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The Council Applies the Brakes

INDEFINITE postponement of the franchise proposals before the city council means that the city dads caught their breath and put on the brakes before rushing through with the substitute measures prepared by the Oregon Stages, Inc., for the operation of their lines in Salem.

To have approved these measures would have been a plain statement to citizens of Salem who invoked the referendum on the first franchise passed by the council that these people could go hang; the motor bus line was to have its franchise if the council had to declare it an emergency and rush the ordinance through.

The point of The Statesman's protest has not been to attack the motor bus company nor to prevent its receiving a suitable franchise. The point has been that the Southern Pacific interests prepared a franchise, saw it passed by the council and then disintegrated and restless when it met a referendum, attempted an ill-advised coup to escape a public vote.

We feel that a fair franchise, guaranteeing the bus company that measure of security necessitated by its investment and justified by the service rendered the public, is in line with public interest. We are sure that such a franchise is all the transportation lines desire.

For the council to ignore the disapproval expressed by one group of Salem citizens and to beat the devil around the bush by the emergency clause would justify arouse suspicion of the motives both of the council and the transportation company. If the original franchise passed by the council is meritorious as The Statesman felt it was, a referendum vote preceded by a campaign of public education would doubtless mean approval of the measure at the polls.

What Goes Down, Comes Up

OLD MAN SUPPLY is doing a fine job which the new farm board was expected to have to assume. It is boosting the price of wheat once more to profitable levels. Wheat slumped to below a dollar a bushel in May and deep gloom settled over the farming belt and deeper gloom over political offices. Farm relief legislation was speeded up, and appointments to the board were rushed so the board might drive hard to the rescue of the 1929 farmers. Then the weather took a hand. The glorious prospect for the southwest failed to be realized when the harvest reports came in. Late damage cut down the yields sharply.

But the biggest jolt to Surplus Supply came in Canada with estimates of a yield of from 100, to 150 million bushels less than last year. The big Canadian crops of late years have been what broke the back of the wheat market. With Canadian production so greatly curtailed it is not surprising that wheat prices have risen 35 cents from the low of May 31. Add to this the report that Argentine acreage will be cut down about 15% owing to adverse conditions. The world production in 1929-1930 promises to be substantially under the amounts of recent years, so that the big carry-over from the last crops will be easily absorbed into world consumption.

Nature has a way of doing just that. The weather swings like a pendulum, now to the extreme of nearly perfect conditions and then to the other extreme which may cut production to the point of a shortage. Supply and demand continue to be positive forces in the control of such commodities as wheat with world-wide and year-round production. Better let supply and demand, the great natural forces, continue to function than to try to interfere with boot-strap laws.

Clearing the Air

SOMEHOW the advent of a new government in England is serving to clear the air. Not only is there a new tone in international affairs, but the Britishers themselves are hopeful for better days. The immediate program of the labor government includes a reapproachment with Russia, initiation of steps toward removal of allied troops from the Rhineland, accord with the United States in the matter of naval disarmament. In internal affairs the policy of the MacDonald government is the reduction of unemployment, the stimulation of business, and an attempt to solve the coal mining problem.

Commenting on the rather dramatic character of the premier's speech at Lissiemouth which he called "the beginning of negotiations" on the Anglo-American naval question, the Manchester Guardian gives a compact summary of the "fresh wind" which has come into British political power.

"Only in that way can the public be made to realize the full quality of the change which has taken place in British foreign policy since the defeat of the Baldwin government. It is a change not only of this or that item in a complicated programme but in a point of view. This is much harder to grasp. For the old sleepy, unenterprising, unimaginative, self-regarding handling of foreign affairs, Mr. MacDonald has to substitute a sympathetic alertness which will make this country foremost in teaching that the future safety of the world lies not in maintaining a precarious balance of competitive greeds but in the positive, energetic pursuit of a common wellbeing. Active co-operation and friendship must everywhere replace competition and latent hostility. Mr. MacDonald is not to be blamed if the bigness of this new—or rather very old—gospel inclines him to an apparently theatrical manner of preaching and practising it. He is not the first Prime Minister to enter upon disarmament negotiations. He has to show that he is entering upon them in a different spirit to that of his predecessors, with a bigger aim and with a truer perception of the vital issues at stake. He has taken the best means, by appealing to the sense of the dramatic, to impress the public with the conviction that these are no ordinary diplomatic negotiations, but signify a momentous departure from the traditional ways and aims of diplomacy."

