

## VANCOUVER

AUDITOR WAS BUSY  
MAN IN SEPTEMBER

Record Month for Business in County  
Auditor's Office at Vancouver—  
June Marriage List Was  
Slightly Larger.

(Journal Special Service.)  
Vancouver, Wash., Oct. 1.—The month of September just closed was a record-breaking one for the auditor's office of Clark county. Not only were there instruments filed, but the total amount of the fees exceeded the total of any previous month this year.

It is usually considered that June is the month of brides, and especially when the license fee is boosted from \$2 to \$5 at the close of the month, but September brought in more money than did June from happy couples, and almost as many licenses to wed were issued as in June, and there were more than for any other previous month.

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Oregon City Listen to a Strong  
Address by F. McKernan  
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**SECOND NATURE.**  
From the Chicago Tribune.  
"I fear," said his host next morning, "you didn't sleep well last night. Every time I wake up I could hear you thrashing around in your bed."  
"I ought to have told you," apologized the guest, a man from Kansas City. "I've got so used to floods that I tread water in my sleep."

## SALEM

SALEM CONFERENCE  
IN FALL SESSION

Appointment of Committee Which Will  
Stand During the Coming Year  
Appointed by Bishop  
Hamilton.

(Journal Special Service.)  
Salem, Or., Oct. 1.—The Methodist conference was in session for a short time yesterday when Bishop J. W. Hamilton announced that all ministers must file their statistical and benevolent reports or they could not expect to be appointed to charges next year. Committees were appointed, after which the conference took a recess for the day. The committees are:

**Standing Committees.**  
Auditing—C. E. Crandell, G. F. Round, J. W. McDougall, J. J. Walter, R. E. Dunlap.  
Benevolence, church extension, bible tracts—L. F. Belknap, M. T. Wire, J. C. Gregory, D. L. Shrode, J. B. Stark, Alfred Thompson, H. Ober, J. M. Sweeney.  
Books and periodicals—James Moore, S. Snyder, N. J. Harbit, Andrew Monroe, C. T. McPherson.  
Chinese work—C. E. China, F. L. Young, S. F. Clemo, E. C. Alford, W. W. Edmondson, George H. Bennett.  
Conference stewards—T. L. Jones, C. L. Hamilton, L. C. Zimmerman, W. T. Kerr, R. C. Blackwell.  
Conference relations—B. F. Rowland, A. J. Hollingsworth, E. Gittins, J. T. Abbott, W. B. Hollingshead, D. G. Stephens, C. A. Stockwell, C. A. Lewis, C. F. Hamilton.

**Education—General and local.** F. A. & S. E. Society—E. B. Lockhart, H. J. Talbot, J. R. T. Lathrop, W. B. Hollingshead, W. H. Sellock, B. J. Hoadley, M. C. Wire, B. F. Rowland, R. A. Booth, F. L. Moore, John Parsons, W. H. Odell, John Reynolds, Gabriel Sykes.  
Episcopal fund—W. B. Moore, M. L. Hardingham, B. A. Bristol, S. L. Lee, Epworth League—N. J. Harbit, J. L. Hawkins, E. P. Zimmerman, H. L. Clair, G. H. Freeman, E. Gittins.  
Memorials—C. L. Hamilton, C. E. Crandell, R. Booth, S. F. Meminger, D. H. Leach.

**Mission work.** Indian, W. F. M. S. and W. H. M. S.—Hiram Gould, C. A. House, E. H. Bryant, W. B. Pepper, S. E. Meminger, Andrew Monroe.  
Domestic missions—Presiding elders, Special charities—B. F. Peck, J. W. McDougall, L. D. Driver, D. L. Shrode, Lew Davis, W. J. Walz, Alfred Thompson, H. T. Atkinson.  
Public worship—D. A. Watters, John Parsons, W. S. Gordon.

