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"The Traveling Life Saving Station," is the name that has been given the American Red Cross Demonstration car that is now traversing the lines of the Southern Pacific Company, and a more appropriate name could not have been suggested. The car is now on the Pacific coast and within the next two or three weeks will visit every town of importance on the Southern Pacific lines. Practical "first aid to the injured" work is the sole object of the trip. Dr. M. J. Shields, Medical Reserve Corps, United States Army, is in charge of the car, and after having traveled over the southern lines of the Southern Pacific Company has paid the following compliment to its officials, in a letter to J. M. Davis, general superintendent:

"It gives me great pleasure to commit in writing the statements I made yesterday in regard to the well kept stations, station yards, and clean cars, shop yards and shop buildings, both in regard to cleanliness, and sanitation. I have in the past year and a half visited every section in the United States west of New York City and with the Red Cross car have traveled 15,000 miles, and, as you see, have had opportunity to visit a great many railroad stations and shop and engine houses and inspect an unlimited number of trains and cars, and I have not seen so general care and cleanliness and sanitary conditions used as obtain on the Southern Pacific lines, both Pacific and Atlantic divisions."

After Express People

Washington, D. C., July 15.—It is news to most people that the Interstate Commerce Commission has undertaken the investigation of the express companies. The announcement that this policy has just been decided on is misleading, for the Commission has had men in the field for months making a searching inquiry into the business methods of the companies. As a result of this investigation, it is believed, the carriers under investigation filed new schedules which are probably extended to meet some of the more serious complaints regarding the manner of conducting the express business. It has been contended for a long time that the express monopoly was making excessive profits. It will gratify the public if something can be done to insure more equitable charges for service and better protection to the customers of the companies.

75,000 Deer Killed

The Department of Agriculture has made careful estimates of the number of deer killed last season, and it announces that in 22 States for which statistics are available the bag was 60,150 deer. No estimate was made for California and some other Western States, and in other States, such as New Hampshire, North and South Carolina, of statistics were available. Making fair allowances for such states, the number killed in the United States last year is estimated at 75,000 to 80,000. The number of elk killed is put at 2,000, or less, and of moose 3,450.

Daniel B. Bryan

Paisley Press: On Thursday, July 6, 1911, at the home of his son in Clover Flat, Daniel B. Bryan died, having reached the age of 83 years, 2 months and 26 days.

Deceased was born April 16, 1828. He was the fifth of nine children only one of whom, a brother, is still living. When he was 21 years of age he moved with his parents to Missouri, where they settled in Mercer County. In March, 1858, he married Mary J. Fairley and in 1861 he enlisted in the state militia, in which he saw active service during the civil war. He served in his regiment until discharged for disability and in 1864, with his wife and two children, he crossed the plains with an ox team, settling in Yamhill county. In 1865 he lost his right hand from injuries received while serving in the state militia. In 1886 he returned to Missouri alone and lived there until 1902, when again he came to Oregon. Since then, until death called him, he has resided principally with his son, A. W. Bryan, in Lake county. Deceased was a highly respected citizen and, although he had reached the age when death is always to be expected, he will be sadly missed by all his friends and relatives.

The funeral was on Friday, the interment taking place in Paisley cemetery.

A fine cement walk has been put in at the front of the new restaurant to be opened in a few days by C. E. Lonsway, proprietor of the Colorado Hotel. The walk is now open to public use and all who have had occasion to use it are of the opinion that it is the best yet and that Mr. Lonsway's example should be followed by other merchants along our main street.

F. E. Green, representing Koshland & Co., and probably the best known woolbuyer on the coast, arrived Saturday and was the principal purchaser at Monday's wool sale.

DOINGS IN THE OREGON COUNTRY

Banks of the state show good gain in deposits and resources as compared with similar figures compiled last year. State Bank Examiner Wright finds deposits have grown over \$2,500,000 and in practically all departments of the banking business there is good advance. The latest report sets forth conditions as they existed at the close of business July 3.

The Central Oregon Development League is exceedingly active, even though a very strong young organization. Having been formed about one week ago it is already making plans for the next meeting of the organization early in the Fall and J. J. Hill will be invited to attend. The date of the meeting will be arranged to suit Mr. Hill's convenience.

Medford business men will make a four days excursion through Southern Oregon some time this month, visiting Lakeview and Klamath Falls, as well as a number of other points. Closer business relations with this territory is the object sought by Medford people.

Union and Wallowa counties will probably form a two county development league for mutual help. It is believed that greater benefits will come to the northeast corner of the state with organization and that greater gains will be made in immigration.

After nearly three year's work, the first two miles of the Celilo canal have been completed by the construction firm having the contract. This includes the upper end of the canal and the Celilo Lock. It is expected that by another three years the canal will be open to navigation.

The best list of closing entries ever made for the racers scheduled for the State Fair next September has been secured and the meet will be full of interest as well as to all who like to see spirited contests of this kind. While many favorite racers are listed, there are more new entries this year than ever before.

Research Still On

W. W. Eggleston, Assistant Botanist of the Bureau of Plant Industry, who has been stationed here for several weeks past making a special study of the various poisonous plants of this region, Friday morning left for the Lassen Forest in California, with headquarters at Mineral, where he expects to be located for a month or more. While here Mr. Eggleston made an examination of the poison areas north of Abert Lake and in the Big Valley region, where many sheep died in former years, and collected many specimens of plants and grasses which would likely prove dangerous if eaten by stock, especially sheep in passing from the desert to the summer ranges in the spring of the year. These specimens have all been forwarded to the National Museum and the Bureau of Plant Industry at Washington, and will be examined and reported on sometime during the present year. They consisted of lobelia, camas, wild parsnip and some thirty or more varieties of plants peculiar to this locality.

