

EDITORIALS OF PEOPLE

Rev. H. A. Ketchum Tells of Pleasant Experience at Seaside

LARGE CROWDS SOJOURNING AT THAT POPULAR RESORT AND THE ATTRACTIONS ARE NUMEROUS AND VARIED—LACK OF GOOD WATER.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

(The Statesman is pleased to print communications upon topics of general interest at any time. There is scarcely any limit to the topics of general interest. It is asked only that correspondents refrain from personalities and use care that nothing be written of a libelous or unworthy or untruthful nature.)

Editor Statesman:

It may seem like an ungracious thing for one who is permitted to enjoy an outing by the sea to tell others who are not so favored, what a good time he is having. On the other hand, one should not keep all his enjoyment to himself. "Seaside" is eighteen miles south from Astoria, and is probably the most popular of the several resorts in this vicinity. I am told that 4000 people have been here at one time during the present season. The number at present is somewhat less, and of course it is difficult to get anything more than an approximate estimate. There was a large number of transients yesterday (Saturday) from Portland and other cities, and while all the stores, shops and places of amusement were wide open most of the day, and many all day, yet I am glad to state that there was no rowdiness that I observed.

There are four saloons here, but I saw no man drunk. On one side of the boarding house where I am stopping there is a large bowling hall, with four alleys, which was in lively operation all day Sabbath until 10 o'clock p. m. and after I fell asleep, with the mighty roar of the great ocean on one side and the crack of the bowling balls on the other side. I confess the music of the former was much sweeter to me than that of the latter.

I am told that there are four church organizations here—the Methodist Episcopal, the Christian, or Disciple, the Episcopal and the Roman Catholic. There are, however, but two church edifices—the Methodist and Catholic. The Episcopal people worship in the Catholic church. I heard two good sermons yesterday, one by the pastor of the M. E. church, who receives the extravagant salary, all told, of \$200, but measured by his ability is well worth three or four times that amount. The evening sermon was preached by Rev. Burkholder, pastor of the Presbyterian church of Ridgefield, Washington.

This is really a delightful place, and it is exceedingly restful to be here. I am told that Gearhart, four miles nearer to Astoria, is a very desirable resort—more sequestered, a little more aristocratic, possibly, than Seaside. Campers here are charged for the privilege of back here is the same as at Newport, the lack of good water, and also insufficient hygienic regulations. But it is a quiet, restful, delightful place, and it is a great privilege to tarry even for a few days beside the sea.

H. A. KETCHUM, Seaside, Or., Aug. 17, 1903.

MARRIED IN PORTLAND

MISS EFFIE CHAMNESS BECOMES THE BRIDE OF CLAUDE A. JOHNSON.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

Claude A. Johnson, of this city, accompanied by Miss Effie Chamness, of Silverton, departed on yesterday afternoon's overland train for Portland, where last evening the ceremony was solemnized which made them man and wife. The wedding took place at the home of the bride's mother, who was formerly a resident of Silverton. Both parties to the contract are well known in Marion county, where they have many friends, who will extend hearty congratulations and best wishes for a long and happy future in their new relations.

Mr. Johnson is a son of H. A. Johnson, Sr., and one of the proprietors of the Unique Pressing Parlors. The newly married couple will return to Salem in a few days, where they will make their future home.

Boy Cured of Colic After Physician's Treatment Had Failed.

My boy when four years old was taken with colic and cramps in his stomach. I sent for the doctor and he injected morphine, but the child kept getting worse. I then gave him

SAD PREDICAMENT OF WILY DETECTIVE

While Sleuth Slept His Prisoner Removed Shackles and Chained the Officer to Steam Pipes and Effected His Escape—Trainmen Would Not Release Baffled Detective

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Aug. 19.—Albert Ecklund, alias George Johnson, who was being taken back to Chicago to answer the charge of grand larceny, effected a remarkable escape from Detective Wm. Marsden. While Marsden was sleeping beside his prisoner Ecklund secured the keys to the shackles, released himself and took shackles the officer to the steam pipes. Having released the officer of his weapons and other property, Ecklund left the train at Laramie. As Marsden had absolutely nothing on his person to prove he was not a prisoner, the trainmen would not release him. The railroad authorities telegraphed to Chicago for instructions, and when the train reached Sidney, Marsden was finally released from his predicament.

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. This signature, E. W. Brown on every box. 25c.

