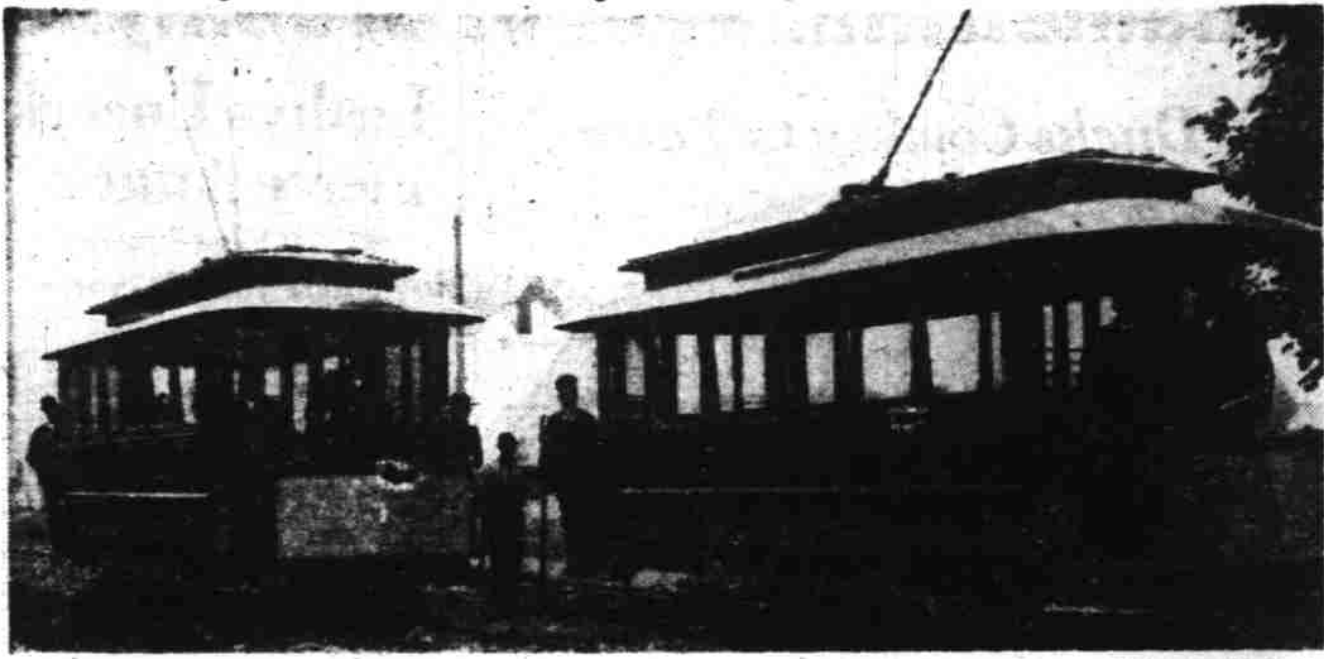


They Were Really an Eye-Opener Once



This historic picture in the files of The Oregon Statesman—taken in the same era which provided the picturesque ordinances detailed by Stuart Bush in the accompanying story—shows Salem's first electric cars, in 1889.

Old City Ordinances Bring Out Interesting Background Of Strife in Pioneer Days

This is a footnote on the manners and morals of a village called Salem. That village grew to be a town, and with the advent of railroads, modern highways and new industry it woke up one day to discover it had become a city. Now the city reaches out in widening circles to include within or almost within its limits whole communities, as Hollywood and Keizer, that are nearly cities in themselves, and the original village called Salem becomes a metropolis.

In the 1870s Salem was very small, very isolated and self content. Though well past its frontier days, it could not yet foresee the violent changes and expansions that 50 years of immigration and two world wars would bring. The 1870s constituted an era of gas lamps and hoop skirts. Salem streets were unpaved and the horse and buggy ruled supreme. The village lived close to its court house steps and its major problems were not the changing tides of human affairs in the outer world. It concerned itself almost entirely with local affairs. The city ordinances of that time, now stored away in the court house attic, tell a revealing story.

Must Keep 'Em Tied
"Any hogs running at large," says the first of these, "shall be declared a nuisance. No horses, mules, cattle, sheep, swine, goats, geese or ducks shall be allowed to run free in the streets." This ordinance is dated 1869 and it is almost immediately followed by an afterthought: "No cows or horses may be fastened on a sidewalk."

