

AVIATOR CLIMBS TWO CLOSE RACES

Flight Against Automobile and Motorcycle Is Interesting.

TRACK RECORDS BROKEN

Huffman Makes Mile in 1:14 4-5 Against Edwards and 1:10 Against Muesseg on Indian. Wind Affects Biplane.

SALEM, Or., June 4.—(Special.)—Flying in a straight line, Eugene Ely, aviator, surprised the thousands watching the State Fair grounds and those outside this attraction when he sent his biplane over the city, skirted the State Capitol dome and returned to the grounds. To those inside the gates the plane seemed to appear on the horizon and disappeared, gradually coming into view again and, as he circled the track, he was greeted with cheering. This feat was not on the public program. He accomplished the flight to the tune of just six minutes, following this with dipping and climbing, but he made no effort at a high flight.

Perhaps his most sensational feats of the day were races with a Ford racing car and a seven-horsepower Indian motor cycle, in each of which Ely proved winner.

With a flying start, Ely in his plane, and A. J. Edwards in his little racer, started a sensational burst of speed around the track. The Ford took the lead at the quarter and held it while the plane was fighting its way against the wind, but on the straight, the aviator swept past the machine like a cannon ball and won by practically its length. Edwards' time was 1:14 3-5, while Ely clocked the track in 1:10 4-5.

His race against the motorcycle, driven by Otto Muesseg, of Portland, was even more thrilling. The motorcycle was given a start of an eighth of a mile lead when the plane was driving against the wind, but on the straight, Ely succeeded in catching the same lead himself. The biplane clocked the track in 1:10, with the motorcycle two seconds behind in the time.

Several exhibitions were given by automobiles and motorcycles. Otto Muesseg establishing a track record of 1:04 for a seven-horsepower Indian. A Ford unofficially took three miles in 3:42, the laps being 1:12, 1:12 and 1:12. Albert Dempsey, of Portland, with a four-horsepower motorcycle, and Muesseg, of Portland, with a five-horsepower motorcycle, each made exhibition trials. There were other minor exhibitions and races.

Car Service Disappoints People. Hundreds of people were unable to reach the grounds today because of the car service. Paving improvements on the grounds were made by the time S. G. Rayl, manager for Ely, and the members of the Cherry Fair committee having charge of the exhibition, were ready to receive the aviator. They stated that the street car company was willing to operate the cars, but the Mayor forbade it after he had twice forbidden the use of the street cars. The entire distance to the grounds. Both business men and Rayl state that the apparently slim attendance at the exhibition was entirely due to Lachmann's attitude and attitude toward the exhibition in point of attendance.

SWAIN WOULD END LIFE. Roseburg Man, Hebrued by Girl, Leaves Note, Shoots Self.

ROSEBURG, Or., June 4.—(Special.)—Suffering from despondency, following a disappointment in love, the body of a man, who attempts to commit suicide by shooting himself through the right breast shortly before 9 o'clock this morning, was brought to the local hospital this afternoon and is said to be in a precarious condition. Lockwood attended a dance at Middle last night and was seen by a neighbor, who reported to the police. He was taken to his home a few miles from town and shot himself with a 22-caliber revolver. He was taken to the hospital and medical aid was summoned. Lockwood said that he intended to shoot himself through the heart, but on account of nervousness missed his aim. Miss Worthington is a daughter of Gratton Worthington, a contractor of Roseburg, and is well known here. Lockwood was married to a girl of the same name and was employed by A. W. Cernutt, a wealthy farmer. Lockwood left a note imploring Miss Worthington to plant flowers on his grave.

NEW ARMY WELL IS DUG. Water Plant at Vancouver Barracks Near Completion.

VANCOUVER BARRACKS, Wash., June 4.—(Special.)—A well 70 feet deep, six feet square and lined with reinforced concrete, has been completed at the Government pumping station and water plant at the upper end of the post. An electric pump connected to a motor will have a capacity of 2,000 gallons an hour. A 2-horsepower electric motor to be installed has been shipped from the factory. The present pumping plant, which has been operated by steam, will be replaced by the motor and electric pump, but the steam plant will be retained in case of an emergency.

