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Three Successful Flights Made
at Country Club Before
a Small Audience.

LETTERS GO TO NOTABLES

Birdman Disappointed at Small Attendance—“Tightwad” Hill Mecca for Thousands—Builder of New Plane Is Spectator.

Two strips of canvas, a dozen bamboo rods, a few strands of wire and a 60-horsepower gasoline engine—to these Aviator Walter Edwards trusted his life three times yesterday afternoon. Twice he soared over the Country Club grounds, amid the cheering of thousands. His third flight was with the United States mail.

So much mail poured into the improvised postoffice near the grandstand that it was 4:30 before Aviator Edwards started on his flight. The mail was scheduled to leave at 4 o'clock. Harry T. Burrows, a clerk from the Portland Postoffice, who was in charge of the Aeroplane Postoffice, worked busily, but found the 2500 letters and postcards, the most of which were mailed within a few minutes of the time the mail closed, more than he could handle. So Postmaster Merrick, who called to see the new station, was pressed into service, and Edward A. Baird, assistant superintendent of the city division, also assisted with the mail.

In the mail, which went by way of Vancouver, Wash., was one special delivery letter, and many letters to prominent persons. There were several letters for President Taft, Colonel Roosevelt, and Woodrow Wilson. Postmaster-General Hitchcock was also remembered.

Aviator Edwards made no maneuvers in his Curtiss biplane after he received the United States mail. His mechanical men quickly wired it to the framework of the machine. Edwards climbed into the seat, wiggled the planes to see that they were working properly, the engine was started, and he was off. He headed west across the field, then turned as he rose from the ground, and went due north to Vancouver.

Air Currents Troublesome.

As soon as he soared above the race-track the spectators who had been in the grandstand and sought points of vantage from which they could see him until after he had crossed the Columbia River, and diminished to a speck in the sky.

Edwards had planned to start on his first flight at 2:30, but he waited until 2:45, to permit the crowd to get seated. He found the same difficulty with the air currents that he found on his trips Saturday.

As he was making his descent at the close of this flight, a current of wind struck his machine with such force that it appeared as though he would be overturned, but the biplane was righted and he came safely to the ground. “I thought for a moment I was a goner,” said the aviator, in speaking afterward of his experience. “A strong current struck me from the west, and I turned the planes just when I did. I would have had a smash-up. Fifty feet is not very high, but it is high enough to kill a man.”

As he started on his second trip he had another narrow escape. An air pocket was encountered and the machine lurched dangerously to the right. The biplane was hardly off the ground, and one of the wings struck. But the skid saved it from breaking. The machine lurched to the other side and struck. But Edwards speeded up his motor, and was off the ground in less time than it took to tell.

Flying at Country Club Hard.

Edwards pronounced the Country Club grounds a hard place to fly from. There is a downward suction, he says, apparently on account of the trees and the country, making it difficult to keep the equilibrium.

The birdman was disappointed at the small gate receipts. Both Saturday and yesterday, while the cost of the meet for the two days was \$150, the gate receipts Saturday amounted to only \$140. Yesterday not more than \$60.

Fred A. Bullington, who is building a double monoplane at 250 Hawthorne avenue, was an interested spectator in the grandstand. He began his machine May 1, and expects to have it finished September 1. He will equip it with a 40-horsepower engine and will place engine and propeller in front of the operator. Mr. Bullington is a mechanical engineer.

CIRCUS COMES THIS WEEK

Barnum & Bailey Attraction Is Greater Than Ever, Says Herald.

Was there ever a herald like the man who announced the approach of the circus? Was there ever a more grandiloquent utterance than his? Was there ever a herald who has heard more willingly or more eagerly than he? He comes out of the winter with a superb confidence; he moves briskly, he talks boldly, he proclaims the wonders of his tent in convincing superlatives. Everybody reads his proclamations and practically everybody responds with a determination to attend. There is in it the pleasant anticipation for all—for the young because the experience is new, and for those who are older, because of the memories awakened—the memories of a boy on a long that there seems to be no reason why it should not go on forever.

