

## SPLENDID PROGRAM IS ARRANGED

### Rousing Celebration to Be Held on the Fourth---Several Hundred Dollars Raised---Day's Events to Include Auto Parade, Patriotic Exercises, Athletic Contests, Baseball Game, Horse Races, Aquatic Sports, Gorgeous Display of Fireworks and Grand Ball in the Evening.

That the Fourth of July celebration is going to be a splendid success is now assured, provided only that the weather clerk does his part. The committee on subscriptions met a prompt and generous response from local merchants and several hundred dollars have been raised for the celebration. The program committee held a meeting Monday and announced a series of events which will insure that there is "something doing" throughout the day.

The events of the day will start at 10 o'clock in the morning, when the automobile parade will be held. This will be open not only to local cars, but to visiting autos as well, and a special cup will be offered for the most attractively decorated visiting car. Occupants of the cars will be principally children, according to the plans now being made, and it is expected that the attractiveness of the event will be materially increased thereby.

This will be followed by the patriotic exercises, which will be held in the library park, corner fifth and Oak streets, at 11 o'clock. Patriotic music by the local band will be a feature. The Declaration of Independence will be read. Hon. Fred W. Wilson of The Dalles, one of the best known and most entertaining public speakers in the state, will be the orator of the day. An attractive musical program will be given under the direction of Mrs. Henney.

The sports will begin at one o'clock and will be held on Oak street. Substantial prizes will be given for the different events. In the horse races the Dalles' department has already accepted an invitation to compete

## ARE NOW PICKING IN UPPER VALLEY

With weather conditions which so far have been very favorable, the strawberry crop in the Upper Valley promises to be of extra good quality. Picking in that section began about the middle of last week and the first carload lots will be shipped out this week. In the lower valley the picking has been in progress for about three weeks and the crop is pretty well cleaned up.

The lower valley crop was not entirely as satisfactory as it has been in some other years. For the first week or ten days the weather was favorable and the berries were of good quality. The several hot days, however, which came at the height of the picking had an unfavorable effect and the berries were not up to their usual standard. In spite of this, however, good prices were obtained.

Berries from other sections have remained in the market unusually long this year and this fact has necessarily had its effect on market conditions.

In the Upper Valley the conditions have been exceptionally good for the berry crop. The warm days came too early to injure the fruit and the recent rains came at a favorable time. It is reported that the quality of the Upper Valley fruit this year is very good and the first shipments, which were made last week, were fully up to the Hood River standard. The Upper Valley picking will probably continue for about two weeks.

### First Christian Church.

All the members and the public in general are especially invited to the special services to be held at the Christian Church next Sunday morning. The Sunday School will begin at 9:45 and preaching follows. Subject for morning sermon will be "The Greatest Thing in the World," and you ought to hear it. You will receive a glad hand by the members and a royal welcome by the church in general.

The state convention of the Christian churches in Oregon will be held at Turner next week and a delegation from Hood River will go from the Sunday School and church.

The NEWS tells it all.

## A DOZEN AUTO SPEEDERS FALL INTO THE TOILS OF THE LAW; ARE FINED

"Joy riding," or indeed any kind of auto driving in excess of the very sedate speed of ten miles an hour will hereafter be strictly taboo within the city limits. The law is to be strictly enforced. Eleven unfortunate discoverers of this last week to their sorrow when they fell into a "net" which was spread for the unwary on Twelfth street, whence many complaints of speeding have come of late. Almost every automobile driver who crossed the dead line and came under the eagle eye of a deputy armed with a stop watch fell into the net. All were taken completely by surprise. Some attempted to voice their indignation and protestations of innocence but the officers had them "with the goods" and there was nothing for it but to proceed to the city recorder's office and "dig up."

That the official timekeepers were no respecters of persons was demonstrated by the fact that a city councilman was among those who fell into the net and against whom a complaint was filed in the city recorder's office.

The penalty for the offense is a fine of from \$10 to \$50 and those who fell into the clutches of the law were fully convinced that automobile driving is a mighty extravagant luxury. Many complaints have come from residents on Twelfth street recently. That straight, smooth thoroughfare presents a temptation to speed which few drivers can resist. When the city decided to take action two men were posted on the street. The ground was measured off and a man posted at each end, one armed with a signaling flag, the other with a stop watch. Nobody escaped. One driver, indeed, hastened to the recorder and informed him that he had actually turned the tables on the timekeepers. He assured the recorder that he had "spotted" the man with the watch and had immediately slowed down to ten miles an hour. It transpired, however, to the autolist's extreme disgust, that he had slowed down at the wrong end of the gauntlet and that his speed had already been taken.

