

### SAY SPEED LIMIT IS AN ABSURDITY

**AUTOMOBILISTS WILL MEET IN MASS SESSION TO PROTEST AGAINST SPEED ORDINANCE—COUNCILMAN AVERILL FAVORS A 15 MILE AN HOUR LAW.**

Automobilists of this city are preparing for a mass meeting to protest against the action of the city council in regulating the speed of their machines to a maximum rate of eight miles per hour. Such discrimination against automobiles is not, they say, and would not be upheld if tested in the courts.

It is asserted that street cars and many other vehicles constantly traverse the city streets at a greater rate than eight miles per hour. No action has been taken to prevent such travel on the part of any vehicle except automobiles. It is said, and auto fans propose to protest against the discrimination.

"There is a law which regulates the speed of street cars at eight miles per hour, but it only applies to the business portion of the city and 20 or 25 outside of the limits," said Councilman Averill, who opposed the ordinance regulating the speed of automobiles. "The ordinance is not molested. I don't see why they should discriminate against us."

"As a matter of fact, there has not been an automobile accident in this city in which anyone has been hurt. It is safe to say that there have been quite a few street car accidents in which persons were more or less injured on numerous occasions. At the meeting we shall discuss the situation generally. We certainly believe that there ought to be laws regulating the speed of machines and those who violate them should be punished. But automobiles should not be discriminated against. We shall endeavor to have the ordinance revised so that the maximum rate of speed in the city will be 15 or 20 miles per hour and more than outside of the city limits."

The meeting of automobilists will be held within the next few days.

### STATE SUFFERS SEVERE DROUGHT

**SCHEIDT HAS OREGON KNOWN SUCH A PROLONGED DRY SEASON, AND NO BELIEF IS PROMISED BY WEATHER BUREAU—GRAIN NOT SERIOUSLY INJURED.**

Rarely in the history of Oregon has a drought been of such duration as the one with which many parts of the state are now afflicted. With the exception of a few drier years, it has not rained in this state since June 2.

The drought is peculiar in the fact that it exists only in the valleys and low sections of the state, where it usually rains with more regularity. The more elevated places have not suffered to a great extent.

The weather office offers no relief in the way of showers. It is also stated that fruit has not been damaged severely up to this time. The crops also have escaped serious injury.

R. T. Cox, who returned yesterday from his ranch in Gilliam county, states that the crops of this section have not been injured. Harvesting will begin July 15, and the quality of grain is said to be good.

"In the vicinity of Condon," said Mr. Cox, "there has been an abundance of rain, and the yield will be over the average. The ground is in good condition, and in many places the farmers are plowing. In the northern section or in the Schuettler place, the grain is ripening rapidly and headers are already being brought out. In some sections the grain will yield 40 bushels to the acre."

### FUND FOR ROAD WORK IS SHORT THIS YEAR

Of the half dozen places where county road work should be carried on, the commissioners are only certain at this time of being able to attend to two. The levy for road purposes amounts to \$107,000, and after delinquencies are deducted from this amount the sum of about \$100,000 is left with which to take care of the many roads in Multnomah county.

An unusually large amount of work was done during June, and the fund for plowing in the northern section or in the rock crusher is at present working on the Base line road, and after this work is done there will be nearly a mile and a half of macadamizing undertaken on Corbett street, and already has been some work on the Columbia river road.

The commissioners have under consideration the road to Sellwood and several other extensions of needed macadamizing that should be done this year. They have laid down the rule of paying off each year a portion of the debt against the road fund, and when this is deducted together with the amount that must necessarily be kept for winter repair work, the fund is found to be insufficient to do all the work it was hoped would be accomplished this year.

### HOLLADAY PARK ALSO NEEDS WATER

Residents and property owners of the Holladay Park addition are complaining over their water service. This is one of the most rapidly growing suburban districts of Portland, and already 50 residences are occupied and many others will soon be completed. Only one water main runs through the park and residents have to rely entirely on private pipe lines. There is no water for sprinkling and not enough for domestic purposes.

A petition has been filed with Auditor Devlin to be presented to the city waterworks committee on Wednesday asking that better water facilities be extended there, stating that the work can be done at slight expense.