The same era, developing a social conscience, discovered a laxity on the part of some of its citizens. New rules and definitions appeared on the books. "A person in the habit of becoming grossly drunk and keeping up the habit for one month shall be declared a common drunkard," and dealt with accordingly, it suggests. "Vagrants are healthy people 'found roaming the streets without lawful business.'"

Sling Shots Barred
Even the vices of small boys came under the axe in the great clean-up of the seventies. An ordinance of that time forbids "not only the use but the carrying of sling shots."

And then in 1878 came a real shock. A report was made to the councilmen that there were a number of Chinese dens in Salem where opium smoking was carried on by youths "and others." Opium smoking was immediately declared a crime and a severe penalty attached.

Having changed for the better the seamy side of its life, the village then turned its attention to its manners. The two horse omnibus, defined as a coach for transporting passengers, became popular and the council, even then proposing to pave the streets, decided on a \$15 per year tax for this vehicle, and proud of its new culture, it added the final touch to the problem of livestock, "no cowbells within the city limits."

Baseball Hot Problem
The Victorian era with all its pomp, its high ideals, and its zeal for perfecting social life had by now reached Salem and some of its concerns had grandiose ideas. The council received, in 1879, a petition from a number of citizens asking that an ordinance be passed to prevent baseball playing on the streets. The records do not tell what opposition developed to this scheme. Perhaps legions of small boys and their sympathetic fathers took serious objections to such a restriction. The council only reported, "it would be injudicious to take further steps in the matter."

Then in 1880, a thorny problem, one that is not unknown to present day Salem, suddenly presented itself. Complaints had been reaching the council in ever increasing numbers and they were finally moved to action. "A person may not," the ordinance reads, "wear a hat or bonnet during a theater performance."

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State Sheriffs May Install Teletype Net

A committee to study the possibilities of setting up a state-wide system of sheriffs' office teletypes was at the annual Oregon Sheriffs' association convention which ended Saturday in Portland.

Marion County Sheriff Denver Young, who was re-elected secretary-treasurer of the association, said the special committee would make a report of its findings to the association at a later date.

The teletype system, already in use in California, would aid Oregon sheriffs and other law enforcement agencies greatly, Young said. It would also be of benefit in case of major disasters such as fires and floods.

Communications Inadequate
"In the matter of criminal apprehension such a system linking all the county sheriffs on one communication system would prove invaluable," Sheriff Young declared. "The only means of communication we have now is the totally inadequate one of telephone or the slower telegraph."

The system would be set up, the sheriff said, with regular teletype machines in each county sheriff's office. Messages that one office put on the teletype would immediately print on all the machines in the system.

Radio Not Satisfactory
The means of police communications by radio has not proved

satisfactory on a state-wide basis, Sheriff Young said, because various agencies over the state use different wave bands for broadcasting.

Also discussed at the convention was a system to improve law enforcement road blocks in cases of major crimes and prison breaks. Principal aim of the discussion, Young said, was to bring all law enforcement agencies into closer coordination in such instances.

The convention drafted letters of sympathy to the widows of the late Gov. Earl Snell, Senate President Marshall Cornett and Secretary of State Robert Farrell.

Independence Folk Visit California During Holidays

INDEPENDENCE — Mrs. W. H. Craven was taken to the Salem General hospital and is now improving.

R. M. Walker, who has been ill, is improving and is expected to return to his home here from the Portland hospital within the next 10 days.

Mr. and Mrs. Vick Seeley, Mrs. Bessie Grover, mother of Mrs. Seeley, all of Independence, and Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Finley, Salem, have returned from Vallejo, Calif., where they spent the holiday with Mr. and Mrs. Vernon E. Seeley.

Luckiamute Farmers union meets Friday, December 12, for the annual Christmas party. Meetings are held at Parker school.

Chief of Police Ray Howard Mrs. Howard and their son George spent last Thursday at Triangle lake with guests of their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Morgan.

Public Records

DISTRICT COURT
Lawrence Max Orth, 235 S. 14th st., defective muffler, fined \$5 and costs.

Stanley James Deacon, Portland, no mud guard, fined \$3 and costs.

