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Wasco county will hold its annual County Fair and Rodeo at The Dalles on September 28th to October 1st.

According to the state superintendent of schools twenty per cent of the applicants at the recent state examination for teachers failed to pass.

The Celilo canal will be closed to boat traffic during the first three weeks of this month while the locks are drained of water and work done that was put off to permit the official opening and celebration last May. Freight is being transferred by the portage railway while the locks are closed.

A cloud burst Monday afternoon, on O-W.R.N. DesChutes river road, took out considerable track and two bridges shortly after the passenger train had passed. Within a short distance from the cloud burst the train was stopped by a land slide. In backing up to report affairs, two cars jumped the track. And "there they were."

The sacks ordered by the farmers union finally arrived Saturday last. The warehouse company claimed, in a telegram received at Moro July 21st, that shipment was made on the 20th. The date of the railway waybill is all of three days later. Chances seem good, that if the first telegram had not been sent the shippers, sacks may not yet be here.

The multi-national war has brought great prosperity to the jute bag industry of India. During the one month of May, this year, England took eighteen million bags, half the usual number for an ordinary twelve months. That is one reason why deliveries of the wheat sacks were late in Sherman county and also a good reason for our farmers to figure on bulk shipments of grain.

New Telephone Hours at Moro.

Coming by auto by way of the Columbia River highway Wednesday afternoon J. A. Halliday, district superintendent, Portland; D.J. Butcher, special agent, Portland; B. L. Carson, manager for this district, The Dalles; telephone company officials; were in Moro this week arranging for a better and more satisfactory local and long distance telephone service.

It has been arranged by the company that, during June, July, August and September, the Moro office shall be open, continuously, from 7 a. m. to 9 p. m. on week days and on Sundays and holidays from 10 a. m. to 12 noon.

All other months of the year the Moro office will be open, continuously, from 8 a. m. to 8 p. m. and on Sundays and holidays from 10 a. m. to 12 noon.

The Revolt of the Gladiators.

Thursday, August 12th, an exceptionally strong moving picture drama will be presented at the opera house. A play founded on reliable Roman history, in eight parts and three acts. It is Roman production, pictured at Rome, and shows, from start to last, total of 7,500 people in the cast.

Spartacus or the Revolt of the Gladiators, next Thursday, will be worth the 15c and 25c admission.

Delphian Club Organized at Moro.

A literary-educational, civic and social society club was organized in Moro Wednesday evening at the home of Attorney W.C. Bryant with a charter list of twenty members. The new club has adopted the Delphian course of systematic university extension home study and reading, which is a national movement of merit and successful in its field elsewhere. The membership as now constituted is Dr. and Mrs. Poley, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Lewellen, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Ireland, Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Lucas, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Bryant, Mr. and Mrs. A. Rose, Mr. and Mrs. N.P. Hansen, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Sheets, Mr. and Mrs. L. Barnum, Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Stephens.

Because of the difficulty and the tax upon the entertaining hostess it was voted to limit the membership of the club to not more than two more members. The next meeting will be Monday evening at the home of Mrs. Ireland.

Officers elected were Mrs. Poley president; Mrs. Rose, vice-president; Mrs. Sheets, secretary and treasurer.

A similar society, known as the Wasco Delphian Club, was organized Tuesday at Wasco with Mrs. Anna Medler as president; Mrs. W.H. Yancy as vice president, and Mrs. Lulah Starns as secretary and treasurer.

State School Fund Apportionment.

Because of a delay of numerous borrowers to pay interest promptly the state school fund this year is \$13,424 less than last year with an increased school population of 3865. The interest to be divided among the counties this year totals \$360,066, the per capita apportionment being \$1.75 as compared with \$1.85 last year. The school population this year for Sherman county is 1,055 and the apportionment is \$1,846.25.

Historical Events Recalled.