SOIL TILLERS PROSPEROUS

Grain is Turning Out Better Than Farmers Even Expected

ONE FIELD IN WALDO HILLS YIELDED OVER FIFTY-TWO BUSHELS OF WHEAT PER ACRE—THE OAT CROP IS A RECORD BREAKER.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

C. L. Humphrey, a prosperous farmer residing in the Waldo Hills, was in the city yesterday and reported that the yield of wheat on one of his fields was 52½ bushels per acre. The field in question contained twenty acres of summer fallow, which threshed out 1048 bushels of choice fall wheat. During the winter it was kept pastured down by sheep.

This is the largest yield of wheat so far reported in the Willamette valley, for the new crop. However, wheat is turning out well throughout the valley, much better than was expected, and it looks as though the old state of affairs of a few years ago was returning, when common land would yield an average of thirty bushels per acre and the best wheat land would easily yield fifty, and even sixty bushels per acre. Very suddenly the yield commenced to decrease, until twenty bushels per acre was considered a good yield. It was argued by many that this change was caused by the sudden decrease in the fertility of the land as a result of injudicious cropping.

Last year the yield was much better than the previous season, and the present crop is outdoing all expectations. This is very gratifying to the farmers, especially since wheat also commands a good price, market price being 70 cents per bushel for wheat, clear of the sack. No doubt the present condition is also a source of great satisfaction to the valley millers, who have had some difficulty during the past few years in securing a sufficient amount of wheat to keep them supplied throughout the year.

The present high prices being paid for wheat will have the effect of causing farmers generally to sow more wheat this fall and winter, than has been the case for some time and the crop produced next year will probably be far ahead of the yield this year.

During the last few years farmers have been devoting their energies more and more to raising oats and hay with the result that the largest crop of oats ever produced in the valley is now being harvested. Already the price of oats has dropped to 25 cents per bushel and indications are that another lump in prices will follow as soon as harvest is over and the farmers begin to force their crops on to the market. The cause of this condition is that there is absolutely no outlet for Oregon oats. The Government has ceased buying for the Philippines; England does not want oats for South Africa and the San Francisco market is swamped by an overproduction of oats in California. So the Oregon farmers must depend upon home consumption for their market.

Last season there seemed to be an overplus of oats on hand, and lower prices were predicted throughout the winter, but toward spring a shortage in hay developed, which drove the price of that article entirely beyond the reach of ordinary mortals, and the consumption of oats was doubled, so the great surplus gradually melted away, and at present writing the supply of old oats on hand is not above the average for other years. This season, however, no such condition is expected, as there is also a large crop of hay in hand, almost a record breaker, and hay is now selling for \$9 per ton in Salem, with \$11 offered for timothy, more from the effects of the high prices last winter than through any control of supply and demand.

At any rate all kinds of crops are turning out heavy yields, and the prices average very high, so farmers have good reason for that complacent independent look which they now wear. Their barns and granaries will all be filled with much goods, and their purses will also be well filled with yellow coins, wherewith to buy the winter's necessities and many luxuries.

Threshing has now commenced in all sections of the country, most of the machines having started last week, and the remainder of those which will be operated this season for their first day's threshing last Monday. There is almost a sack famine in Salem, as the greater portion of the farmers who have threshed thus far were compelled to draw sacks the second time, as their crops turned out better than their expectations. The custom is for farmers to draw more sacks than they can fill, so as to avoid a second trip to the warehouses, but this season they almost invariably undershoot the mark.

DROWNS IN SLOUGH

LORNE ANDREWS FALLS FROM SCOW WHILE FISHING—BODY RECOVERED.

PORTLAND, Or., Aug. 19.—Lorne Andrews, aged 11 years, fell overboard from a scow in which he was fishing in Columbia slough yesterday morning, and drowned with none to snatch him from the fateful watery grave. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. James A. Andrews. His brother and sister discovered the drowning

NEGRO'S GASTLY SUICIDE

INTOXICATED MAN PLACES HIS HEAD ON RAILS IN FRONT OF TRAIN.

GREAT FALLS, Mont., Aug. 18.—was received from Collins, a small station on the Great Northern, of a ghastly suicide of a negro named Johnson. Johnson had been drinking, and as the train pulled into the station he placed his head on the rails. The engineer applied the air at once and the wheels set, dragging the negro, choking him to death and breaching his neck. The peculiar feature of the suicide was the fact that no skin on the negro's neck was broken.

T. T. GEER'S FATHER DEAD

HERMAN J. GEER CAME TO OREGON IN THE YEAR 1847.

