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Recently Pendleton inaugurated a salesday. Other towns, including Waitsburg, Colfax, Ritzville, Eugene and Roseburg have announced certain dates set aside for market days but it is a question whether or no they have a right to do so, if the following from the East Oregonian is to be taken in a literal sense:

"In this as in every other progressive movement Pendleton has taken the lead and has set an example. She has set a pace which is very alluring but which it will be very difficult for other places to follow.

"Remember that Pendleton is not a small town. When you get into Pendleton's class you will be going some. Don't think that because Pendleton makes a success of a thing that it is easy for any country village to do likewise. Market days and district fairs which are highly successful in Pendleton fall far below the standard in towns where there is less vim and vigor and smaller bumps of aggressiveness on the heads of business men."

Evidently it was unknown to the promoters of market days in the towns mentioned above, that Pendleton holds a copyright on market day departure and the fact that the East Oregonian was slow in reporting Pendleton's monopoly by virtue of standard, vim and vigor, places these towns at a great disadvantage and perhaps momentary loss. Waitsburg, perhaps, may be expected.

A letter on file in this office from Mr. Max Zimmerman, promoter of the Waitsburg market day, and who desires to promote a series of market days in Athena, states that Mr. Zimmerman is the only big IT in the market day proposition. "I am," says Mr. Zimmerman, "the originator of market day celebrations throughout the northwest. The parties who pulled off the one at Pendleton, were under-sticks of mine, and knew no more about market days than a Hog knows about Latin." All of which goes to show that Pendleton did not get all that was coming to her, and that there are weeds growing in somebody's roof garden.

The Observer yesterday was made to fully realize the justice of the claims set forth in the case now before the Interstate Commerce commission, known as the Spokane rate case. The point at issue being that railroads should not charge intermediate points in excess of the terminal rates. The Observer yesterday paid a freight bill on a carload of paper from Maine amounting to \$522.63. This rate was based on the rate from the east to Portland, which was 75 cents per hundred pounds. Had this car gone on to Portland, the railroad would have received \$282, but from the fact that this paper stopped off at La Grande, 305 miles this side of the terminal point, we were compelled to pay the local rate back from Portland, here, which cost us \$240.63 more than had the car gone on to Portland. This has been the policy always, but it is not right, and is a heavy tax upon every line of business in the inland empire. —La Grande Observer.

Working in connection with several commercial bodies over the state, and aided by individual fruit-growers, the Portland Commercial Club has issued a fruit bulletin composed of four pages of the New Year's Oregonian. Each paper sent out bears a paragraph, conspicuously stamped in two places, telling the reader that he can buy his ticket on the road most convenient to him at a remarkably low colonist rate between March 1st and April 30th. The \$30 rate from the great middle west is made the striking feature of the stamp—of course mention is also made of rates from other sections. The bulletins are prepared in advance for the use of the agents employed by the various railroads, localizing the rate for their particular line.

On the receipt of the news at Prineville of the reversal of J. N. Williamson's case the Review says: Sunset that day was marked by a fair-sized celebration in honor of the event. A huge bonfire was started in the street, a battery of anvils was started, the church bells were ringing for an hour, and even a few sky rockets were sent up in the air. In fact, Prineville had a Fourth of July celebration in miniature.

Among other cities, Chicago is planning to introduce instruction in trades in the public schools. "It is gradually beginning to dawn on the minds of teachers," says the Chicago Journal "that the most useful, if not the highest, duty they can perform is to fit the boy for his work in life, and thus to make existence easier for him. The tendency of the future is all in the direction of trade and commercial schools. Europe leads us in this development now, but it will not be for long. Within a few years our public schools will all teach useful occupations in addition to the "three R's."

Garden huckleberries, which a Salem man is cultivating, are said to be especially good for pies, having the same or a better flavor than the mountain huckleberry. The fruit is about three or four times the size of its mountain kind, and is a prolific bearer. The vine is similar to that of a tomato, but grows much taller. The fruit can be canned or used fresh. The plants are started from the seed, and grow in a manner similar to the tomato.

Oregon winter weather is not appreciated until one reads of the blizzards and extreme cold wave which prevails in the Middle West and Eastern states. So far this winter, California has offered no milder weather nor a more even temperature than has prevailed in Oregon. But very little fog has been experienced and rainfall has not reached the normal point.

