couple ran the hotel until forty years ago, when her daughter, Mrs. C. B. Reynolds, formerly Mrs. Southworth, and her only surviving child, succeeded her in its management.

Mrs. Woods had four children by her first husband—Mary J. Lemons, who died in Tennessee two years ago at the age of 98; Isaac Lemons, who died in Kansas City, Missouri, 40 years ago; Nancy E. Bullock, who died at Hillsboro 38 years ago, and Mrs. C. B. Ramsey, who is now living in Hillsboro, and while 75 years of age, is devoting her life to the care of her aged parent.

Mrs. Woods weighs 130 pounds, dresses and cares for herself and walks about the yard and the house. She is hard of hearing and blind in one eye, but otherwise hale and hearty. She is able to thread a needle and does much sewing. About six months ago she cut a tooth.

Her memory is good as to past events. She became a member of the Methodist church South 106 years ago and is still a member of that church. She says she is a "Hearst" woman and refers jokingly to the "Black Republicans."

San Bernardino, Cal. Oct. 25.—Justice of the Peace L. C. Currier of Bartow has been caught stealing ice and will be asked for his resignation at Monday's meeting of the county supervisors. A criminal prosecution will follow his refusal. Currier has been under suspicion for some time past. Six weeks ago a negro was arrested for stealing from a refrigerator car and was dis-

charged by him in spite of the fact that officers caught the negro in the act and he confessed.

It is also said that Currier had a hand in stealing hams and selling them to a Chinese restaurant keeper, who was arrested and nearly sent to the penitentiary for the crime. It was to this Chinese, Wong Kee, that Currier furnished ice, and the Chinese informed the officers, who set a watch on the judge.

Kharkeff, Russia, Oct. 24.—A serious conflict between the troops and the people, during which there were many casualties on both sides occurred here last night. While a meeting of 20,000 citizens, students and workmen was in progress the cry of "the Cossacks are coming!" suddenly raised and a panic followed. Many persons were injured in the crush.

Subsequently the crowd came in contact with a detachment of cavalry, revolver shots were fired by some of the civilians and small bombs were hurled among the cavalry. The latter thereupon fired two volleys with blank cartridges and then fired with bullets. Both sides suffered seriously. Many of the wounded were left on the ground when the crowd dispersed.

Strikers have since plundered the gunsmiths stores and have armed themselves. A number of bakeries have been destroyed and all work has been stopped at others.

Scarcity of the necessaries of life is already felt here.

Washington, Oct. 24.—General Isham Randolph, who built the Chicago drainage canal and who is a member of the consulting engineers of the Panama canal, today expressed publicly his belief that the isthmian ditch will be completed and in operation within 10 years. He says that 24,000 men will at least be needed on the job.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 24.—The government resumed railroad service on a few roads today, but under great difficulty. The decision of the railroad men at a meeting here tonight to declare a general strike has immensely complicated the problem. Trains left for Moscow today over the Nicholas road, but the passengers were notified that communication was guaranteed only as far as Tver.

Several attempts were made to interrupt communication by telegraph and telephone out of Moscow and the officers had to be guarded by Cossacks. Persons wishing to send messages had to fight their way through crowds of strikers, and in many cases were severely handled.

The strike has taken a violent turn in a number of cities, from which reports come of encounters between mobs and the police and troops.

Agrarian disorders have broken out in the province of Samara. The troops sent to Kharkeff include a detachment of artillery, indicating that the situation there is quite serious.

The executive committee of the League of Leagues has adopted resolutions saying that the present moment was favorable for a general strike of all the professions, and recommending doctors, lawyers, engineers and all other members of constituent organizations to cease all professional activity.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 24.—The strike situation is growing worse. Several more of the smaller lines were tied up today. The few days of paralysis of freight traffic is already being severely felt. At Moscow there is danger of a famine. The prices of food are soaring.

St. Petersburg is threatened with a meat famine. Only 24 head of cattle have arrived here since Sunday, and there are about 1000 head in the yards. Unless supplies arrive soon the capital will be without meat at the end of the week. There is an ample supply of flour.

## Reduction in Rates.

Sept. 1, the round trip fare to Portland, account Exposition will be reduced from \$3.50 to \$2.90 for a 30 day ticket but not good after October 31st. This is a voluntary reduction made by the S. P. R. R. and will be appreciated by the public as the last six weeks of the Fair will be the best part and see the largest crowd.