Frank Says and wife have returned from a six week outing and auto tour of interior central Oregon, visiting Crater Lake, the hot springs of Klamath county and came near seeing "the devil's tea pot" a few miles from Fort Klamath where a pot of beans can be thoroughly cooked by the hot water spring in five hours. Seven days the party was with the Indians celebrating the 4th of July and Mr. Says says they are Indian only in name, being more civilized than the average white man. The auto party claimed as many as fifteen members, part of the time, the majority being relatives living near Prineville, and the route used was one not visited by Mr. Says since the Modoc Indian war of 1873 and the hanging of Captain Jack, an Indian chief, for murdering the peace commissioners.

Local Church Announcements for Sunday, August 8.

Presbyterian church: Sabbath School at 10 a. m. Morning service at the usual hour, 11 a. m. There will be no evening service.

A. J. Adams, pastor.

MEANING OF "JITNEY."

There Are Many Theories as to the Origin of the Word.

The meaning of the word jitney is a five cent piece. The origin of the word rests wholly on supposition, and many explanations are given. One interested in the subject gathered the following information: A correspondent from Soda Creek, B. C., said he knew the term as slang in Glasgow, Scotland, over fifty years ago. It was used to designate something small or insignificant. The word was said to come from the Scottish "jitty," which means deception, and the French "nisey," correctly "nisis," meaning a ninny or simpleton.

Another correspondent said it is a foreign word which originated in Russia as the name of a small Russian coin. A Russian scholar, however, declares there is no such coin and that the word in Russian means "rye." A correspondent from Tacoma, Wash., says the word "jit," meaning a five cent piece, can be traced back a hundred years and was the original word used by slave traders for that coin.

An Oakland, Cal., correspondent said that jitney is a word coined by the southern negroes. There the small boy when told to run an errand says, "Do I get a jitney, boss?"

A Los Angeles man says that the term is Mexican vernacular for nickel. —Philadelphia Press.

Church Union Is Proposed.

Eugene.—Demand for the elimination of church competition in small towns unable to support several denominations, the radical but chief theme of the third annual State Inter-denominational Ministerial Conference in session here, took expression in the creation of a state-wide inter-denominational church commission, delegated to work out some method of unification.

Eastern Oregon Lumbermen To Testify

La Grande.—Eastern Oregon lumbermen decided to send representatives before the federal trade commission when it sits in Spokane August 6, to present problems of manufacturers and dealers, and the Western White Pine association's plan to enter into the national association's advertising campaign, which contemplates an expenditure of \$50,000 annually in the interest of lumber, was heartily endorsed at a meeting of the Eastern Oregon Lumber Producers' association which convened here.

Bad Spellers.

Lord Wolsey noted that spelling had been the weak point of many great commanders. He was defending Marlborough against the charge of illiteracy, brought by Lord Chesterfield for one, who said he was "eminently illiterate, wrote bad English and spelt it worse." Wolsey replied that a great many of Marlborough's distinguished contemporaries, such as Lord Chancellor Somers, spelled quite as badly and that Wellington and Napoleon also were among those who could never learn to do it properly. —London Telegraph.

Ready to Bargain.

Suitor (to her father)—Sir, I love the very ground your daughter treads on. Father (grimly)—Well, young man, you ain't the first party that's had an attachment for it. Howsomever, if you love it well enough to come and help pay up the mortgage on it you can marry Sarah. —Exchange.

A Wise Woman.

Mr. Snaggle (snappishly)—Don't be correcting that boy always, Sarah. Let nature take its course, won't you? Mrs. Snaggle (laying aside the shingle)—I'll do nothing of the sort, Mr. Snaggle. I don't intend that any woman shall have such a husband as I've got if I can prevent it.

Hard to Keep.

"Do you keep any servants?" "No, of course not." "But I thought I saw one in your kitchen?" "Oh, we have servants on the premises a day or two at a time, but we don't keep them." —Honeston Post.

An Expert.

Johnny—What is an expert, pa? Pa—A fellow who tells others how to do the things he can't do himself. —Jeddo.

For the Automobile Driver.

Near home it matters little how roads may be marked and guides placed, but the further from home you drive the more bewildered a driver becomes without a reliable guide as to turns and twists.

Archer & Wiggins Co., Portland, are distributors for this state of the Pacific Coast Blue Book; a book that maps, charts and describes, clearly, every main road in the three coast states and also includes street maps of the main cities, with a list of hotels, etc.

