

RAIN SAVES CROPS IN DALLES COUNTRY

Interesting News Items from
Thriving Community—
Portage Canal.

THE DALLES, Or., June 12.—After a week of intense hot weather the warm spell was broken yesterday afternoon when a severe thunderstorm broke over this city and lasted most of the afternoon. During the time rain fell in torrents causing gutters in the streets to run full. This morning it has turned cooler.

The rain coming at this time will be worth thousands of dollars to farmers and stockmen in this part of the state. This week the farmers felt discouraged for a time, as the weather was exceedingly warm and accompanied by an east wind made matters worse, and it appeared for a time that the crops would be a total loss, but this storm arrived in time to save them.

Reports from the interior are that the rain has reached all over the country. So far no serious damage has been reported from lightning except for about one hour the White River Power Company had to close down its plant causing some trouble to motorists. The telephone company here also had all lines burned out on the long distance service and officers say it was the worst electric storm they have had to deal with for the past two years.

The Portage Canal.

A party of 15 engineers under William Morris have arrived here for the purpose of surveying the ground between Sauter's cannery and Cello for the purpose of a continuous canal as recommended by the last board of engineers who examined the Harris project. The canal is proposed to be about eight and one-half miles long and will contain several locks, one at the upper end and two at the lower end. It will be 65 feet wide and lined with concrete. It will run parallel with the O. R. & N. track, and be hewn out of rock nearly the entire distance, and it is estimated will cost about \$10,000,000, and take about 10 years to build, but it is thought here, judging from the work at the Cascades, it will be fortunate to Eastern Oregon if it is done in twice that time. It is believed for a time that work would commence this summer but it looks now as if it will be several years before the undertaking will be begun.

Didn't Know the Law.

This city intended to have an election on the 15th, to vote on the issue of \$50,000 additional water bonds and also to elect city officers, but on reading over the law passed by the last legislature in regard to holding elections in cities it was found that cities of over 5,000 must use the Australian ballot system, and one of the requirements are that the certificates of nomination be filed with the recorder 15 days before the election, and as it is too late to do so, the city officials are at a loss to know what to do, and today plans were decided to carry it over until Friday night and in the meantime have the law fully investigated by the attorneys, when a decision will be reached as to the best way to proceed, so as not to interfere with the voting on the bonds.

River stands here today at 41 feet and it has not caused any serious damage, but is expected to enter the city tomorrow. The first washout to occur on the railroad was this afternoon when water was received from Sauter's that the water was breaking over the track. A work train left at once for the scene. Later reports say it is not serious unless a further rise occurs tonight.

SALEM'S FOURTH

OREGON CITY, June 12.—The committee having charge of the fourth of July jubilee here is busy at work and has received subscriptions amounting to \$200. The committee expects to raise something like \$1,000, which will be used for celebration purposes. Races of various kinds, baseball and other sports are on the program, but there will be no fireworks. The town council has gone so far as to forbid the sale of fireworks within the city limits. This proceeding is condemned by a great many business men, as anyone desiring to purchase them must buy them simply by going to Parkplace or any adjacent country store. While the firing of rockets, Roman candles and firecrackers is prohibited in Oregon City, one only has to step across to the west side, where he can burn red fire to his heart's content.

DROWNED NEAR DAWSON

(Journal Special Service.)

SEATTLE, June 12.—The steamer Humbolt, from Lynn Canal ports, brings news of the drowning of three men in the Yukon near Dawson on the day following the breaking up of the ice in the river. Their names are William Bailey, John Haggland and John Frank. They, with two other men, ventured on the river in a canoe and were upset in the swift current. George Mero and Edward Whittely were rescued, but the other three sank before aid could reach them. Their bodies were not recovered.

SCHOOL EXAMINATION

By Superintendent of Schools Hilder is expected to be held in the high school of the spring term to be held in the schools Tuesday, June 13. Director Wittenberg is expected to return to the city Monday and everything is in readiness for the annual election of teachers.

WM. CASSEDA DEAD

OREGON CITY, June 12.—William Casseada died at 11 o'clock yesterday from disease incident to old age. He remains will be taken to Canby for burial today. Mr. Casseada was past 71 years of age. He was the father of 14 children, 10 of whom are yet living.

No Dessert More Attractive

Why use gelatine and spend hours soaking, sweetening, flavoring and coloring when

Jell-O produces better results in two minutes? Everything in the package. Simply add hot water and set to cool. It's so easy. A surprise to the housewife. No trouble, less expense. Try it today. In Four Fruit Flavors: Lemon, Orange, Strawberry, Raspberry. At grocers, 10c.