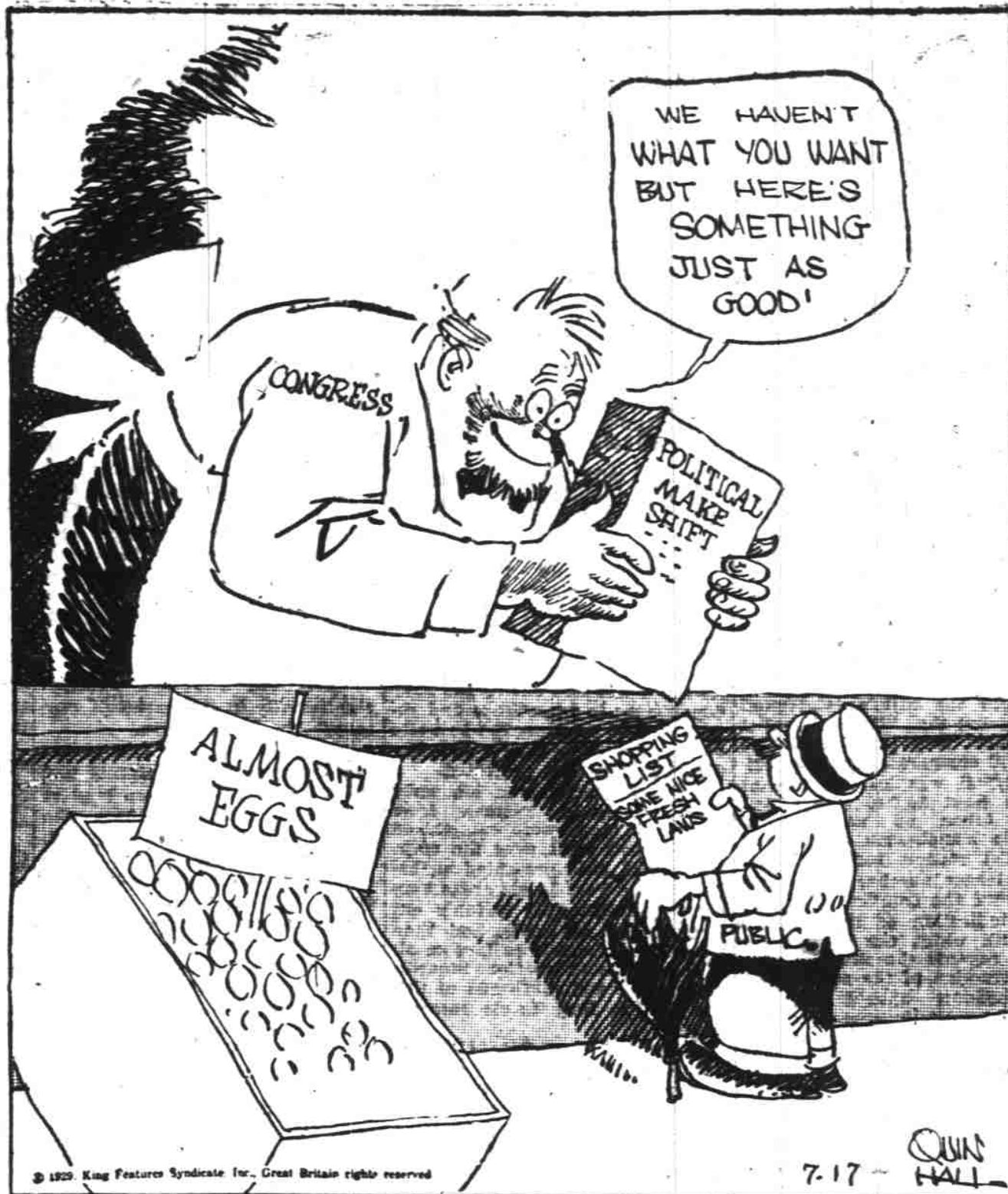
Good News for Oregon

SECRETARY WILBUR of the department of the interior, who has just visited Crater Lake, announces that the government will pave the road around the rim of the lake at a cost of \$1,000,000. This is wonderful news for Oregon, for Crater Lake is still in Oregon despite the ravages of California press agents. It means that the unique beauty of Crater Lake will be made more fully accessible to the thousands who visit it annually.

Crater Lake is not a resort for just an outing, which one seeks on a camping trip. It is one of nature's curious phenomena, a lake on a mountain top. Folk visit it to see its rare beauty and to appreciate the singular wonder which the scene arouses. So every facility for making the lake easily visible from all parts of the rampart wall should be supplied. The paved road will entice many tourists to girdle the bowl with its blue contents, and give them a better picture to carry with them as they drop down into the valley.

Peggy Joyce is writing a personal account of the "intimate details of four trips to the altar." "Sweethearts on Parade" would be a fitting title.

The Super Substitutor



BITS for BREAKFAST

By R. J. HENDRICKS

Have you heard—

The story of the mission rose?

Rev. John Parsons, former loved and admired Salem pastor (of the First Methodist church), author of the book, "Beside the Beautiful Willamette," written in prose, but smooth and satisfying enough to pass for poetry, talked about the mission rose in his remarks at the Methodist mission day exercises at old Champeo on Thursday, which is now an annual event.

Mr. Parsons had been substituted for Fred Lockley, who is under observation in a Portland hospital, and could not be present to take his place on the program, as he had promised. Which will give the occasion to every remark in this paragraph to at least breathe a wish or a prayer for the continued health of Mr. Lockley, so well known for his good works to most Salemites and many thousands of other Oregonians.

