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**GATHERS SUNDAY** YEARS AGU TUUA

This Suggests a Review of Mrs. A. W. Veatch of Salem, All of the World's Tele- Present at Row River phone History

A Salem man suggests that one 25, 1876, exactly 50 years ago to- last Sunday. day, and just three and a half

sentence had been transmitted by telephone.

The International Centennial exhibition was held in Philadelphia in the summer of 1876. Exhibits were sent from all over the world and many distinguished guests visited America to attend. Among those who exhibited at Philadelphia was the young Alexander Graham Bell who, only a few short telephone. Mr. Bell's modest exhibit of a half dozen pioneer instruments was located on a table in an inconspicuous corner near the great Hook & Hastings organ, one of the wonders of the Centennial, on the east gallery of the main building.

Late in the afternoon of Sunday, June 25, 1876, a party of the judges of electrical instruments and instruments of precision, including Prof. Joseph Henry, secretary of the Smithsonian institute, and Sir William Thomson of England, one of the most famous emperor of Brazil, and the Empress Theresa, passed along the gallery at the end of a long and somewhat tiring tour of the exhibits. With them, though but little noticed, came Alexander Graham Bell.

The party stopped just in front of the great organ. A suggestion to adjourn was offered and agreed upon, and the party had started to disband when the Emperor Don Pedro noticed Mr. Bell, whom he had met in Boston and in whom he had because interested because of Mr. Bell's work with deaf mutes.

Instantly interest was aroused in this young man whom the emperor was greeting in a friendly way. Mr. Bell explained that he had an exhibit he had hoped the judges would consider. The emperor asked to see it and was conducted to the small table in the corner where Mr. Bell explained that his invention was a device to "talk by electricity"

He asked the emperor to try his invention and showed him how to place the telephone to his ear. end of the wire and talked into a Picnic

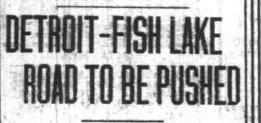
Mrs. A W. Veatch of Salem was of the most dramatic and influ- the local representative at the ential episodes in the early life of Veatch clan's annual picnic on the telephone took place on June Row river, near Cottage Grove,

Those present were: Mr. and months after the first successful Mrs. O. O. Veatch, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Veatch, Mr. and Mrs. Verville Veatch, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Short,

Margaret and Patircia Short, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Smith, Mary Jane and Richard Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Trask, Mack Trask, Elizabeth McGee, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Quigley, Betty Jane, Margery and Robert Quigley, Mrs. Mary Smith, Mrs. Robert Mosby, Mr. and Mrs. months before, had invented the Millard Mosby, Gladys Mosby, Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Hemenway, J. N. Wallace, Mr. and Mrs. John Wallace, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wynne, Naomi Wynne, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Veatch, Sibyl and Sylvester Veatch, Vera Scott and Mrs. Lucy Shields, Cottage Grove; Mrs. Ann

Sears, Mrs. Ralph Sears, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Martin, Mrs. Margaret Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Adolpr Benter, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Benter, and Helen Carter, of Creswell. Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Prather, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Lincoln, Taft, Cal; Vena Renfro, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. scientists of that time, accompan- Renfro and children, Fall Creek; ied by a number of distinguished Mary E. Prather and son, Verl visitors, including Don Pedro, Veatch, Triangle Lake; Mrs. A. W. Veatch, Salem; Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Veatch, Milton Veatch, Lowell; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lemmons, Wendling; Mr. and Mrs. Harvey N. Veatch Coburg; Mr and Mrs. Bert Chandler, Marcola; Mr. and

Mrs. Curtis Veatch, Emid and Wanda Veatch Halsey; Frank Wooley, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Medley, Eugene; S. I. Stratton, Lyle Wash.; James T. Veatch, Chas. E. Veatch, Portland.



Protest of Albany Expected to Carry Little Weight, Demand Seen

Marion county is expected to keep on with its plans for a road Mr. Bell then went to the other from Detroit to Fish Lake, in spite of the request made by a d

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transmitter.

As the emperor listened, the look of incredulity changed to amazement and slowly taking the telephone from his ear he exclaimed in awe-struck tones, "My God! It talks!"

Quickly the other members of the party took the receiver and troit. The reason given by the listened to Mr. Bell's words coming over the wire.

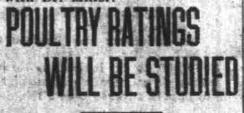
The significance of the event was not lost to the scientists present, for then and there Bell's invention was accepted as a scientfic achievement of tremendous importance to the future. Both Joseph Henry and Sir William Thomson praised Mr. Bell's invention in no uncertain terms. Sir William Thomson there stating that "it is the most wonderful thing I have seen in America."

PHYSICIANS BACK FROM PORTLAND Kings Valley, Dallas-Lewis-ville and Wallace Roads Child Health Demonstration Chief Broadcasts Talk **Over KOIN** 

Dr. Walter Brown, head of the Kings Valley market road, the Marion county child health dem- Dallas-Lewisville road, the Walonstration, has returned from lace road north from Salem, and Portland where he addressed the the Buena Vista road south from Pacific coast dental conference Independence, according to a statetwice. Dr. Karl E. Mills of Salem ment by County Judge Hawkins. was also on the program.

Dr. Brown's talk Wednesday night was broadcast over radio KOIN of Portland. Dr. Miller told of the work that the state dental board does in cooperation with the child health demonstration throughout the county.

Dr. E. L. Brunk of Salem, dentist for the demonstration, is in charge of this work, cooperating with Dr. Miller.



Committee of Fanciers Ap-pointed to Investigate Local Conditions

Accrediting of poultry flocks is being investigated by a committee of poultrymen which met yesterday in Salem. It was appointed by C. W. Nicholson of Hood River, president of the Oregon Poulirynen's association.

mmittees were appointed to investigate the matter of accrediting flocks more thoroughly. These committees will take up the details and report to the poul-trymen's convention, which will meet in Corvallis July 21.

Other details of the poultry busess are also, being investigated by the committee.

tion from Albany which appeared before the county court here recently and urged it to abandon all efforts to complete the road. No attention is expected to be paid to the appeal, as there is a demand for extension from De-Albany delegation was that Linn

county influence would be used to back up the Marion county road later, if it were dropped now. The new road, together with the road being built from Sweet Home is expected to draw a share of Eastern Oregon traffic from Prineville and the nearby region.

POLK COUNTY ROAD PROGRAM STARTED

Chief expenditures under the Polk county market road program, adopted in 1925, will be for the

The program, adopted last year, is just now being started.

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