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THIS HOOD'S GREAT STRAWBERRY YEAR

Max M. Shillock Says that 150
Carloads Will Be Shipped
from Valley.

That the Hood River strawberry season will become the most famous of all of Oregon's prize fruits seems to be the opinion of Secretary Max M. Shillock of the Portland Board of Trade, who spent yesterday looking over the large patches in that valley in receipt of letters from Eastern people who ask all sorts of questions, regarding the Hood River Valley fruit lands, and especially of the grounds suitable for berry raising. He says that he personally investigated the garden spot so that he would know just how to answer the epistles.

"This will be Hood's banner berry year," said Mr. Shillock this morning. "I was told yesterday by a well-known fruitman there that at least 150 carloads of strawberries would be shipped from that point this season. The fame of Oregon's dainty ground fruit seems to be known in every hamlet west of the Mississippi, as scores of orders are being received by the wholesale dealers at Hood River from various cities in the Dakotas, Nebraska, Kansas, Montana, Wyoming, Idaho, Utah and other Rocky Mountain points; several orders are also said to have been received from Atlantic Coast and Southern cities.

"This year there are 600 acres producing berries, and I was informed that next season the acreage would be increased 50 per cent. The average yield is about 1,000 crates to the acre, and the wholesale market price is about 12 per crate. There is an army of pickers at work in the valley now, 300 or 400 of them being Indians. One little white girl, who appeared to be only about 14 years old, told me that she picked 150 boxes a day, receiving 1 1/2 cents per box for her work in the valley.

"It is my opinion," continued Mr. Shillock, "that the best of the Hood River berries are shipped East. While the kind we Portlanders feast on are very good, the sort sent to our Eastern kindred is better."

MRS. TILLIE WILLS COMMITTS SUICIDE

Sad Story in Connection with
the Unfortunate Woman's
Rash Act.

(Journal Special Service.)

OREGON CITY, June 12.—In a fit of despondency Mrs. Tillie Wills of Canby, this county, committed suicide yesterday afternoon about 4 o'clock by taking a large dose of carbolic acid.

Mrs. Wills is the woman who was criminally assaulted at Canby by a tramp some weeks ago. The assailant made his escape and was never captured. Mrs. Wills was formerly Miss Tillie Blair, the daughter of ex-County Commissioner W. H. Blair. She was a widow and about 35 years of age. She lived with her parents at Canby.

At the coroner's inquest the testimony developed that she had purchased the poison at Evan's drug store yesterday morning. The contents of the bottle consisted of about one and a half ounces of carbolic acid, and she took it all.

Mrs. Wills had been despondent since the date of the criminal assault, and it is supposed that this is what led her to commit the rash act that ended in her death.

Clackamas County has had three suicides within the past month. One was God-fried Boese of Damascus, some four weeks ago. Another that of Mrs. Fancher at Mount Pleasant and the last Mrs. Blair.

WILLAMETTE ALUMNI

(Journal Special Service.)

SALEM, June 12.—The Alumni Association of the Willamette University College of Music was yesterday afternoon recognized the effect of the efforts of Professor Francisco Seley, dean of the college. A large attendance of the alumni was secured and the best of good humor prevailed. A musical program, brief but of superior excellence, was presented to the enjoyment of all present, and the musical numbers were interspersed with brief addresses by prominent members, and it was determined to hold annual reunions. Officers for the next year were chosen as follows:

President, Scott Bonartz; vice-president, Mrs. Mary Steiner-Denton; secretary, Mrs. Mary Parvin-Brown; treasurer, Miss Gertrude E. Stahley; committee on constitution and bylaws, Mrs. Marie Brown, Mrs. Hattie Parrish-Hings, Mrs. F. A. Legg. Professor Seley was elected an honorary member, and the class of 1903 was admitted to full membership.

WONDERFUL CLEAN-UP

Biggest Amount of Gold Ever Taken
From Like Amount of Dirt
in Klondike.

(Journal Special Service.)

SEATTLE, Wash., June 12.—Mail advices from Bonanza, Y. T., bring news of the biggest cleanup ever made from a like amount of dirt in the Klondike. The cleanup was made by a party of Bonanza Creek, and consisted of \$205,000 in dust and nuggets.

In the dump from which the cleanup was made were only 22,000 buckets of gravel. The dirt averaged, therefore, from \$9 to \$10 to the bucket. The average to the pan was about \$11.8.

