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## THE OREGON ILIAD.

(Portland Journal, Sunday.)

The pageant of Willamette university as produced at Salem, under the direction of Della Crowder Miller, is in the main the history of the earliest missionaries to the Pacific Northwest. Staged in connection with the last commencement exercises of the third quarter century in the history of that university, it is remarkable that many of the descendants of the first colonists, missionaries and Indian converts of Oregon could participate as performers. Alanson Beers, member of the first gubernatorial committee of the provisional government, was represented by his granddaughter, Miss Lois Evans. Josephine Holman Albert of Salem is granddaughter of Almira Phelps, a missionary teacher who came on the ship Lausanne in 1840, and Joseph Holman, who arrived the same year overland from Illinois.

Rev. J. L. Parrish, another well known missionary of the Lausanne, was represented by his daughter, Mrs. Frederick Stewart. Some of the Indian performers trace their lineage to the red men and women who received from the lips of Rev. Jason Lee their first intimation of the white man's Book of Heaven.

Also several pieces of furniture used in the pageant are more than a century old; and the roses that brighten one of the principal scenes in the pageant were the perpetuated growth of roses brought to Oregon by Mrs. Alanson Beers in 1837.

Many of the leading citizens of Salem, the entire student body of the university, and 50 Chemawa Indian school students assisted in the cast, and the patronage was such that the alumni association later requested the trustees of the university to repeat the pageant at regular intervals in order that the dramatic events that brought Christianity to Oregon, that established Willamette university, the first institution of higher learning on the Pacific coast, that essentially founded the city of Salem, and that wielded a mighty influence in locating the capital of Oregon in that city, might be perpetuated.

The request comes timely, inasmuch as only here and there in history has there been a pilgrimage more far-reaching in its results than the one which first brought the lamp of learning to what is now the city of Salem. The story of sacrifices made, hardships suffered and privations endured by those missionaries in their devotion to the uplift of a people living in heathendom indicates in part, the purchase price of civilization in Oregon. Therefore, the pageant depicting the origin and early progress of Willamette university incidentally emphasizes one of the most important features recounted in the great Iliad of Oregon.

The pageant is not local to Willamette university, or to Salem. It belongs to the nation and to civilization. It depicts in human figures and action the evolutionary process from barbarism to civilized conditions, from ignorance to enlightenment, from the wilderness to the electric lights, wireless and birdmen.

This spectacle of history, reproduced at other times will be sought and seen by all within Oregon's borders and beyond. There will be pilgrimages to witness its production, as there are to Oberammergau.

It is a field in which Willamette university is distinctive, notable and unchallenged.

From the nature of the opinion of Judge Bingham, he is not inclined to the idea that a contract to deliver fruit is a "scrap of paper." If it shall finally be held that the contract of the Salem Fruit Union to deliver the 1200 tons of loganberries each year is a valid contract, and may be enforced, it would seem that some good friends of both parties ought to step in and see if a compromise and an amicable settlement cannot be made. There is no time for an extended quarrel. The picking season is about here. And quarrels and lawsuits are not good for the business. Co-operation and a spirit of mutual helpfulness ought on the contrary to prevail. "Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God."

The Germans have their terms and their ultimatum; and they are given two extra days in which to decide upon signing or submitting. They are allowed till next Monday.

This will be an anxious week in all the world.

And it will be a busy week for Marshal Foch.

But the huns do not have to take a week.

(Well, the British did it first in one hop; so that is some salve.

Next, the celebration, July 3, 4 and 5. You are expected at Salem.

Then, after the celebration, bargain day in Salem, on the 12th. It is just one thing after another.

President Wilson has the courage of his fourteen points, and he will stomp the country for the League of Nations.

The Mexican robbers must at least be taught to stay on their own side of the Rio Grande.

Mexico is promising foreign capital for treatment in the future. After Europe is whipped into shape,

### FUTURE DATES.

June 16, Tuesday—School election in Salem.  
June 20 to July 17—Methodist Centenary celebration at Columbus, Ohio.  
June 21 to 23—Salvation Army fund drive by Elks.  
July 3 and 4—State encampment of United Spanish war veterans in Salem.  
August 14, 15 and 16—Elks state convention at Klamath Falls.  
September 22-27—Fifty-eighth Oregon State fair.