Warren W. Gregg, Troutdale, reckless driving, fined \$25 and driver's license suspended for one month.

PROBATE COURT
Frank F. Rahn estate: Final account filed and hearing set for January 13.

MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATIONS

Benjamin H. Updegraff, 23, construction work, and Claudine L. Barkhuff, 19, secretary, state treasurer's office, both of Salem.

Howard G. Naue, sawmill operator, and Florence M. Culwell, domestic, both of Lyons route 1.

Jack Hunt, 24, electrician, and Gwelda M. Thatcher, 22, plant reports clerk, both of Salem.

Roy M. Huffman, 21, U. S. navy, Neotsu, and Vivienne A. Hermonson, 20, student nurse, Portland.

Johnny Drake, 19, U. S. navy, and Juanita Hampton, 18, key punch operator, both Salem route 2.

Brady Irwin Gallagher, 26, student, and Virginia Jean Case, 23, clerk, both of Salem.

Armon McDowell, 20, machinist, route 2, and Jean Lehman, 18, bookkeeper, both of Salem.

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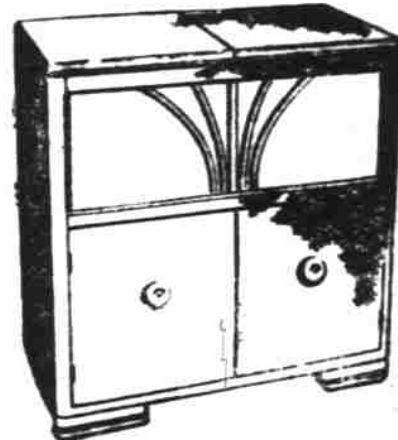
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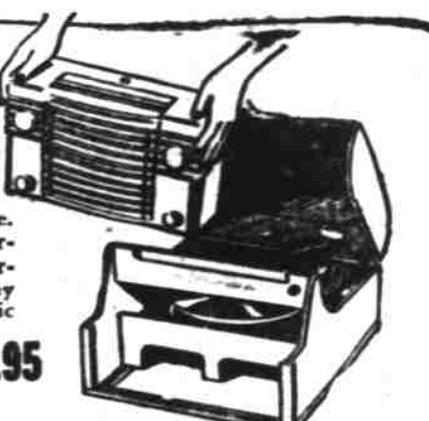
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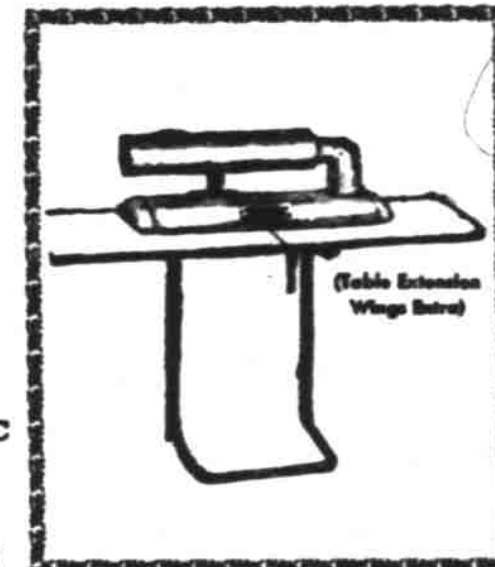
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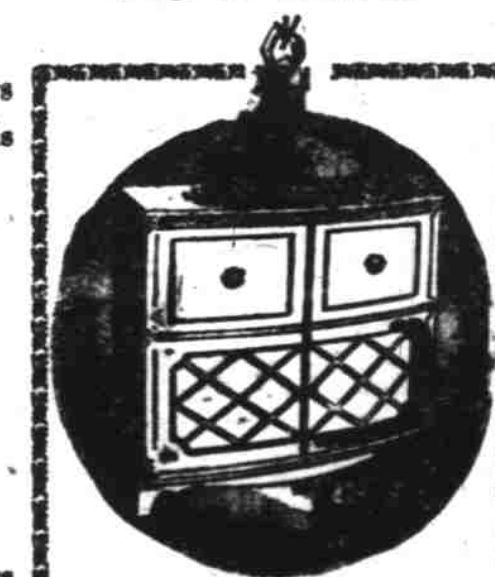
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