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## BEST OF ALL THE STATE'S FAIRS OPENED TODAY

### TERRIFIC STORM IN VIRGINIA SWEEPS PATH 15 MILES WIDE DEATHS WILL NUMBER FORTY

At Colliers Fifteen Houses Were Washed Away and at Cherry Valley the House of William Gillespie Was Carried Away by the Torrent, and He, His Wife and Four Children Were Drowned--Death List May Be Much Larger, as Returns Are But Meagre--Fifteen Bodies Had Been Recovered Up to Noon Today.

Wheeling, W. Va., Sept. 2.—With 15 bodies already recovered and a number of outlying districts yet to be heard from, it seemed certain this afternoon that the death list in last night's cloudburst which flooded sections of Pennsylvania and West Virginia would exceed 40.

At Cherry Valley, Pa., the house of William Gillespie was carried away. Gillespie, his wife and four children were drowned. The water has reached the ceilings of many homes. Many residents waded in water up to their necks to reach high ground, leaving their belongings behind.

All houses and buildings at Cross Creek and Avella are flooded. At Colliers, W. Va., 15 houses were washed away.

A fast freight on the Wabash railroad jumped the track at Wellsburg and rolled into the creek and was submerged. The engineer and fireman swam to safety. Other members of the crew are missing.

At Ozonburg, Ill., Hancock and an unidentified foreigner and an unidentified boy were drowned. All three had been rescued once, but had returned to their homes in a low-lying district to recover valuables. Cook White was drowned near here while attempting to rescue a horse. The water at Canonsburg is receding. The cloudburst was confined to the

Panhandle section of West Virginia and Pennsylvania and it is certain that the list of dead will come close to thirty. The storm covered a stretch fifteen miles wide. Twelve to fifteen perished at Collier, six were drowned at Cherry Valley, two at Hollidays Cove, three at Avella and one at Burgettstown. At least two, perhaps four members of a freight train crew were drowned when the train ran into a creek. The damage will amount to millions.

The trainmaster says he saw three nude bodies among the wreckage at Collier. Many women and children are reported to have perished in other sections, but details from the outlying districts as yet are meagre.

### THE HORSE EDITOR AT THE FAIR

The horse editor, along with a thousand or two others visited the state fair grounds yesterday afternoon, and while the exhibits were not all in place and everything was more or less topsy turvy, the visit was enjoyable to all, and well worth the making. Indeed, to understand the vast amount of work necessary to make a successful exhibit of the magnitude of that at the fair, one must see it in the making; must see the boxes and crates, carloads of them, containing carefully wrapped packed fruit, flowers, vegetables, fancy work and the thousands of things delicate and dainty that fill the big pavilion, and all of which must be unpacked with the same care that accomplished their packing. One must see the array of coops, boxes and crates that surrounded the poultry in its coming--see the heterogeneous conglomeration of everything useful and beautiful dumped at the station and carted to the grounds, as it is arranged and put in place.

Then, too, one must see what seems to the horse editor, the most unique and certainly one of the most delightful features of the fair, and that is the tented city, with its gathering of the pioneer families, some of whom for more than 40 years, have pitched their tents on the camp grounds, renewed acquaintance, talked over old times and lived again in memory the old days when they were practically cut off from the world. It is a regular little city of tents, presided over by Mayor Al Tostler and run without any need of police or officers. No other state fair has this feature, or can have it, for the other states were born under different conditions. By all means, in visiting the fair, take a walk through the camp ground. It will interest and educate you and perhaps, sometimes, amuse.

The big pavilion was full yesterday afternoon, but it was like the Biblical description of the first days of creation, for it was "without form and void." While much had been done, there was still much to be done, and a small army of men and women, young folks and old, was there to do it, and all of them were as busy as a lot of bees in a bed of mignonette. It was the same busy scene in the machinery department. There two or three acres were covered with implements and machinery, most of it pertaining to agriculture, and reaching the limits, from a tiny five-toothed cultivator to big gangs of plows with monster road



Old Central School Building

### LANDMARK SOON TO BE REMOVED

THE OLD CENTRAL SCHOOL, WHERE SOME OF SALEM'S LEADING MEN ABSORBED KNOWLEDGE SOON TO GO—FIRST MEAT MARKET ALSO PASSES.