**Resolutions.**—F. L. Moore, B. F. Rowland, M. C. Wire, M. L. Hardingham, H. Ober, S. H. Greenlee.  
Reforms—C. E. China, J. J. Walter, H. J. Talbot, L. D. Driver, A. J. Hollingsworth, J. H. Skidmore, W. S. Grim.  
Postoffices—Wilfred Smith, D. L. Fields, W. W. Edmondson, W. F. Rogers, H. L. St. Clair.

**Twentieth century debt paying.** forward movement—J. H. Skidmore, D. L. Fields, W. B. Holcomb, F. L. Young, W. T. Kerr, J. R. T. Lathrop, A. C. Fairchild.  
Sunday schools—W. H. Byers, L. H. Pederson, C. M. Bryant, J. C. Gregory, W. H. Sellock, M. L. Hardingham.

**Death of Mrs. McClane.**  
Mrs. Helen C. McClane, a pioneer of 1840, passed away today after an illness of several days of erysipelas.  
Deceased came to Oregon as a child 6 years old on the old missionary ship Lausanne, landing in Astoria in the spring of 1840. Her parents were the missionary party coming around Cape Horn that year, and they came from Otsego county, N. Y., where, April 1834, Mrs. McClane was born.

Her family settled at the old mission near Salem, where she has since resided. She is the last survivor of the missionary party that came on the Lausanne.  
Mrs. McClane leaves one daughter, Mrs. J. H. McCormick, of this city, and six sons, they are: G. F. McClane of Portland, L. E. J. L. and John B. McClane of Salem, O. H. McClane of Grand Ronde and Harold G. McClane of Portland.

The funeral will probably be held tomorrow.  
**Used Insulting Language.**  
Oscar Cole, a resident of this city, was last evening fined \$10 for using abusive and insulting language to Mrs. John M. McAllister, a neighbor. Mr. Cole pleaded guilty to the charge and paid his fine after consulting an attorney in the matter. Cole claims that a mare belonging to the lady came into his barn and ate all his cow feed, and that the lady came to his barn, he was cursing the animal. Mrs. McAllister, hearing him swear, thought that Cole was cursing her and swore out the warrant on which he was arrested.

**Law School Opens.**  
The Oregon law school of this city opened last evening with Dean S. T. Richardson in charge. The school enjoys a fine reputation for efficiency, and its graduates are among the leading attorneys of the state. There is a good attendance for this year.

**Two More for the Pen.**  
Sheriff F. W. Sifton of Yamhill county, yesterday brought two men to the penitentiary to serve two years each. The two prisoners were John Bradley, a burglar, and Claude Wood, a forger, both indicted in Yamhill county, where they pleaded guilty to the charges. The cost of bringing the men to the prison was \$24.50.

**INTERSTATE COMMERCE.**  
From the Baltimore World.  
The handsome lady rushed wildly into Union station.  
"Give me a ticket for Sioux Falls," she panted.  
"With or without?" asked the polite agent.  
"With," said she, and received a beautiful 10-yard ticket with divorce coupon attached.

**Preferred Stock Canned Goods.**  
Allen & Lewis' Best Brand.  
L. F. Foster, San Francisco, Cal., Feb. 2, 1903, writes: "Please find enclosed draft for \$150.00. Send me one dozen treatments of 'Trib'." The drug-gists here say they have orders in they can't get filled. Why is this? I took Trib myself last June and never felt better in my life than I do now. I have gone down in weight to 155 pounds, and never thought of liquor or tobacco any more. I know of 25 cures you could get reference from, if you care to write for them. Be sure to send me twelve Tribs at once; I want to send them to Honolulu."

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**SCARED THE BARBER  
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(Journal Special Service.)  
Tacoma, Oct. 1.—The people of Sumner, a small town 12 miles from Tacoma, have organized a vigilance committee and in an indignation meeting held there last night determined to bring quick conviction and punishment any one arrested for incendiarism, of which there have been several cases lately.

A barber living in Sumner named Deck Smith was summoned before a meeting of 30 indignant citizens last night and formally charged with setting fire to the printing establishment of the Sumner Herald two nights previous. He denied the charge, though he was so frightened by the hostile showing of his accusers and the threats made against him that he could hardly speak above a whisper. The committee of three sent to his house at 10 o'clock to bring him before the meeting almost had to drag him to the hall. Although there is no direct proof against Smith, circumstantial evidence is said to point so directly his way that he was allowed to go unharmed only with a warning that his future conduct would be watched.

