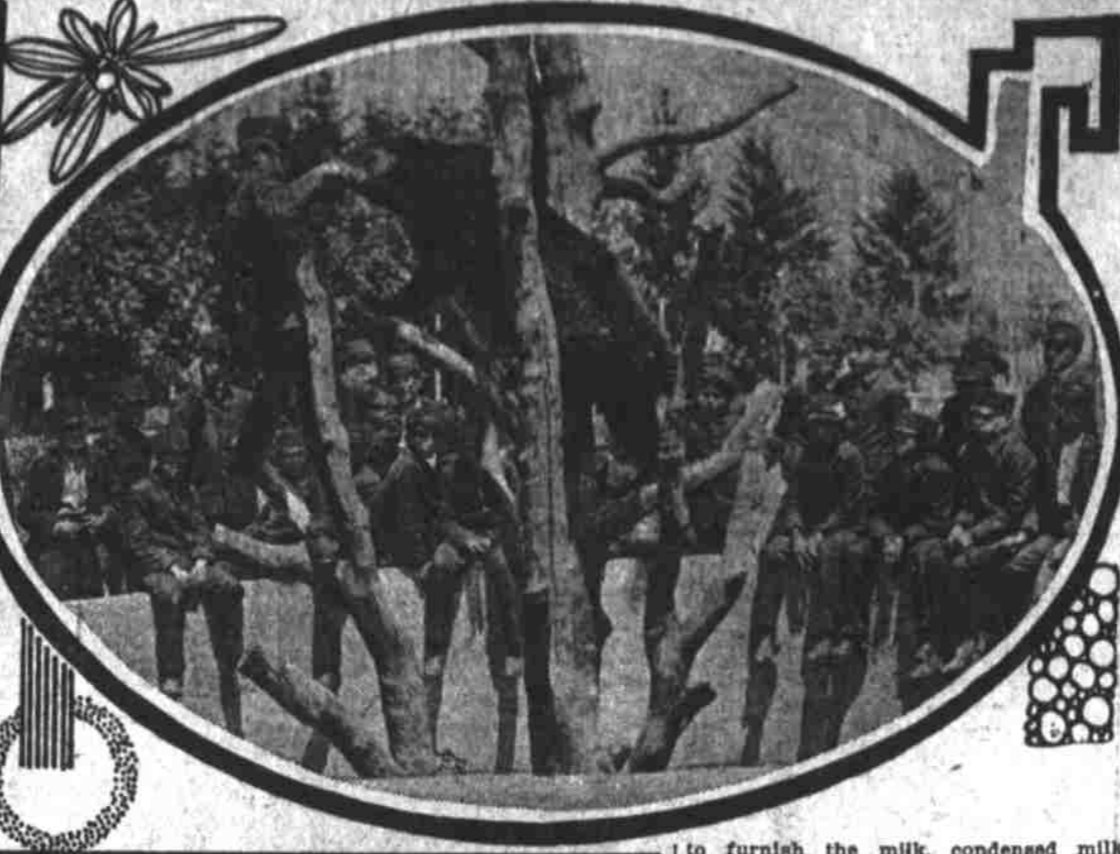
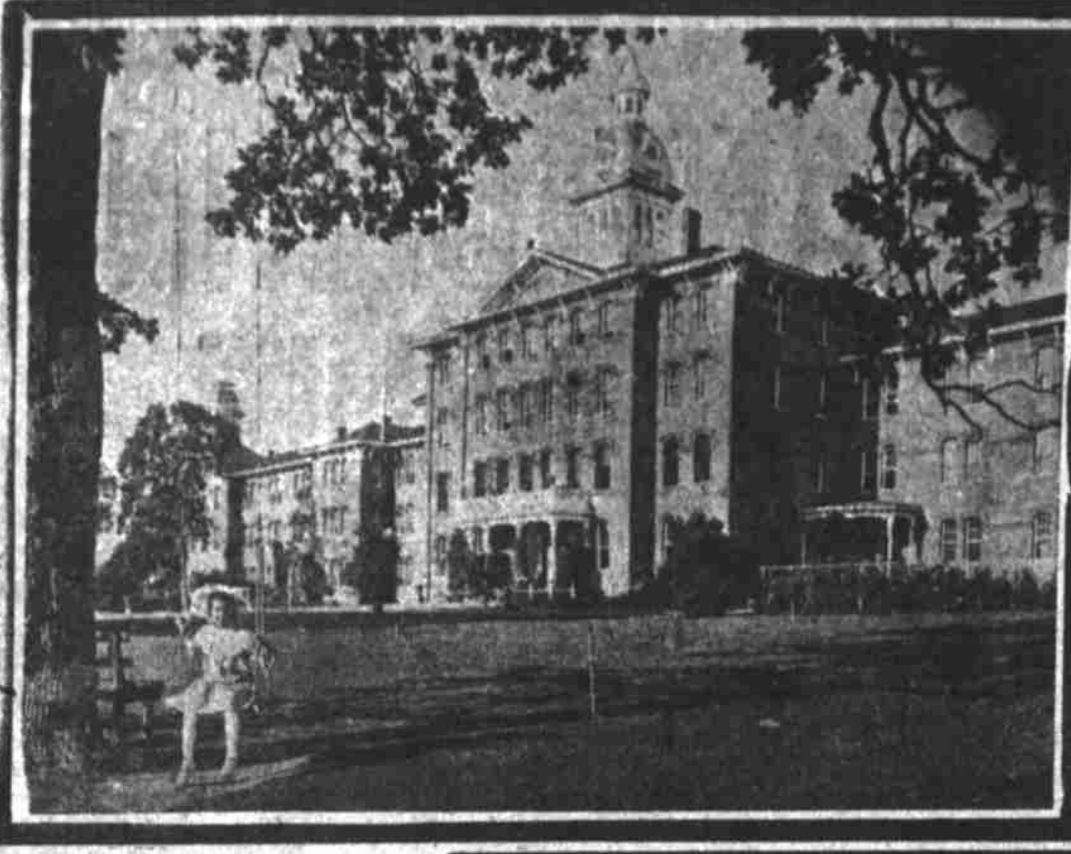


