

# The Aurora Observer

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## EDITORIAL Opinions of the Observer

Mills and camps running and millions in new timber industries sounds good for Oregon.

Labor Day passed off quietly and those who labored enjoyed it as much as other days.

Oregon State Fair, Salem, Sept. 26 to October 1. We will sure be on deck and so will you.

Dr. McElveen is reported to have resigned the pulpit of Portland First Congregational church. The majority of the church urge his reconsidering, but Dr. McElveen deems it best if only a half dozen hostile, discontented, society half dressed parishioners create a fuss—Throw 'em out doctor.

The State Fair this year, will be "bigger and better than ever." This applies to exhibits, amusements, races, to say nothing of the "Pioneer Year" to be celebrated in connection. This is the 60th annual State Fair—as old as the average Oregonian and no moss growing on either.

School children are getting nervous. The swimming hole and play grounds are gradually being neglected and in a few days the familiar school bell will bring the flock back to earth again. What a grand and glorious summer it was.

Murders, half-clad women, auto wrecks, and booze runners make up the news and story pages of all big daily papers, and on Sundays these same topics are illustrated. This every day in spite of Billy Sunday or W. J. Bryan.

There were many who didn't believe in capital punishment; and those advocating it declared it would put a stop to the murder wave. It probably would halt the wholesale killing if the law was carried out, but it works like the prohibition law in that it don't work. Only one hanging in Oregon since the adoption. Agee's murderer is at large; its a safe bet Brumfield wont hang; another woman at Salem killed her mate Sunday and others who plead some excuse. It must be great to be crazy and kill some one.

Hoover, as the meal ticket for all suffering Europe, has made good. He has established a record never before accomplished; has gained his "honorable mention" on thousands of occasion—but Mr. Hoover, remember the adage: "Better stop while your credit is good"—get our meaning. The whole country is getting tired of "putting up" and we have had enough "drives" to last a century. Visitors we personally know, recently returning, and many reliable papers tell us that times in many European countries are as good as in America. And why feed the Goldmans, anyway.

The third case of anthrax among human beings to be reported in two years is that of George Aldredge, a Bend sheep herder, who is believed to have contracted the disease from infected sheep.

The sum of \$21,505.20 was spent by the state board for vocational education in support of 16 departments of agriculture, employing 19 instructors, according to the annual report of the board.

A number of applications for bonus awards have been received at the office of the world war veterans' state aid commission in Salem, the fore-runners of a deluge expected within a few days.

Thirty-four head of dairy cattle have been shipped from the Oregon Agricultural college herd at Corvallis for entry in the Spokane interstate fair, September 5 to 9. From Spokane the animals will be sent to the Montana state fair at Helena, September 12 to 17, then to the Washington state fair at Yakima, September 19 to 24, and back to the Oregon state fair at Salem, September 26 to October 1.

Editor Hendricks, of the Salem Statesmen was a pleasant minute caller Sunday. We like to visit with Mr. Hendricks and have been trying to get the paper he represents on our exchange list. Some day we may succeed.

## And we Send Money to Heathens Across the Ocean

A few years ago there was a show called "The Beauty Spot." It was considered very risque at the time and for one to admit that they had attended this show was to win for them the stamp of a "very devil." You who have seen the play remember that the beauty spot was a mole upon the knee of the social queen. For a show of this kind to be risque today the mole would have to travel far. Today 50 percent of Corvallis women have knees that are either sunburned or freckled—Benton Co. Courier.

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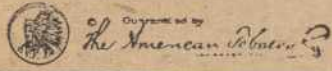
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Harvest of the fibert crop in the Willamette valley will begin in about two weeks. Marion county's crop is estimated at 15 tons.

Actual construction work has started on the new \$25,000 depot which the Spokane, Portland & Seattle road is erecting at St. Helens.

The Yamhill County Pow-Wow is the name of a new organization comprising the five posts of the American Legion in that county.

Twice as many blackberries will be handled at the cannery of the Eugene Fruit Growers' association this year as were packed last year.

The latest estimate of the Hood River valley potato crop places the tonnage of both upper and lower valley fields at about 130 carloads.

Cupid hung up a record at Salem last month, according to officials in the county clerk's office. Forty-three marriage licenses were issued.

Settlers on the central Oregon irrigation district will have a tax of \$1.25 an acre to pay if the budget favored by the district directors is accepted.