The people of Sumner have been assailed by high pitch by the frequent incendiary fires during the past year. A year ago the Sumner creamery, a flourishing industry and one of the few large plants in the city, was burned to the ground under circumstances which pointed to an unknown incendiary. Other buildings have been partly burned during the year, but the climax was reached when the Herald printing office was apparently set afire the other night. The flames were stopped and the building

saved with small damage. The plant was being moved, the Herald having been consolidated with the Puyallup Independent under the name of the Puyallup Tribune.  
Smith, suspected of the attempt, is said to have had trouble with the owner of the lot on which the Herald office stands, having been refused the lease of the ground on which he wanted to establish his shop. It was rumored that he became angry because it was announced another barber had secured the use of the building and was going to run in direct competition with him.

## EUGENE

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A SPLENDID FAIR

Tenth Annual Meeting of the Second  
Southern Oregon District Agri-  
cultural Society a Marked  
Success.

(Journal Special Service.)  
Eugene, Or., Oct. 1.—The tenth annual meeting of the Second Southern Oregon District Agricultural Society, in spite of its long name, has come to be an event amongst the citizens of Eugene and Lane county. The first two days were marked for the good attendance at the grounds and the general interest that is being taken in the affairs of the society. President V. C. London is well pleased with the opening and says that things are auspicious for the remaining part of the week, the most important.

The pavilion where exhibits are arranged is too small for the things which are being displayed. The lack of room hampered many in their endeavor to put up a large and artistic display. However, the exhibits are very fine and of considerable quantity in spite of the lack of space. The art corner and new work displays of Eugene women and others in the district, deserves especial mention. It is especially fine. The display of grains, the same as was at the state fair in Salem, is the best that could be gathered in the state. It is supplemented by various kinds of fruiting and growing crops from other parts of the district. The fruits and canned goods are also good indications of the material wealth of the district. The pavilion is indeed a rich mirror of wealth.

**The Races.**  
The fair management has arranged a good speed program and the public was treated to the first of these yesterday afternoon, when four pretty races were pulled off, the 2:30 trot, a half mile, five-eighths and a quarter of a mile running dashes. Lord Kitchener, the black colt owned by T. D. Condon of Eugene, won the trot easily against a field of others.

In the half-mile event, Mt. Pete and Sunday Mac, local horses, made a pretty run, the former winning by a nose in 56 seconds on a dusty track.

In the five-eighths event, Gad, an import from the Salem grounds, carried off the honors by a decision which had to be hair-splitting, or Minkler, another local, would have won.

The quarter of a mile dash was won in 25 seconds straight by King Joe, Time, 25 seconds.  
The track is loose and dusty, but the going is good. It will be sprinkled after today.

Today's program includes a fast buggy race, a pacing event, a couple of races of the trotting kind. The track is full of fine things and if the weather is enjoyed for the first two days keeps up the attendance will not lessen in the least. The fair will be a success in every way.

**Weekly Talks to Students.**  
The weekly addresses by the president of the university to the students of the institution are growing to be popular in many ways. They have been found to be exceedingly interesting at the same time instructive. This morning at the weekly assembly President Campbell incorporated the following seasonal thoughts in his address:  
"There has been a gradual substitution of intellect for muscle. It is expected that the time will come when the bulk of principal labor will be done by the natural forces around us, directed by the intellect. The great possibilities of the Willamette valley give a wide field for such development. The complaint has been made that over-education has made people less willing to work. But this is not true. Statistics show that only a small percentage receive higher education. Education does not make people less willing to work but more particular as to the conditions under which they work. It teaches them what are good conditions. Training in schools promotes citizenship and it is the student who is able to get all the facts and has the ability to use them in large generalization that makes the best leader. If one is to serve the common good he is to have a general development of himself. If he is to be a leader he must be a part of that which he leads."