Residents of University Park have also filed a petition asking for the extension of the water system to their community, as they state they have to do without water even for domestic purposes, for several hours each day.

### PENDLETON SCHOOL SITE COMMENTED ON

Pendleton, Or., July 11.—When it became known today that the board of education had selected a site for the new \$50,000 school building in Byers Grove, unfavorable comment was heard all over town.

The site is surrounded by a slough in a marshy region. It will cost thousands of dollars to fill the land in, and the resentment of the property-owners may result in formal action being taken.

### ROBBERIES FOILED BY EAVESDROPPER

**SALOONKEEPER HEARS TWO BANDITS DISCUSS ROBBERY OF NORTHERN PACIFIC TRAIN AND INFORMS THE POLICE—COMPANY PLACES GUARDS ON TRAINS.**

Through overhearing two prospective train robbers discuss their plans and by notifying the police a local saloonkeeper enabled the Northern Pacific officials to begin their guard. The plot of the robbers was given the police, who turned the matter over to the company. Armed guards were at once placed on all the company's trains, though until today this was denied by the company.

Armed guards have been riding on north and south-bound passenger trains over the Northern Pacific between Portland and Puget sound for three weeks. The matter has been kept a profound secret. Two policemen say the information that results in the placing of armed guards on the trains was given them by the saloonkeeper. The armed guards were immediately put in service as were several expert detectives of the company.

Two men were overheard to plot the hold-up. They were in the company's first street saloon and agreed to stop the train and rob the express car. The proprietor of the saloon overheard them and notified Policemen Connors and Heninger. The Northern Pacific officials were quick to act when informed of the plot. Whether the men learned of the company's preparations or whether they altered their plans is not known, but the Northern Pacific attempt was made to molest any of the trains.

When the railway company first placed the armed guards on their trains they were in the opinion of the officials emphatically denied it and also denied that they had heard of any plot to rob one of their trains.

### MYSTERIOUS POISON CAUSES FOUR DEATHS

Boise, Idaho, July 11.—L. C. Driggs, Charles Driggs, his son, Andrew Larson and Charles Snyders are dead and William Mason is in a critical condition as the result of poisoning in a peculiar manner and through an unknown form of toxin.

The party was engaged in working a mine near Snyders, and when one after another had sickened and died it was believed to have been caused by ptomaine poison. Dr. Blake, a physician of Resort, believes that the poison is of a rare character, obtained from a South American plant, the effects of which are invariably fatal.

Mason, who is now at Hot Springs, may recover. A quantity of the food has been sent to Boise for chemical analysis and a post mortem examination of the stomach of the elder Driggs is also being made.

Included in the list of deaths which occurred at Boise yesterday as the result of eating food impregnated with poison is the name of L. C. Driggs. It was reported about the city today that it was L. C. Driggs, who for years was chief clerk in the United States marshal's office at this place. The rumor was unfounded, as the local Mr. Driggs is well at his home in this city.

### DRUGGISTS GO TO THE BEACH FOR MEETING

John A. Lane, chairman of the entertainment committee of the Oregon State Pharmaceutical association, announced this afternoon that between 75 and 100 people, druggists and their wives will leave Astoria today on the motor at 7:30 o'clock tomorrow morning for Long Beach, Wash., where the fourteenth annual meeting of the association is to be in session on July 13, 14 and 15.

On Wednesday there will be a trip to Fort Canby and Northern light house, a basket luncheon being enjoyed at the latter place. Visits will be made to the canneries, and other points of interest. The evening will be given by the crew of the life saving station on Thursday.

In the way of amusements, there is to be boating, bathing, fishing, clam-digging, tennis, billiards, etc. Prizes are to be given the prettiest girl and best looking druggist.

### NEW CITY WANTS MINING CONGRESS

Information has been received by Secretary Mahon of the American Mining congress that Cincinnati is going to make an effort to secure the eighth annual session of the mining congress for this city. This information came through a communication from the Commercial league of Cincinnati.

