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LAND PRICES SHOCK PORTLAND WRITERS

Strahorn's Guests Find Fictitious Realty Values in Willamette Valley.

SOIL AND SCENERY PLEASE NEWSPAPERMEN

Albany Does Not Extend Glad Hand on Sunday; Train Passed Up City.

Concerning the three days excursion of the Portland newspaper men through the valley, this morning's Oregonian says the following in part: More definite knowledge of the Willamette and tributary valleys can be gained in 60 hours of personal contact than by 60 years of long-distance observation.

This theory was brought home forcibly to a party of Portland newspaper men who returned to the city last night from a tour of the country between Portland and Eugene as the guests of Robert E. Strahorn, president of the Portland, Eugene & Eastern railway.

So far as this particular delegation of newspaper men is concerned President Strahorn is going to have a lot of help in his development work. They have started a campaign already for lower real estate values in the valley.

Enterprising citizens in the various towns visited will co-operate in this plan. While the visitors marveled at the beauty of the scenery and the productive possibilities of the soil, they shuddered at the prices some real estate owners are asking for their property. Little encouragement will be given to that kind of "development."

The party had "camped" in special cars at Eugene, but before some of them were up a delegation of Eugene residents with automobiles appeared. Then followed a 40-mile drive through the fruit and agricultural districts of Lane county.

Albany was scheduled as the next stopping place, but the Commercial club there sent word to the station that "Inasmuch as it is Sunday we will be unable to provide you with entertainment. But we hope you can employ your time satisfactorily in some other way."

The time was satisfactorily employed by moving on to Salem, where Jack Crow, of the Marion hotel, dispensed some of his characteristic hospitality. The Salem commercial club was on the job. A formal reception, under direction of Judge D'Arcy, was followed by a luncheon. A drive through the prune and hop districts, past the beautiful asylum grounds, state penitentiary and other state institutions followed.

GOOKS MEALS IN NATURAL HOT SPRINGS NEAR DETROIT

Attorney W. S. Risley Gives Interesting Directions How to Cook.

Yesterday's Oregon Journal contained the following interesting article in part, accompanied by a picture of the camp grounds at Breitenbush Hot Springs:

"That campers at Breitenbush Hot Springs may cook a portion of their meals in the boiling waters was the statement made by Attorney W. S. Risley, who recently returned from a 10 days' outing there.

"Yes, I cooked the biggest portion of my meals in the springs," said Mr. Risley, "merely because it was fun for me. I boiled eggs in 10 minutes. Beans put in a boiler and placed in the water in the evening were ready to eat early in the morning. Rice left cooking over night would resemble jelly in the morning unless taken off before. The hot water springs were just the thing to cook all kinds of dry fruits because it cooked them slow. The temperature of the water is 190 degrees, and remains at this temperature practically all the year. Only a few feet away is running water as cold as ice. I could stand with my fishing pole and catch fish, flipping them from the stream into the hot water had I so desired."

Democrat Wants Correspondent
The Democrat desires to secure a local correspondent at Shedd, Plainview, Harrisburg, Lebanon, Brownsville, Sweet Home, Scio, and all other points in the county not already represented. Anyone desiring to act as the representative of the paper will please inform the management at an early date. J23-1f

ANOTHER LARGE EXCURSION TO NEWPORT YESTERDAY

Over 500 from Various Points in Valley Journeyed to Popular Watering Place.

Another large excursion went to Newport yesterday in a two section train of six coaches and two engines each. The train according to a statement issued at the S. P. depot this noon was delayed 45 minutes in arriving at Newport yesterday on account of a small leakage on one of the engines. On account of this the excursion boat did not leave Newport until 6 o'clock, half an hour after the regular time, in order that the people might have that much longer at Newport. The train arrived here last night shortly after 11 o'clock.