The timekeeper's watch showed that the speed of none of the victims was less than 14 miles an hour and one was 22 miles.

## Narrowly Escape When Fire Destroys Hotel

### Lodgers in the Ramona Escape by Windows When Flames Make Exit by Means of Stairways Impossible---Fierce Blaze Is Quickly Extinguished by Fire Department---Loss Heavy.

Several lodgers in the Ramona Hotel, which was almost totally destroyed by fire early Sunday morning, had narrow escapes from death in making their escape from the burning building. A couple of young men who were on the third floor saw all other means of escape cut off and made their exit by sliding down hastily improvised rope ladders made of spliced sheets.

The fire was discovered shortly before two o'clock by the roomers on the third floor. The blaze apparently had started either on the second or third floors. Harry Richter was one of the first to be awakened by the fire. He was on the third floor and at once opened the door into the hall. He says that he looked into a mass of flames, the stairways and halls being a veritable furnace. Returning to his room, Mr. Richter saw that the only means of escape was by the window. He hastily tied together the sheets and tying them to the bed post let himself down to the roof of the veranda. Upon reaching there, he stopped long enough to break a window and awaken Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Henderson, who were running the hotel.

Mr. Henderson, when awakened, looked into the hall and, like Richter, found it filled with smoke and flames. He assisted Mrs. Henderson, who is in feeble health, to the roof of the veranda. He then climbed down a tree and ran to the neighbors for a ladder down which he carried his wife.

W. M. Ellis, 83 years old, was in the hotel at the time. However, he occupied a room on the first floor and had no trouble in getting out of the building, although he saved none of his personal effects.

When the alarm was given the bells downtown and on the Heights were rung and a large crowd gathered at the fire. The volunteer fire department responded promptly and did very effective work. There was a heavy pressure of water and two streams were turned onto the building.

## SCHOOL ELECTION AROUSES INTEREST

More than twice as much interest was taken in the school election this year as last, judging from the number of ballots which were cast Monday. There were 135 ballots, as compared to 62 last year.

Mrs. Alma Howe was elected director for three years. She received 80 votes as against 52 received by Mrs. J. P. Lucas.

Truman Butler was elected director for one year. He received 92 votes as compared to 35 cast for Frank A. Bishop.

Rev. H. A. McDonald was the only nominee for clerk and received 103 votes. A sprinkling of other votes were cast.

A recommendation from the School and Home Association that a teacher of music be employed was laid on the table.

The report of the clerk, Mr. Bishop, showed that the enrollment at the last census was 932, including 454 males and 478 females. It is expected that when the next census is taken there will be 1000 children of school age, putting the city in the first district class.

The financial report of Mr. Bishop showed a balance on hand of \$20,394.77. Of this amount \$10,112.50 is deposited on time certificates and constitutes a sinking fund.

The cash on hand June 19, 1911, was \$22,274.35. Receipts during the year were as follows: District tax \$14,150, county school fund \$6,223, state school fund \$1,929, tuition \$757, all other sources \$133.99. Total receipts were \$45,267.74.

Expenses were as follows: Teachers' salaries \$16,634, rent \$25.00, fuel and supplies \$279, repairs and improvements \$129, janitor \$1732, interest on bonds \$1186, insurance \$576, clerk's salary \$200, library books \$44.96, all other expenses \$416. Total expenditures were \$24,902.97.

Mr. and Mrs. John Geiss and daughter, Miss Winifred, of Adams, Ore., were guests the last of the week of Mrs. Geiss' sister, Mrs. J. R. Nunnaker. They were on their way home from California.

## ASSESSMENT WORK NEARLY COMPLETED

About two more weeks will see the work of assessing the county finished, according to County Assessor Jasper Wickham. J. M. Wishart was down from the Upper Valley the last of the week and reported that he was nearly through there. He found that there were more people in that growing section than he had counted on and was compelled to make the trip to town to get additional blanks.