BLIND HEAR MARY GARDEN. Pupils of State School at Vancouver Attend Concert.

VANCOUVER, Wash., June 4.—(Special.)—Eleven pupils of the State school for the blind attended the concert given by Mary Garden in the Auditorium in Portland last night. The treat to the pupils was given by the citizens' committee, which was organized recently to lend assistance in making the life of the inmates of the institution more enjoyable. The pupils were in charge of George Mullie, principal, and Miss Mary Gray, teacher.

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LIGHT PLANT BURNS

Vancouver Emergency Power Station is Destroyed. \$65,000 LOSS SUFFERED

Fire Originating in Boiler Room Consumes Wooden Building in Early Morning—City Dark. Insurance \$35,000.

VANCOUVER, Wash., June 4.—(Special.)—Fire originating in the boiler room destroyed the local emergency power plant of the Portland Light & Power Company at 3 o'clock this morning, causing a loss of \$65,000 with insurance of \$35,000. The plant was on lower Eighth street, near the Pittock & Leadbetter Lumber Company's plant. The building being wooden burned so rapidly that it could not be saved. The firemen evoted their efforts to prevent spread of the flames and keep the water from cracking the hot machinery.



EUGENE ELY, WHO RACED AT SALEM.

It will be an easy matter to mine and ship the coal.

GUARD FELS CONVICT

WALTER JOHNSON FOILS ATTEMPT TO ATTACK HIM. Prisoner, Whose Name Authorities Withheld, Is Beaten With Cane. Victor in Fight Has Record.

SALEM, Or., June 4.—(Special.)—While the prisoners at the State Penitentiary were in the yard this morning a convict, whose name the prison authorities will not divulge, threatened to assault Walter Johnson, a guard, because he was ordered to take his position by Johnson. The convict stepped from the line and started to attack the guard, but Johnson struck him down with his cane and then by fistfuls compelled him to return to his place. Johnson was the hero of the Buena Vista convict hunt, killing one of the escaped men and being wounded himself. He also arrested Homer Black in this city after he had shot Dr. C. H. Robertson. Black's arrest was accomplished by the use of strategy and a shotgun.

UMATILLA ALFALFA SHORT. Mowing to Begin This Week—Later Crops to Be Heavy.

PENDLETON, Or., June 4.—(Special.)—Growers of alfalfa in Umatilla County are preparing to harvest the first crop of the season. The song of the mower will be heard in several fields this week but it will be about ten days yet before the harvest is in full swing. The convict contemplated replacing the wooden building with a brick structure and plans for this improvement are drawn. The new plant will cost from \$25,000 to \$35,000 and will be built soon.

CO-EDS FIELD TO BE LARGE. Women Students at Washington to Have Diamond and Courts.

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON, Seattle, Wash., June 4.—(Special.)—The co-eds of the university will have a new and complete athletic field next year to replace the inadequate place in which they exercise now. For the last four months of this college year women's athletics have been unusually popular. Under the direction of Miss Jessie Merrick the field will be completed, with baseball diamond, track, tennis and basketball courts. Women's athletics and contests next year will be one of the bright features of athletics. They will be carried out under the supervision of the physical department.

PICNIC LUNCHES. No picnic is complete without one of those delicious lunches put up at the Woman's Exchange. Next day packed in boxes. Everything that's good to eat. Try one for that automobile party. 186 Fifth street.

ELGIN, Or., June 4.—(Special.)—Rains of the last two weeks assure good crops in this part of the county. The alfalfa and grain crops are promising. Fall wheat is so rank in growth that it will be necessary to mow a crop of hay from it that it may be able to hold its burden of grain. Several farmers have already cut their wheat down and many will follow suit. Fall crops of wheat, peas, cherries and small fruits seem certain.

Gaynor en Route to Honolulu. SAN FRANCISCO, June 4.—John F. Gaynor, who, with Benjamin C. Green, sentenced a term of years in the Federal penitentiary at Atlanta, coast for delinquency in the Savannah harbor improvement frauds and who recently was released, arrived here yesterday en route to Honolulu. He is accompanied by his wife, John F. Gaynor, Jr., and Miss K. L. Gaynor.

