

# CITY NEWS IN BRIEF

**Fines Are Numerous**—The double holiday proved a fruitful source of revenue to the Justice court yesterday. Five motorists were charged with and convicted of speeding. Those who paid \$15 fines yesterday were: F. E. Mauris, R. W. Cunningham and E. C. Swift. C. B. Preston and W. E. Pichty were also arrested but failed to put in an appearance Monday morning.

**Bargain**—Eight-horse vertical type steam boiler in A-1 condition. See it at The Gray Belle.—Adv.

**Optical Business Sold**—A transaction of considerable proportion was consummated yesterday when the Bow Optical company purchased the optical department of the Hartman Bros. company. Up to about a year and a half ago this department at Hartman Bros. was conducted by Dr. L. R. Burdette, who at that time with Dr. Carl Wanner arranged the present Bow Optical company. The entire Optical Stock, equipment and prescription records were included in the transfer, as the Hartman Brothers company is discontinuing optical work entirely. This is to make room for further expansion of the jewelry business.

**Royal Dadman, Baritone**—This Friday, Nov. 17, 50c, \$1, \$1.50, \$2 seats on sale Thursday, Armory 10 a. m.—Adv.

**Crossing Asked For**—The state highway commission, Union county and the city of La Grande have petitioned the state public service commission for authority to construct an overhead crossing at Oro Dell, Union county.

**Licensed to Marry**—Marriage licenses were issued yesterday to Gilbert F. Whitney and Laurena Wagman of Woodburn, and Clarence L. Webber and Sadie Gordon of Salem.

**Whistled**—The state house for about 15 minutes yesterday was like the old mill on Hallowe'en night when pranksters tie open the whistle valve. The state house whistled. The whistle was in the first floor corridor just outside the state engineer's office where a radiator got something wrong with its inner workings and tooted right merrily for a quarter of an hour. Practically all the employees on the first floor of the Capitol were attracted to the spot.

**Legal Blanks**—Get them at The Statesman of fice. Catalog on application.—Adv.

**Students Honored**—Two Marion county students are among those chosen by honor societies during the last week at the University of Oregon. George King, prominent football player from Salem has been elected to the Friars club, an organization of upper classmen who have been prominent in student activities. Miss Rosalia Keber of Mt. Angel was among the women elected to membership in Theta Sigma Phi, women's honorary journalistic sorority.

**Growers Meet Tonight**—Announcement is made of a meeting of the 6-cent loganberry growers at Brooks tonight. A meeting was called for last week, but the election and the inclement weather interfered with the program and it was postponed. A considerable acreage of loganberries is grown around Brooks, and it is understood that the growers are practically unanimous in the hope that they can by organization get 6 cents for their berries, rather than prices as low as 2 1/2 cents as some received last year, and a maximum of 4 cents for 1922. Several of the Liberty growers expect to attend the Brooks organization meeting.

**For Loans See**—G. W. Laflar, 417 Oregon Bldg.

**Accidents Numerous**—The police reported a number of auto accidents occurring within the city limits over the double holiday. Ralph Gesner of 1045 South Commercial street collided with an unidentified car Sunday evening, little damage resulting. Mrs. C. M. Elliott of Shaw, trav-

elling east on Court street struck another car, breaking a wheel and smashing a fender. No one was hurt. G. K. Algire of Everett, Wash., driving west on Court street ran into another car, smashing his running board and baggage rack. G. S. Sheldon of 370 Bellevue, reported that while parking his car in front of Anderson & Brown store, it was struck by another, little damage resulting.

**A Classified Ad**—Will bring you a buyer.—Adv.

**Bicycle Stolen**—George Hule of 695 North High reported that his Ranger bicycle was stolen yesterday from the rear of the Roth Grocery company, where he had parked it. A. W. Smithers reported that a spotlight was stolen from his car last night. It was parked at Marion & Liberty streets.

## I. W. W. CONVENTION HELD AT CHICAGO

Thirty Nine Delegates Representing Lumber Jacks and Farmers Attend

CHICAGO, Nov. 13.—Thirty-nine delegates attending the opening session of the fourteenth annual convention, Industrial Workers of the World devoted the opening day to organization and appointment of committees. Nick Radioff of Butte, Mont., chairman of the executive board, will present his report tomorrow. Only 12 groups are represented this year, the lumber jacks and agricultural workers leading with seven delegates each. Five hundred thousand men, the chairman announced, are carrying the red card, but only a small fraction are paid and in good standing. The convention will continue three days.