It has been estimated that full 500 from all over this section of the valley enjoyed the excursion. Over 250 came down on the train from Woodburn and way points. Ticket Agent Birtcher stated this noon that 95 tickets were sold here to local people. Thirty-one tickets were sold at Eugene. By the time the train reached Newport, stopping at way points, the crowd was easily swelled to 500.

HARRY K. THAW MAKES DASH FOR FREEDOM

Escapes from the Hospital for Criminal Insane in New York State After Long Chase.

Mattewan, N. Y., Aug. 17.—Harry K. Thaw, the slayer of Stanford White, escaped from the hospital for the criminal insane here at 7:45 o'clock this morning. A dart for liberty through an open gate, a dash into the open door of a powerful automobile that stood quivering outside, and a flight like a rocket for the Connecticut state line, 30 miles away, accomplished his escape.

Tonight he was still at large and the hospital authorities felt certain he was outside the state. Once beyond its boundaries, Thaw is free. Only long, perhaps years, of litigation can bring him back, and then only in one event—that he be adjudged insane in the state to which he has fled.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Allen Stellmacher spent yesterday at Newport.

Thomas Ferguson was an excursionist to Newport yesterday.

Miss Winnifred E. Austin returned last night from a week's sojourn at Newport. She was a guest of Mrs. J. K. Haight and daughter, Miss Zonia at Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Burge's cottage.

Harry Fiesel and Misses Fiesel and Josephine Hall were excursionists to Newport yesterday. Miss Fiesel is a sister of Mr. Fiesel, who is visiting here.

Scott Hart, of Corvallis, returned yesterday from an outing at Newport. John Hayes and E. H. Craven are outing at Newport.

Francis Howard returned last night from a week's outing at Newport.

Allen Baker and Chester Baker returned last night after spending an outing of several weeks at Newport.

Dave Hawkins returned last night after spending a week at Newport. He stopped off at Corvallis for the day and will return to Albany tomorrow.

Charles P. Jilins, a film re-entrant staff of the Herald, returned last night from an outing of several weeks at Newport.

According to a postal card received yesterday by the Democrat, Rev. D. H. Leech will return from his vacation on the 22nd of the present month.

F. C. Preston of the Dalles is visiting at the home of his father who resides two miles northwest of this city.

A large crowd attended the United services at the First Presbyterian church last evening. The sermon by Dr. W. P. White and the musical program by Leo Kropp, the affable foreman of the Herald, spent the week end visiting friends at Newport. He complained of gaining 11 pounds while eating one sea food meal at the Abbey house.

Miss Ella Howard was a passenger on the Sunday Newport excursion.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Harris and Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Powell spent Sunday at Sulphur Springs.

Milton McGuire was an excursionist at Newport yesterday.

MILLER IS NOW IN NEW OFFICE

New Collector of Internal Revenue Takes Oath of Office at Portland.

DAVID M. DUNNE, RETIRING IS GIVEN A PRESENT

Officials at Ceremony Escorting Democrat into Job Held by Republican.

Portland, Or., Aug. 8.—Milton A. Miller was ushered into office yesterday as collector of internal revenue for Oregon, being a Democratic appointee of the new administration, and he supplants David M. Dunne, Republican, and incumbent of the office for more than 15 years. Judge Bean, of the federal court, administered the oath and as a special agent of the treasury department, had checked the office over Friday, all was found in shape for the formal transfer of the responsibilities to the new collector.

Mr. Miller has been prominent in Democratic politics for years and was a member of the Oregon legislature 14 years, of them being in the senate. He first voted the Democratic ticket in 1884 for Grover Cleveland and up to yesterday had held no federal position. Deputies under Colonel Dunne presented him with a handsome cardcase.

The ceremony of escorting Mr. Miller into his new position was attended by John Montag, United States Marshal; United States District Attorney Reams; Sheriff General Worth, F. Myers, postmaster; Deputy United States Marshal Armitage, also John Montag and Alex Sweek.