A new evil has appeared in the government's reclamation work. Over at Yakima, gay young tachelors, employed on the Tieton project are playing havoc with the married women. The husbands are complaining of the attention being bestowed on their better-halves and threaten, if the flirtation don't stop, to organize and drive the gay young cubs out of the country.

The shipbuilding summary for 1907 compiled by "The Shipping World," shows the United States second for the year in total tonnage of ships constructed, only England having outstripped this country. Great Britain's tonnage is 1,873,121 tons, the United States 488,059, Germany 293,073, France 109,822, and Japan 123,095.

Now the moral wave, sweeping over the country threatens to strike Butte, popularly described as the wickedest city on earth. A policeman, a few days ago, was fined for grafting and now an up-start of a prosecuting attorney threatens to close up the pool rooms.

The Pilot Rock Record remarks "No, Governor Gear is not editor of the Pendleton Tribune. He grinds out stuff a week ahead for his paper, attends Editorial Association meetings and all other doings of a social political nature. In fact he is a candidate for office."

Complete plans have been decided upon for the Oregon Building at the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition, and up to date it is the most attractive state building yet shown in America upon the grounds of a great Fair.

CRIME IN OREGON.

Oregon's criminal blotter for the year 1907 shows the commission of 56 homicides. For these crimes not one conviction of murder in the first degree has been secured. Only two of the homicides were convicted of murder in the second degree, and are serving sentences in the State Penitentiary. One other was convicted of manslaughter, but he is out on bail pending an appeal to the Supreme Court. Fourteen were acquitted for different causes, ten committed suicide, 11 have not been apprehended, and 13 cases are now pending in the courts. Of the 13 defendants awaiting trial nine will plead self-defense. Eight of the 14 acquitted homicides were discharged on the ground of self-defense or justification, three went free because of lack of evidence, two were acquitted as insane and one successfully pleaded the "unwritten" law.

During the year there was but one execution at the State Penitentiary. Early in the year Holliver Megorden was hanged for the murder of his wife in Malheur County over two years ago.

Four murderers were received at the penitentiary for the 12 months.

Of the 56 persons who were slain, 44 were killed by firearms, seven were either stabbed or struck with some missile, four were probably killed with a hatchet and their bodies turned and one was assassinated with a bomb. In 16 of the 51 separate tragedies one or both of the principals was under the influence of liquor, or had been drinking.

There were no murders during the year in 13 of the 33 counties of the state as follows: Benton, Crook, Curry, Gilliam, Grant, Harney, Josephine, Lincoln, Linn, Tillamook, Washington, Wheeler and Yamhill.

Estimating the population of the state at 500,000, the ratio of persons killed by their fellowmen was one to every 10,000 of population.

In the detection of murderers, their

prosecution and conviction, Umatilla County has a creditable record for 1907. Three murders were committed, and in each case the murderer was apprehended.—Portland Oregonian.

THE PROHIBITION WAVE.

The wind is blowing toward prohibition. It has started in the South and is rapidly developing into a hurricane whose avenging wings presage disaster to the saloon in many a city and community—perhaps in entire commonwealths. The saloons have sown to the wind and are reaping this whirlwind of destruction. So many of them have become dens of vice and evil that it has brought the entire traffic into intense public disfavor. The decent saloon man who respects the law is so vastly outnumbered by the kind that reaches out after every dollar into the very sinks of degradation, that he will be overwhelmed also in the general cataclysm. The saloon must go, and even the advocate of high license—to which class the Leader has always heretofore belonged—are prone to say "amen." Everybody knows that liquor dispensed as a beverage disseminates evil to an extent far greater than the good it may do to the temperate man whose system may require an occasional stimulant. The only valid excuse for the existence of a saloon is the rather sordid one that it provides revenue for a community by indirectly taxing its patrons, many of whom contribute in no other way to the support of municipal government. Yet the general taxpayer might better shoulder a heavier burden and do away with the saloon's support, purchased as this assistance often is at the price of wrecked homes and ruined lives. "Blind pigs" may afterward flourish for a time, but the "blind pig" is unlawful and unlicensed, and the community is not responsible for its existence. Insofar as Weston is concerned, the saloons here are no worse, perhaps better, than they are in other places, but enough unpleasantness has occurred to indicate the patent fact that their presence can scarcely be described as desirable. They will have a hard struggle to keep above water upon the approach of the prohibition wave.—Weston Leader.

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