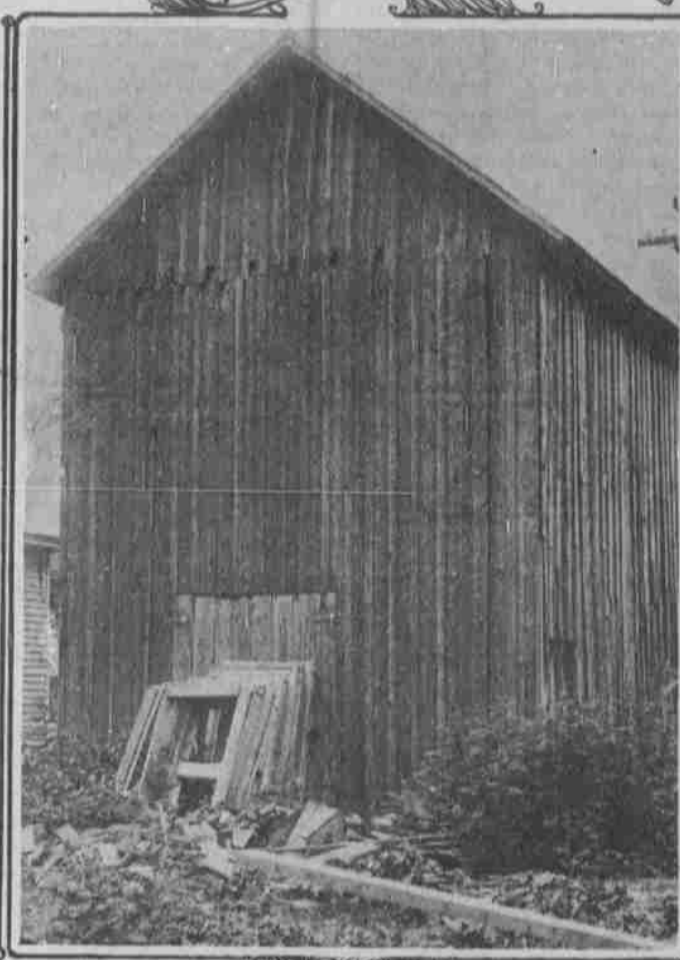
Within a few weeks one of the historical buildings of Salem will quietly disappear--if in the interim it shall not be whittled into souvenirs and carried away in the trousers pockets of some of the prominent men of the state capital who encountered the first serious problems of life within its walls. It is the structure known to the middle-aged Salemite as Central School.

For more than 40 years the little frame structure was the thought factory of the Salem youngster. The Bush youngsters swung their short legs from its seats, the McNarys, one of them now the district attorney, there chewed gum behind their geographical, United States District Attorney John McCourt used to come in from the South Salem hills to take part in the spelling matches, the Knipe kids, the Meyers boys, the Stocktons, the Stokes children, and in fact nearly everybody who belongs to the business activities of the Salem of today, began their education at old Central School.

And with most of them the old building has been looked upon with affection. Now that it is known that Central will be wrecked to accommodate the new station of the Portland, Eugene & Eastern, many a prominent citizen has been detected by the lessee in the act of hewing out a portion of the woodwork to lay aside as a keepsake.

Central school was the first educational institution founded in Salem. The building was erected in 1854 by volunteer labor and its timbers were hewn by hand. For years it was the center of public progress. Public meetings were held within its walls, and at one time it housed a session of the district court. As the town grew into a city, the old building was abandoned, and finally it was shuffled around to the ownership of R. R. Ryan, who placed the old building in repair, moved it to the corner of Center and Commercial streets and turned it into a public hall, with a business house on the ground floor.

Just back of the old school house stands a building which was the home of one of the first meat markets ever opened in the city. Probably it was the first business of its kind. It was owned and operated by the father of E. C. Cross, founder of the business now conducted by his grandson on State street. Salem was a settlement when the first Cross put on his white apron and stood behind the carving block waiting for customers. The



Cross Meat Market

### BIG PARADE FEATURE OF LABOR DAY

FOURTEEN UNIONS AND TWO BIG BRASS BANDS IN LINE AND SOME VERY HANDSOME FLOATS ARE SHOWN BY THE DIFFERENT UNIONS.