Mr. Parsons said Mrs. Alanson Beers was the originator of the mission rose. She came to Oregon in 1837, one of the second group of missionaries sent out by the Methodist church. The party consisted of Mr. and Mrs. Beers and three children; Dr. Elijah White, wife and two children; W. H. Willson and L. J. Whitcomb; Anna Maria Pitman, Susan Downing, and Elvira Johnson—fourteen persons. They left New York in July, 1836, and arrived at the "old mission" in May, 1837.

There were five women in the party, the first white women to set foot in the valley of the Willamette. It was a great day in Oregon history; it signalled the addition of family life to the works of Christian civilization. A pleasant land met their wondering gaze. Laughing May had decked with flowers of many hues the valleys and slopes. The

mighty Columbia, grim in its solitude between dark forests of tall fir trees, rolled grandly past them toward the sea. Fair Willamette came softly down to greet them, robed in its garb of emerald spring. The snow clad mountains put on the gorgeous hues of summer sunsets, and in the silver moonlight the lesser hills gleamed out like bannered towers guarded with watchful sentinels.

The occasion was worthy of the display. These five were the only white women within 250 miles, and there were only two others west of the Rocky mountains. What is the story of the mission rose? Mrs. Beers found after her arrival in Oregon, among some mentories of home, a withered flower. By carefully nurturing the germ she coaxed it into life. From that small beginning has come forth all this wealth of beauty.

What is the rose like? Ask any one in Salem who has a descendant of the withered parent specimen brought half around the world to become the mother flower of millions now throughout the valley and state. "It is a bush rose, pink in color, and very fragrant, the flower being two or more inches in diameter," wrote a pioneer Oregon woman, Mrs. Mary A. Gilkey of Dayton, one of the first graduates of Willamette university, who said the mission rose was the only rose bush in their old home yard for many years.