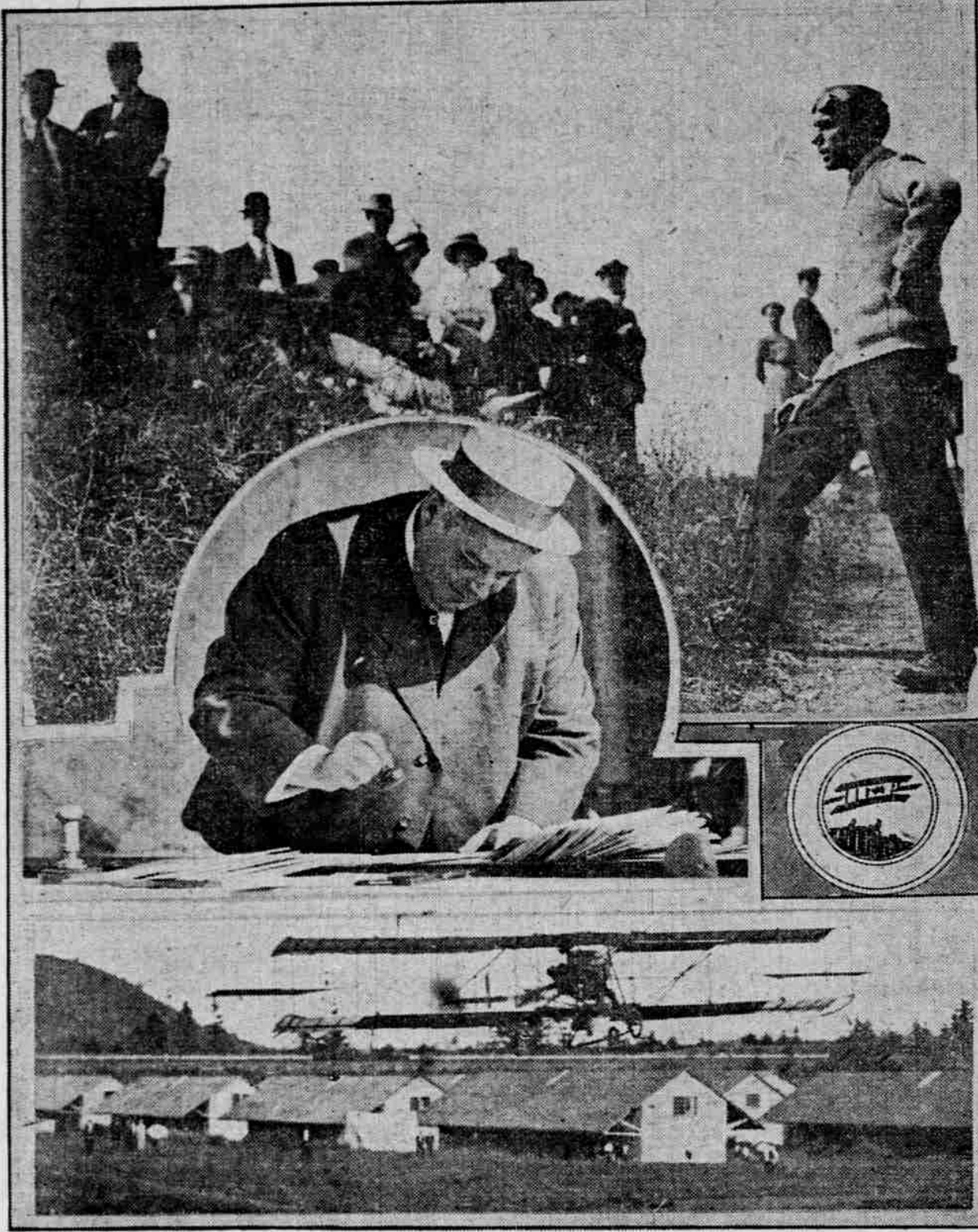
The circus, like love's story, is old, but ever new. As baseball is the national sport, the circus is the national amusement. It is a purely democratic institution, giving alike for the same price to the rich and the poor, and holding them all in the same thrall of expectancy and wonder. It has gone on so long that there seems to be no reason why it should not go on forever.

