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"In giving freedom to the slave we assure freedom to the free."
A. Lincoln

Demon Rum And the Highway

There is pending a bill providing more, nearly adequate punishment for the drunken automobile driver.

It is reported that there was but one vote recorded against it in the Senate and we imagine that there would be even less opposition to the measure were it referred to the general public.

Every drunken driver is a potential murderer and the more completely intoxicated he is the more certain he is to step on the gas.

The Secretary of State is out with a circular letter to all Sheriffs and others concerned with the enforcement of vehicle license laws that since February 4, licenses have been issuing on the day of the receipt of the application.

Stanzas to Freedom

Is true freedom but to break fetters for our own dear sake And with leathern hearts forget That we owe mankind a debt?

No, True freedom is to share All the chains our brothers wear And with heart and hand to be Earnest to set others free

Men, whose boast it is that ye Come of fathers brave and free? If on earth there breathe a slave, Are ye truly free and brave?
J. R. Lowell.

SATURDAY STATES BIRTHDAY

Next Saturday, Feb. 14th. will be the 66th. anniversary of the admission of the state of Oregon into the Union.

The Constitutional Convention composed of 60 members of whom 34 were farmers and 18 lawyers convened at Salem under the presidency of Judge Deady, on the 17th. day of August 1858.

At a special election held Nov. 2 1858 7,195 votes were cast for the proposed constitution and 3,218 against it.

Oregon is the 33rd. state in the order of admission.

In Union is Strength

One of the most successful bankers who have ever known, and his banking achievements cover a period of over thirty years, remarked the other day when discussing the banking situation in some of the hard hit districts of the West, that if he had been placed in the same environment that his fate doubtless would have been the same as the others who have had to close their doors.

A bank is no stronger than the community that is able to support it. If the community is failure then the bank is a failure
—From Pacific Banker

This is a poor time to weaken

RHEA CREEK PIONEERS

Few Ione residents know that Walter Cason now holds the record of having lived in this vicinity longer than anyone now in Morrow County excepting Wilfred Cecil.

In tracing his family history we find him to be the son of one of whom much has been written, and whose name has gone down in history and will be read of by many generations.

Mary Marsh was nine years old when her parents were killed by Indians in the Whitman Massacre, and was one of the few survivors who were held captive by the Indians from Nov. 29. to Dec. 19th., 1847, when they were ransomed, by Peter Skeen Ogden and James Douglas, and was taken to Oregon City, where she was given a home and was married, at the age of fifteen years, to James P. Cason. They made their home at Oregon City, until the Spring of 1868, when the lure of the frontier caused them to retrace the steps of the pioneers, over the Oregon Trail in search of a home among the bunch grass hills of Eastern Oregon, where they could live in the open and engage in stock raising. With their children Charles, Walter, John and Fannie they made their way to The Dalles, then the last town on their road, thence to Willow creek where they found the family of William Cecil located, deciding that vicinity too crowded to suit their frontier ideas they came up the creek to find another settler at the mouth of Rhea creek, then took the West Fork and found that Lum Rhea and the Adkins family had beaten them to their favorite place, they decided to get out to the end of civilization so went on to the mouth of what is now known as Cason Canyon, 10 miles west of Heppner, where they found a landscape that suited their idea of a stock ranch, and begun a home.

James Stanberry was the only neighbor, to the east, he was living at the present site of Heppner, and their nearest neighbor to the west was Mr. Flett who lived on Rock creek. The Dalles was their post office and trading point and two trips were made to town for supplies each year and mail was many times months reaching them. After several years a stage line was opened between Umatilla and Canyon City and Mrs Cason acted as postmistress, Midway was the name of her office, and was the first post office in the triangle between The Dalles, Canyon City and Umatilla.

Bank failures were unknown in those days and check books had not been invented, when a cattle buyer went out to buy stock he carried enough gold in his saddle pouches to buy all the animals wanted and held no fear of being robbed.

After nine years they moved to what is now known as the Warfield place, just below Ione, where they spent several years and when the stock range began to fail they moved to Schuttler Flat where they were among the first to start plowing sod and raising wheat.

James Cason died on Schuttler, and soon after the desire for the frontier took the family to where the town of Spray is now located and where Mrs. Cason made her home, until her death in 1907.

This section holds a charm over this family for they have all continued to live within a short distance of the original homestead. Rev. Chas. Cason was married to Caroline Hale, daughter of Milt and Mary Hale, who settled on Skinner creek in 1871 and has spent his life in Morrow and Grant Counties and now lives just over the line, near Lone Rock.

Walter Cason married Sarah Hale, also a daughter of Milt.
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C. R. Gunzel went to Portland the first of the week to make arrangements for seed wheat for a number of our farmers.

E. R. Lundell, returned from Portland Saturday evening where he has been in attendance on the auto show. He reports the show bigger and better than ever.

A. W. Lundell who has been in Portland this winter returned to Ione last week and will resume the simple life down on the farm.

Church News

Notes of Interest to All Local Denominations.

The Junior C. E. meeting next Sunday will be led by Johnny Eubanks.

Meeting begins at 5:30 P. M. sharp, at the Baptist Church, remember.

The Junior Endeavors were entertained at the home of Mrs. Hossner, Wednesday evening.

The topic of the next Sunday evening discourse at the Congregational will be "Our State."

The farewell reception tendered the retiring pastor of the Christian Church was very largely attended. Brother Mortimore carries with him the best wishes of the entire community.

The Joint meeting of the Dorcas Society and the Missionary Society of the Congregational Church was quite well attended and a most interesting programme was enjoyed.

The Senior Union C. E. Society meets next Sunday at the Baptist Church. The leader is I. R. Robison.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

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Rev. W. W. HEAD, Pastor
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11:00 A. M. and 8:00 P. M.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Rev. PAUL De. F. MORTIMORE, Pastor
Services
10:00 A. M. and 8:00 P. M.

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