This makes the fourth city that has announced itself as a candidate for the next session of the congress. The others being Denver, Salt Lake and Omaha. Minneapolis and Chicago have unofficially made the announcement that they desire the next gathering of the congress.

Many of the invitations sent out to the mayors of the different cities throughout the country are being accepted and the list of delegates is growing larger every day.

### LIGHTNING KILLS A PLAYER IN GAME

McKeesport, Pa., July 11.—Charles Jeffries, pitcher of the Johnson baseball club, was struck by lightning and killed, the second baseman stunned and a large crowd panic stricken as the game was about to begin this afternoon.

### BALL PLAYER BADLY HURT

Coulee City, Wash., July 11.—C. A. Swanson, who is playing ball here yesterday, was run into by another player and two ribs broken and his backbone cracked. The injured man suffers terribly and doubts are expressed as to his recovery.

### CURIOSITY CAUSES INJURY

Quincy, Wash., July 11.—Mamie Spreckler, aged 13, struck a big torpedo with an axe. Her face was severely cut and several stitches were necessary. She says that she was curious to know the effect produced by exploding the bomb in the manner described.

### CHICKEN THIEVES CAN'T DOWN HIM

In the want columns of The Journal today there appears one of the most unique advertisements recently published, the same being a notice from Paul Verestran of 430 Irving street, notifying the public that chicken thieves are abroad.

Mr. Verestran, although a modest man, is public spirited, and he took this method of "ripping" the public as to what happened to his henery the other night.

On the memorable night referred to, as Mr. Verestran announces, he was robbed of a hen and 10 "chicks." He does not state the value of the stolen property, but he is in his warning to the public, but the fact is apparent that they were of sufficient value to cause within his mind a desire to notify the public of what had happened to him, and of what may be done to them.

In the olden days or in rural settlements, Mr. Verestran would probably have gone to the village postoffice to place his notice or tell of his misfortune. In these modern days of rural free delivery, telephones, telegraph, megaphones, talking machines and electric cars he goes to the daily newspaper office, and in a brief four-line notice warns 16,000 homes of readers of The Journal, that the common enemy, the chicken thief, is abroad, and for all to lead their trusty muskets and be ready.

### MANEUVERS BEGIN AT CAMP MURRAY

WASHINGTON TROOPS EFFORT A FAST MOVE AND OUTFIT THEM OPPONENTS—OREGON TROOPS GET THE WORST OF IT AND ARE MOUVING.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Murray, Wash., July 11.—The problem of today's military maneuvers is that of moving columns of troops through a hostile country and repelling the attack by the enemy. Many of the main maneuvers were west of American lake, where the Second Washington and the Twenty-sixth artillery, commanded by Colonel Lamping, were attacked by a portion of the Nineteenth infantry.

The Washington troops completely outwitted the attacking party in the opinion of Washington officers, putting the artillery, consisting of two companies, out of action and capturing a dozen prisoners. The fighting was severe along the advance near Nolan farm. The Japanese were defeated at Niqually, from which the opposing forces marched at 7 o'clock this morning.

The brunt of the fighting was borne by a battalion commanded by Major C. B. Smith, who was in command of a portion of B, he drove the enemy from the woods, meeting them unexpectedly, whereupon close fighting resulted.

Meanwhile the artillery took a position on a ridge at the edge of the woods, drawing the fire of the enemy as a ruse while the infantry passed on. If ball cartridges had been used today Oregon would be in mourning, as the Third Oregon was badly squelched.

Accompanied by a light artillery and opposed to the Oregon men were a separate battalion and the Nineteenth infantry, the latter being victorious.

This engagement occurred near the American lake station. It was a pretty fight and lasted an hour. A platoon with the Third Oregon was put out of business before firing a shot.

General Funston, General McArthur and a lieutenant-colonel, a British attaché, viewed this engagement, and after the fight addressed the officers separately.

For the third problem, the Second Idaho and Eighth battery, opposed the Ninth cavalry, including Troop B of Oregon and battery, fighting near Hillhurst and at target ranges. The battery was still on at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

### ST. LOUIS DAMAGED BY A WIND STORM

St. Louis, July 11.—A furious wind and thunder storm swept down upon St. Louis shortly before 3 o'clock this afternoon and raged for about an hour. Heavy damage to buildings is reported from all sections, but no loss of life.