The herald of the Barnum and Bailey greatest show on earth, which will give exhibitions in Portland next Friday and Saturday, announces that the performance this year, while retaining the interesting features of previous seasons, will present new and startling acts. Promises are made that the street pageant will prove a free carnival of entertaining merit.

“Billy” Sunday Will Speak.

Rev. “Billy” Sunday will speak at the Taylor Street Methodist Church tomorrow night at 8 P. M. The doors will open one hour earlier, and the proceeds of the collection will go towards the benefit of the Louise Home.

SCENES AT AVIATION MEET AT COUNTRY CLUB GROUNDS YESTERDAY.



ABOVE, AVIATOR EDWARDS ADDRESSING CROWDS ON “TIGHTWAD” HILL; POSTMASTER MERRICK STAMPING THE AEROPLANE MAIL—BELOW, EDWARDS LEAVING COUNTRY CLUB GROUNDS FOR VANCOUVER WITH UNITED STATES MAIL WIRIED TO HIS AEROPLANE.

TRAIL BLAZER HERE

American Auto Pathfinder Is Laying Out Highway.

WESTGARD TELLS OF WORK

Portland-San Francisco Motor Car Route Now Interests Him—“Road Hogs” Many in This Section, He Declares.

A. L. Westgard, official pathfinder of the American Automobile Association, arrived in Portland yesterday from Seattle, en route from New York to San Francisco. Mr. Westgard is under contract with the National Association to map three transcontinental automobile routes before the end of the year. It is this mission which brings him to the Pacific Coast.

“My mission is to develop transcontinental highways,” explained Mr. Westgard at the Multnomah Hotel yesterday. “By mapping out practical automobile routes, much impetus is given to road improvements, with the result that many miles of highways are constructed.”

“The first route or trail laid out by the American Automobile Association is known as the Southwest route, and extends from Chicago to Los Angeles. The route was organized under the good roads associations and over \$1,000,000 has already been expended in its construction. Before this year has ended there will not be more than 100 miles of rough road on this route. This road crosses the States of Illinois, Iowa and Kansas, through a corner of Colorado, and thence through New Mexico, Arizona and Southern California to its Pacific Coast terminus at Los Angeles.”

“Northwest Trail” Is Covered. Mr. Westgard has just completed a trip over the “Northwest trail,” which begins at New York with Portland, Seattle and Vancouver, B. C., its ultimate Pacific Coast terminus. The route passes through the following principal cities west of Chicago: Milwaukee, Madison, LaCrosse, St. Paul, Minneapolis, Fargo, Bismarck, Glendive, Livingston, Missoula and Wallace to Spokane. From Spokane, the route has been provided, one leading via Wenatchee to Seattle, and thence to Portland and Vancouver, B. C. The other leads direct from Spokane to Portland. This route includes the “Park-to-Park” road that has already been established, and is in course of construction between Yellowstone National Park and Glacier Park.

Starting from Portland this morning, Mr. Westgard will trip-map the course of the Pacific Highway between Portland and San Francisco and Los Angeles. After reaching San Francisco, Mr. Westgard will begin laying out the “Overland trail,” which will include in its route the following cities: Sacramento, Carson, Austin, Eureka, Ely, Ogden, Salt Lake City, Cheyenne, Kearney, Omaha, Cedar Rapids, Clinton, terminating at Chicago.

The third transcontinental route to be laid out by Mr. Westgard will begin at New York City and will include Philadelphia, Baltimore, Wheeling, Columbus, Indianapolis, Springfield, St. Louis, Topeka, Denver, Green River, Milford, Ely, Goldfield, Pine, and end at Los Angeles.