Treasury Department officials say that the office under Colonel Dunne has been found in excellent standing and for ten years has been rated as No. 1, and it is said to be the longest time any revenue office has held to the record. When the rating falls to No. 2, it is said to mean usually that the executive head thereof falls. The salary of the position is \$4500 a year and Mr. Miller was called on to file a bond in the sum of \$110,000. He immediately swore in subordinates serving under his predecessor, as they retain their positions by virtue of the civil service regulations.

TEAM ACCIDENTALLY BACKS OVER GRADE

Mrs. Andrew York Is Injured When Horses Become Badly Frightened.

Toledo, Or., Aug. 16.—Mrs. Andrew York and friends were driving to the beach on August 14 and met an auto driven by John Peterson, a Toledo hardware dealer. The team became frightened and backed over the grade with the occupants, the buggy being badly damaged and the occupants bruised.

Mr. Peterson took the party to their home.

The residence of C. P. Davies was destroyed by fire yesterday. How the fire started is not known. All furniture was saved.

Mayor Gilbert and two sons were excursionists to Newport yesterday.

AGED WOMAN COMMITTED TO THE INSANE HOSPITAL

Examined by Dr. W. H. Davis before Justice of the Peace J. L. Swan in the absence of County Judge Bruce McKnight. Bertha Fennel, age 75, of Brownsville, was committed to the state insane hospital this afternoon. The aged woman will be taken to that institution this afternoon upon the arrival of an attendant.

COTTAGE GROVE MAN COMMENDS GROWTH HERE

That Albany is enjoying a rapid and substantial growth, was the statement made this afternoon by Worth Harvey, of the First National Bank of Cottage Grove, when seen in the lobby of the St. Francis, while stopping off here enroute home after an outing at Newport.

"Every time I come here," said Mr. Harvey, "I notice a marked change. This city is surely enjoying a substantial and rapid growth. The new First National Bank building is certainly a magnificent structure and it would do credit to a town much larger than Albany."

IDEN SPEEDING TO CALIFORNIA

Deputy Sheriff Arrived from South Saturday Night and Returns with Prisoner.

IDEN PREACHED THE GOSPEL AT VISALIA

Requisition Papers Secured from Governor West; 3 Warrants in Sheriff's Hands.

Arriving here at 5 p. m. Saturday night from Salem where they secured the signature of Governor West to the requisition papers issued by Governor Johnson of California for the arrest of W. A. Iden, alias W. L. Dickey, Deputy District Attorney J. M. Burk and Deputy Sheriff C. Smith of Tulare county spent the greater portion of the day Sunday in securing evidence against the man arrested here by Acting Chief of Police King.

Deputy Sheriff Smith and Iden left on the Shasta Limited last night and as soon as the defendant arrives at Tulare he will be held to answer in the courts on the charge of selling and causing to be sold mortgaged personal property.

The deputy sheriff had three separate warrants for the arrest of the defendant, two of them for selling mortgaged property and one for obtaining money under false pretenses.

According to the statement made by the district attorney, Iden about six years ago preached the gospel at Visalia, a little town about ten miles from Tulare. He says that the aggregate amount of money involved in the charges preferred against Iden will amount to about \$9000. He was extradited however, on but one charge, that of selling mortgaged personal property of the value of about \$2100. The district attorney believes that the state has a strong case.

Funeral Held This Morning.
The remains of John W. Garland, who died last Saturday afternoon at St. Mary's hospital following a critical operation for appendicitis, were laid to rest this morning in the city cemetery.

PRESIDENT STRAHORN WAS HAZED BY HIS GUESTS

He Was Greeted at Corvallis by I. W. W. Banners and Soapbox Speakers.

Corvallis, Or., Aug. 16.—(On board the Strahorn Newspaper special)—President Strahorn joined the newspaper men's excursion party here at noon today. He was greeted by the newspaper men carrying I. W. W. banners, and welcomed by John W. Douglass from a soap-box. Strahorn promised to shine shoes, eat at a second table, and sleep in an upper berth under threat of being left behind. A large crowd witnessed the jokes.