The report from Washington is awaited with interest, especially by sheepmen, as it means to them a knowledge of what plants are killing off their stock from year to year, and with this knowledge in hand the dangerous sections may to some extent be avoided.

Ely At Baker

Baker, Or., July 11.—Before a crowd estimated at 5000 people Eugene Ely made the first successful aeroplane flight ever witnessed in this city yesterday afternoon. After a disastrous first attempt, in which the famous aviator crashed into a fence and damaged his aeroplane considerably, Ely left the race track at the fair grounds and circled many miles over the Powder valley, giving the residents of eastern Oregon their first sight at home of a birdman in action. The crowd in attendance was from all points in eastern Oregon, and one of the largest that was ever present at a public event in Baker.

To Build New Road

The new road from Lake City to Davis Creek, whereby the distance from Surprise Valley to the railroad will be less than 12 miles, is now attracting much attention in both communities. It is reported that Lake City has raised \$1500 for building its portion of the road and now it rests with Davis Creek to raise a like sum, and Davis Creek will sure come through.

A part of the road runs through the National Forest, and the right of way has been cleared of timber. The road will have no grade exceeding 10 per cent, and when completed will be by far the best and shortest route for the people of Surprise Valley, to reach the railroad. It is proposed to have a mail route established over the new road and to make it the principal highway across the range dividing the two valleys.

SPECIAL WORK IN USE OF MACHINERY

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, Ore., July 10.—The first of October, when the college year begins, the Oregon Agricultural College will have another new building, for which the foundations have just begun.

On the northwest corner of the drives passing Cauthorn Hall, the boy's dormitory, and the college barns is the site selected for the building, which will be 122x62 feet, two stories high, constructed of brick and cement with a steel roof.

Every foot of the flooring will be put to immediate use for the instruction in the six courses in farm mechanics now offered, including special work in the machinery used in dry farming and hat used in irrigation work.

The equipment will cost the state practically nothing, since the manufacturers of farm machinery have cooperated by the gift of thousands of dollars worth of up-to-date machinery. A carload of \$3,000 worth, containing among other pieces a complete threshing outfit, was sent to the college in April, but since there was no storage room in any of the buildings, it had to be returned to Portland until the new building was ready.

In this new building farmers and their sons may learn how to save the expense of repair men, and to lengthen the lives of valuable machinery by proper care and operation.

Over From Klamath

C. C. Chitwood, of Klamath Falls, State Fire Warden for Klamath and Lake counties, paid this section an official visit during the past week. He found conditions here very favorable so far as protection of the forests from fires is concerned. This is due in a great measure to the fact that the timbered lands in this part of his district are not so susceptible to fire as in many others, and further owing to the fact that much of the timber is included in the National Forest, which is well patrolled by guards and rangers under the direction of Supervisor Brown, of the Fremont. In fact Mr. Chitwood considered it unnecessary to take any action of an official nature at this time, and stated that he would be able to look after the work from his headquarters at Klamath Falls. In this day and age of rapid communication by phone and travel by auto one can cover a long distance in a very few hours.

Buffalo Increasing

The American Bison Society made a careful census and found that there were 2,108 pure blood buffalo in North America as compared with 1,917 when the 1908 census was made. Of these buffalo 1,007 are in captivity in the United States, 626 are in captivity in Canada, and 475 are wild. In 1908, there were 1,116 buffalo in captivity in the United States, and of these a considerable number was purchased by the Canadian Government, but the buffalo census shows an actual increase of about 200. The largest herds in private hands are now at Belvedere, Kans.; Ronan, Mont.; Newport, N. H.; Pawnee, Okla.; Goodnight, Tex.; and on Antelope Island, Great Salt Lake.

A Lucky Chinaman

Sacramento, Cal., July 12.—When Governor Johnson granted today a further respite of four weeks to Willie Luis, a Chinese sentenced to death for the murder of his father's American wife in San Luis Obispo, Cal., he postponed the solution of a problem that is worrying Warden Hoyle of San Quentin prison. It will be virtually impossible to hang Willie Luis because his neck and head are so closely joined. His neck is larger than his head and starts at his ears. A rope placed around his neck would slip over his head without touching his ears.

Exempt Corporations

Salem, July 12.—Numerous inquiries have been coming to the corporation department of the secretary of state's office regarding what corporations are exempt from the annual license fee. First Assistant Attorney General VanWinkle gave an opinion today in which he declared that the test was whether or not the corporation existed for the purpose of making money for its stock holders. Any corporation declaring dividends to its stock holders must pay the license fee. Those not doing so are exempt. An endowed college, for instance, which charges tuition but whose profits are never divided between the individuals is exempt.

Revs. H. Smith, Melville T. Wire, M. O'Malley and L. E. Henderson have filed with County Clerk Payne their credentials for performing marriage ceremonies, as required by the new law.

The brick work is now going along in fine shape on the new I. O. O. F. building and the Catholic church, and there is no doubt but what both will be ready for occupancy some time this fall.

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