Kelso Clay Is Encountered. “We left Seattle Friday morning,” continued Mr. Westgard, “and, although the roads were wet and slippery because of recent rains, we made satisfactory progress until we encountered the clay hills at Kelso. Until then we had traveled in comfort. Our troubles commenced. It will require a vast amount of work by the Pacific Highway people to place in proper condition that stretch of road in the vicinity of Kelso. It is really the only bad section of

PILOTS REVISE RATES

COLUMBIA RIVER ASSOCIATION DECIDES ON CUT.

Hereafter Tramp Steamers Will Be Given Reduced Freight by Ton and Foot.

To carry out plans that have been under consideration for some time, the Columbia River Pilots' Association, generally known as the Regular River Pilots, held a special meeting yesterday to consider a revision of the present rates of pilotage for tramp steamers.

At this meeting it was decided that the rates to those vessels would be changed from \$2 per foot to \$1.50 per foot and 1 1/2 cents per ton, instead of 2 cents per ton. It was also decided that these new rates should become effective at once.

In the pilotage of other vessels the rates will remain as at present.

Marine Notes.

The steamer General Hubbard arrived yesterday from San Francisco with a general cargo.

The British steamship Hazel Dollar, with a cargo of lumber for the Orient, went to sea yesterday.

The steamer Alliance arrived yesterday from Eureka and Coos Bay with freight and passengers.

The steamer Breakwater arrived yesterday from Coos Bay with 60 passengers and a full freight cargo.

The steamer Geo. W. Elder arrived yesterday from San Pedro and San Francisco with large freight and a full passenger list.

The steam schooner Johan Poulsen, Coaster and Temple E. Dorr arrived yesterday from California to load lumber for a return.

The strike of the masters and mates of the Inter-Island Steamship Company at Honolulu has been settled by granting the strikers a 15 per cent advance.

THE WEATHER.

STATIONS	Temperature	Wind	State of Weather
Baker	72.00	8 NW	Clear
Boise	80.00	12 SW	Cloudy
Boston	70.00	8 W	Cloudy
Chicago	70.00	8 W	Cloudy
Colfax	70.00	8 W	Cloudy
Denver	72.00	4 S	Clear
Des Moines	72.00	4 S	Clear
Duluth	74.00	4 E	Clear
Eureka	62.00	8 S	Clear
Galveston	80.00	12 S	Clear
Helena	74.00	16 W	Clear
Jacksonville	82.00	10 S	Clear
Kansas City	80.00	10 S	Clear
Laurier	78.00	18 NW	Cloudy
Los Angeles	80.00	12 S	Clear
Marshall	72.00	10 N	Clear
Merced	80.00	12 S	Clear
Montreal	80.00	10 S	Cloudy
New Orleans	80.00	12 S	Cloudy
New York	82.00	12 S	Clear
North Head	60.00	12 NW	Cloudy
North Yakima	82.00	4 N	Pt. cloudy
Pendleton	82.00	4 N	Clear
Portland	78.00	8 NW	Clear
Roseburg	80.00	8 S	Clear
Sacramento	94.00	8 S	Clear
St. Louis	88.00	4 NE	Clear
St. Paul	82.00	4 SW	Clear
Salt Lake City	60.00	22 W	Clear
Spokane	74.00	8 W	Pt. cloudy
Tacoma	64.00	12 W	Clear
Walla Walla	80.00	4 W	Clear
Washington	80.00	4 W	Clear
Weiser	82.00	4 N	Clear
Wenatchee	82.00	4 N	Clear
Yellowstone Park	72.00	4 SW	Clear

WEATHER CONDITIONS.

An area of high-pressure is spreading inland over the Pacific Northwest. The pressure is also moderately high over the Southeast. Low pressure obtains over the interior portions of United States and Canada, with centers of depression over North Dakota and the last 24 hours showers have fallen along the Oregon coast. In Western Washington, Northwest Montana, Western Canada, and quite generally east of the Mississippi River. Thunderstorms were reported this evening from Rapid City, Pittsburgh and Montreal. The weather is somewhat warmer in the Pacific States, and it is correspondingly cooler in Montana, Saskatchewan and the East Gulf States.