"There are three things then to be looked after, development of intellect, development of artistic sense and development of character. It is the duty of every student and especially those of a state institution, to do their best in the way of general development, for in doing the best for his state he is doing the best for himself."

**Opening of Pheasant Season.**  
The opening of the pheasant season this morning was attended with considerable excitement on the part of the hunters. Many were out at daylight looking for the fowls of the East. They have already become shy from being hunted and if not as plentiful as earlier in the season are harder to reach. They jump a long way off and sail out of range and if followed repeat the operation. It is hard to get within gunshot of the shy creatures. The season is expected to yield much to variegate the tables of Eugene's sportsmen, and their much-to-be-remembered friends.

**Failure of Justice.**  
Mr. Van Dusen is not at all pleased with the verdict of the jury in the case of the State vs. W. W. Ridehalgh. Mr. Ridehalgh is Samuel Elmore's partner in the inside fishing business and runs the cannery at Tillamook. At the opening of the fall season Mr. Ridehalgh neglected to secure the necessary license and his arrest followed. He was tried before a Tillamook county jury, which returned a verdict of not guilty because of Ridehalgh's showing that he had not been called upon by the state authorities to take out the license. If the rule here established by the jury should come into general vogue, a chaotic condition of affairs would soon follow in all communities, state, county or city.

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Gabriel (urging his suit)—I know I'm dreadful poor, but wealth isn't necessary to happiness. 'Tis love that makes the world go round.  
Evangeline—I know it, Gabriel; but think of the economy it would make! I'd make it a week go 'round—Chicago Tribune.

"This offer of your heart and hand is very sudden," said the summer girl, "but I will take it."  
"Ah!" gasped the swell drygoods clerk, badly rattled, "will you dry me with you or shall I send it home?"—Philadelphia Public Ledger.

**A-B-C  
BOHEMIAN**  
Pure, Pale and Sparkling. Bottled Only at the Brewery in St. Louis.  
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Fiechtelstein, Mayer & Company

**OREGON CITY FISH  
LADDER DISCUSSION**  
From Astoria Comes Mr. Van Dusen's  
Side of the Controversy—Delay Oc-  
casioned by Circumstances  
Uncontrollable.

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Astoria, Or., Oct. 1.—The complaint which comes from Oregon City in regard to the alleged delay in the construction of the fish ladder at the falls of the Willamette is not, it appears from the statement of Fish Warden Van Dusen, well founded. Mr. Van Dusen has used all possible haste in getting the work improved under way, and that the work has not been begun ere this cannot be attributed to indifference on his part. The fish ladder is intended primarily to assist salmon in getting to the Upper Willamette, where it is supposed to locate hatcheries. The location heretofore selected is on the McKenzie river, near Eugene, but no permanent station has yet been established there. Indeed, until the fishway is completed and the habits of the salmon after passing the falls are observed, it will be impossible to determine definitely just where the propagation plants will be established. The fishway is an experimental improvement as to all undertakings of the kind calculated to assist hatchery work, and there has been no loss because of the failure to get the work under way at an earlier date.

The island on which the fishway is to be located is the property of the General Electric Company, from which it is necessary to secure a right of way. Had the company refused to grant this right, the state would have taken the usual procedure of condemnation proceedings. A suit of this kind would have dragged along in the courts perhaps for years before being finally settled, and there would have been no absolute certainty of a decision in favor of the state without the company being granted a consideration. The total appropriation for the fishway is \$5,000, which will be entirely used without any legal contest.

**In a Reasonable Way.**  
Mr. Van Dusen felt that it would be the much better plan to go about the matter in a reasonable manner, and called on the officials of the company to ask that the privilege be extended. He was assured that the company would make the grant some time ago, but the secretary of the concern informed him that he would have to await the return to Portland of the company's attorney, who passes on all such matters. For some time Mr. Van Dusen has been waiting for the legal representative to get back from San Francisco, and in the meantime it has been impossible to have the work begun.