UNION, Or., Aug. 19.—Herman J. Geer, father of Ex-Governor T. T. Geer, and a pioneer of Oregon, since 1847, died after a few days' illness at his residence in Cove, Sunday, August 16. Deceased was born in Madison

No Dessert More Attractive

Why use gelatin and spend hours cooking, sweetening, flavoring and coloring when Jell-O produces better results in two minutes? Everything in the package. Simply add hot water and set to cool. It's perfection. Asurprise to the housewife. No trouble, less expense. Try it today. In Four Fruit Flavors: Lemon, Orange, Strawberry, Raspberry. At groceries, 10c.

WORK OF AN INCENDIARY

Generally Believed That Holman Factory Was Set on Fire

FIRE THOUGHT TO HAVE STARTED IN FRONT END OF BUILDING—TWO MEN WERE SEEN RUNNING EAST ON FERRY STREET

(From Thursday's Daily.)

It is now generally believed that the fire which consumed the Thomas Holman warehouse and fanning mill factory on the southwest corner of High and Trade streets, at an early hour yesterday morning, was of incendiary origin. It is also believed that the blaze started at the east or front end of the building, as those who first discovered the fire say the flames were leaping high from this end before they broke through the roof at the rear end. This theory is also borne out by the charred remains of the structure, which indicate that the destruction was greater in the front part of the building.

Mr. J. Dancy, who is employed by Mr. Holman in the manufacture of fanning mills, left the factory at 6 o'clock p. m. on Tuesday, everything at that hour being in regular order, and he further states that there had been no fire of any nature in the building for two weeks prior to the conflagration.

A short time before the fire was discovered, Mr. M. Klinger, who lives on the southeast corner of Church and Ferry streets, was aroused by the barking of his dog; he heard two men running east along the sidewalk on Ferry street, and going out into the yard, saw them disappear south through the alley between Church and Cottage streets. The action of these men helps to strengthen the belief that the conflagration was due to incendiary.

Three fanning mills, ready for delivery, and four which were nearing completion, were totally destroyed with the building, together with an electric dynamo and all the machinery and tools used in the manufacturing of the mills. The loss which Mr. Holman estimates at between \$4000 and \$5000, is covered by only \$1500 insurance. He has not decided as yet whether or not he will rebuild.

Yesterday morning's blaze thoroughly demonstrates the necessity of a fire alarm system in this city. On this occasion the telephone, which is usually employed as a means of communication with the fire department, in case of fire, failed to give prompt service, and Officer Larry Murphy, who attempted to send in the alarm from the White House Restaurant, on State street, failing in his effort to raise Central, was compelled to run to the engine house to arouse the department. He had the department well on the way to the fire before the general alarm was sounded by the whistle. This means of arousing the department naturally caused delay, and even though this building might not have been saved had the department been able to respond more promptly, on some other occasion the delay might result disastrously.

The delay in the central telephone office was due to the fact that not less than two dozen different parties were trying to send in the alarm at once, and the night operator was unable to get definite information as to the location of the fire. A number of the parties who endeavored to call central were using phones on the same party line, and with several receivers down it was impossible for the operator to communicate with them.

DOCTOR SKIPPED OUT

UNDER INDICTMENT UPON SERIOUS CHARGE, J. W. ROBERTS HAS DISAPPEARED.

WALLACE, Idaho, Aug. 19.—Dr. J. W. Roberts, who is under indictment for criminal assault and gave a \$1000 bond to appear before Judge Morgan at the term of court now in session, has left for parts unknown, to either the court or his bondsmen, Messrs. Hansen, Skonnard, Goldsong and Freeman, of this city.

Roberts was indicted at the spring meeting of the grand jury for assault on a 17-year-old girl named Leisher. The complaint was filed by a brother of the girl. Roberts has a hard reputation in this community and, though he has a few friends who thought him innocent of the crime as charged by the doctor, the doctor thought it best to hunt for a safe field. An effort is being made to locate the doctor and bring him before the court.

MAY DRAFT NEW TREATY

BOGOTA, Colombia, Aug. 19.—A bill is ready authorizing the Government to make a new canal treaty with the United States upon a fixed basis, and also providing for modifying the national constitution.