Residents of the city were panic-stricken, fearing a repetition of the awful cyclone of 1894. The wind blew more than 80 miles an hour, smashing in plate-glass fronts and overturning wagons in the street. Hailstones of immense size fell.

Considerable damage was done at the world's fair grounds, and thousands of spectators on the grounds were as terrified as the natives of the city.

The full extent of the damage to property is not known at this time, but it is estimated at many thousands of dollars. At 4 o'clock the storm seems to have spent its fury.

GENERAL KILGORE'S STORM SWEEP.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Chicago, July 11.—Fierce storms in the central portion of the state this afternoon have isolated that section and St. Louis, where gales are also reported. The extent of the damage is unknown.

### CHINESE WAR MAY BE IMMINENT

Reserve policemen are being held ready to make immediate response to calls in Chinatown. Rival gangs, engaged by jealousy over the breaking up of a feast in a hall over On Lee's store early Sunday morning, are believed to be about ready to wreak vengeance. Preparations are made for quick and decisive action in case trouble should occur. Arrangements have also been made to call out the fire department and down into submission any celestial who might desire to murder their countrymen.

Acting under instructions from Captain of Police Bailey, Policeman King of the Chinatown squad at 2 o'clock yesterday morning broke up a feast being held in the hall over On Lee's store, Second and Oak. Chinamen and Japanese women were celebrating in a hilarious manner, and a citizen residing in the vicinity requested that the racket be suppressed. When instructions were given the Mongolians they at once turned on Bow Wa, a merchant next door, and a member of a rival gang, had instigated the move. Instantly a demonstration was made, and it became necessary to order out more policemen to assist in keeping down open war. For a time murder was feared, but the police succeeded in calming the enraged celestials.

But the police cried peace when there was no peace. Again, later in the day, Chinese crazed with anger, and still believing Bow Wa caused the police action, moved in a manner that told the officers trouble was imminent. Members of the Chinatown squad who have served for years in the district knew the attitude of the Chinese was threatening, and precautions were at once taken.

### MANY WOULD MANAGE POOR FARM AFFAIRS

The question of a new superintendent of the county poorfarm is still under consideration by the county commissioners. It has not yet been decided to retire the present superintendent, but the commissioners have already received about 14 petitions of applicants who say that they desire the place "if a vacancy occurs."

Judge Webster, when asked directly concerning the matter today said that the commissioners were investigating conditions at the poor farm, and that they had the superintendent question under consideration, but that as yet nothing definite has been decided upon.

### TO EXAMINE PAYROLLS

City Auditor Devlin has received notification from the civil service commission to the effect that all appointments to positions in the public service must conform with the charter requirements. Hereafter the auditor will submit all payrolls to the civil service commission for approval as to the regularity of the appointments, and such payrolls shall be audited only as approved by the commission, and provided by the charter. Hereafter no warrant will be drawn in payment of any salary to any person who is not certified by the commission to the auditor as having been appointed or employed in pursuance of the charter civil service.

### DROWNED AT BOWEN'S FERRY

Bonner, Ferry, Idaho, July 11.—Harry Dolan, aged 13 years, son of James E. Dolan of this city, was seized with cramps while in swimming in the Kootenai river near here, and drowned. The body was recovered.

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From the Washington Post.

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"There is no special reason why women should not become proficient in surgery," he replied, "but few take to that line of work. The average woman somehow seems to think that this lies a little outside the sphere of feminine labor, and there is no question but that the public takes the same view. Even were a woman to attain the highest degree of surgical skill or to become a great operator, which is quite a different thing, her ability would meet with scant recognition, and she might not get fees enough to live on in comfort.

"At the same time, I have met with women whom I knew to be born surgeons; that is, they had the native talent, the judgment, the physical strength, the steady nerves, and all other requirements. When it comes to standing pain, women outclass men, and there is no reason to doubt the fitness of such as these for performing the most difficult and trying operations. The trouble would be to get any of them to select a career that is apparently not suited to the sex."

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