The party was out at about 6 o'clock this morning for a 30-mile auto ride around Dalles, Dixey, Mouth and Independence, viewing the hop yards, dairy farms, prune, cherry and walnut orchards and other industries. This afternoon a visit is being paid to the Oregon Agricultural College, and the train will tour the branch lines to Eugene.

HAS 30 HEAD OF BEEF CATTLE COMING FROM LINN

W. R. King has 30 head of first-class beef cattle coming through from Linn county today on foot. They will average 1200 pounds to the steer and are as good as any generally picks up in this country.—Register.

ALBANY ATHLETICS TOOK BRADFORDS TRIMMING

In a game characterized with a little bit of everything, the Albany Athletics yesterday afternoon on the local grounds defeated the Bradford club team of Portland by a score of 9 to 15.

Seven of Albany's runs were made in one inning. Features of the game was the pitching of Patterson and the hitting of Colbert, both for Albany. The Bradfords pulled off several star plays. The crowd was unusually small and it is probably the last game of the season.

SENATOR CHAMBERLAIN WORKS FOR LONGER SEASON

Will Aid Duck Hunters of Valley in Securing Change in Federal Law.

That Senator Chamberlain will assist the local sportsmen in obtaining a change in the new federal regulation governing the open season on ducks is indicated from the following letter received by W. M. Parker today:

Mr. Walter M. Parker, 136 Lyon St., Albany, Or.—My Dear Walter—I am in receipt of your favor of the 6th instant, enclosing copy of resolutions prepared by the hunters of Oregon in reference to the correction of certain closed seasons. It will afford me pleasure to bring this to the attention of the proper authorities, and to do what I can to relieve the situation. I will also bring this to the attention of colleague, who, I am sure, will be glad to act with me. Please remember me very kindly to my old friends in Albany and to your family in particular.

With kindest personal regards, I am, as ever,

Very sincerely yours,
GEORGE E. CHAMBERLAIN.

CITY CISTERNS ARE BEING CEMENTED AND REPAIRED

Charles McKey, Employed by City to Fix Up Four Underground Water Tanks.

Commencing work this morning, Charles McKey and son Miles, efficient cement workers, will cement four of the city cisterns and repair them generally. Several cisterns have been leaking considerably and it is mainly to remedy these leaks that the work was commenced this morning, which will probably take about ten days to complete. The fire engine and the city team is on the job keeping the cisterns pumped out for the workers. The water in the cisterns is used by the fire department in case of fire.

Those to be repaired are at the intersections of the following streets: Third and Main, Second and Baker, Second and Broadbaldin and Fourth and Montgomery streets.

CITY NEWS.

Osteopath Passes Medical Examination.—According to the records of the state board of medical examiners as given out to the press yesterday, Dr. Bernard Kavanaugh, formerly engaged in the practice of osteopathy in this city but now of California, recently passed a successful examination in medicine before the state board. He took the regular medical examination and will doubtless practice as both a regular physician and as an osteopath.

New Store Will Open.—R. J. Whitney, a recent arrival from Rockland, Maine, stated to a Democrat representative yesterday that he expects to open his new confectionery store next to the Rolfe theater within the next few days. New fixtures are being installed and when the work is completed it will be one of the neatest and most attractive places of its kind in the valley. An opening announcement will appear at a later date.

No Meat for these Hunters.—John Robson, Ed. Hawker, Frank Tracey and Dick Churchill returned Saturday night from Cow Creek where they spent several days deer hunting. They failed to bring home any meat and lay the blame at the door of John Robson. According to his companions, John talked so loud about the circus of the Progressive party that he scared away the game.

Schultz Takes Vacation.—Leaving yesterday for Foley Springs, Fred Schultz, a well known local sportsman, will spend several days at that resort, and incidentally choose a summer duck preserve. Since the duck season closed last spring Fred has been in poor health. The new government regulation shortening the shooting season appeared to prey on his mind and his close friends claim that they have been anxious about his condition. At least this is what W. M. Parker "doped out" to the Democrat representative.

