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What are popularly known as the Hill railway lines, in Oregon, each month issue, in circular form a comprehensive collective resume of crop conditions of each place served by their railways.

The merry click of the harvest machinery resounds over the grain fields of Sherman county. Harvesting in most of the county is now fairly under way and Moro has already received the first of this year's wheat.

State Senator W. H. Ragsdale had to drive his auto to The Dalles Wednesday to catch a train for Wallowa county, all because a mile is as near an auto can be driven any Sherman county station at which through train traffic is handled.

Public Sale of Dairy Stock.

I will sell my dairy herd at public auction at my ranch, known as the VanBibber place, on Chenoweth creek, three miles west of The Dalles, on Tuesday, August 3d, 1915, beginning at 10:30 a.m.

The herd comprises 43 head of cows, three to six years old; 25 head two year old heifers; 20 head spring cows; 5 bull calves. Cows and heifers are all with calf from registered Holstein-Friesian.

Terms of sale: All sums \$25 and under, cash; over that amount one year time will be given on bankable notes bearing eight per cent interest; three per cent discount for cash, on sums over \$25. Mick Thornton, owner.

J. C. Thrall, auctioneer.

Moro Girl Entertained by Sam Hill.

Miss Idabelle Urquhart returned Monday from Lind, Washington, where she was visiting with her uncle and family while enjoying the celebration of July 4th staged at that city.

On the return trip, Miss Urquhart had to leave the North Bank train at Maryhill at 4 a.m. and cross the river to the Oregon side any time up to noon to catch the Shaniko train at Biggs, a miserable walk of near a mile from the ferry.

When it became known what a tiring wait was in store, an invitation to visit his Maryhill home was made by Mr. Hill. This is a dream looking place from Moro, but on close approach, a beauty spot and a revelation of what nature can do for man when assisted by intelligent effort.

Miss Idabelle is of firm opinion that a liberal number of very useful variety of berry, fruit and nut is growing in Mr. Hill's large orchard; not an isolated tree or bush, but two, three or four dozen each of orange, lemon, almond, persimmon, dates, figs, peanuts, etc., every thing but the banana said Mr. Hill, and he expects to soon have that.

Beside the orchard of what may be termed the semi-rare fruits is a large commercial orchard in which grow perfect apples, pears, and peaches, some of the last being larger round than saucers, and tomatoes of very large size.

In the midst of this beautiful setting of nature harnessed to the needs of man Mr. Hill is building a mansion that would be worthy a separate descriptive article, suffice to say that surrounding the building are roses as rare, and as fragrant, and flowering as plentiful, as only the world famous roses of Portland are supposed to be able to do.

After inspection of the orchards an automobile was brought to the door and Mr. Hill, his private secretary, Mr. Davis, Miss Davis who is a visitor from South Carolina, and Miss Urquhart enjoyed an auto trip through the section of Klickitat county surrounding Goldendale over roads that are making that section famed for its model highways.

Local Church Announcements for Sunday, August 1.

There will be a union service in the M.E. church at 11 a.m. Come every body and worship with us. A. J. Adams.

Sherman County Realty Transfers.

Two deeds, one from J.P. Strahl the other from Isaac E. Staples, to P.H. Buxton; lot 10 block 13 Moro, each for \$550.

C. J. Bright to J. P. Yates; lots 3 and 4 block 2 McPhersons first addition to Wasco, \$1500.

Fannie E. Coleman to Josephine M. George; 12 acres in the ne 1/4 sec 28 tp4s r17e, \$10.

Roy R. Walker to John S. Michell; north half of lot 10 blk 2 Grass Valley, \$75.

Henry Rich to S.D. Montgomery; lot 10 block 3 Moro, \$1.

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OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Events Occurring Throughout the State During the Past Week.

Commissioner Wells Resigns a Place.

Salem.—Insurance Commissioner Harvey Wells has notified Circuit Judge Galloway that he finds it impossible to continue as receiver of the Horticultural Fire Relief company of Oregon, Oregon Merchants' Mutual Fire association and the Pacific Home Mutual Fire Insurance company, for the reason that he cannot do justice to the work and the insurance department and give proper attention to the receivership. Wells asks that he be relieved of the receivership August 1, at which time he will make a report.

