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The new passenger and ticket agent of the Harriman lines in Oregon, Mr. Wm. McMurray, who was appointed to the position occupied by Mr. A. L. Craig, has brought with him into his office Eastern ideas and Eastern vim, and is making it known that the Oregon Railway & Navigation Company and the Southern Pacific Lines are not only on the map but are doing an immense business. No company or corporation is doing as much as Mr. McMurray to bring to public notice the great opportunities awaiting men of enterprise and push as can be found today in Oregon, Washington and Idaho. Thousands of pieces of printed matter are sent broadcast every week and these circulars, folders and pamphlets are of the best, fully illustrated and descriptive of the coast country. Mr. R. M. Hall, the advertising man of the Oregon allied lines, is at the head of this department and no man is doing, or can do more than he in this particular branch. He is continually on the watch for statistics, every one of which is made use of in his publications. No item is too large or too small for his notice, and if it in any way helps to bring to public attention the advantages of Oregon, it finds its way to his storehouse of knowledge and is laid away for future use. One day last week his office paid out \$160 for postage alone, and all of this printed matter was sent where it would do the most good. Mr. Hall does not confine himself to his office gathering statistics from newspapers (and he receives enough every week to fill a box-car), but he goes from one part of the country to another and by actual observation and personal interviews gets the facts which are compiled by him and used in his publications. Last week he showed the writer through the room where the printed matter for the company is piled ready for mailing. From floor to ceiling was neatly stacked everything imaginable in the way of circulars, pamphlets and magazines, which are wrapped, stamped and sent to all sections of the United States and foreign countries. Mr. Hall is deeply in earnest in his efforts to bring immigration to Oregon, and he is looking for the more desirable class, possessed of money, brains and enterprise, for well he knows that they are the kind of citizens that not only advance the best interests of the state, but are necessary in building up and maintaining the railroads, and when we say the railroads, the emphasis is intended to mean more particularly the Harriman lines in Oregon.

The St. Paul Pioneer Press having criticized the farmers of Minnesota for being content to raise fourteen bushels of wheat or less per acre, when by pursuing certain methods they might raise more, a farmer responds thus: "We have so many things to fight against. Thus, if our land is too wet in the fall when we plow it spoils our prospect for a crop. If snow and frost lay too long we can't plant in time; again our outlook is spoiled. Then it is blown out with wind; insects take it; also blight. This year grain is lodged; last year spoiled with heat; year before with black rust, etc. Won't you please tell us how to raise fourteen bushels per acre and be sure of it?"

Think of that! Read over the list of obstacles a Minnesota wheat grower has to contend with, notice his plea for advice as to how to raise fourteen bushels an acre surely, think of the severe climate, and then if you are an Oregon wheat grower don't grumble if the crop is short in spots some years.

Turn from the doleful picture of this Minnesota farmer to this item in the Athens Press: "Within a radius of several miles on each side of Athens the average yield that falls below thirty-five bushels is found an exception. The bulk of the acreage hereabouts is going forty bushels and over. In numerous instances the fifty-bushel mark has been touched, and leaping over that has bounded up to sixty bushels an acre."

And this happens every year in that region, notwithstanding annual predictions of failure. We admit that not all sections of the wheat producing area of Oregon turn off such yields, but nowhere would anybody plant wheat here with an expectation of harvesting only fourteen bushels an acre; and then the difference in climate, and in opportunities for diversified farming here, are worth a good deal a year. The Minnesota farmer would better sell out and come to Oregon.—Portland Journal.

H. W. Scott of the Portland Oregonian has this to say of the Pacific University: "Pacific University is one of the comparatively small colleges of the country; but to these small colleges the country owes a great debt. Out of these small colleges have come the majority of distinguished Americans who have received, what is termed, a higher education than that of the common schools. It was Daniel Webster who in 1818, speaking of his own alma mater, Dartmouth, said to Chief Justice Marshall: 'Sir, it was but a small college but there are those of it that love it.' * * * The chances are better for a boy in a small college than in a great university, because the atmosphere of a small college is more embracing and healthful than the atmosphere of a great college, which includes a good many well-to-do young fellows who imagine that they can afford to be social rebels, can afford to be lazy

and can afford to become the slaves of university habits and of a luxurious life. On the whole for mere academic training, the small college has always had its best records in results, and it is likely to in the future unless the great colleges raise their standard and make their pupils work or go.—H. W. Scott."