The "old mission" garden was a choice and famous one in the old days when that was the seed place for Christian civilization in the savage wilderness from the Rockies to the sea, from Alaska to the Mexican (California) line. Cyrus Shepard, the teacher, was the chief gardener. H. K. W. Perkins, a former worker at the mission, made a pilgrimage in 1844 to that spot. Old memories revived. This is what he said about

the mission garden: "I stopped to linger, for a few moments, around the little enclosure which contained the old mission garden, originally planted by Cyrus Shepard's own hand. This was the most pleasant place connected with the mission. It was well planted with young trees, and a great variety of herbs and flowers. This was always a place of first resort for visitors."

The seeds for this garden came from New England, and had been carefully carried over the Rocky mountains long before wagons came through; when only pack animals could come. Seven months after her husband's death, Mrs. Shepard wrote: "I am now sitting opposite the window overlooking the garden planted by my dear husband. The flowers bloom as well as when he was here to take care of them, but the tender plants miss his careful hand. Several months have passed since he left me, and I still look for him in the garden, morning and evening, and can hardly persuade myself I shall not see his straw hat among the vines."

For over 90 years, since Cyrus Shepard worked in his garden at the old mission, there has been a volunteer crop from the asparagus bed he planted; as if nature were anxious to keep alive the memory of the good man who was the first Christian teacher of the wilderness that is now the empire of the Pacific northwest.

Wordsworth communed with the flowers of the field and found in them thoughts that lie too deep for tears. Ruskin could not pluck a flower without pain, so great was his love for them. Tenyson dropped upon his knees before a bed of flowers, and called to his companions, "Down on your knees, man, and smell the violets!" Linnaeus looked upon a field of mountain gorse in full bloom, and, in the exquisite phrase of Mrs. Browning, "He knelt beside them on the sod, for their beauty thanking God." Said the Master: "Consider the lilies how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin; and yet I say unto you, that Solomon in all his glory was arrayed like one of these."

Rainier Takes Two Lives



Forest rangers are engaged in final efforts to locate the body of Forrest Greathouse, inset, Seattle high school coach and former teammate of "Red" Grange, who, with Edwin Wetzel, of Milwaukee, Wis., lost their lives returning from the season's first ascent of Mt. Rainier, when their party dropped into a blind crevasse on 13,000-foot level. The picture above was taken three days prior to the accident and shows two mountaineers who made the ascent as one of them slipped into a slight crevasse. Wetzel's body has been recovered, but all efforts to find Greathouse have failed.

Ministers Are Guests at Zena

ZENA, July 16.—Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Higgins of Zena entertained Reverend and Mrs. E. H. Shanks of Loveland, Colorado, and Reverend Charles Rutherford, missionary from India, at their fruit ranch at Zena three days recently. Reverend and Mrs. Shanks are well known in Salem church work. Reverend Shanks being a former minister of the Baptist church there. He is now engaged in evangelistic work and has his headquarters for the summer at McMinnville. They came to McMinnville from Colorado three weeks ago in order to be at the wedding of their daughter, Miss Barbara Shanks who was married at that time. Miss Shanks has taught school in McMinnville for two years. Their son Theodore is still in Colorado. Reverend Charles Rutherford has been in India as a missionary for 22 years and he and his family are on their third furlough to America.

Prosecution in Race Riot Looms

LINCOLN, Neb., July 16.—(AP)—Attorney General Sorenson said tonight he intended to prosecute every person "no difference who they are," who deported citizens and tax payers of North Platte, apparently, just because their skins were black."

