

# EMPEROR WILLIAM STARTER

In the Great International Bennett Auto Race

Many Nations Represented in the Greatest Self Propelling Machine Contest Ever Pulled Off

Hamburg, June 17.—Emperor William gave the flag signal for the first start at precisely 7 o'clock this morning, and with a mighty cheer of thousands, the great Bennett automobile race was on. In the imperial pavilion with the Kaiser were the Empress, the King of Württemberg, the German Crown Prince, the Grand Duke Ernst, Louis of Hesse, the Grand Duke Frederic Francis. Numerous princes who, with their suites, made a striking group, in which gorgeous military uniforms were a conspicuous feature. Near the starting line, on the opposite side of the course were two grand stands, each seating 5000, packed with eager spectators, while 20,000 more sightseers assembled in the grand enclosure six miles in circumference. Drawing lots for the order of starting, Jenatzy, a German, secured the first chance, and led off on the Kaiser's signal. His car leaped forward, and in two seconds was lost to view in the crowded lines. At intervals of seven minutes the cars started, each encouraged by rounds of applause. Following Jenatzy came Edge, England; Werner, Austria; Land Blanca, Italy; Thery, France; Hautvast, Belgium; Baron Von Caters, German; Gering, English; Braun, Austria; Cagno, Italian; Dallerson, French; Augerles, Belgian; Opel, German; Larrott, English; Warden, Austrian; Storere, Italian; Rougier, French; Baron De Crawhez, Belgian; Dufaux, Swiss.

Opel was soon out of the race with broken ankles. It is reported that Jenatzy killed a man along the route. Thery (French) driving a Richard Brasler car, won the race.

## The Gewinner Rewarded.

Thery beat Jenatzy by but a few minutes. He was given a rousing ovation. Several French ladies embraced and kissed the victor. The Kaiser summoned Thery to the imperial box and congratulated him.

## Marred Instruments.

Most people are very particular in buying pianos, so that not a bump or scratch is on them, and they keep them so. This makes it hard to dispose of pianos that get marred. The crowded condition of my stock made it so it was impossible to move them and not get some marred. I have some of them and will sell them cheap now. Two were selected yesterday out of this stock, at Geo. C. Will's Music and Sewing Machine Store, opposite Bush bank.

# FORT CLATSOP COMPLIMENTED AT ST. LOUIS

People Admire the Home Like Simplicity of the Oregon Building at the Fair

That the Oregon state commission acted wisely when they decided on a replica of old Fort Clatsop for the Oregon building at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition has been proven by the crowds of people that have passed through the quaint structure ever since the opening day of the St. Louis fair.

The feature of the Oregon building is its homelike simplicity. Visitors, awed by the portentous mansions of other commonwealths have no hesitancy on crossing the threshold of the little log cabin on the top of the rising grounds near the center of the exposition site.

Within a stone's throw of the Oregon building are the houses of Texas and Kentucky, both beautiful mansions that cost a mint of money to build and furnish. Yet the visitor merely takes a passing glance and walks on, unwilling to spend precious time looking at something he can see by walking the streets of his home city.

"It's the simplicity of the thing," said a big man from Kansas as he sank wearily into one of the easy chairs in the Oregon building the other day. "I've been tramping all over the place, and I haven't seen an easy chair in a state building except this one."

"Now I can go down town, and without spending a cent, can see a lot of houses that look for all the world like most of the state buildings here. Just the same. All nice and prim, and full of stuffed chairs and fine pictures."

"I went into two or three nice looking places, and found them all the same. There are but one or two original ones, and of the few Oregon

stands at the top."

Since the opening day four thousand visitors have signed the register. The big main hall in the front of the building, on the east side of which stands a regular old fashioned fireplace, is always full of sightseers who want to have a look at things. Some are of the grim, determined sort, who have made up their minds to see everything on the grounds, some what will. Most of these hurry in one door, grab up two or three pictures, take a hasty glance at the interior of the house, scan the guide book for an instant; and then ask one question, and skip on to the next building. Sometimes they don't even speak, just look around, and hurry on. They are simply trying to break all records for fast sightseeing, and most of them are successful.

A feature that adds greatly to the success of the Oregon building is the fact that it is situated in a small grove. Out in the open the building would not be imposing, but nestled away in the shade, it is very inviting on a hot day.