The Oregon State Fair.

We have just received from F. W. Durbin, secretary of the Oregon State Board of Agriculture, an invitation to attend the State Fair at Salem September 10 to 15, and to give the coming meeting a good send-off. The circular accompanying his letter, tells the whole thing, so we print it in full:

The Oregon State Fair is without a doubt the grandest and the best Fair held on the Pacific Coast, both in scope of magnitude and attendance. No agricultural association can say they excel us in any department, while, on the other hand, we have many advantages that other associations have not.

The association owns one hundred and sixty acres of valuable land two miles from the city of Salem, the capitol of the State, which is reached by electric car lines. The Southern Pacific passes through the grounds, where all local trains stop; a depot has been erected and sidetracks are built for the special purpose of caring for the many exhibits.

Extra precaution is used in unloading and loading fine stock, which is one of the best features of the Fair; roomy stalls and pens newly white-washed are provided for breeders of blooded stock who make exhibits of Agriculture, Horticulture, and Works of Art. Special attention has been given to the sanitary conditions of the grounds, twenty-six hundred dollars having been spent for the perfection of the same. The septic tank system of sewerage was installed, and is acknowledged by physicians to be the best. A general clean up of the grounds and the painting of all buildings tend to make things clean and healthful. Extra precaution will be used in the cleanliness of each department, thus assuring the patrons of the Fair protection from disease.

Ten thousand dollars is appropriated annually by the State of Oregon, not for the maintenance of the Fair, but for premiums awarded on Live Stock, Horticulture, Agriculture, Manufacturing, and Works of Art. The premiums offered by this Board in the several classes will compare favorably with fairs in the East whose magnitude is much greater than ours. Not one dollar of this amount is used for any other purpose. Special attention has been paid to the above departments, and competent superintendents have been selected to manage the same. Hay is furnished free to all live stock entered for premiums.

The special department is one of the greatest attractions. No other course can boast of as good a programme. Ten thousand dollars is given in Early Closing Stakes, this being the largest amount ever offered in the Northwest. More than one hundred horses are entered for these races than in any previous year. The track has received special preparation to make it better than ever before, and the grand stand has been newly painted to make it more attractive.

Twenty acres, with the "Majestic Oaks" furnishing the shade, is set apart for the benefit of campers. Sheds for 210 head of horses have been built for the housing of campers' horses. Streets have been laid out, and Hon. Albert Tozier has been appointed superintendent to look after the welfare of all campers. These grounds and stalls are offered free to those who wish to come and camp. In conclusion will say, the State Board asks the cooperation of all to make the fair of 1906 the best in the history of the organization.

Hop Pickers Wanted.

At Cate's farm. All old pickers invited to come back this year. Lots of room; register at once by phone or at the farm. Cate's Hop Yard.

Sewing machine needles of all kinds at Hoyt's. 2 for 5c, 25c per dozen.

The Weekly Oregonian and The Hillsboro Independent, both one year for \$2. Orange Sherbert all day Saturday at the Den of Sweets.

The Independent and The Portland Daily Telegram one year for \$5.

Best place in town for fresh roasted peanuts, red hot at the Den of Sweets.

W. O. Donelson, the Furniture man, is still on the turf; ready to supply you with hammock's, tents, and camping supplies.

Public Sale.

The undersigned will sell at public sale on his farm two miles north of Hillsboro, on Wednesday, August 22, at 1 o'clock p. m., sharp the following property to-wit: Two horses, 7 and 8 years old, weight 1100 each, 5 good milk cows, all in milk, 4 soon to be fresh, 1 sow, will have pigs in September, 4 shoats, weight 100 lbs. each, 20 tons of hay, Timothy and Elsie mixed, 1 1/4 half spring wagon, 1 buggy, 1 farm wagon, 2 sets of work harness, 1 set single harness, 1 feed cutter, 1 12-inch Oliver chilled plow, 1 steel harrow, 2 cultivators; 1 No. 1 A. cream separator; 2 10-gallon milk cans, and lots of other articles too numerous to mention. Terms of sale, under \$15, cash in hand; over \$10, six month's time on bankable notes at 8 per cent. Five per cent off for cash over \$10.00.