The claim is owned by the North American Transportation & Trading Company, and was worked by four men who had a 50 per cent lay. The men also used the company's machinery and water. The laymen make something more than \$25,000 apiece for their winter's work. Their names are W. S. Washburn, W. H. Fisher, F. Bonner and Erick Nelson.

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THIS YEAR'S FAIR AT STATE CAPITAL

Many Needed Improvements
Will Be Made to Grounds
—Excellent Outlook.

(Journal Special Service.)

SALEM, June 12.—The State Board of Agriculture was in session in this city the past 10 days looking after the repairs at the Fairgrounds and the construction of new buildings. Bids were received for the erection of new buildings from local contractors, but they were too high and all proposals were rejected and new bids were asked for. These were received yesterday and the contracts were awarded to Joseph Zimmerman of Woodburn for the erection of new horse stalls for show animals (\$265), and new cattle stalls (\$235), while the repairing and re-roofing of the old stalls was awarded to the same contractor for \$750. Joseph Lavigne, another Woodburn contractor, secured the contract for repairing the grandstand at the racetrack raising it and placing it on a concrete foundation, at a cost of \$850.

A new arena was also contracted for at \$337. This structure will be 64 by 44 feet, will have elevated seats on each side and contain a large space in the center where show stock will be exhibited, and where exhibition stock will be judged for premium awards. The arena will also be used for the animal auction sales for fine stock, held during Fair week on the grandstand. The new structure will be a valuable addition to the Fairgrounds and one that has long been needed. The new structure will accommodate 800 spectators, and will stand about 200 feet east of the pavilion.

New Water System.

The new water system for the grounds is now under way and will soon be completed. It will furnish an adequate supply of water from the state water plant at the penitentiary, the water mains being an extension of those running from the prison to the insane asylum.

The prospects for this year's Fair are extremely bright. Already sufficient county exhibits have been promised and are being prepared to fill the entire pavilion with the products of the farms, orchards and mines of this state, and the indications are that room for exhibition purposes in the spacious buildings will be at a premium long before the date of the opening of the State Fair. The counties that will be represented, and have already applied for space are Benton, Jackson, Lane, Linn, Marion, Polk, Umatilla, Union, Washington and Yamhill. These exhibits will be a complete presentation of the wonderful products of the various sections of the state, and will be of especial value in showing Eastern visitors the wonderful resources of Oregon, and the people who are gathering the several county exhibits will be well rewarded for the State Fair Board has offered a first premium of \$100, a second of \$250, a third of \$200, a fourth of \$150, and all other creditable county exhibits will each receive \$100. C. T. Bonney of Woodburn is preparing the Marion County exhibit, and he is making excellent progress.

Individual exhibits of all descriptions will be far more extensive and numerous than at any previous Fair in this state. The number of premium lists is far in excess of the attendance of any previous year, and Secretary M. D. Wisdom is in receipt of many inquiries relating to accommodations, and assurances are given of an attendance by exhibitors that will surprise and delight even those who in former years were known as fault finders.

The racing stables will be filled by the best horses in the West, and there will be more and better horses there than in any preceding year, promising a racing program never before equaled in the Pacific Northwest. Already two famous California stables are on the ground, and more are coming soon to train their horses on Lone Oak track, the fastest mile track in the Northwest.

One of the stables here is that of George T. Beckers of Los Angeles, headed by Zombro, the famous trotting stallion, with a record of 2:11, and the other is that of William Murray of Woodland, Cal., headed by Diablo, the pacer, with a record of 2:14. Diablo has never been beaten on the track, and his presence will be a great drawing card.

The board is negotiating with the owners of Ceresus, the world's champion trotter, and hopes to secure this great harness horse to trot exhibition mile every day during the Fair.

HOT AT PENDLETON

Warm Wave Causes Citizens to Invent
New Metaphor for the Temperature There.

The hot wave that has been doing business at Pendleton has caused the people of that thriving Eastern Oregon City to expend unusual sums for soft drinks, ice, straw hats and linen coats. The rapidly-mounting temperature moved a gentleman of that place to write The Journal in typical Pendleton style something like this:

"We are not suffering with the heat; it has passed that stage and we are resigned. But it is not exactly chilly. It's been so hot here for the past few days that some remarkable theories have been advanced for the unusual rise in temperature. One is that the infernal regions have been transferred to a position about half a mile from town. This opinion does not find many converts, however, and the majority of our people are losing energy and going to bed, declaring that two places so much alike are not necessary, and that Pendleton can itself answer all the requirements of a place of torture by heat."

CABINET RESIGNS

(Journal Special Service.)