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The decision is in line with reason. It means that people who have invested in homes along five thoroughfares now menaced by the invasion of the glaring signs may be protected by the municipal authorities.

The Berlin fire-eaters say Germany will not sign. But Berlin is not Germany; and that part of Germany will have to go easy to stay in the new republic at all.

Chairman Hurley of the Shipping Board is a wizard if he is successful in operating government ships so as to produce a profitable revenue, pay high wages and give low freight rates and first-class service.

Patience on a monument has nothing on former King Constantine, who is still watchfully waiting for brother-in-law Bill Huzollern to restore him to the throne of Greece.

A lot of unnecessary argument has been utilized over the question, "What is beer?" It is of, merely academic interest, and should be corrected to read, "What was beer?"

A wheat binder bought four years ago for \$150 and used to harvest four successive wheat crops, was sold last week at a public sale in Kansas for \$190. Some one asks in this connection: "How would it do to close out a few old political machines?"

Some years ago American newspapers told about Willie Sidis, the boy phenomenon, who at the age of 11 had mastered the fourth dimension and could argue the Harvard professors down on almost all subjects. He graduated from Harvard when he was 15, thus setting a new record in precocity. At that time many educators condemned the way some parents have of pushing their children and making infant prodigies of them, and predicted that the Sidis experiment would not turn out well. Now young Sidis, who has grown to be 21, has been heard of once more. He is sentenced to a year and a half in jail, for rioting and assaulting a police officer in Boston during the Bolshevik demonstration on May Day. He brazenly told the court that he was a believer in the soviet idea, though he said he believed in resorting to force "only in case it should be necessary." And of course he wanted to be the judge as to when force was necessary; in other words he admitted himself an anarchist. All right; the country will take him at his word, and as he resorted to force he will now feel the effects of superior force. That is the way to serve the Bolshevik wherever and whenever he abuses the privileges of liberty by acting the outlaw. It is no more use to reason with them than to reason with a drunken man; to show them kindness is like casting pearls before swine. Good long terms in corrective institutions will keep them from contaminating the rest of society and will also cool down their ardor. And if this isn't enough, harsher measures will have to be adopted. It is not to be supposed that, after helping to save the world from the Huns, the people of this country are going to sit idly by and allow these new enemies of civilization to take control of everything. As fast as the reptiles show their heads they will have to be smashed.

### "NO ACCIDENT WEEK"—A WORTH WHILE "DRIVE"

All the railroads comprising the Northwestern and Central Western regions, consisting of 115 railroads with nearly 150,000 miles of track, are staging what is known as a "No Accident Week" from June 22nd to 28th inclusive—next week.

The United States Railroad administration will endeavor to operate these railroad systems during that week without an accident of any kind.

On the railroad properties under Federal Manager J. P. O'Brien, which includes The Oregon-Washington Railroad and Navigation Lines, the Southern Pacific lines north of Ashland, the Northern Pacific terminal of Oregon, the San Francisco & Portland Steamship Lines and the Pacific Coast railroad, an intensified campaign for safety is being conducted by the employes among them-

selves and the public. So called safety meetings are being held, large numbers of circulars and posters are being distributed and talks on safety are being given to the employes in groups on the entire properties. The employes are urged to use caution and avoid incautious or careless acts, as statistics prove that 95 per cent of deaths and injuries are the result of carelessness or kindred faults.

While the employes are doing all possible to keep from inflicting the automobilist or any vehicle driver at the railroad crossing, as well as the person who walks along the track or tries to steal a ride, they are nearly helpless in doing so unless the public likewise is cognizant of the danger lurking at the crossing of the train and on the track. The entire 100 per cent of deaths and injuries to non-employees on railroads would be avoided if the public would heed the various warning signs at crossings and stations and use reasonable care while on trains.

The railroad employes therefore appeal to the public to help make "No Accident Week" a success and show the entire United States that here out West we can run railroads the size of ours for one week at least without an accident of any kind.

The employes will cooperate and do all they can to avoid injuring anyone, but in turn they ask for the cooperation of the public.

Don't try to steal a ride on a train, you may fall under or between cars and be ground to death.

If you are a passenger in a train don't put heavy articles in the overhead racks above you, or above other passengers, as vibration of the car may cause them to fall and injure parties underneath. Avoid putting them in the aisles. When you walk through the aisle don't stumble on a suitcase or ladder which may be in the aisle.