H. RASMUSSEN, Owner.

J. C. Kurath, Auctioneer.

Just received, new line of figured and flowered Organies, Silk, Gingham, etc. At Hoyt's.

Orange Sherbert all day Saturday at the Den of Sweets.

Lost.

On night of railway excursion to Buxton, a stick-pin with small diamond. Finder will receive reward by leaving same at this office.

Special Rates.

On account of the annual Grand Lodge Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, to be held at Denver, Colo., July 17, 18 and 19, 1906, round trip tickets will be sold under the following conditions:

Rate from Hillsboro, \$8.00. \$5.00. \$3.00. One way through Portland and one way through California.

Both ways through Portland.

Dates of Sale—July 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15.

Limit.—Going, July 1906. Tickets must be used going on date of sale. Final return limit, September 30, 1906.

Stop-overs will be granted in either direction within the transit limits, excepting that no stop-overs will be allowed in California on going trip. For full particulars apply to:

A. L. CRAIG, Gen. Pass'g Agt. No. Pac. Co., Portland, Ore.

Or to H. A. HINSHAW, Agent, Hillsboro.

County Correspondence

We want a reporter in every town.

Sherwood.

Regular Correspondent.
Mrs. Drowne and grandmother, of El Paso, Tex., recently arrived in Middleton, at the home of her brother, F. W. Saltus, on a visit.

Six cigarmakers, employees of Gardner Bros., Portland, have been in camp on the Tualatin river several days crawling and resting up.

Chas. Brookman, an employee of the Tualatin Mill Co., had the first joint of the little finger nearly severed while logging, Saturday.

Sherwood seems to be a poor "show" town, so says one of the profession that failed to be greeted by a crowded house one night during the week.

A small child of Bert Wadall's, of Middleton, lost its balance and fell into the well a workman was cleaning last week, apparently without injury. It passed over his head and alighted on its back at the bottom, some twelve feet, on the solid ground. Falling into wells appears to be a fashionable bad among small children hereabouts, recently.

J. C. Smook, town proprietor and the first merchant of the place, has retired from the mercantile business after many years' service. He had built up a large and prosperous business by untiring industry and popularity, and his many patrons regret the decision arrived at by him in severing his connection altogether, commercially.

M. E. Buck, the town's artistic sign-writer, has been recently remodeling the drop-curtain of the stage belonging to the A. O. U. W. hall. Old aids, have been removed and new ones replaced thereon until the curtain has an up-to-date and business like appearance.

Negotiations are under consideration for opening up the brick industry again, on a smaller scale, however, than formerly. Portland parties have been inspecting the prospect on the old brick-yard grounds for suitable clay for the purpose, and the result will determine whether a plant will again be installed for the manufacture of the very important article of commerce.

Miss Doris Smook, the local telegraph operator and station agent, not having regained her health completely, remained at home but a few days, when she departed for the lower Columbia river for a hot spring resort near, the waters of which it is hoped will be of great benefit in her case.

The regulation monument furnished free to deceased members of the Woodmen of the World has arrived and will shortly be placed in position over the grave of Neighbor Olds, of Middleton. The unveiling ceremonies attending thereto will not occur until next June, a special date prescribed by the regulations of the order.

Interested parties that spent money in putting down new sidewalk on a certain street not very long ago, are wondering why it was not completed down to the main street. Is there favoritism to be "handed out" by the town council in matters of this nature? The rotten sidewalk on that particular block should be removed and renewed at once.

Scholls and Mountain Side.

Regular Correspondent.
Miss Lena Wohlschlag returned Sunday from Troutdale where she has been visiting a couple of weeks.

Mrs. Grace Lawrence is taking treatment with the ex-ray of Dr. Tammie for cancer. We hope the doctor can make a sure cure.