ROME, June 12.—Minister of the Interior Giolitti this morning resigned his portfolio and subsequently the entire cabinet decided to resign in a body because the members considered they had not been sufficiently supported during their inquiry into the condition of the navy in the chamber last Wednesday.

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GAMBLING STOPS IN WALLA WALLA

All the Games Have Closed and
Knights of the Green
Cloth Leave.

(Journal Special Service.)

WALLA WALLA, Wash., June 12.—Gambling in Walla Walla has ceased. Faro tables, roulette wheels, wheels of fortune, "blackjack," draw poker and all other games of chance are things of the past. Eight of the largest gambling resorts in the Inland Empire have closed up shop and their owners are preparing to leave for fields unknown. For more than a year the Garden City has been a center for all the gamblers in Southeastern Washington and Eastern Oregon, and at least two of them are now prepared to enjoy a large sum of money.

"Ras" Kees, brother of State Representative A. Francis Kees, and Douglas Owens are estimated to be worth nearly \$50,000, all the proceeds of the Club saloon and gambling house, the biggest in the city. A year ago both men were in genteel poverty, to say the least.

Among the gambling houses closed are the following: The Club saloon, the Palm saloon, the Lounge, the Grand, Tumalum, formerly the Eagle saloon; the Palace, George Smith's cigar store and the Elk saloon.

At 12 o'clock on the night before the law went into effect, "Ras" Kees called out from his position behind the roulette wheel in the Club saloon:

"One more throw, boys, and it's all off." A chorus of groans and deep, hearty American oaths greeted the announcement. The gamblers took a fresh breath and then plunged. By strange freak of fortune the roulette wheel won for every man who had placed his money on the table.

The red, white and blue checks were cashed in and the resort was soon empty. On every train, gamblers carrying enormous sums of money, were seen to their paraphernalia, are leaving the city. The expression of one gambler is representative of the sentiments of all of them. He was overheard to say: "Walla Walla is going to — faster than I thought."

The echo ushered in the reign of law and morality.

TACOMA'S GAMBLING

Washington's New Law Will Not Be
Fought in City of Destiny—
Gambling Closed.

(Journal Special Service.)

TACOMA, June 12.—The new anti-gambling law of Washington, which went into effect yesterday, will not be fought in this city. So far as is known there is not a slot machine in operation in the city today. Shortly after the passage of the bill by the recent session of the legislature, the city officials ordered all games closed. The order was obeyed, except that draw and stud poker games continued in operation without molestation.

Slot machines were allowed to continue in business, but have now been taken off all counters. It is said that there will be an effort to fight the law in Spokane and that Tacoma gamblers have contributed toward a fund for that purpose.

DEATH OF MRS. BOYLAN

(Journal Special Service.)

OREGON CITY, June 12.—Word has been received here of the death of Mrs. Helen Boylan, nee Ebbertson, from neuritis of the heart. Mr. and Mrs. Boylan were formerly residents of this city and were just preparing to leave for Seattle when Mrs. Boylan died.

THE HEEL AND THE TONGUE

Two parts of the modern shoe on which the cobbler is frequently required to exercise his ingenuity are the heel and the tongue. The heel is too high and the tongue is too long. The first defect is due to the difficulty many women have in finding a shoe of becoming shape with a moderate size heel. In order to get the toe and instep they want they have to take a shoe that is too high and too long as if they were walking on stilts. That exceedingly high prop they frequently find objectionable and the cobbler is requested to pare off an inch or so of superfluous height.

"Why don't you buy the right kind to start with," asked one of these artists in leather of a regular customer.

"I would if I could find them," was the reply. "They do not seem to be in the market."

The cobbler does not care for a commission of that kind.

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WAR ON GAMBLERS NOT ENCOURAGING

Scotty Ferguson of Seattle
Says He Will Run His
Shop Regardless.

(Journal Special Service.)

SEATTLE, Wash., June 12.—But for the fact that "Scotty" Ferguson snaps his fingers at the police and dazes the eyes of Prosecuting Attorney Scott with his diamond shirt stud, all gambling would be closed in Seattle. Even the little one-armed nickel-in-the-slot machines which for nine years have robbed the public in every saloon and cigar stand protected by city licenses and unmolested by the police authorities, are closed.

There for crepe on the door, metaphorically speaking, in every gambling den of Seattle except "Scotty's" Chinese lottery joint, where the duly incorporated Washington State Charitable Association skims suckers for the benefit of the Monks Hospital—after the bona fide philanthropist and his motley crew of capers, boosters, steersmen are paid their wages, ranging from \$5 to \$20 a day.

Chief Not Tamed.

"Tell with the chief," was the word