QUEEN IS CROWNED

ASTORIA, Or., Aug. 19.—Fine weather and a large crowd greeted the opening of the Astoria ninth annual regatta this morning. The river was crowded with vessels in holiday attire and the spectacle presented was one never to be forgotten. The coronation of Queen Frances, from the royal barge was one spectacular event that rivaled anything ever before attempted, and was a success that could not be repeated. The parade that followed was more than a mile long, and had for its feature the presence of the royal guests, rivaling the attention of the visiting warships. The races this morning were as follows:

Junior four-oared shells for local crews—Won by crew No. 1, the second crew not finishing. Their shell collapsed.

Junior four shells, Victoria and Vancouver—Victoria won by three seconds, as given officially, and was about a length in the lead, after the hardest fight of the morning.

Junior four-oared barges, San Francisco crews, South Ends, Alameda, Arles—Alameda won with South Ends second. This is the fifth Astoria regatta at which the Alameda crew has won this race.

The cutter race, between crews of the Lighthouse tenders Manzanita, Columbine and Heather, was won by the Manzanita crew, with the Columbine second. This concluded the aquatic events of the morning, and the sailing races are in progress this afternoon.

MAN ARRESTED AT BAKER CITY

ON SUSPICION OF DOING BUNCO WORK.

SPOKANE, Wash., Aug. 19.—A man supposed to be one of the sharpest who fleeced Cornelius Harrington, the Trent farmer, out of \$2300 a few days ago, is under arrest at Baker City, Or., and Sheriff Doust has gone after him. The man is supposed to be C. H. Buzzard.

This man and another, whose name is not known, induced Harrington to enter a poker game at Harrington's farm a couple of weeks ago, and afterwards got the farmer to put \$2300 in a box in which they were supposed to have put \$5000 each. The box was then given in charge of the farmer and he was to open it the next Sunday, and if the men did not appear he was to have all it contained. He followed instructions and when he opened it he found instead of \$12,300, as he supposed, simply some bits of paper and a quantity of shot to give it the proper weight.

SHERRIFF'S SALE OF REAL PROPERTY.

Notice is hereby given, that by virtue of an execution duly issued out of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Marion, and to me directed on the 5th day of August, 1903, upon a judgment and decree duly rendered, entered of record and docketed in and by said Court on the 5th day of August, 1903, in a certain suit then in said Court pending, wherein J. B. Sprague was plaintiff and Marvin S. Craver and Colista S. Craver his wife, J. B. Craver, H. S. Craver, L. C. Craver, Hannah Goodie, Anna Pfalster and P. H. Craver were defendants in favor of plaintiff and against said defendants by which execution am commanded to sell the property in said execution and hereinafter described to pay the sum due the plaintiff of (\$674.20) six hundred seventy-four and 20-100 dollars, with interest thereon at the rate of eight per cent per annum from the 5th day of August, 1903; until paid together with the costs and disbursements of said suit taxed at thirty-eight and 00-100 dollars and costs and expenses of said executor I will on

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO WITHDRAW INSURANCE DEPOSIT

In accordance with the requirements of the laws of the state of Oregon, relative to insurance companies, notice is hereby given that the Reading Fire Insurance Company, of Reading, Pennsylvania, desires to cease doing business within the state of Oregon, intends to withdraw its deposit with the Treasurer of said state, and will if no claim shall be filed with the Insurance Commissioner within six months from the 27th day of March, 1903, the same being the date of the first day of publication of this notice, withdraw its deposit from the State Treasurer.

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ASTORIA. The Kind You Have Always Bought

Supposed to be a Crook

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LOST—A SMALL MEMORANDUM

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HOP BASKETS—I AM THE SOLE

agent and manufacturer of the seat hop basket in the state. It is necessary to order soon to insure the filling of your order. Address Mac Smith, Salem, Ore.

JUST ARRIVED—A LARGE STOCK

of gents' furnishing goods, clothing, hats, notions and fancy goods, trunks, telescopes and valises, etc. You can get bargains at No. 149 State street. S. Friedman, manager.

REPORT CARDS—Our school report

cards are printed to fit the school register. The prices are: Twelve cards for 10 cents; twenty-five for 20 cents; one hundred for 75 cents. Statesman Publishing Co., Salem, Ore.

LEGAL NOTICES.

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS.

The Board of Equalization for Marion county, Oregon, will meet at the office of the county clerk, Monday, August 31, 1903, at 9 o'clock a. m., and will remain in session each successive day for one week.

All parties interested are requested to appear and examine their assessments for the year 1903 and have all errors corrected by said Board, if any there be, as no corrections can be made after the adjournment of the said Board.

CHARLES LEMBECKE

Assessor of Marion County, Oregon. Salem, Oregon, August 9, 1903.

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