Napoleon Gregg, a brother of Milton Gregg of Mountaineer, died Saturday night and was buried in Mountaineer cemetery Monday. Mr. Gregg had a paralytic stroke in the early spring and lingered along until now.

Wm. Courtney was thrown from a binder last week and hurt quite badly, but the last report says he is doing finely.

Elvin Brown, a boy of about 12 years

of age, while chasing some goats, fell over a small log and broke his left arm, last Sunday.

The Scholls Sunday school has been closed until the first Sunday in October. W. L. Skeels has returned from his Evangelizing trip.

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Scoggin Valley.

Regular Correspondent.

Harvest is being rapidly brought to a close. R. Matteson reports some of the finest grain in the state. The Hansen thresher is threshing the farms out this season.

Monday school was recognized with C. Perry (or superintendent) and a number of competent teachers for the classes.

Mr. and Mrs. Hatch and daughter Julia have returned to their home in the Valley and are very heartily welcomed by their old friends and neighbors.

Mabel Matteson has gone for a two week's stay at Newport.

Miss June Gabbert, late of California, is staying with Mrs. R. Matteson.

Miss Gertrude Gloyd, of Portland, is visiting in the Valley.

Mrs. and Miss Duggan and Mrs. Billingsly visited at H. Matteson's last Wednesday.

Buntley Wilcox killed a bear last Friday that was doing damage in the Nelson orchard, making four bears that have been killed in the last few days.

Tom Sain, who has had a touch of pneumonia, is better now.

Maudie Matteson, a daughter of Herb Matteson was recently married to a man named Harris of Cornelius, and will make that place her home.

Relatives and friends from Portland of Mr. Pish are visiting at his place for a few days to rusticate and enjoy the mountain air.

Scoggin valley's electric lights are out at present.

Deil Matteson invites every one to come and see his patch of thousand headed kale which looks very nice and is growing to beat all.

Laurel.

Regular Correspondent.

The professor of the Bible college will preach at the United Evangelical church next Saturday night and Sunday at 11 a. m.

The Mr. Bakers started up their threshing machine last Thursday and are getting along nicely.

Geo. Hathorn's and F. L. Brown's families visited at E. C. Mulloy's Sunday.

Miss Mabel Markell of Portland is visiting her

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counts, Miss Greta Markell, for a few days.

Ben Brown and family visited friends and relatives at Newberg, Saturday and Sunday.

Jake Manning and family visited at Isaac Runk's Sunday.

Frank Cota and Chas. Larson went to Hillsboro Tuesday.

Miss Allie Womer of Portland visited with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. Womer, Saturday and Sunday.

Wm. McCormick went to Hillsboro Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Daniels and little daughter of Eastern Oregon started to Newport after a ten days' visit with his sister, Mrs. S. H. Ornduff.

A good shower of rain would be welcomed by all in this locality.

Forest Fires Are Raging.

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the tanneries in the Valley were already short of the material.

Albany, Ore., Aug. 16.—The amount of damage wrought by the great forest fires that have been burning up the North Santiam River for the past week can be estimated only when a heavy rainfall has thoroughly drenched the country and put an end to the fires and clears away the smoke that hangs over the mountains. At the present time most of the damage is being done back in the mountains away from the Corvallis & Eastern Railroad. The fires are back several miles from the road, and their work of destruction can be seen only at moments when the smoke lifts, or from an eminence in the mountains.

Along the road, for several miles, the hills are smoking, and there is smoldering flame, with an occasional quickening under the force of a sudden gust of wind, but the damage there is slight, as most of the timber along the road has been logged off, and the fire is in the underbrush and slashing. Fack of the ridges of mountains that border the Santiam River on both sides the destructive element is steadily at work, eating away magnificent forests of green timber.

On the Linn county side of the river, south of Detroit, the fire is burning for a long distance into the mountains. It has extended eastward beyond Detroit and the miles above that place, but a couple of miles south of them, and is doing great damage. The progress of this fire is westerly, and for many miles back of the first range of hills it is burning.

The Breitenbush fire is also headed westward, and is doing inestimable damage in the valuable timber of the Cascade forest reserve. Instead of following the course of the Breitenbush River, which turns eastward a few miles above its mouth, the flames have been turned west by the northeast wind and are now burning over acres of the finest timber in the state.