Echo to Have Catholic Church. ECHO, Or., June 4.—(Special.)—Echo to have another church. Catholics purchased a lot recently and through the efforts of Mrs. James McLaughlin, 2150 W. Main street, a start work on the building has been started. Ground will be broken next week.

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Taxpayers League Recommendations and Information for Voters City Election, June 5, 1911

Approaching the coming city election of June 5, 1911, the same tendency is manifested by the public as in the past for the use of the referendum. The Taxpayers League deprecates this tendency as harmful to the best use of the initiative and referendum and as tending to an unwieldy ballot and the confusion of the electors.

TAXATION table with columns: Year, Assessed Valuation, Levy (mills), Total Collected. Data for 1906, 1907, 1908, 1909, 1910, 1911.

WOODWARD-AVENUE BRIDGE. This is a proposed amendment to the city charter for the erection of a bridge over the Willamette River from Woodward and Grand avenues, on the East to Meade and Water streets, on the West, and to authorize the issuance of \$1,400,000 of city bonds therefor.

The bonded indebtedness of the city of Portland is now: Outstanding \$9,716,500. Additional authorized \$1,400,000. Total \$11,116,500.

1-MILL TAX FOR STREET CLEANING. This is an act to levy a mill for street cleaning purposes. The street cleaning work of the city has in late years grown far more rapidly than funds have been provided for that purpose.

1-20-MILL TAX FIREMEN'S PENSION FUND. This is an act for a pension and relief fund for disabled and aged city firemen and carries with it a levy of 1-20 mill of taxation.

SALARY CITY ATTORNEY. This is an act to fix the salary of the City Attorney at \$300 per month.

POLICE PENSION AND RELIEF FUND. This is a measure substantially similar to that proposed for the firemen and also carries with it a levy of 1-20 mill of taxation.

MUNICIPAL POLICE BUILDING. This is an act for the construction of a new Municipal Police Court and headquarters building and for a bond issue of \$200,000 therefor.

COUNCIL CREST PARK. This is an act for the purchase by the city as a park, Council Crest, and for a bond issue of \$250,000 therefor.

STREET FILLS. This is an act to add earth and other fills in streets to the words "Bridges" and "Bridges" as used in section 114 of the charter.

PUBLIC AUDITORIUM. This is an act authorizing the construction of a public auditorium and the issuance of \$500,000 in bonds therefor.

GARBAGE COLLECTING SYSTEM. This is an act for the establishment of a municipal garbage collection system, and for a bond issue of \$75,000 to provide the necessary plant for its operation.

CITY ENGINEER'S SALARY. This is an act allowing the Council to fix the salary of the City Engineer at not less than \$3000 per annum.

STREET CLEANERS' PENSION. This is an act to provide a pension and relief fund for the operatives of the street cleaning department.

DOUBLE SEWER LANS AND BIDS. This is an act requiring two or more sets of plans and specifications of the sewer lines to be laid and estimated.

RECAPITULATION table with columns: Item, Vote Yes, Vote No. Items include Woodward-avenue bridge, Public auditorium, etc.

Mountain, another to the Iron Mountain area of good land will be taken for settlement and the third to the extreme south end near the Nevada line. A large survey is officially promulgated.

LOW RATES TO CALIFORNIA Including Berth and Meals.

San Francisco—First Class, \$10.00, \$12.00, \$15.00; Second Class, \$5.00. Los Angeles—First Class, \$20.50, \$22.50, \$25.50; Second Class, \$10.35.

H. A. Mosher, C. T. A., 142 3d St. J. W. Ransom, Agent, Ainsworth Dock. San Francisco & Portland Steamship Company.

Surveyors Start From Burns. BURNS, Or., June 4.—(Special.)—Three crews of Government surveyors, each containing 14 men, arrived in Burns this week and are on their way to different parts of the county, where unurveyed land is situated to proceed with the work of subdivision which they began last year. One gang will go to Steens