SAN FRANCISCAN IS TRYING FOR RECORD

Bartlett Stephens and Fred McKinley Seek to Beat Reinhart's Mark

SAN FRANCISCO, July 16.—(AP)—Bartlett Stephens and Fred McKinley, who are attempting to break the endurance refueling record of 246 hours, 33 minutes, and 48 seconds, in the plane "San Francisco" had been in the air 31 hours at 5:14 o'clock this afternoon. The fliers to break the record must remain in the air until 5:47 o'clock July 25.

The two fliers took off from Mills Field at 10:14 a. m. today and at 12:30 received their first load of gasoline and oil from the refueling plane California, manned by Don Templeton, world war flyer, and James Warner, radio-man on the Southern Cross during its trans-Pacific flight to Australia.

The endurance plane carried 46 gallons of gasoline on the take-off and with necessities for the crew, including a mattress, water and a supply of sandwiches and coffee, weighed 2,400 pounds.

Ninety gallons of gasoline were transferred from the refueling plane over Dumbarton bridge. Templeton maneuvered over the San Francisco and Warner dropped the refueling hose, weighted with a 30-pound sandbag, and in five minutes the first contact was successfully completed.

CAMPFIRE GIRLS TO HAVE FINE VACATION

Salem Campfire girls will have a busy but interesting time at their week's vacation camp, July 17-23, according to the schedule witz, who is in charge of the camp drawn up by Mrs. W. J. Minkiewicz this year. A group of 30 Camp Fire girls leave this morning for Camp Sahequanna at Mehama to enjoy the following program of activities:

Six-thirty o'clock, reveille; 7, setting up exercises, flag raising, and morning dip; 7:10, breakfast; 7:30, camp duties; 8:20, personal inspection; 8:30, morning sing; 9, camp duties; 9:15, classes in first aid, nature lore, handicraft, campcraft and sports; 10:15, classes; 11:15, free hour; 12, noon, dinner; 1, silent hour; 2, free hour; 3, hikes and swimming; 5:45, supper; 6:45, retreat; 7, sports and games; 7:45, evening program; 9:45, taps. Special programs have been arranged for each evening of the week and include fireside legends, Wednesday evening; a moonlight hike, Thursday; a nature lore lecture by Prof. Cecil Monk of Willamette university, Friday; an impromptu program, Saturday; musical pantomimes and church services at Mehama; and a masquerade Monday evening.

A council fire and ceremonial will be a big event of Tuesday evening. At that time awards will be made for the past year. Visitors day has been set as Sunday, July 21, and all persons interested in such camps are invited for a general inspection.

Mrs. Luther Stout and the Misses Hazel Duncan, Edith Clement, and Ruth Clark will assist Mrs. Minkiewicz.

INSTITUTE ALUMNI STAGE BIG REUNION

DALLAS, July 16.—Mrs. Allie Lynn of Perrydale was elected president of the LaCreole institute alumni organization at the annual reunion held Saturday in this city. Lynn Gubser of Dayton was named vice-president and Rev. Chester Gates of Portland, second vice-president and Mrs. Alta Cerny of Dallas, secretary-treasurer.

One hundred and seventy-eight members of the association sat down at the picnic table Saturday for the reunion meeting. Prominent speakers included Ralph Williams, acting chairman of the national republican committee, Dr. Dan Poling of New York City, Rev. Chester Gates of Portland Arthur Voazie of Portland. LaCreole subsequently became Dallas college. This institution

McCoy Lad on Visit From N.M.A. Reports Interesting Trip But Prefers Oregon

MCCOY, July 16.—Cadet Ryder Finn of New York Military academy made a flying trip from Seattle to the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Waldo Finn of McCoy, Sunday and Monday.

Cadet Finn graduated from Amity high school in 1928. He went east last fall to attend the New York military academy of which his uncle, Gen. Milton F. Davis, is superintendent.

This spring he secured a position on board the S. S. Alaskan and worked his way as an ordinary seaman from New York City down the Atlantic coast through the Panama Canal and up the Pacific coast to Seattle, making stops at San Pedro, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Tacoma and Seattle.