Returned from Cascadia.—Returning Saturday evening, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Merrill, Mrs. O. P. Dannels, and son Elmer Dannels, are home after enjoying a camping outing at Cascadia for the past three weeks. O. P. Dannels who was a member of the party for a portion of the time spent there, returned home a week ago.

Shot a Deer Four Times.—According to a story being told around town today, John Robson, who has just returned from a long deer hunting trip through Southern Oregon, fired at a big buck four times in rapid succession and not a single shot took effect.

O. A. C. Trainer Here.—Sam Dolan, the efficient football trainer and athletic instructor of O. A. C. is in the city and is a guest at the home of his wife's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Train.

AGED PAPER MILL EMPLOYEE KILLED

G. W. Spurling, Aged 74, Was Caught in Belting and Whirled in Pulley.

HIS BODY WAS TORN COMPLETELY TO PIECES

Had Been Employed in Mill 25 Years; Gloom Cast Over City of Lebanon.

Lebanon, Or., Aug. 8.—(Special to Democrat).—Gloom is hanging over Lebanon as a result of the tragic death this morning five minutes before 8, of G. W. Spurling, age 74, an employee of the Lebanon paper mills, when he was caught in some belting and whirled around a huge pulley.

The body of the unfortunate man was torn completely to pieces and workmen in the mill at the time say that the flesh was thrown over the big room in all directions. No blame has been fixed for the tragedy as it was to no fault of the mill. The remains have been gathered up by an undertaker and assistants and are resting at the Lebanon undertaking parlors.

Details concerning how Spurling met his death are not known as there were no eye witnesses to the terrible accident. It appears that he was traversing a gangway leading from the engine house to another department of the big mill. Across this gangway ran 12 inch and three quarter rope beltings, forming the main drive from the engine room. All of these belts are carefully guarded with fenders and casings, with the exception of one place that is scarcely large enough for a man's body to get through. It is a mystery how Spurling's body could have gotten through this but it is apparent that it was through this opening that he met his death. It is maintained that Spurling, who is known to be a sufferer from fainting spells, may have stumbled and fallen into the opening.

In plunging downward the body evidently fell through the rail and landed on the swiftly moving belts. The body was carried around a huge pulley and torn to shreds. In honor and respect to the deceased the mill immediately closed down.

Spurling had been an employee of the mill for 25 years, working there when it first started under the management of O'Neil Brothers. He is an old time resident of this city and is held in high respect and esteem by everyone who knew him. His untimely death has cast gloom over the entire city.

PURSUED FOR ADVERTISING CHOICE VENSION FOR SALE

Ed. Hawker Eluded the Police; Was Victim of Practical Joke.

When Ed. Hawker who has just returned with a party of friends from a long deer hunt in Southern Oregon, left his rig standing on Second street opposite the Murphy Seed Store this morning, he became the victim of a practical joke, when one his friends placed a sign on his buggy with the inscription, "Vension for Sale." The prank caused the police no little worry, for they soon appeared on the scene, conducting a thorough search of the buggy and elsewhere for the supposed choice meat and the owner of the rig.

The whole thing is the outcome of a question asked, Mr. Hawker upon his return, which was the inevitable and embarrassing question: "Killed any deer?" Hawker was taken unawares, answering uncertainly and unconvincedly.

Asked where they were, he replied that they left them up in the mountains. Yes, he said he brought back some horns but they were little ones and weren't worth showing. Then he left his rig and the sign was later attached.

Returning to the rig, Hawker learned that the police were hot on his trail, so he decided to have a little fun out of the joke himself. All morning he was going around eluding the police, who finally fell for the joke and gave up the chase.

J. A. Nimmo and family were passengers on yesterday's excursion to Newport.

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