"My, but I'd like to have this little place built up in the mountains," remarked a visitor one scorching day last week. This is a favorite expression, and if the building were not fastened down, its certain that it wouldn't last long where it is.

The interior finish of plain lumber attracts much attention here where lumber is \$30 a thousand, and hard to get good at that. Middle Westerners who seldom see Oregon spruce and larch on the interior of a dwelling are always interested and generally walk away with a good idea of Oregon and her people.

# METEOR PASSES OVER

Large Ball of Fire Visits the Capital City Friday Morning

This morning, about 1 o'clock, several Salem people were startled to see a huge ball of fire traveling across the southwestern horizon, and for several minutes viewed the weird visitor with awe.

The meteor was as large as a balloon, and left a fiery streak in its trail, fully as wide as a street. The entire city was aglow with the brilliancy of the beautiful phenomenon, and it was a sight never to be forgotten by those who were fortunate enough to witness it.

A Journal reporter was in Fairmount Park at the time, and the view from there was remarkable. It paused in its mysterious flight, apparently, and with a slight detonation, a huge trail of fire shot high above the fiery body.

The progress of the illuminated sphere was more rapid from that point until it settled over in the direction of Dallas and Falls City, and was lost to view in the coast range near Mt. Hebo.

Austin Fishburn was just getting through work when he noticed the strange light, and described the scene as most enchanting. Before he caught sight of the meteor he thought that the city was on fire, so bright was the illumination. He watched it for fully five minutes, and after it had disappeared, its path was clearly defined by the bright light for several minutes longer.

Watt Shipp was also an observer of the burning star, and says that it was a grand sight.

Orville Neelands, who also observed the traveler, thought at first that it was a Japanese warship out looking for bargains, and he watched its course for several minutes after it had disappeared.

## SPOKANE SHIPPERS WIN.

Get Material Reductions in Rates on Lumber and Merchandise.

St. Paul, June 17.—Revisions in freight rates and concessions granted the Pacific Northwest and Interior Washington territory, announced by the Great Northern and Northern Pacific lines grant, as a leading traffic official expressed it, practically all the Western interests expected to get in the way of reductions, and they are believed to be of such a nature that they will prove thoroughly satisfactory to the shipper.

Pacific coast territory and the important lumber interests are granted concessions, under which spruce and hemlock timber will be placed on the same basis as fir lumber on July 1st. There has previously been a difference of 10 cents a hundred. The new rates, therefore, amount to a cut of 10 cents a hundred on shipments eastbound.

## Sudden Death at Woodburn.

Woodburn, June 17.—Julia A. Farrell, wife of P. H. Farrell, the marble dealer, died very suddenly at her home here last evening, aged 60 years of age, and was a native of Belmont county, Ohio. She came across the plains in 1852, and grew to womanhood in the Willamette valley. For many years she resided at Albany, but about three years ago the family moved to this place.

Her husband was at Yaquina bay on a short business trip when the death occurred. Her only children, two daughters, Misses Lillian and Lizzie, were present when the end came. Three brothers and one sister also survive her. They are: James Elkins, county treasurer of Linn county; Joseph Elkins, of Lebanon; Charles W. Elkins, of Prineville, and Clara, also of Prineville.

The remains will be interred in Albany, and the funeral arrangements will be made this afternoon when the husband arrives from Yaquina. She was a woman of high character, and one of the sturdy pioneers, with a warm heart and home-like disposition.

## Boiled Down.

The iron steamship Ohio took fire at Moran's dock, Seattle, at midnight. The berth deck aft was destroyed. Loss \$45,000. Spontaneous combustion in the linen room was the cause. She was formerly an Atlantic greyhound of 3400 tons.

A Helsinki dispatch states that Finnish leaders who fled after the assassination of the Russian governor, are now planning to return and take part in a revolutionary agitation.

**Governor Has Returned.**  
Governor Chamberlain returned yesterday from a tour of Southern Oregon, where he visited the state normal school at Ashland. He intended also to visit the Drain school, but, owing to a press of business at the state house, was compelled to return. Secretary Dunbar and Superintendent Ackerman continued the trip, and will visit the other schools. The governor reports everything in good shape at the Ashland institution, and is well satisfied with its workings.

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