The Labor Day parade was the largest ever held in the history of the city and reflected great credit on the Trades and Labor Council, who had the matter in charge. R. F. West, as chairman of the committee, presided after reaching Marion square, and introduced the speakers. The parade was headed by the mayor and speaker in an automobile, the Salem Military band and the De Caprio band of Portland. The strongest union in the parade was the carpenters, with about 70 men in line. The plumbers wore soft black hats, blue shirts and overalls, made-in-Oregon. They came the plasterers, printers and barbers, the barkeepers and bridge and structural steel workers. The electrical workers had a mounted dynamo and engine, kindly furnished them by Wm. McGilchrist, Sr., and Chase & Purvine. There were a number of floats, showing a great deal of enterprise in construction, especially the plumbers.

Addresses at Marion Square. Mayor Lachmud was received with

marked applause, and his brief "apocryph" was a success. He wanted to see labor amply compensated and harmonious co-operation between capital and industry.

O. P. Hoff, labor commissioner, said he felt proud to get in with this crowd (laughter) and that labor was no longer a mere beast of burden. (Applause). He complimented organized labor on its success in securing favorable legislation, and said Oregon was the first state to recognize Labor Day as a legal holiday.

His address was received with cheers, as was that of Charles L. McNary, representing the legal profession, who humorously pointed out that the lawyers and doctors were a strongly organized trust to which labor and capital could not hold a candle when it came to holding up the people. (Laughter). He gave a very instructive address on the history of labor legislation, showing that the Knights of Labor, at first a political organization, had paved the way for a non-partisan movement to secure better laws for the protection of men and women engaged in gainful occupations. The crowd at the square enjoyed the program to the finish.

**Murderer Breaks Jail.**  
New York, Sept. 2.—Reynolds Forbrey, indicted for two murders, and suspected of a third killing, escaped from the Tombs today, while a special guard put over him slept soundly. Forbrey tore out a ventilator, tore off bars over it, and fled.

The police say that Forbrey was a gunman and gangster. He was convicted of holding up and killing Morris Schwartzko, a jeweler.

Wise is the man who doesn't play favorites among his wife's relatives.

### PRODUCTS OF OLD OREGON SURPRISE EVEN OREGONIANS AND SET PAGE FOR THE WORLD

There Are Acres of Machinery, 1300 Head of Livestock, Pavilion Filled With Fruits, Flowers and Domestic Exhibits, the Most Magnificent Cyclorama of the Willamette Valley, Children's Industrial Exhibit, Poultry Unexcelled Anywhere And, to Cap All, the Best and Biggest Show of the Very Best Babies on Earth.

With agriculture, livestock, and other exhibits surpassing in quality as well as in numbers those of all previous fairs, a racing program with albatross purses and plenty of fine horses to participate in the races, amusements and attractions galore and of a high grade, and new and distinct features in the school children's industrial fair, the Eugene show and the trap shooting tournament the fair this fall in drawing a larger crowd than ever before and drawing from that crowd more expressions of praise and admiration.

As this is Labor Day the opening day of the fair was dedicated to the toilers of the state and the labor unions of the city celebrated the event with a monster parade and with a program of music and speech-making in harmony with the occasion. Fourteen labor unions participated in the parade, which was also participated in by city officials and business men, and after winding its way through the principal streets of the city it came to a halt at Marion Square where addresses were delivered by Mayor Lachmud, Labor Commissioner Hoff and Charles L. McNary, of the law firm of McNary & McNary. Upon the conclusion of the program the big crowd went in a body to the Fair Grounds where they spent the remainder of the day in viewing the handsome exhibits, the races and participating in all of the attendant festivities.

Crowds began to pour into the grounds at an early hour, and they found everything in readiness, for Frank Meredith, secretary of the State Fair Board, with his crew of assistants, had seen to it that everything was complete for the entertainment of the large crowd by the opening hour--8 o'clock.

The livestock department is drawing special attention. There are more than 1300 head of the finest kind of livestock--50 more than at the last fair. Among them are herds which have received first and second prizes at the Seattle exposition and Chicago Livestock show. In addition there are many new exhibitors.