# HOW THE BEAVER PIONEERED THE WILLAMETTE VALLEY SETTLERS



(By a Staff Correspondent.)

Salem, Or., Oct. 9.—Little more than half a century ago Salem was a good place to go to trade with the trapper and get scalped by the Indians. But the dim and winding Indian trail has broadened with the years into a highway of civilization, and the Indian finds himself absolutely stranded on the shores of progress and plenty. The old Oregonian harks back at the mention of the Indian land, to the days when blankets and moccasins were much in evidence and the implements of warfare much in demand.

It was the beaver that became responsible for the opening of the Willamette valley. It led the trapper and trader from the Mississippi to the western ocean. Along their trail in after years, the emigrant wagons dotted the timbered plains from the foot of the Rockies to the Pacific, and the emigrants left their toll by the trail in nameless mounds on the plains. Yet their splendid achievements have proved that the white man's footsteps were surely not on the wrong trail. The old trappers of the Rocky mountains, who followed the beaver in his aimless wandering into the most glorious empire of adventure and resources the world ever saw, has lost the frontier. He has bid good-bye to the desert and the wilderness.

Marion county was once the richest of all the red man's hunting grounds. Now, it is the richest of all the white man's fields and orchards.

Again, the seasons have run their course. The farmer's harvest of Marion county is nearly gathered. The smoke of the thrasher's engine has faded from the western horizon, and nearly the last measure of wheat has been tossed to the grain bin. For many years, the tide of emigration looked to the cities in the Willamette valley, but the tide has turned countryward. The rural free mail delivery, the rural trolley car, and the rural telephone are effecting the most remarkable social trend in the history of the valley. They are changing the whole face of the country. The farm is no longer a place for dullness.

Many writers, following the spirit of the steam era, have been too eager to glorify the commercial enterprises of the city and too ready to exalt the possessors of wealth, showing, by comparison, the narrowness of agriculture. Marion county is coming back to first principles. The farm worker has not labored in vain. The coming years are to be the period of the open field and country home. The agricultural colleges are feeling the impulse and it is lending new inspiration. Not many years ago, 80 per cent of the graduates of our agricultural colleges sought employment in our cities. Today, nearly 90 per cent of these graduates are returning to the farm with pride.