The conditions are favorable for generally fair weather Monday in this district. No decided temperature changes are indicated, and generally northerly winds will obtain.

FORECASTS. Portland and vicinity—Monday fair, with rising temperature; northerly winds with light breeze. Tuesday—Monday generally fair, but much change in temperature; northerly winds.

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\$1.50 Imp'd Madras 95c
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\$7.50 Go-Carts at \$4.95
On sale in department, 4th floor.

\$10 Hammocks at \$5.95
Couch style—Palmer's make.

Sale of Pure Food Groceries, 4th Floor
Sale Enameled Ware, 3d Floor—Sale Aluminum Ware, 3d Floor

in wages and all other demands made. The steamer Princess Charlotte arrived at Tacoma yesterday from Victoria with 1440 excursionists, making the run in four hours, 24 minutes, which reduces the record between those points by 13 minutes.

Captain Nelson, of the schooner Ma-weema, which arrived at Aberdeen Friday, lost three fingers of his right hand while assisting in raising the anchor after it had been dropped to await the arrival of a tug.

Movements of Vessels. ASTORIA, Or., Aug. 11.—Arrived and left at 6 A. M. steamer Breakwater, from Coos Bay. Left up last night, steamer Sue Elmore, from Tillamook. Arrived at 9 A. M. and left up at 12 noon, steamer Alliance, from Coos Bay. Arrived at 10 and left up at 12:15 A. M. steamer Johan Poulsen, from San Francisco. Arrived at 11:45 A. M. and left up at 1 P. M. steamer G. W. Elder, from San Francisco. Arrived and left up at 1:50 P. M. steamer Temple E. Dorr, from San Francisco. Arrived at 3 A. M. steamer Ne-halem, from San Francisco. Sailed at 10:15 A. M. steamer Olympia, for San Francisco. Sailed at 10:30 A. M. British steamer Hazel Dollar, for Manila.

NEWARK, N. J., Aug. 11.—As a ruse to turn the guards to an upper tier in the Essex County Jail, the prisoners set up a cry today that one of their number had committed suicide.

The guards rushed to the top tier to search for the supposed suicide, and in the excitement five prisoners slipped through a door into the prison yard, and, scaling the engine room, dropped outside the walls to freedom.

Body of Betts to Be Cremated. ASTORIA, Or., Aug. 11.—(Special.)—The body of the late Captain William Albert Betts will be sent to Portland tomorrow, where it will be cremated. Following the expressed wish of the deceased, there will be no floral tributes and no services will be held, excepting that his favorite songs, “The Star-Spangled Banner” and “Our Bark Is Drifting Far, Far From Shore,” will be sung at the crematorium. Later the

ashes will be sealed in a cement block and buried at sea, as he wished.

Idaho Votes Cost High. LEWISTON, Idaho, Aug. 11.—(Special.)—For every vote that was cast in Nez Perce at the state primary election held July 30, the county must pay per capita a price of \$1.81. An abstract of both the expenses of the election and the total vote cast has been sent to the Secretary of Idaho. The total expense was \$427.91. The total vote cast was 1550. In many precincts the cost of each vote will reach \$5.

Phone Service Improved. NEWPORT, Or., Aug. 11.—(Special.)—The Lincoln County Mutual Telephone Company today held a cable across the bay from McLean's Point to South Beach. This connection gives Beaver Creek, Alsea, Waldport, Ocean View and Yachats country service with the main line at Newport, and will materially in opening up the districts for development.

District Judgeship Sought by Six. GOLDENDALE, Wash., Aug. 11.—(Special.)—George W. Rowan, Prosecuting Attorney of Cowlitz County, is at Goldendale campaigning for judgeship for the district composed of Klickitat, Skamania and Cowlitz counties. P. C. Ward, of Goldendale, has also filed for the office, making six candidates in the field for the office.



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