Douglas County Wins Audit Suit.

Roseburg.—In a decision handed down here Judge Hamilton held that a contract executed between the state insurance commissioner and accountants employed by the state to expert the books of county officers is not binding upon the counties affected.

The decision was rendered on a demurrer filed to the complaint of McKenzie & Sons, of Portland, who sought to collect \$550 for auditing the books of Douglas county. Payment of the bill was refused by the county court here and suit was instituted.

Land Suits Not to Be Dropped.

Salem.—Prosecution of the Benson and Hyde land cases will be pressed, according to an announcement made to the state land board by Attorney-General Brown and C. R. Rundel, special agent of the federal government.

Negotiations for a compromise between the board and a number of alleged innocent purchasers are in progress, but Messrs. Brown and Rundel say the interests of the state might be jeopardized if further delay were allowed.

Eight suits were instituted in Lane county, but only one was pressed, Judge Harris overruling a demurrer to the state's complaint.

SYNOUD INDORSES GOVERNOR

Presbyterians Will Celebrate Passing of Oregon Saloons.

Eugene.—The Oregon Presbyterian Synod closed its annual convention here after a three-day session. The keynote was a demand for closer relations between churches. Dr. John K. Ballew, representing the Southern Oregon Presbytery, in an address, advocated church union, not through the loss of the denominational identity, but through co-operative effort and the abolition of the petty sectarian differences.

A resolution was passed indorsing a report on Sabbath observance, and agreeing to co-operate in an active fight for preserving the Sabbath. The report in part read: "There are great forces at work trying to break down our legal rest day."

The synod went on record as indorsing Governor Withycombe in his announced intention to enforce the liquor laws of the state.

A state-wide revival service, to begin at midnight, December 31, celebrating the passing of the saloon in Oregon, was authorized by the synod in a resolution similar to one passed by the state organization of Christian Endeavor in Eugene last February.

Paul Farrell Is Killed.

The Dalles.—Paul W. Farrell, the 19-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Farrell, of Rainier, Wash., and nephew to President J. D. Farrell, of the Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation company, was fatally injured in the railroad yards here, when he attempted to board a moving work train. He fell to the ground and in trying to get out of the way of the train raised his foot, which was caught by a car, his body being drawn under the wheels. He was rushed to The Dalles hospital, but there was no chance to save his life. His body had been badly mangled and he suffered a deep gash on the head.

Hooper Admits He is Parole Breaker.

Grants Pass.—Sheriff Smith, accompanied by Special Officer M. Cotturi, of the Southern Pacific, returned with John Austin Hooper, who was arrested at The Dalles for the robbery of the Southern Pacific ticket office at this place a few months ago, when two night operators were held up about midnight by a lone robber, who got away with about \$300. Hooper admits that he is a parole breaker, but denies all participation in the Southern Pacific robbery here.

Prison Fee Abandoned.

Salem.—Harry P. Minto, superintendent of the state penitentiary, being informed that members of the state board of control opposed his policy of charging an admission fee of 25 cents to visitors, said he would discontinue it at once.

To Adam's Credit.

"Adam made a failure of the fruit business," said the old dandy, "but mebbe of he'd never tackled it we never would 'a' knowed de juicy sweetness of de Geony watermelon."—Atlanta Constitution.

A Trifle, Really.

"That was a mighty attractive costume Mrs. Pittsford wore at the dance last night." "I suppose it was—if you say so—but it didn't seem to me there was enough to make much fuss over."—Richmond Times-Dispatch.

BRIEF NEWS OF OREGON

All Polk county dogs must be muzzled because of mad dog scare.

The federal trade commission will spend a day in Portland, about August 16.

Two squads of convicts are now at work pulling flax for use in the state retting plant.

Charged with "beating up" a ranch hand, Bert Conklin, rancher, was fined \$10 at The Dalles.

Pondleton's new \$10,000 natatorium, built largely by public subscription, has been formally dedicated.

The Armsby packing plant at Dallas is installing an improved type of prune processor for rush work this fall.

A \$20,000 bond issue was authorized to construct an addition to Oregon City high school at the special election.

Work was begun on the Valley & Siletz railroad from Airlie to Independence this week by a large crew of men.

The state industrial accident commission announced that 197 accidents for the week ending July 22 were reported to the department.

