

Oregon Pioneer Will Celebrate her 90 Birthday Today

MRS. E. EBBERT TO BE HONORED

Thrills of Journey Across Plains Recalled by Monmouth Woman

By BEULAH HESSE CRAVEN
MONMOUTH, Sept. 5.—Mrs. Elizabeth Landers Ebbert, who has lived in Monmouth for the past 44 years, will celebrate her 90th birthday Saturday, September 6 at her home here. She was born in Jefferson county, Iowa, September 6, 1840, the oldest daughter in a family of 10 daughters and three sons. Three of that family survive: Zachary Taylor Landers, San Francisco; Mrs. Sarah Hager, 87, Monmouth and Mrs. Ebbert, Mrs. Hager and Mrs. Ebbert enjoyed their first airplane ride here last month.

Their father, Abraham Landers, lived to be nearly 97. He with his family, was among the early settlers around Eugene, which when they came there was a village with one store, where calico sold at 35 and 40 cents the yard; a postoffice, where one had to pay 10 cents to get a letter after it arrived. "There were no envelopes," says Mrs. Ebbert. "Letters were wrapped up in a paper covering, and sealed with a red wafer."

Chief among the many experiences of her long life, Mrs. Ebbert enjoyed her journey across the plains made when she was 14 years old. Over a span of three quarters of a century the events of that pilgrimage still people her thoughts with colorful figures of the plains, and with occurrences more daring than any movie screen can offer. In a charmingly quaint vein of phrase she recounts innumerable details, both humorous and memorable.

"I had never been more than three miles away from home before, and just at first I wasn't impressed with the idea of the trip, but youth was then much as it is now about wanting to go, and after a day or so on the road I became enchanted with the reality that I was going some place new every morning; and each hour strange and mysterious sights and wonders unfolded before my eyes."

"We left Council Bluffs, Iowa, May 28, 1854, and the first excitement was met when we crossed the Missouri river on a steam powered ferry boat, the first we had ever seen. I remember the ferryman's name well—it was Beck. There were three families in the train; the Daniel Leedy's, and the George Umphreys, besides ourselves. There were also 15 hired men who helped out with all the camp work in order to gain free transportation to the west. Every man was armed, and on each wagon was a boy big enough to handle a gun."

12 Wagons in Train

"There were 12 wagons, drawn partly by horses and partly by cattle, and the family heads took a herd of milk cows. My father had nine cows of a large breed, Durhams I believe. The total represented some very fine stock for those times. I remember how mother would strain the milk at night into large pans, skim the cream in the morning and put it in a churn. At night when we made camp there would be fresh butter, churned by the rocking of the wagon."

"Mother and I took turns driving one wagon, and we were as hitching up or unhitching our horses. Whenever we stopped longer than a day mother would bake salt-rising bread in a sheet-iron stove, using buffalo chips for fuel. Our dishes were few in number—the plates we used on the trip being pie-pans. Mother did bring a set of six blue and white plates, and none got broken. Later she gave each of us girls a plate, and here is a fragment left of mine."

"We had several encounters with Indians, but none proved disastrous. One day we met 1700 Sioux, traveling with all the panoply of bows and arrows, squaws and papooses, and their dirty packs of equipment. They had with them also an amazing menagerie of animals; bears, coyotes and mountain lions. These creatures were apparently tame and tractable, and each one was a burden-bearer with a load apportioned to its size and strength. Buffalo skin things were fastened about their shoulders, from which a pack wrapped in skins, depended."