Be careful in closing doors so they won't mash your hand or finger. Do not try to raise or lower a window; you may get a mashed finger. Ask the trainmen to do this for you.

In getting on or off a train, first wait till it comes to a full stop, then be sure you won't make a misstep and sprain your ankle by fall or otherwise.

Do not at any time stand on or near the track at stations or elsewhere. Do not stand in vestibules between cars when train is moving.

In driving over a crossing, be sure your way is clear. One miscalculation may cause your death. Stop, Look and Listen; be safe, don't take a chance, as the cometeerics now have a much greater population of chance takers by about 100 per cent than they should have. Be sure your car is in good condition as to oil supply, steering gear, running gear and brakes, so you will not stall on the track at a critical time.

Statistics reveal that during the nineteen months of war there were 56,227 Americans killed and 200,000 injured in the war, while here in the United States of America in peaceful occupations during that same period in factories, manufacturing plants, on the streets, on buildings, on railroads, etc., there were 126,654 men, women and children killed and 2,000,000 injured. The casualty list therefore reveals that during the period stated one man, woman or child was either killed or injured in peaceful occupation every time the clock ticked off 23 seconds. The killed if laid shoulder to shoulder would require a trench forty-eight miles long.

The campaign is being conducted by Mr. H. J. Bell, regional supervisor of safety, Chicago, for the Northwestern region, and by Mr. J. F. Grodzki, general safety agent, Portland, Oregon, for the lines under Federal Manager J. P. O'Brien.

### CHARGE OF THE PEST BRIGADE

(With apology to the late Alfred Lord Tennyson.)  
Half a yard, half a yard,  
Half a yard onward,  
Into my garden green,  
Charged the six hundred.  
"Forward the Pest Brigade!"

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Charge for the plants, they said:  
Into my garden green,  
Charged the six hundred.

Trips, aphid, cutworms, too,  
It was a varied crew,  
That onward blundered,  
Caterpillars, beetles, bugs,  
Ants, spiders, snails and slugs,  
All of six hundred,  
Charged they without a yell,  
Eating all night like hell,  
While the moon wondered  
Next day when morning broke,  
I reeled as though from stroke,  
When outdoors I blundered.

I gazed in deep despair,  
There lay my garden fair,  
Shattered and mangled,  
I cursed and beat the air,  
Language I did not spare:  
I volleyed and thundered,  
Vanished all trace of green,  
Yet not a bug was seen.  
"Where are they?" I wondered,  
Doubt you that they exist?  
Ask an entomologist,  
He's got them on his list,  
Curs'd six hundred.  
—JAMES T. EAGNY.

### LEST WE FORGET!

The tumult and the shouting dies—  
The captains and the kings depart—  
Still stands Thine ancient sacrifice,  
An humble and a contrite heart,  
Lord God of hosts, be with us yet,  
Lest we forget—lest we forget!

"Thelma" Individual Chocolates—  
A Salem product—made by The  
Gray Belle—distributed by George  
E. Waters—for sale everywhere. 5c.

### BITS FOR BREAKFAST

It is Mayor Wilson  
And School Director Halvorsen  
And the Huns will have till Mon-  
day to sign or submit.

Work on the Salem paper mill was  
commenced yesterday morning,  
clearing the ground for one of the  
main buildings.

It is to be hoped that there may  
be a way to peace in the loganberry  
world; and co-operation, and the  
right spirit—all pulling together for  
the good of the industry and of Salem.

Down at the big dehydrating plant  
of the Salem King's Products  
company everything is going forward,  
with a number of substantial  
improvements being made.

There is a race between local  
shipping orders at the Salem sawmill.  
The local trade is taking a great  
deal more than twice the amount  
of lumber that it required last year.  
The surrounding country is doing a  
lot of building.

But no new houses for rent are  
going up in Salem; or practically  
none. And it is growing harder to  
find a habitable house for rent.

Dr. Page of Boston says he is going  
to live until he is over 100 years  
old, and the reason he gives is that  
he does not bathe. What a good  
man he would be to lead the Bol-  
sheviki!

A transmitter for wireless that  
will magnify thousands of times has  
been invented. How would it do  
to attach it to a customer's yell when  
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