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Sherman County Realty Transfers.

Dating to July 31, 1915.
Eva Fields to G.A. Pound; sec 13 tp2n r16c and e 1/2 sw 1/4 and nw 1/4 sec 18 tp2n r17e, \$10.
Wm. G. Seckendorf to W. J. Patterson; ne 1/4 sec 32, nw 1/4 ne 1/4 and nw 1/4 sec 33 tp3s r15e, \$10.

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Events Occurring Throughout the State During the Past Week.

Will Appeal Married Teacher Case.

Portland.—By a unanimous vote, the school board determined to appeal to the supreme court the case involving the dismissal of Maud L. Richards as teacher in the girls' school of trades from the recent decision of Judge Morrow that Mrs. Richards is entitled to her position and also her salary during the time she was under suspension.

University to Add to Requirements.

Eugene.—Further tightening of the screws at the university in an effort to raise the standard even higher is the edict circulated about the campus. Ten per cent will be added to all requirements during the coming year. Required hours of study will be increased, lessons will be longer, general standards higher, the field of study larger and the depth of subject greater.

The tightening is not in the university alone, says President P. L. Campbell, from whose office the order comes, but characterizes high school work throughout the state.

School Fund Interest Less.

Salem.—State Treasurer Kay announced the apportionment of the interest on the school fund, and it is \$13,424.95 less than last year, while the school population is 3865 greater, the total interest for this year being \$360,066 and the total school population 205,762. Last year the interest totaled \$373,490.95 and the school population 201,887. This makes the per capita apportionment this year \$1.75, as compared with \$1.85 for last year. A considerable sum in delinquent interest could not be collected this year prior to the apportionment, and this accounts for the total being less.

BOND ISSUE DECLARED VALID

Supreme Court Decision in Favor of Proposed Kendall Road Pleases. —Roseburg.—One of the most enthusiastic celebrations ever held in Roseburg was the justification celebration on the streets here after receipt of news that the Oregon supreme court had rendered a decision upholding the city in the \$300,000 bond issue recently voted by the people of Roseburg to aid Kendall Brothers in the construction of a standard gauge railroad extending from the city 30 miles east to the timber belt, and the construction of a large sawmill near this city.

The celebration assumed the proportions of a strawberry carnival and Fourth of July celebration in one. Attorneys and others interested in the case are of the opinion that this decision will end all litigation in the matter, and that Kendall Brothers may now safely proceed with actual construction of their projects.

Gets Job at O. A. C.

Dallas.—E. M. Smith, former county clerk of Polk county, has accepted the position of auditor of the state agricultural college at Corvallis and will move to that city about September 1.

Heavy Damage Is Caused by Storm.

Baker.—Bridges were torn out, roads gullied and part of the O-W. R. & N. track near Durkee was swept away by a cloudburst in this vicinity. Standing grain in the Burnt River country worth thousands of dollars was destroyed.

Housekeeper Awarded Estate

Eugene.—Elizabeth Murray, who kept house and cared for James Sanford for 13 years on condition that he leave her his property when he died, was not left anything by Sanford's will. Court upholds her and she will receive \$25,000 estate.

There's No Place Like It.

Mrs. Gaddy was a cosmopolitan. She was at home everywhere—except at home.—Philadelphia Ledger.

Meteors as They Fall.

When a meteorite enters the earth's atmosphere it is moving with a velocity of more than twenty miles per second. The friction of its swift rush through the air produces a tremendous temperature, and the outer parts of the meteor are melted off and dissipated in fiery vapor, but the passage through the atmosphere is so quickly completed that the inner portions are not affected, and meteorites have been picked up after their fall and found to be freezing cold within. Their velocity is so rapidly reduced by the resistance of the air that when they strike the earth they usually penetrate only a few feet at the most into the soil.

Similarity.

"Why do you compare my marksmanship with lightning?" asked the recruit.

"Because," replied the instructor, "it never hits twice in the same place."—Washington Star.

Anatomy.

A medical student once asked the late Professor Parker Cleveland if there were not more recent works on anatomy than those in the college library.

"Young man," said the professor, "there have been very few new bones added to the human body during the last twenty years."

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