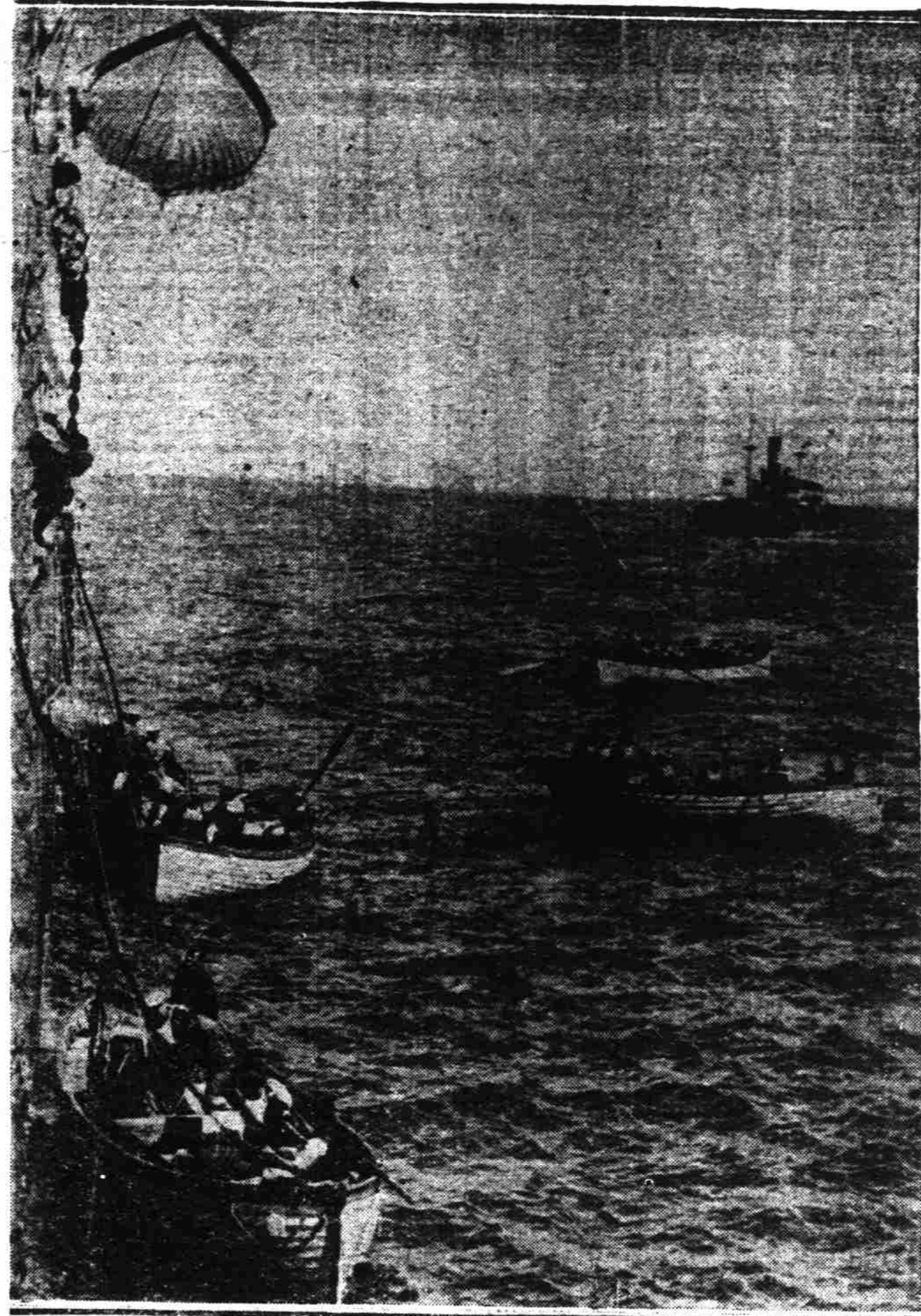
Indians After Money

"The Indians tried to extort money from us for passing over their lands. They talked a jargon which we could understand well enough to carry on conversation readily. This land, I believe, they would tell us. One of the men, a chief, we thought, patting his horse and motioned for my little sister to get up on the horse. We had been exchanging trinkets with some of them, but at this action my father lifted his long gun and pointed it and they immediately started onward in their own direction. Months later we learned that they were on the way to Fort Laramie to make an attack, and they actually did wreak disaster there."

"At Devil's Gate near Fort Hall, we found more than usually rough traveling, and it was there that I found a five cent piece, the first money I had ever possessed in my life. In those times women and children did not have money of their own as they do now. In fact if a woman or child earned money it was turned over to the father for disbursement. I still recall the thrill I got from that find, and how I hunted, vainly, for more!"

"We turned off at Fort Boise

PASSENGERS LEAVING ILL FATED STEAMER TAHITI



Passengers being transferred from lifeboats after their rescue from the sinking liner Tahiti. This photo was taken from deck of the rescue ship Ventura of the Matson line.

on the Snake river, and were piloted by a Mr. Macey across the desert land of eastern Oregon, and beyond the Cascades. When about 20 of the 28 miles of desert had been covered we ran out of water and were in a serious condition. The men drove most of the cattle toward the hills seeking water, and we maintained a sort of dry desert camp for three days awaiting their return. My youngest sister, two years, nearly perished for water. Our cows all went dry, and we used up the last of our provisions. When we finally reached the Deschutes river, father butchered a young beef and jerked it. It made two sacksful of meat, and that was all the food we had to cross the Cascades on. I think the older folks had a little black coffee."

"We came around the foot of Diamond Head, and followed the headwaters of the Willamette, fording it 28 times in all. The railroad now goes over some of that route, and how I long to see Diamond Head once more!"

Reached Eugene in 1854

"We reached our destination at Eugene September 2, 1854, being on the road just three months and five days. Folk there were very kind to us, and oh! how good potatoes and gravy tasted once more. One woman on hearing our family name 'Landers,' said, 'Why not call it 'Landes,' and that's so much prettier.' And that's our family name was actually altered, in time, to 'Landes.'"