George Lynn has been at work in the lower valley, while Mr. Wickham has been covering the city property. Mr. Wickham says that the assessed valuation will be kept at about the same point it was last year, increases being made only where improvements have been made.

Incidentally, Mr. Wishart said while here that the strawberries in the Upper Valley are looking very good, large, bright and firm. The strawberry acreage in that section is being increased considerably this year, he said, several of the ranchers having planted from five to ten acres to plants and many smaller patches having been set out.

## BOY RUN OVER BY TRAIN HARDLY HURT

Edwin A. Melville, young son of a White Salmon rancher, was brought to the local hospital the last of the week suffering from a number of minor injuries sustained when he fell beneath a North Bank train. Young Melville was amusing himself at the station by jumping onto and off the cars. The train gained speed and finally he missed his grip. The corner of the car knocked him into the middle of the track. He hung to the brake beam for a while, then let go and lay flat on the ground. The train passed over him. He then arose from the track, but immediately fainted. No bones were broken and no limbs were missing, but he was badly bruised and lacerated about the head and body.

## JURY LIST DRAWN FOR THE JULY TERM

County Clerk Hanson has drawn the following list of jurors to serve at the July term of the Circuit Court, which will convene July 1:

- V. T. Bearegard, J. L. Blount, Ira L. Judd, W. A. Lockman, L. L. Look, A. C. Parrott, H. C. Evans, Charles Lee, J. O. Mark, S. B. Carline, H. A. Moore, William Johnson, Walter Waddell, J. L. Carter, D. McDonald, Dave R. Kemp, Ben H. Lage, C. P. McCan, D. E. Robinson, Robert W. Ordway, T. Beatty, W. B. Dickerson, Frank Quinn, T. D. Tweedy, William Davidson, J. P. Thomson, T. A. Leavis, John R. Phillips, J. R. Cash, Charles Rawson and Frank E. Deem.

## CALL AN ELECTION ON \$90,000 ISSUE

At a special meeting of the council last evening an ordinance was passed calling a special election on Tuesday, July 1, for the purpose of revoting the \$90,000 bond issue for the reconstruction of the water system.

It is necessary to revoke this issue of bonds under the provisions of the revised charter in order to insure their validity and ready sale.

At a recent meeting of the council City Surveyor Morse submitted a report on the cost of laying the new mains in the business section which is to be paved. He also submitted a report on the cost of paving. It is hoped that this work may be started this summer.

## W. COOPER MORRIS, BANK-WRECKER, IS THE LATEST RECRUIT AT CONVICT CAMP

W. Cooper Morris, formerly a well-known Portland business man and now a convicted bank-wrecker, was sent to Shell Rock Friday by Governor West and is now working with the other convicts who are building the road around that point.

Morris arrived in company with another honor man from the penitentiary and was at once put to work with pick and shovel. No distinction is shown him above other convicts in the camp, but as Morris is a man of considerable intelligence County Surveyor Kay says that the banker may be added to the surveying crew.

There are now about 20 convicts at work on the road and good progress is being made. So far only

hand work has been done. Recently Mr. Kay recommended to Governor West that equipment, including dump cars and, if possible, a steam shovel, be secured in order to facilitate the work. On Sunday Adam Shortgreen, foreman of the camp, accompanied by one of the convicts who is an expert steam shovel operator, came to Hood River and inspected a steam shovel at Dee, owned by the Mt. Hood Railroad Company. It is possible that this may be secured for the work.

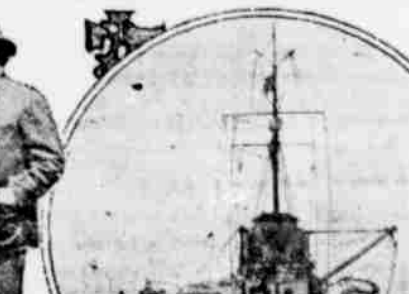
Mrs. Isaac Ford went to Portland yesterday as a delegate from the United Brethren church to the state convention. Mrs. J. B. Parsons accompanied her as a delegate to the Women's Missionary Association.



