

## News From Various Parts Of The Country

### Father Schoener's New Berry

#### The "Willamette" May Be Contender With Loganberry

By pollenizing, the Oregon wild blackberry with the Cuthbert raspberry, Father Schoener, parish priest of Brooks, and famous as a breeder of roses, has produced an entirely new variety of berry, which he tentatively has named the "Willamette," in honor of the valley in which it was created. In pollenizing the blackberry with the raspberry, Father Schoener reversed the process that produced the loganberry.

The fruit is described as being firm and of a most delicious, distinctive flavor. It has nothing of the acid sourness of the loganberry, nor of the heavy sweetness of the raspberry. Nor does it resemble the taste of its wild mother. It is neither tart nor sugary.

#### AUTOISTS RUSH TO BEACHES.

#### New Road to Newport Now Building to Make Better Route.

Judging from the number of automobile parties and wagons loaded with campers on their way to Newport and other beach resorts west of this city, the season at the summer resorts is to be one of the best in years.

The route generally taken to Newport from points north of Dallas is through Dallas, Peedee, Blodgett, Nashville and Toledo. The county courts of Polk and Lincoln counties at the present

time are engaged in the construction of a new road to Newport. The new route will lessen the distance between Dallas and Newport by a considerable number of miles and will afford a most pleasant route.

The new route will go through Falls City, through the Siletz Basin near to the Siletz Agency and down to Newport. This proposed road will penetrate the great timbered section lying to the west and south of Falls City. It will run close to the Siletz river in a number of places, thus affording ample opportunity for sportsmen to take a little time off on the trip to angle in the waters of the Siletz, which river is widely known as one of the best fishing streams in the state.—Observer.

### Lassen Again Spouts Smoke a Mile High

Redding, Cal., July 15.—Black smoke belched forth a mile high from the crater on Lassen Peak early today and then drifted southward before the wind in a banner 10 miles long. The amount of falling ashes was small, compared with the great eruption of June 14, although the volume of the cloud was fully as great and the duration of the disturbance longer. The first violence of the outbreak began to dwindle after two hours though the mountain still emitted smoke. The spectacle of Mount Lassen in eruption has become so common that it no longer excites the countryside. Today's is the 18th eruption since May.

### Woman's Escape Close

#### Horse Prances Over Her While Engine Approaches.

Eugene, Or., July 14.—Although expecting death from an oncoming switch engine, Mrs. W. G. Muckle lay motionless between the rails of the Southern Pacific track while her husband sought to control a frightened horse which pranced above her, its hoofs striking on both sides of her. The switch engine was stopped, the horse did not trample her, and the woman escaped injury except for severe cuts and bruises about the face and eyes.

The accident occurred at 10 o'clock last night on Lincoln street at the west end of the Southern Pacific yards. Mr. and Mrs. Muckle and Glen Watkins were driving in a buggy from the entrance of Skinner's Butte Park, and their horse shied at a switch engine as they were about to cross the tracks. The animal started down the tracks toward the engine, and as the buggy struck the rails Mrs. Muckle was thrown out head foremost. At that moment the horse backed up until he was prancing directly over the woman on the ground. The husband in the buggy was unable to turn him in the opposite direction.

Mrs. Muckle's presence of mind in lying absolutely quiet saved her from injury, according to spectators. The buggy was wrecked.

#### California Getting Right

Registration reports from fifty-seven counties in California shows the following totals: Republicans 378,057; progressives, 183,386; democrats, 200,287; socialists, 51,723; prohibitionists, 28,199; declined to state, 70,041; miscellaneous, 2189. One county is yet to be heard from.

### The Spirit Of \$1500 Exemption

The fifteen-hundred-dollar exemption amendment deserves to pass. The Oregonian says it is vicious. But it is not. The timber baron says it is vicious. But it is not. The alien owner of big tracts of idle land says it is vicious. But it is not. The owners of speculative town lots say it is vicious. But it is not.

Here is the vital part of the measure:

Every person is exempt from tax on \$1500 on the total assessed value of his or her dwelling house household furniture, livestock, machinery, orchard trees, vines, bushes, shrubs, nursery stock, merchandise, buildings, and other improvements on, in and under his or her lands made by clearing, ditching and draining.

It is especially intended to include within this fifteen-hundred-dollar exemption all kinds of personal property and all said land improvements made for the greater convenience and attractiveness of the home or the gaining of a livelihood.

This is practically all there is of the amendment. The rest has reference to administration of the measure, and in providing for its resubmission hereafter. Its purpose is to aid average men and small men. All their belongings are usually in full sight, and they have long had the chief burden of taxes to pay, while personal and other property of big owners has largely escaped payment of a proper share of taxation. That is why the cry that the measure is "vicious" rings in clarion tones from certain quarters.

Another purpose is to add to the effectiveness of the worker. Many a small home owner is struggling along in an effort to pay for his home on the installment plan. He has a salary, but it is only by dint of great self-denial that he can meet monthly bills. The proposed exemption will lower his taxes, and to that extent make his burden lighter, and his labor more effective in the struggle for survival.

There is already an exemption of household furniture. The owner of a mansion may have \$10,000 or \$20,000 worth of furniture, and it is all exempt from taxation. The wage-earner may have but \$200 worth of household furniture, and that \$200 is all the exemption he gets. It is a law that favors the rich at the expense of the poor. The fifteen-hundred-dollar exemption amendment proposes to change the plan so as to give the rich man and the poor man alike an exemption of \$1500.