The contract has been awarded to Ernest P. Rands of Oregon City, and when the right is granted work will be begun. Mr. Rands says in a letter to the fish warden that he can complete the contract in 60 days if the weather is favorable, but that completion of the work will be delayed until summer, should weather conditions make progress impossible this fall. However, there has been no unnecessary delay, and the criticism recently voiced is not justified by the facts in the case.

**Overloaded With Work.**  
Mr. Van Dusen has really had more work the past summer than he could attend to. He is building the biggest hatchery plant in the Northwest at Ontario, another large plant on the Grand Ronde, and a third on Salmon river. Only a few weeks ago the hatchery on the Umpqua burned. All these matters have required his undivided attention, to say nothing of the office routine and the time that he has been compelled to spend looking after the state's interests during the opening weeks of the fall fishing season and the closing days of the spring season. He states that he might possibly have hastened work at Oregon City somewhat, had he the time to devote to the fishway improvement, but that in view of the other and more pressing duties which demanded his attention he has pressed the work as much as possible.

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Gabriel (urging his suit)—I know I'm dreadful poor, but wealth isn't necessary to happiness. 'Tis love that makes the world go round.  
Evangeline—I know it, Gabriel; but think of the economy it would make! I'd make it a week go 'round—Chicago Tribune.

"This offer of your heart and hand is very sudden," said the summer girl, "but I will take it."  
"Ah!" gasped the swell drygoods clerk, badly rattled, "will you dry me with you or shall I send it home?"—Philadelphia Public Ledger.

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From Astoria Comes Mr. Van Dusen's  
Side of the Controversy—Delay Oc-  
casioned by Circumstances  
Uncontrollable.

(Journal Special Service.)  
Astoria, Or., Oct. 1.—The complaint which comes from Oregon City in regard to the alleged delay in the construction of the fish ladder at the falls of the Willamette is not, it appears from the statement of Fish Warden Van Dusen, well founded. Mr. Van Dusen has used all possible haste in getting the work improved under way, and that the work has not been begun ere this cannot be attributed to indifference on his part. The fish ladder is intended primarily to assist salmon in getting to the Upper Willamette, where it is supposed to locate hatcheries. The location heretofore selected is on the McKenzie river, near Eugene, but no permanent station has yet been established there. Indeed, until the fishway is completed and the habits of the salmon after passing the falls are observed, it will be impossible to determine definitely just where the propagation plants will be established. The fishway is an experimental improvement as to all undertakings of the kind calculated to assist hatchery work, and there has been no loss because of the failure to get the work under way at an earlier date.

The island on which the fishway is to be located is the property of the General Electric Company, from which it is necessary to secure a right of way. Had the company refused to grant this right, the state would have taken the usual procedure of condemnation proceedings. A suit of this kind would have dragged along in the courts perhaps for years before being finally settled, and there would have been no absolute certainty of a decision in favor of the state without the company being granted a consideration. The total appropriation for the fishway is \$5,000, which will be entirely used without any legal contest.

**In a Reasonable Way.**  
Mr. Van Dusen felt that it would be the much better plan to go about the matter in a reasonable manner, and called on the officials of the company to ask that the privilege be extended. He was assured that the company would make the grant some time ago, but the secretary of the concern informed him that he would have to await the return to Portland of the company's attorney, who passes on all such matters. For some time Mr. Van Dusen has been waiting for the legal representative to get back from San Francisco, and in the meantime it has been impossible to have the work begun.

The contract has been awarded to Ernest P. Rands of Oregon City, and when the right is granted work will be begun. Mr. Rands says in a letter to the fish warden that he can complete the contract in 60 days if the weather is favorable, but that completion of the work will be delayed until summer, should weather conditions make progress impossible this fall. However, there has been no unnecessary delay, and the criticism recently voiced is not justified by the facts in the case.

**Overloaded With Work.**  
Mr. Van Dusen has really had more work the past summer than he could attend to. He is building the biggest hatchery plant in the Northwest at Ontario, another large plant on the Grand Ronde, and a third on Salmon river. Only a few