Closely related to the livestock department is the poultry section of the fair and there are at least 1200 fowls on display this time. Poultrymen are enthusiastic over the exhibit and it is winning all kinds of praise from the crowds viewing it.

The Agriculture exhibit is also receiving much attention, and while the children's exhibit in this line is occupying a separate department, it is adding much interest to the general exhibit. Throughout the state there have been bumper crops and the flower of these crops may be seen today and for the next five days at the fair grounds.

The machinery exhibit is a great feature, the display being larger than ever before. An original and an interesting display at the machinery building is a miniature oil well which is presented by the Standard Oil company. It is in operation and shows the method of pumping the oil from the ground to the surface and the manner in which it is handled until it reaches the consumer.

The Oregon State Insane Asylum has a handsome exhibit of products from the main asylum and from the asylum farm, and the Oregon Agricultural college is also on hand with a finer and larger display than ever before. The Oregon Fish & Game Commission is presenting an attractive display in the way of a miniature river with small fish in it, showing the working of the hatcheries. Live fish of every description may also be seen in the tanks.

Representing most of the counties of the state the school children exhibit

is commanding wide interest. Entering into the composition of it are agricultural products, livestock, products of mechanical arts, and household articles, the last named being the product of the school girls in the state. For the purpose of securing a fine exhibit railroads in the state gave free transportation and nearly every county is represented.

Another feature is the Willamette valley in miniature, a cyclorama made by Professor Geo. Schrelber. The panorama shows six counties of the state, Marion, Clackamas, Polk, Yamhill, Benton and Linn, and their principal cities and industries. The panorama is very realistic and is a source of keen enjoyment and entertainment as well as being possessed of great instructive value.

Still another feature of the fair is the Eugene show. Babies who will participate in the show are already on the scene, and for the purpose of surrounding it with all manner of safeguards they are examined by physicians today, and the examination will probably continue through tomorrow and the next day. Twenty prizes are to be given. The first prizes, one for the winner among the boys and one for the winner among the girls, will be a \$50 loving cup. Short talks by medical men of prominence will be given daily in connection with the show, and addresses will be made on all evenings, save Monday.

Features of today, besides the exhibits, were the races, the trap shooting tournament, and lectures and demonstrations by Frank G. O'Dell, the bee wizard. The races consisted of a two-year-old trot for a \$900 purse; 2:12 pace for an \$800 purse, and a 2:24 trot for a \$2400 purse.

This evening there will be a concert vaudeville acts in front of the grand stand, and fireworks by the Los Angeles Fire Works company.

Earl Shaw, while working on a derrick near Nyssa, was instantly killed Friday by an electric shock when the cable of the derrick came in contact with an electric power line.

### THE PRESS COMMENT ON LETTER

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]

New York, Sept. 2.—Following are comments by New York papers today on the letter of Colonel Roosevelt to Senator Clapp, chairman of the senate committee on campaign contributions, in which Roosevelt, John D. Archbold, of the Standard Oil company; Senator Penrose, of Pennsylvania; and William R. Hearst figure in connection with the charge that the Standard Oil aided to finance Roosevelt's campaign for the presidency.

New York World—The letter is a masterly exhibition of cuttlefish tactics, of which he accused Penrose. In all its inexcusable mass of verbiage, there is not a single ray of hope.

New York Sun—Through it all, especially its humble attitude toward Hearst, there is a sense in suspense of difficulties yet to be exposed, defense yet necessary. Its defense, attack, abuse, pious self-glorification and edifying sermon is cluttering up matters.

New York Tribune—It is evident that Roosevelt is not so sure as he was a week ago that the Standard Oil contribution was not received.

New York Herald—Its most remarkable feature is the suddenness with which it turns from the main issue, and becomes an appeal for funds, how ever great, for the Bull Moose party.

New York Times—It is the public's to know whether Roosevelt know of the Standard Oil contribution. His letter does not answer this.

Old Indian Fighter Dead.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]

Antioch, Cal., Sept. 2.—J. P. Abbott, early Californian and Indian fighter, is dead here today. Abbott won distinction by killing "Steamboat Charley," famous leader of the Pikes, in a duel with rifles in 1867. Abbott, who was formerly a state senator, was 72 years old.

## Fall Showing

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