## SILVERTON NEWS

SILVERTON, Ore., Nov. 13.—(Special to The Statesman)—A great number of Silverton people went to Eugene for the annual Homecoming week-end. Others motored down Saturday to witness the game. Among those going down either for the week-end or for the game were Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Woodward, Dr. and Mrs. C. W. ene, Mark Latham, Norton Cowden, Miss Eva Dierges, Miss Louise Adams, Miss Cora Sater, Miss Lillie Madsen, Miss Esther Larson, Harold Larson. Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Hall entertained at their Howell Prairie home Sunday evening, honoring Mrs. Arthur Madsen, the occasion being the latter's birthday. The young people's society of Trinity church met at the church parlors Sunday afternoon and the following program was given: Selection by Trinity band, reading by Miss Alice Jensen, selection by Trinity orchestra, talk by Alvin Madsen, cornet duet by Victor Sather and Amos Buset with piano accompaniment by Miss Nettie Benson, selection by Trinity band, talk by Rev. George

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# OREGON TRAIL IS DESCRIBED

Walter Meacham Heard in Eloquent Address at Chamber of Commerce

They didn't have honey, and lettuce salad, and roast pork and apple sauce, and coffee that would float an egg, and golden butter and portehouse rolls and a hundred other fancy trimmings, when they crossed the plains on the first Oregon Trail in their mile-an-hour ox-trains, back in the early 40's and 50's. But the effete Salemite of today, listening to Walter Meacham at the Chamber of Commerce Monday noon, had all these things—and still he could hear the wonderful story and look back and see the Indians and the gaunt hunger and the bone-picking coyotes and the string of graves and the tongues lolling out of the mouths of parched man and beast, as the pioneers sweated, swore, fought, prayed, desperately dragged their way across the 2000 miles of wilderness.

## Hundred Hear Address

With 100 silver forks toying delicately with 100 pieces of luxurious mince pie, and 100 cups of after-dinner, golden-brown coffee sweetened with finer sugar than there was anywhere in the world when the first Oregon Trailers took up their weary trek without sugar, 100 Salem citizens heard the wonderful story of their forebears. Walter Meacham, secretary of the Baker City Chamber of Commerce, brought the Old Oregon Trail to Salem for the Monday banquet, wrapped up in beautiful words and sump smoke and trail dust and mountain storms and desert hunger. He had it all, down to the last creak of the wagon wheel that was greased only with wild animal fat—and if the wild things were too wild, there was no grease and the wheels screeched fiendishly. Some of the things that he told will stick in the memory of those who never thought of this historic old highway in terms of the things of every day.

## Death Toll Heavy

Every mile of the trail from Independence, Mo., 2000 miles to the Pacific, has an average of 17 deaths; a total almost twice that of all the people of Salem, merely for the privilege of seeking a new home in the new and splendid west. With ox teams, on foot, with horses and aristocratic mules, the pioneers set forth; to face starvation, months of weary travel at the best and death in a hundred gruesome shapes as the less desirable but probable end of the venture. The first party to make this memorable journey, the Hunt-Astor party of 1811, after indescribable sufferings, was glad enough to get to the camp of the friendly Shoshone Indians in Oregon, and have a dinner of dog-meat. Many died wishing for even as much of heavenly luxury.

The speaker traced the whole history of the American migration, back to the Norseman, Lief Ericson and his hardy compatriots, seeking for new homes in the west. The early traditions of "The Great River of the West," the Oregon river, fascinated the hardest pioneers of America in the days following the revolution, but the river itself was overlooked by navigators for many years, until the coming of the American sea captain, who called the great river The Columbia, in honor of his ship. He later wished that he had let the old name stand—the Oregon, of which Bryant wrote in "Thanatopsis."

## Mad River Tamed

Some of the country in between Oregon and the east, however, never tempted the poet to anything but paroxysms. The French-Canadian voyageurs called the Snake down which the Oregon Trail led, "the accursed, mad river." Its beetling cliffs, its treeless, its lava wastes where there was no other water for sometimes 100 miles, save the tantalizing, unreachable river hundreds of feet below, made the early trail life a nightmare.

