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## EVENTS IN OUR STATE

Interesting Happenings From  
All Parts of Washington.

### Fight to Center on Speakership.

Seattle—In all probability when once the speakership fight is settled, the special session of the Washington state legislature will result in one of the shortest assemblies ever known in the history of special sessions. Generally well-informed politicians here profess to believe that J. W. Staden will be chosen speaker over L. O. Meigs.

During the last few days there has been a tendency on the part of several legislators to introduce new legislation into the session, but this has been frowned upon by a majority, and it is not likely that any effort will be made to prolong the session longer than the consideration of the Schively charges. Immediately upon the report of the investigation committee to the legislature, E. B. Palmer, of King county, will introduce a bill asking for the abolishment of the state insurance commissioner's office.

### Escape Both Drowning and Burning.

Woodland—After having been forced to leap overboard from a blazing gasoline launch into the chilly waters of the North Fork of the Lewis river, clinging to overhanging trees in water up to their necks for nearly an hour, and finally being rescued by lumbermen, who constructed a raft and went to their aid, six young people who left here on a pleasure trip Friday night were brought back safe and sound at 5 o'clock Saturday morning but little the worse for their experience.

### Taxpayers Only to Serve.

Tacoma—Officials at the courthouse are now busy securing necessary data relating to drawing and impaneling juries. Under the new law, passed by the last legislature, only taxpayers are eligible to jury duty, and petit jurors cannot be compelled to serve more than once in five years. To prevent selection of jurors from one locality, the law also provides for the division of each county in the state into not less than three nor more than six jury districts.

### Man Attacked in Office.

Walla Walla—Z. J. Smith, local representative of the Kerr-Gifford Company, is just recovering from an attack upon him in his office last week by an unknown assailant, who struck him on the back of his head with some blunt instrument as he was standing at his letter press taking an impression of a communication to his company. His throat was cut also. Mr. Smith was unconscious for several hours.

### Rush for Licenses.

Tacoma—Since the first of the present month all marriage license records for Tacoma have been broken, the Edge law providing that applicants must be examined by a physician, which went into effect last Friday, causing a general bargain sale rush at the courthouse. In all there were 123 licenses issued the first nine days of the month.

### Three Receivers in Eight Days.

Spokane—Judge Cannell, of Colfax has soothed the troubled spirits of creditors of the defunct Palouse State Bank by the appointment of the third receiver in eight days. He is C. W. Waters of Palouse. Creditors have opposed other men named because of personal connections and have succeeded in removing them.

### Robber Suspect is Held.

Spokane—Nels Hunt, of Cataldo, Idaho, is in the jail at Coeur d'Alene charged with the hold-up of train No. 3 on the Northern Pacific near Hauser Junction, the night of April 29. Up to last year he conducted a general store and was postmaster at Cataldo.

### Fined for Smoking Cigarettes.

North Yakima—The first person arrested for violating the anti-cigarette law was John Smith, a stranger, who came here to take a position in a hay field. While waiting for a rig to take him to a ranch, he smoked a cigarette and was fined \$10.

### First Passenger Train on Milwaukee

Tacoma—The first regular passenger train to leave over the Chicago, Milwaukee, & Puget Sound railway left Tacoma Monday morning with about 150 passengers. The train went through to Malden, in Whitman county.

### Waiters Depend on Tips.

Spokane—If the present enforcement of the anti-tipping law continues and wages are not raised by the employers, practically 60 per cent of the waiters in the best houses in Spokane will be driven from the business or obliged to seek employment in other cities.

Sheriff Grant and G. Gerlinger were over from Dallas Monday.

F. W. Davids has gone to Portland to attend the races where he will enter his runner, Lamb.

B. Wilson left via Tuesday afternoon's train for Portland on a business trip of several days' duration.

Mrs. Loren Wann, who has been visiting her parents and friends in Independence for the past few weeks, leaves today for her home in Eastern Washington.

Wm. Black and family of Black Rock stopped over one day the first of the week while en route to Curvallis where they were going to spend the Fourth.

Phil Metchan, Ex-State Treasurer, passed through Independence last Saturday en route to Newport where he went to spend Sunday. He was accompanied by Mrs. Metchan.

George Girard has purchased the cottage belonging to John McCready and located on South Main street. He is having it put in general repair before taking up his residence in the same.

There will be a regular meeting of the city council next Wednesday night. The indications are that there will be something doing at this meeting as there will be some matters of importance to come up for consideration.

L. P. Gilver, a telegraph operator from Portland, arrived in the city the latter part of the week to fill the vacancy in Agent Wilcox's force due to the illness of Horace Livengood who was taken down with measles last week.

Mr. Livengood of McMinnville is in the city this week taking care of his son, Horace, who is confined to his room with a case of the measles. While he is rapidly recovering there is some fear of the disease settling in his eyes, in which case he would be laid up for sometime to come.

Mrs. Lucinda Baldwin attended the was held in Portland the past week. Mrs. Baldwin has warm words of praise for the excellent program of the convention and also for the manner in which Portland and Oregon entertained the visitors. She was accompanied on her trip by Miss Carrie Clodfelter, of Cherryvale, Kansas, a niece of the Mesdames Baldwin, who is now visiting them. Miss Clodfelter is very much pleased with our climates, fruits and roses and all the good things that are portion of Oregonians.

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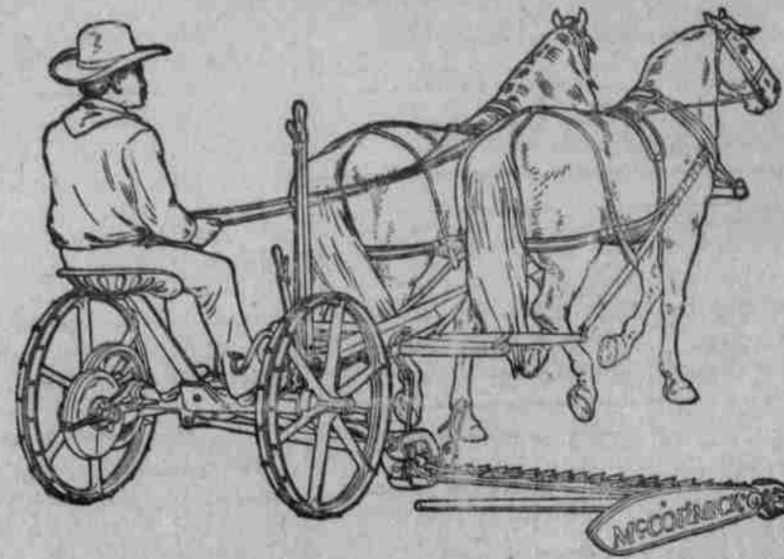
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