The prune crop in the Milton-Freewater district is the largest in the history of the valley. More than 600 carloads have been shipped to date.

Charles B. Cobb, the last survivor of the party that struck gold on Canyon creek in 1862, died a few days ago at his home in John Day, at the age of 83 years.

Resolutions opposing the annexation of Diamond lake to the Crater Lake National park by the government were adopted by the Roseburg chamber of commerce.

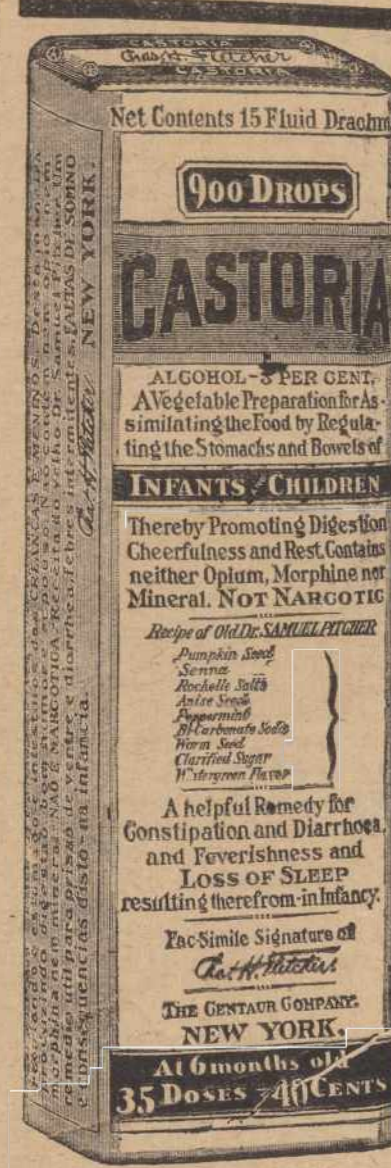
Harvest is practically over around Yamhill and farmers are busy hauling their grain to market. The yield this year was about normal and the quality good.

While working on a haystack near Enterprise, Luther S. Cox fell backward to the ground, striking on his head and breaking his neck. Death was instantaneous.

Rev. H. C. Hartranft, pastor of the Bend Presbyterian church for the past seven years, senior among the Protestant clergymen of the city, will leave within a month's time.

Frank J. Norton has leased the Roseburg cannery from the Oregon Canning company and will begin operations October 1. The owners had given up all idea of running this season.

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Although eastern brook trout have been distributed among five central Oregon lakes, Superintendent Lynes of the Tumalo fish hatchery still has 3,000,000 fry on hand, all but 700,000 being of the eastern brook variety. Planting will be continued through September and October, it being estimated that nearly two months will be needed to distribute the entire number left from this year's hatchery. Every lake and stream in central Oregon will be supplied.

Freight rate reductions running as high as 33 1/2 per cent in some instances are listed in an order entered by the public service commission in the sand, rock and gravel cases involving a proceeding brought on motion of the public service commission at the request of the state highway commission and various county courts of the state. The rates announced were decided on after a joint conference among the commission, shippers and carriers, at which the problems involved were thoroughly discussed.

Construction of a new railroad from Portland to Tillamook, via the Wilson river, has developed as a probability of the near future. Ralph Budd, president of the Great Northern, is in Portland investigating, with the idea of purchase, the Gales Creek & Wilson River railroad that extends 13 miles beyond Wilkesboro, the terminal of the United Railways, which is an affiliated property. Should the purchase of the road be consummated it is understood that it will be extended down the Wilson river to Tillamook.

Most of the 30-odd thousand ex-service men in the state will soon receive bonus application blanks, according to Harry C. Brumbaugh, secretary of the world war veterans' state aid commission, who has placed the last of the blanks in the mails. The forms were forwarded to the various American Legion posts, of which there are 104 in the state. A large force of office workers will check over the blanks as they are returned. Correct applications will be given a payment number and incorrect ones will be returned to careless applicants for correction.

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School fairs throughout Deschutes county are to be given on October 8, according to plans of County Superintendent Thompson.

The crop of wild hay in Union county is the biggest in many years, and from a ton and a half to two tons the acre are being produced.

Judge Robert Tucker of the Multnomah circuit bench has declined his appointment by Governor Olcott to the supreme court of Oregon.

From the Umatilla county farm bureau the secretary of state has received \$894.78, covering the tax on sales of 40,239 gallons of gasoline.

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