"Father had brought a land-warrant with him for service rendered in the Black Hawk war, for which he was granted, I think a quarter section. He also bought a quarter section and founded a fine farm. His orchard was noted as he was skilled in grafting. The original young trees he purchased from Meek and Lowellen, a nursery firm at Oregon City who has brought young trees, growing, across the plains in the back of a wagon. Father had known them in Iowa. They became rather famous later, as originators of the Bing cherry, named for a faithful Chinese who worked for them. It took first prize at the Chicago World's fair, when a box was sent there to P. L. Campbell of Monmouth, who entered it for competition."

"I was married March 13, 1855 to George Ebbert, and we settled on a farm five miles east of Eugene. Of my nine children seven are living: Mrs. J. L. Hastings and Mrs. Harriet Goodman of Portland; Mrs. Lula Geddes, Hereford, Oregon; Mrs. Belle Phillips, Walla Walla; Mrs. Sarah Bristow, Eugene; Henry Ebbert, Thomast; and Elbie, my youngest boy, here. It sounds like a large family, but they gave me surprisingly little trouble. Mr. Ebbert passed on 17 years ago."

Mrs. Ebbert enjoys good health for her years, and although she does not get out on the street to walk, takes her regular daily exercise indoors. She says that never a day passes but what she touches her fingertips to the floor without bending her knees. Her eyesight is good, and she says perhaps that is because she never washed it away with tears!

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WEST SALEM NEWS

WEST SALEM, Sept. 6.—On all her visits to the home of Mrs. J. T. Hunt, The Statesman correspondent finds that lady busily sewing together in an intricate pattern from tiny scraps of print the blocks of an "endless chain" quilt. Mrs. Hunt is 81 years old and so crippled that she spends most of her days in her rocking chair. These quilts, each of which is composed of 1955 pieces are made for friends and relatives.

The next one will go to a sister of Mrs. Hunt's living in Canada, of which country Mrs. Hunt is a native. In the last two years the aged lady has made 16 of these quilts. She has finished four this summer. When asked if she tired of the work she answered "no, but I almost got tired of the last one, the weather was so hot." She says she dreams of the quilts and can feel the thimble on her finger in her dreams. Will the recipients of these beautiful pieces of needlework treasure them and pass them on to a future generation?

Warren J. Flier who does electrical work at the Salem paper mill started Wednesday by motor for Rossiter, Penna. He was called east by the serious illness of his mother. He has two months leave of absence from the mill.

A school budget meeting was held at the school house Wednesday evening. Two free holders were present. The budget for the 1930 and 1931 school year was allowed.

CENTRAL HOWELL TO IMPROVE SCHOOL

CENTRAL HOWELL, Sept. 5.—The school board held a meeting the first of the week. Among other things, it was decided to build a small porch over the basement entrance on the east side of the school building. Heretofore, neither growers about 50c crate, shipper paying for the handling. E. Way was given the job of building the entrance.

California to Have Large Crop Of Fall Carrots

DELANO, Calif.—Last year an experiment was made here with carrots when 20 cars were produced and shipped. A fall crop is being planted, from which 200 cars are expected to start late in November. Denver half long is the popular variety. Production this year reached 350 crates per acre. Neither growers about 50c crate, shipper paying for the handling. W. B. Van Noy, of Modesto, was responsible for growers becoming interested. Van Noy believes the 1931 spring crop will reach 800 cars or more, averaging 300 crates to the car. The first carrots grown commercially in California for eastern markets moved in 1924, when 150 cars were shipped. Last year California shipped 6,229 cars. At the present rate of increase, the movement will get into the 10,000 car class by 1935.

SON TO NUSOMS

WACONDA, Sept. 5.—Mrs. Allyn Nusom and infant son, Arthur Dale, arrived home from the Salem general hospital Friday.

WEST SALEM WILL DISCARD BILLBOARDS

City Council Votes to Enforce Ordinance Forbidding Signs

WEST SALEM, Sept. 5.—The West Salem city council held its monthly meeting Tuesday evening instead of Monday owing to Labor day activities. All members were present except Elmer Stewart. A complaint was entered concerning the erection of some bill boards, a city ordinance prohibiting the erection of bill boards without a license. A motion prevailed that George Davis, police judge, be notified that some one would be appointed to fill his office during the month of September, as Mr. Davis is employed at the fairgrounds and had previously notified the council that he would be unable to serve during state fair week. Elmer Cook was appointed to take Mr. Davis' place.

A motion was carried that all city fire hydrants be painted orange, the present color being indistinguishable on a dark night.