Mrs. Serrena Adams, aged 75 years, and for more than half a century a resident of Douglas county, died at Roseburg after an illness of a week.

About 150 members of the Oregon naval militia left Sunday morning aboard the United States cruiser Albany for 15 days of theoretical warfare.

One hive of bees, owned by Will Dennis, living three miles from Dallas, produced 42 pounds of honey, at the second gathering this season, valued at \$5.75.

Increase in school population without an increase in the interest of the school fund will cause the allotment per capita in the state to be smaller this year than last.

Petitions bearing the signatures of 352 voters of the county for the recall of Joseph K. Starr, district attorney of Wheeler county, were received by Secretary of State Olcott.

W. B. Young, for several years principal of the high school at The Dalles and last year an instructor in Salem high school, has been elected principal of the Albany high school.

A growers' congress, for the purpose of learning about fire blight, which has taken a hold in Lane county, was a feature at Albany of the morning of public sales day.

The Twoby Brothers company was awarded the contract for the construction of a 30 mile extension of the Oregon Eastern railroad from Riverport to Crane Creek Gap, Harney county.

Cos county will continue to have a county agriculturist. The county court has appropriated the \$1000 necessary to help maintain the office for the next year. The state gives a like amount.

An assortment of Umatilla county wools, containing 17 fleeces of various breeds, mostly of fine grade, were shipped to the Oregon commission at San Francisco for exhibition in the Oregon building at the exposition.

For the expressed purpose of preventing the fuel dealers from boosting the price of cord wood to consumers, the Portland city council has decided to make no effort to sell the city's 10,000 cords of wood until during October.

The state land board tabled a letter of ex-Governor West alleging that the title to a part of the land of the Che-waucan Land & Cattle company in Lake county is defective. He suggested that suit be filed to have the title declared void.

Secretary of State Ben W. Olcott brought Richard Olcott, one of the twins recently born to Mr. and Mrs. J. Olcott, to Portland last week, and the child is now under the care of Dr. J. B. Bilderback. It has not been well for some time.

The funeral of Lafayette W. Loughary, a veteran of the North Yakima Indian war of 1855-56, was held at the farm home in the Luckiamute valley. Mr. Loughary was 81 years old and had been a resident of Polk and Yamhill counties 61 years.

Approximately 80,000 gallons of crude petroleum have been spread over 50 miles of Polk county roads this season, outside of the incorporated cities. The oil is now being used on the Snake river, near Ontario, in a petition to the county court for dissolution of the district.

Governor Withycombe has appointed Henry E. Reed, assessor of Multnomah county; F. A. Ross, of Portland, and Charles V. Galloway, member of the state tax commission, delegates to the ninth annual conference on taxation, to be held under the auspices of the National Tax association in San Francisco, August 10-14.

Experience.

"There's one thing I can say," said the woman who had married twice. "And that is?" they asked. "You never appreciate the good qualities of your first husband until you discover the bad points of your second."—Detroit Free Press.

Altitudinous Art.

"I don't seem to recognize your sister by this likeness." "Of course not. This is a high art photograph."—London Leader.

LIFE IN COLLEGE.

A Few Sarcastic Poems on How to Write a Story About It.

Anybody can write a story about college life. If he has not attended a college so much the better; his imagination is less trammelled. A few simple rules must be observed, however:

First.—All heroes are named Jack, Stanley or Dick.

Second.—All college men wear sweaters always and smoke short, fat bowed pipes.

Third.—There is always a fatty, who is a funny fellow.

Fourth.—Any four college men make up a quartet, which can sing "Mer-hilce We Re-hull Alonng" at any time.

Fifth.—All college men are wooing a girl named Dorothy or Betty, who is "sweet and pure as an angel."

Sixth.—All college men address one another as "old hoss."

Seventh.—College men never study, but spend their time in tossing repartee back and forth.

Eighth.—All college rooms are adorned with pennants.

Ninth.—All college men call their fathers "Fater" and speak of the "honor of the dear old school" in a husky voice.—Harvard Lampoon.

Work Has Been Done.

Howell.—You can't make a monkey out of me. Powell.—No. You seem to have already awarded the contract.

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The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure now known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials. Address: F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by all Druggists. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

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