It is a perfectly simple plan, so plain that there is no trouble about understanding it. The farmer who has dwelling, barn, farm machinery, ditches, drainage, orchard, horses, cows, sheep household furniture and improvements totaling \$3000 is assessed valuation will have \$1500 deducted and his property be taxed on a total valuation of \$1500, or a city dweller who has a house, furniture, and improvements assessed at \$1800 will be entitled to the same exemption that a millionaire gets, and be taxed on only \$300. The loss of revenue through the exempted valuation will, of course, leave a smaller total valuation of taxable property, and will either result in a higher levy or less extravagance in government.

In any event, the plan will throw a slightly heavier burden of taxes on those best able to

### Dallas Fishing Party

Lew Cates and wife of the Dallas Observer, Attorney Tooze and wife, and Al Martin and wife, all of Dallas passed through here last Saturday on their way to the Big Luckiamute on a fishing expedition. They came by train as far as this city and waited for the team that was supposed to get here before they did, that didn't however. While waiting for the belated wagon containing their camp outfit, provisions, fish bait, etc., Lew Cates strayed off and got lost. A search was made and after considerable hallooing he was finally located and they proceeded on their journey.

### Council Meeting

The city council met Monday night to hear protests with regard to the proposed street improvements. Several protests were filed. Joe Floria appeared in person and presented his protest signed by a number of property owners along the streets affected. Mr. Floria said that he had come 12 miles and demanded a hearing as he had made the trip several times and the council had put it off every time and that it appeared to him that they did it on purpose.

There seems to be a wrong impression and misunderstanding of this street improvement work and if properly explained it is quite possible that there would be less objections to it. Many do not really know just where and to what extent the improvement district covers. All parties should get together and have it fully explained so that there could be no misunderstanding as to that streets to be improved.

H. G. Strayer was appointed auditor and police judge to fill the unexpired term of C. W. Lee, resigned.

The hearing of protests was continued until Tuesday, July 28.

### Polk Bounty Leads

University of Oregon, Eugene, July 15.—A. L. Barnhart and H. E. Barnhart, of Falls City, and Joseph F. Bogynska, and E. L. Kezel, of Monmouth, are among the Polk county representatives registered at the University of Oregon Summer School this year. Both the Barnharts are studying the History of American Democracy under Dr. Joseph Schafer. H. E. Barnhart adds to these courses in "Social Redemption" and in "Sociology" under Prof. F. G. Young, while A. D. Barnhart is studying Libary Methods under Prof. F. C. Ayer and Librarian M. H. Douglass, and the History of Education, under Prof. Ayer. The present session of the Summer School has the largest attendance in the history of the institution. Standards have been raised, six credits now taking as much work to earn as was formerly required for seven. No credit is now given for presence at Assembly lectures, yet these have proven popular enough to fill the largest hall on the campus every day at eleven without any other reward than the lecture itself. Among the students this year is an unusually large proportion of older men and women, who go at the work in a serious and determined way and are setting a pace in study that it is not any too easy for the young people to follow.

pay, and lighten the burden of those for whom payment is difficult.—Portland Journal.

### Meet After 19 Years

L. G. Singleton was very pleasantly surprised last Saturday evening by meeting his brother, A. Singleton, after a separation of 19 years. Mr. A. L. Singleton's coming was unexpected and he was not recognized. He lives at Cuba, Kansas where he has been agent for the C. B. & Q. Ry. for 28 years. He will remain about a week.

### Berean Class Meet

The Berean Class of the Christian church had their monthly class meeting Monday night. In the absence of the president M. Frink was chosen pro tem. The regular routine of business was gone through and then a number of Bible questions were asked by R. Paul, most of which were answered. A contest was then participated in and sides were chosen with Rev. Hicks and Frink as leaders. The feature of the contest was the carrying of peanuts upon a knife and placing them in a pan the pan that contained the most was the winner, which was won by Rev. Hicks side. After the contest a repast was served. An enjoyable time was had.

### Train Runs Wild; One Dead, Another Will Die

#### Logging Crew Jumps but Two Are Hurt by Falling Timber.

Wallowa, Or., July 14.—Charles Williams was killed outright and June Mason was fatally injured in a runaway of a logging train on the line of the Nibley Mironaugh Lumber Company, on the Whisky Creek branch, this afternoon. The cause of the runaway is not known. All of the train crew jumped.

Williams and Mason, however, did not jump in time and were caught by the falling logs. Williams was killed instantly. His brother saw him mashed by the falling logs. Mason probably was hit by logs, but his injuries are confined to his head, the skull being fractured in three places and his face badly gashed. He was brought to Wallowa Hospital immediately, but doctors held out no hopes for recovery.

An inquest was held tonight over the body of Charles Williams. The dead man and his brother are from Utah and are unmarried. Mason has a wife and six children.

### Advertising Is Insurance

By HOLLAND.

AN advertisement is an insurance policy. It insures against loss through the purchase of goods of inferior quality. When you buy goods that are advertised you know you are getting the best. Makers of poor articles can't afford to advertise them. Unreliable merchants are not allowed to advertise in this paper even if advertising would be profitable to them, which is unlikely—unlikely because truth and reliability are the essence of successful advertising.

You don't take chances when you buy advertised goods, because if by any chance there should be anything wrong with the goods there is the reputation of merchant and manufacturer back of them, and any article that is not up to the advertised specifications will be replaced.

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