A motion was carried that the city marshal be instructed to enforce the dog ordinance.

First and second readings were given to ordinances for the improvement of Franklin street between Kingwood and Rosemont; First street between Patterson and Murlark; Cascade Drive.

J. J. Arnold was given the courtesy of the floor for a talk on the management of the city water plant.

Motion was carried that bonds be paid C. S. Ruge for site of pump at the city water plant and that the deed be placed on record.

NEWPORT TRIP HAS INTERESTING ANGLE

ORCHARD HEIGHTS, Sept. 5.—Mr. and Mrs. Cash Roberts motored to Newport recently where they were guests for several days of Mrs. Roberts' mother, Mrs. M. A. Goodspeed. Enroute, they visited Mr. and Mrs. Frank Moll at an interesting small ranch between Toledo and Chitwood.

Mr. Moll is in the nursery business and is propagating the mountain huckleberry with much success. The Roberts' state that not a weed is to be seen among the rows of stock and that the many flowers Mrs. Moll cultivates make the mountain home very attractive.

SALEM-CHAMPOEG ROAD IMPROVED

WACONDA, Sept. 5.—Construction work is finished on the Salem-Champoeg road and now there is pavement from Salem to the Ore! Corners, a distance of about 15 miles.

There remains one short stretch which will probably be paved next year. This is the stretch there will be pavement from Salem to Champeog. This being a much-traveled road, it will be an appreciated one.

Amity Garage has New Mechanic

AMITY, September 5.—Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Sysma and sons Ray, Leo and Leonard have located at Amity, coming from Miami, Oklahoma.

Mr. Sysma has been employed as mechanic in the shop at Masey's garage. He is very experienced in this line of work, having been employed here for three years, five years ago.

Ted Richter made a trip to Portland Wednesday where he purchased a new school bus.

Turner to Have Home Economics Course in School

TURNER, Sept. 5.—Miss Frances M. Wright, supervisor of home economics education, who is located in the new state office building in Salem, came to Turner Wednesday afternoon by appointment, to give information as to the best arrangement of the new domestic service room which is being fitted up and is to be ready to be used by the time school opens September 22.

Both carpenters and plumbers are rushing their work. Miss Wright gave valuable suggestions as to the arrangement of the room and the kind of equipment needed.

Irrigation Project Underway Along Butte and Abiqua

SILVERTON, Sept. 5.—Steven Carson, who is connected with the Oregon Power Irrigation company and stationed at Portland has been working on two dams in this part of the country, one on Butte Creek and the other on the Abiqua. The dam across the Abiqua is three and one-half feet high and is on the Eichenhart place; while the Butte creek dam is on the Hartman place and is seven by 70 feet.

Mr. Carson has filed on the irrigation rights by which he hopes to irrigate 4,000 acres.

LEADER OF U. S. ARMY POLO TEAM



Captain C. A. Wilkinson of the United States army polo team will lead his group of five other players into the Argentine this month to compete in the open polo championships scheduled for October and November. Wilkinson was photographed at Mitchell Field, R. I., where his squad held a workout.

GUEST AT CENTRAL HOWELL

CENTRAL HOWELL, Sept. 5.—Clifford Dougherty and Cecil Chally, of Albany, spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Simmons. Mr. Dougherty who is a brother of Mrs. Simmons will be coach and instructor in the Newport high school the coming year.

Value of Georgia's 1930 tobacco crop is estimated at \$16,000,000.

SIDNEY RUSSEL IS ACCIDENT VICTIM

MARION, Sept. 5.—Sidney Russell, one of Marion's pioneers and for the past several years road supervisor of the Marion district, met with a quite serious accident Thursday morning while hauling baled straw from his field to the barn.

Mr. Russell had just arrived at the barn with a load of straw and was turning his wagon preparatory to backing the load into the barn for unloading when in some manner the front part of the load became dislodged causing him to be thrown to the ground where he was struck on the right hip by one of the falling bales of straw, breaking or cracking the hip bone and otherwise bruising him.

It will be necessary to take x-ray pictures of the injured parts before the exact extent of injury can be determined.

Church Society Holds Meeting

HAZEL GREEN, Sept. 5.—The women's missionary society met at the home of Mrs. C. A. Van Cleave Wednesday afternoon. The subject was stewardship. Under the new department of stewardship are included prayer groups, talents, time and all things.

The society formed a prayer group to pray for a revival in our community. Each is to pray at 10 o'clock wherever she is.

Mt. Angel has Mild Fire Scare

MT. ANGEL, Sept. 5.—Mt. Angel fire department was called to extinguish a blaze in the Chris Owe farm dwelling three miles northeast of Mt. Angel at 8:15 a. m. Thursday.

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