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## RUSSIA IS SHAKEN.

ST. PETERSBURG ENTIRELY CUT OFF BY STRIKERS.

Bloody Fights in the South—Nearly Every Railroad Tied Up—Rioting in St. Petersburg—Czar About to Leave Empire.

London, Oct. 25.—Dr. Dillon, correspondent of the London Telegraph at St. Petersburg, wires:

"Nobody questions the reality of the revolution, or the rain of anarchy. The government is blind and palsied, purblind and frenzied. Anything, even monstrous doings such as history has never yet recorded, is, to put it mildly, quite possible in the czarism of today.

Confronted by a situation more serious than any since the beginning of the political and social upheaval of Russia, which at the time this dispatch is filed shows no signs of amelioration. The general strike on the railroads is complete except in a few border provinces, and St. Petersburg, Moscow and other large cities are almost as closely beleaguered as if they were invested by besieging armies. At the same time the industrial strike has assumed large dimensions and the turbulent elements in several localities are forming open resistance to the troops.

Prudent inhabitants are laying in stocks of provisions so as to prepare for emergencies. As a consequence the prices of provisions have risen sharply.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 26.—After a night of inexpressible terror, Russia today is plunged into the deepest gloom. Following the declaration by the workmen yesterday afternoon of a general strike to reinforce the railway strike which has paralyzed the industry of the country, rioting and street fighting kept the city in a state of terrible unrest all last night. What makes the situation seem hopeless is that the crisis, apparently is not yet reached.

So serious are the conditions that it is said the czar will soon leave Russia, paying a two months visit to Denmark. The czar's visit will be ostensibly to recuperate from the strain of the last two years. In reality those behind the government desire him out of the way and in a place of safety should an uprising evolve itself out of the present labor difficulties.

Eugene, Or., Oct. 24.—Several Lane county owners of land on which chittim (cascara) trees grow have received a large number of orders from California cities for ellips of the trees for planting there. They will be used as shade trees, being especially desirable on account of the roots growing near the surface of the ground and not interfering with sewers.

The slips grow very rapidly and within five years after planting

they become large enough to be of value as shade trees.

Thousands of dollars have been distributed among the Lane county farmers for the bark of the chittim tree, and if the market grows slack they can make up the deficiency by selling ellips for shade trees.

Chicago, Oct. 24.—A dispatch to the Record-Herald from Poplar Bluff, Mo., says: A warrant was sworn out yesterday for the manager of a circus and Tip, one of his elephants, for the theft of a \$100 diamond set gold watch and the destruction of a Parisian confection in millinery, the property of Mrs. Ella Goltz, of Portsmouth, O., who is visiting friends in this city. Mrs. Goltz was feeding Tip with peanuts when the pachyderm took her watch in his trunk, placed it carefully in his mouth, and then followed the theft by stowing away her bonnet. Tip was packing up, preparatory to moving to the next town, but the arrest stop him. A suit for \$3,000 damages was brought against the manager of the unmanageable Tip, his offer to pay for the watch being spurned.

Ridgeville, Ind., Oct. 24.—Robbers last night wrecked the safe in the Ridgeville State Bank and escaped with about \$6,000. The explosion aroused Cashier Branson, who hurried to the bank in time to the bank in time to receive a bullet in the ankle. Before entering the bank, the robbers met the town watchman, overpowered, bound and gagged him.

Oakland, Cal., Oct. 24.—Mrs. Sarah Cunerford, a wealthy widow, aged 75, was burned to death at her home 813 Seventh street, tonight. Afflicted with rheumatism and other infirmities, she was unable to get out of her chair and slowly roasted to death as the flames crept upon her. She cried for help, but the house was in flames when the neighbors arrived and the fire drove the would-be rescuers back. The fire started in the rear of the house. Its origin is unknown. The charred body of Mrs. Cunerford was found in a rocking chair in the front room.

Moscow, Oct. 25.—One of the leaders in the strike movement told the correspondent of the publisher's Press last night that, unless the present demands of the strikers were granted, every kind of labor throughout the country will be stopped. The object of the strikers is to force the government to grant representation to workmen in the Douma.

A battle occurred at the telegraph office, where strikers were trying to prevent telegraph communication, and many were wounded. Strikers are preparing another assault on the telegraph building and it is feared that serious bloodshed will result.