CLINTON O. HADLEY



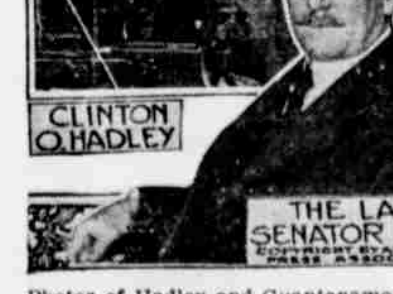
AT THE CHICAGO CONVENTION



THE MONTROZE OFF FORT MONROE



DUCHESS OF CONNAUGHT



THE LATE SENATOR NIXON



MARINES AT GUANTANAMO

### News Snapshots Of the Week

Many of the delegates to the Republican national convention arrived in Chicago. Those in the picture are: 1. D. W. Mulvane of Kansas; 2. Henry S. Chubb of Florida; 3. Cecil Lyon of Texas; 4. A. M. Stevenson of Denver, who is attending the meeting of the national committee as a proxy. Eight hundred marines were landed at Guantanamo, making a total of 1,500 men ready to intervene in Cuba if necessary. Senator Nixon of Nevada died of toxic poisoning following an operation for an abscess. Aviator Hadley was sworn in as a postman to carry mail between New York and Washington. President Taft visited the German fleet in Hampton Roads. The fleet later went to New York. The Duchess of Connaught was stricken with appendicitis, and grave fears were entertained for her life.

## HEIGHTS BOYS WIN IN FINAL INNING

For seven innings last Sunday the downtown team held the lead over the fast Heights aggregation. In the eighth the score was tied and in the ninth the Heights boys brought two men over the plate, winning the game.

The downtown boys made their first run in the initial inning. Shay



Gill, the Clever City's Southpaw, Made 14 Strikeouts

found Hart for a two bagger, then Baker sacrificed, passing Shay to third. Coshow then made a hit, scoring Shay.

Gill, the city's clever southpaw artist, pitched one of the best games seen here this season. He made 14 strikeouts and allowed only six hits. His headwork was good and at two critical points he shut out the Heights swatters after the latter had placed two men on bases. In the fourth, with men on second and third and two out, Gill fanned his man. The same emergency arose in the seventh and again he secured a strikeout. By a strange coincidence, it was the same situation in the ninth, but this time errors in the field brought in two runs.

Hart, for the Heights, struck out nine and allowed seven hits.

Clever baserunning was a feature of the game. Another feature was Bitterfeld's slick work. His batting average in this game was 1000.

The News for good printing.

## FOURTY-ONE PASS 8TH GRADE EXAMS

Forty-one of the sixty pupils who took the eighth grade examinations in this county on the sixth and seventh of this month successfully passed the test and were awarded their diplomas. Those who passed in the different districts were as follows:

- Cascade Locks--Oscar Badder, Arthur Granstrom, Merle Yettek.
- Frankton--Louise Nelson, Clarence Miller.
- Hood River--Arthur Johnson, Mae Shay, Edna Loser, Nell J. Cameron, Elizabeth Stevens, Pearl Merrill, Julia Noble, Ruth Howell, Lura Merrick, Mary Nealeigh, Herbert Struck, Mark Moe, Charlene Wright, Miner Sosey, Suzanne Kay, Alice McCurdy, Mattie Cochran, Harold D. Ingalls, Sarah Nealeigh, Dorothy J. Baker, Benjamin H. G. Breed, Billy Allen, Leon Bentley, Clifford McDonald, Paul Harris and Paul Dakin.
- Barrett--Jesse Thomas, Odell--Gladwyn Davis, Letha Davis, LeRoy Krohn.
- Parkdale--Jesse Hutson, Jesse Puddy, Walter Meyers.
- Pine Grove--Aubrey Pape, Robert Waugh.
- Valley Crest--Edith Peeler.
- Oak Grove--William Hakari.

## NEW RESIDENCE AT BARRETT IS BURNED

Fire totally destroyed the new house of L. F. Morris in the Barrett district Thursday about noon. Mr. Morris was at Parkdale at the time, but a paper hanger was working in the house. The latter put some paste on the stove to cook and soon afterwards stepped out of the house for a few moments. It was a short time afterwards that the fire was discovered. It had already gained considerable headway and although the neighbors rendered what assistance they could, the building was destroyed.

The house was valued at from \$1000 to \$1200, in addition to which was the furniture. Mr. Morris had insured the house through A. W. Oathank for \$600.