He secured shore leave of 36 hours. He had to report for duty Tuesday morning. He reports a wonderful trip as he had never taken an ocean voyage before. The

weather was excellent throughout the entire trip and he was especially interested in the Panama Canal and the wonderful looks through which they passed. He was disappointed in not being able to see alligators and monkeys, which are numerous in the canal zone, because of its being the rainy season. The many flying fish, whale and other sea animals were plentiful and interesting.

Cadet Finn says there is nothing in the east like the Oregon scenery, the Oregon fir timber and nothing like his Oregon home.

John Milton Finn plans to make the return trip with his brother and enter New York Military academy this fall. John is 15 years old and has attended the Amity high school for the past two years. He plans to prepare himself for entrance to the United States Navy school at Annapolis. Their many friends wish luck and success to these Oregon boys.

Portlander Dies In Fall to Floor

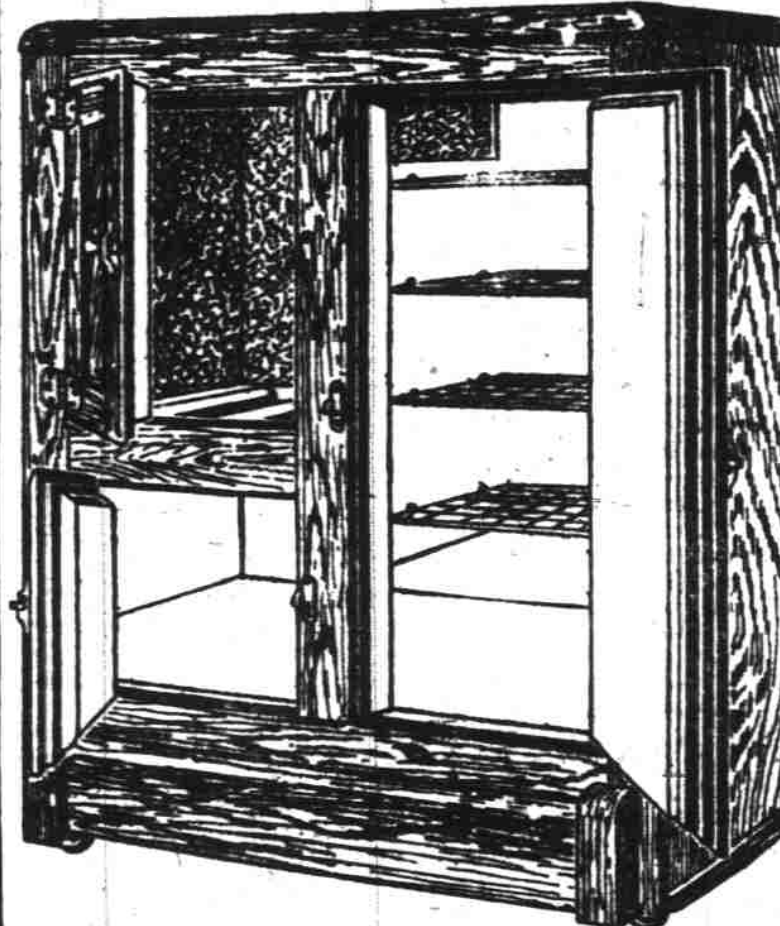
PORTLAND, Ore., July 16.—(AP)—Leland D. Fenton, 26, son of Dr. and Mrs. H. S. Fenton, Portland, was injured fatally today at Gresham, Ore., when he fell eight feet to the floor and fractured his skull. Fenton was trying to lift down a barrel of strawberries in a cold storage plant and was standing on a stacker about eight feet high. He apparently lost his balance and fell on his head.

closed its doors in 1912. The land is the college is now occupied by the new Dallas high school building and the athletic field where a new grandstand has recently been built.

VETERINARIANS MEET VANCOUVER, B. C., July 16.—(AP)—More than 100 veterinary doctors from British Columbia, Washington and Oregon, gathered today.

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