Washington Ice Cream, made of pure cream at The Delta.

Probate Court.

In the matter of the last will and testament of Frank Bernards, deceased; will admitted to probate and letters issued to Chas. Bernards, as executor, and R. Johnson, Wm. Bond and M. Thomas appointed appraisers.

Estate of Gustav Hieckethier, deceased; final account filed and September 17th named as the date for hearing final report.

Estate of Geo. Alexander, deceased; the hearing of objections to the final settlement of the estate, if any, is set for August 29th, at 10 o'clock a. m.

In the matter of the estate of Geo. A. Gore, deceased, the time for hearing objections to an order of the court to show cause, if any, why certain real estate should not be sold, was postponed to August 28th at 10 o'clock a. m.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS.

There will be preaching services in the Christian church next Sunday evening, August 19. C. A. Sias, Minister.

There will be the regular services at United Evangelical church Sunday morning. Sunday school at 10 o'clock. Preaching by the pastor at 11 o'clock. Samuel J. Lindsay, Pastor.

Rev. Adams, of Portland, will occupy the M. E. church next Sunday morning at the usual hour. Union services at the Congregational church in the evening.

Galveston's Sea Wall makes life now as safe in that city as on the higher uplands. E. W. Goodloe, who resides on Dutton St., in Wasco, Tex., needs no sea wall for safety. He writes: "I have used Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption the past five years and it keeps me well and safe. Before that time I had a cough which for years had been growing worse. Now it's gone." Cures Chronic Coughs, La Grippe, Croup, Whooping Cough and prevents Pneumonia Pleasant to take. Every bottle guaranteed at all drug stores. Price 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

200 Acres Timber

For sale; located 4 1/2 miles north of Forest Grove, midway between Banks and Forest Grove; between 5,000,000 and 7,000,000 feet of lumber can be taken from this tract; running water; sixty acres good farm land. Terms, part cash, balance easy terms. For particulars address this office. jun8,06

The telephone girl and the bill clerk to whom she had promised her hand were sitting in front of a fire place talking about the happy day to come when they should be one. From one detail to another they finally drifted to the subject of lighting the fires in the morning. He stated it was the wife's place to get up and make the fires and let the hard working husband rest. After this declaration there was silence for about three quarters of a second. Then the telephone girl thrust out her engagement ring and murmured sweetly but firmly "Ring off, please; you have got the wrong number."—Prineville Review.

As soon as a man gets a notion that his employer can't get along without him he is getting ready to lose his job.

Colonist Rates.

Commencing February 15th and continuing daily to and including April 7th, 1906, and from September 15th until October 31st, 1906, colonist tickets will be sold from the east to points on Oregon Lines via Portland.

Following are rates from some of the principal points:

From Chicago, Ill.	\$53.00
" Bloomington, Ill.	31.80
" Peoria, Ill.	31.00
" St. Louis, Mo.	30.00
" Omaha, Neb.	27.50
" Kansas City, Mo.	25.00
" St. Joseph, Mo.	25.00
" Sioux City, Ia.	25.00
" St. Paul except via lower Missouri river gateway	25.00
" Denver, Colo.	25.00

Corresponding rates will be made from other points, and will apply to all points of Oregon Lines.

A. L. CRAIG,

General Passenger Agent.

Farm for Sale.

Fifty acres near the city of Hillsboro; good garden and onion land; splendid dairy farm; two barns and house; this is a bargain; terms easy. Write this office for particulars.

Reduced Round Trip Rates to Eastern Points. Season of 1906.

Round trip tickets will be sold to points shown below under the following conditions:

From Hillsboro to Chicago—\$72.10. \$65.65.
From Hillsboro to St. Louis—\$68.15. \$61.65.
From Hillsboro to St. Paul and Minneapolis—\$60.65. \$54.05.

From Hillsboro to Milwaukee—\$70.55. \$63.85.
From Hillsboro to Omaha, Sioux City, St. Joe, Kansas City, Atchison—\$60.65. \$54.15.
Both ways