Back in Idaho, however, the Snake river has been put to work, almost two million acres of once desert land is being irrigated from the river itself, and light and power enough is being taken from its once frowning cataracts to make the whole state smile and shine almost like the sun. The Idaho legislature, Mr. Meacham said, is now 100 per cent for making this historic old trail a great national monument. It is being officially designated as the state highway. He is asking Oregon to do much for the western end of the trail, from Huntington, where it crosses the Snake river, clear to Astoria. Oregon also will connect it with the Mt. Hood Loop, and the present Columbia River highway clear through to Astoria.

## Opportunity Pictured

"It's a chance to commercialize without destroying or degrading a great event and a wonderful memory," declared the speaker. "It's a chance to perpetuate a

memory that is passing with the death of every pioneer, and we ought to do it." He quoted with telling effect from the poems of Juquin Miller and the late Col. John Cradlebaugh.

The audience, the biggest that has attended any dinner for more than a year, gave the speaker hearty applause, and a rising vote of thanks for his address.

Mr. Meacham spoke earlier in the day at Willamette university, and left immediately after lunch for Astoria, where he is to give another address on the same subject. Before leaving Salem, he visited the old Jason Lee home in North Salem, to get a close-up of one of the oldest, finest memories of this part of the valley.

## Congressional Aspirants Spend Money in Campaign

Bert E. Haney, Portland attorney, spent \$100 in behalf of the candidacy of Elton Watkins, successful Democratic candidate for congress from the third Oregon district, according to his statement of expenditures filed with the secretary of state. James Harvey Graham, Democratic candidate for congress who was defeated by N. J. Sinnott, incumbent in the second district, spent \$278, 01, and Robert G. Duncan, an independent candidate for congress in the third district, spent \$110. Other statements have been filed as follows:

- Oliver B. Huston, Republican candidate for representative, 18th representative district—Nothing.
- Maria L. T. Hidden, Democratic candidate for representative—Nothing.
- Carl D. Shoemaker, opposing the salmon fishing and propagation amendment—\$100.
- W. H. Strayer, Democratic candidate for state senator, 23rd senatorial district—Nothing.
- Charles Hall, Republican candidate for governor—Nothing.
- Gus E. Erickson, Independent candidate for the office of commissioner of public service commission—\$42.50.
- R. C. Grosbeck, Democratic candidate for judge of the circuit court, 13th judicial district—\$77.65.
- J. S. Maglady, Republican candidate for state senator, third senatorial district—\$3.50.
- D. Chambers, Democratic candidate for state senator, 13th senatorial district—\$68.14.
- Lloyd T. Reynolds, Republican candidate for representative, first representative district—\$20.
- J. O. Rigg, Democratic candidate for representative, 8th representative district—\$39.75.
- Charles M. Crandall, Republican candidate for representative, 17th representative district—\$54.95.
- Cyril G. Brownell, Republican candidate for representative, 18th representative district—\$24.50.
- Bert S. Haney, Democratic candidate for representative, 18th representative district—\$50.
- Estes Sneecor, Democratic candidate for representative, 21st representative district—Nothing.
- Harry W. Gard, Democratic candidate for representative, 21st representative district—Nothing.

## Apportionments Made for County and State Schools

The second semi-annual elementary and State and County school district apportionments have been made, according to William Bailie, county school supervisor. A total of \$44,208 was apportioned among the elementary schools and \$113,106.30 to State and County schools. In accordance with the two mill tax which was voted by the people in 1920. The district to receive the heaviest apportionment was Salem district which received \$45,000.

## Silverton Unites in Celebration of Day

SILVERTON, Ore., Nov. 11.—(Special to The Statesman)—The parade this morning started at 9:30, consisted of ex-service men in uniform, floats, Civil and Spanish war veterans, of delegations from various orders and organizations. The high school stunt parade gave considerable amusement. The parade was followed by an Armistice day program in the Eugene Field auditorium. The program was in charge of Superintendent B. T. Youel of the Silverton school and Rev. George Hen-

riksen, president of the Silverton Community club. All business hours and both sawmills were closed for the day.

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