**Trapper and Scout.**  
The Willamette valley was not won by the trapper, the scout, or the miner, but by the hero of peace who drove his prairie schooner into unfamiliar lands and turned over long stretches of rich virgin soil that pointed towards the setting sun. The average Marion county farmer is as well informed upon



Upper Right-Hand Corner, Pet Bears, Indian Training School, Chemawa; at Lower, Salem School Children's Parade.

the questions of the day as the average business man of the city, though he lacks acquaintance with many things which some regard as essential to culture. One must not be hasty in forming conclusions as to the farmer's intelligence, on the basis of his clothes, nor even his use of grammar, for he is dealing with nature, rather than men, and nature cannot be deluded by a pleasant front or a smooth tongue.

Far back from the railroad, the county still retains enough of its former wilderness to make the place inviting. This part of the county, despite the fact that it has been conquered by the hand of industry, presents, in striking contrast, the scenes of frontier days, for no man can destroy the characters who made history, prior to the opening. For many years, the wheat industry led all others in the county. About 2,000,000 bushels were shipped out annually.

**Hop Shipments.**  
It has many resources and products. Last year 300 carloads of dried prunes were shipped from Salem, at a value of about \$1,000 a car. The county produces a large amount of hops, and is the largest shipping point of this product, in the world. The bee

to furnish the milk, condensed milk and cream; while 10,500,000 are required to furnish the butter of this country.

**Average Production.**  
The average production of butter is about 150 pounds per year, from each cow. It requires about 440,000 cows to furnish the cheese consumed in the country. As a nation, we consume about 20 pounds of butter per capita, per year. About one-third of the nation's output of butter comes from the farms, where about 3,500,000 farmers and their families still churn it. Over 5,000 factories make the rest of the 1,500,000,000 that we use annually. More and more each year, the farmers of Marion county are turning attention almost entirely to the fruit and dairy industry.

The early history of this county reads like fiction. Life came; Indian and bear; fur trader and missionary; lumberman and homesteader; ox team and railroad. Each moved across the stage and has played his part often unconsciously in its dramatic history. Then began the development little by little. Farms sprang into existence. The soil was tested and found to be prolific for agricultural purposes. Then followed the factory and the foundry, banks and mercantile houses until today an industrial and agricultural empire has been hewed and ploughed out of the wilderness of half a century ago.

**Landmarks Gone.**  
There is little left of the cherished surroundings of the days of the early pioneer. An occasional timber until the oncoming bear comes out to the clearing and is now regarded as a novelty more than nuisance. The red men are few in number and have become, in most cases, citizens. A few reservations are left. Occasionally a feather-crowned chief or a moccasin-footed squaw is seen, but they are only reminders, landmarks of the long ago.

But how about the farmer, the man with the hoe, the man behind the plow, the man who with axe and stump-puller has made a paradise of hundreds of thousands of acres, the man who has planted the orchard in every direction as far as the eye can see. All credit to the man who began the work of development with the sawmill, all credit to the railroads, all credit to the manufacturer, the merchant, and the school teacher; but do not let us forget the man who has wrought such a wonderful change in the make-up of Marion county. He it was who demonstrated that this country could produce something besides lumber and gold. He is the man, whether by choice or necessity, who has proved that the soil of the Willamette valley would reap an abundance of almost every known agricultural crop. Yes, it was the settler who really discovered the Willamette valley. All honor to such a man. Make way for him and his followers.

**Dairy Industry.**  
No one can lift the veil and look into the future, but it is quite plain that industry is not only supplying home consumption, but ships many carloads to other markets. The pork and nut industry also produces a surplus. A new stock industry is coming to the grass of the valley. It is the Angora goat. The little animal is a most interesting individual, any way you take him. Personally, he is a beauty. He is independent and self-sustaining; he is a browser and not a grazer, and prefers the brush of the mountain to the grass of the valley. The Angora goat is not a vagabond like his bearded cousin who loafs about the streets—a cheap clown—making fun for small boys. He is an aristocrat, and a source of profit to his owner.

Marion county will become one of the leading counties of the state in the dairy industry. Expert dairymen of this county are confident that cows producing 5,000 pounds of milk and 200 pounds of butter annually, are in reach of every farmer or dairyman who will take the pains to bring his cows up to such a standard. The average yield now for each cow is less than 3,000 pounds of milk and about 100 pounds of butter. It was an Oregon cow that took first prize at the St. Louis exposition. This cow weighed 1,000 pounds, and in the 120 days of the test, she produced five times her own weight in milk and over one-third of her weight in butter. There are 21,000,000 cows in the United States, and their average is 3,560 pounds of milk a year. It requires 6,400,000 cows

**KILLS TWO MEN FROM AMBUSH**  
Murderer in California Is Seen in the Act and Pursuit Is On.

(United Press Leased Wire.)  
San Bernardino, Cal., Oct. 9.—Sheriff Ralphs and a posse are in the Bear valley country in search of Will McKee, who is accused of the murder of R. H. Coombs, a wealthy cattleman, and a man named Talmage, yesterday. The shooting was done from ambush and was witnessed at a distance by Albert Watts, superintendent of the Rose mine. Watts ran eight miles to the nearest telephone and informed the sheriff of the tragedy.

Watts declares that Coombs and Talmage had had trouble with McKee over mining claims and cattle range. McKee had threatened them several times but was apparently pacified by the two men. After the shooting McKee was seen returning to his home, secure an additional rifle and ammunition, and with a canteen slung over his shoulder start for the mountains.

**CAMP ACCIDENTS AT ATASCADERO**  
(United Press Leased Wire.)  
Camp Atascadero, Cal., Oct. 9.—The camp of the Seventh regiment was threatened with destruction yesterday afternoon by a grass fire that started near the tents. The fire call was sounded, and regular and militia men worked together to quench a blaze that threatened to wipe out the entire camp. Governor Gillett and his staff watched the mad working and raised their discipline. Several acres were swept by the flames.

Sergeant Ed Seeley of Company E was struck above the eyes by a bullet from a cartridge that exploded in the fire. He was sent to San Francisco for treatment. The field hospital also sent Corporal Cyril Hill of the First artillery, who was run over by a caisson, to San Francisco.


C. J. Carrionola of Sacramento, a member of troop E, Fifth cavalry, fell from his horse during a drill and was seriously cut about the face and shoulders. He was operated upon at the field hospital.

**Mrs. DeTroot Jails Husband.**  
(United Press Leased Wire.)  
Los Angeles, Cal., Oct. 9.—George E. DeTroot, formerly of San Francisco, is in jail here awaiting release on \$1,000 bonds as the result of charges brought against him by his wife. She has secured a warrant for the arrest of Mrs. Maude Day of San Jose, with whom she alleges her husband came to this city. Mrs. DeTroot declares that her husband married a fine woman at San Francisco to procure money to spend on Mrs. Day and thus made his wife and child wretched.

**CORPORATIONS SEEK TENURE EXTENSION**  
(United Press Leased Wire.)  
San Francisco, Oct. 9.—The bankers of the state are preparing to advocate the passage of a constitutional amendment that will permit corporations to extend the terms of their corporate existence 50 years from the time the ap-

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of the Hoon Mill company vs. Charles F. Curry, secretary of state. The suit was brought as a test. The mill company filed the necessary papers and Curry refused to file them, in order to test the law. Mandamus proceedings were instituted.

**Crown Theatre.**  
251 Alder, near Third street—Bandy McPherson's quiet fishing trip, ten little pickaninnies—a laugh from start to finish.

**MAN WHO SHOT HIS UNCLE EXONERATED**  
(United Press Leased Wire.)  
Tacoma, Oct. 9.—Harry Starr, who accidentally killed his uncle, Joe Eley, Wednesday night, mistaking him for a burglar, has been exonerated by a jury in Judge Chapman's court. The testimony showed that Eley was subject to fits of epilepsy and that he often rose from his bed and walked in the night air while suffering from an epileptic attack. It was shown that ample time was given for an answer after Starr

awoke and began calling, before the shot was fired.

**LOVED PHOTOGRAPH; COURT BY MAIL**  
(United Press Leased Wire.)  
Spokane, Wash., Oct. 9.—Miss Lizzie Carr of Petersburg, Ind., was married at 6 o'clock last night to W. J. Moore of Blue Creek, Wash., whom she had never seen until she stepped from the Northern Pacific train. Mr. Moore had a slight advantage over his bride, for while he also had never laid eyes on the woman, he had seen her photograph. Moore fell in love with her likeness and was introduced to her through the mail.

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