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OVER 5000 MILES ON AUTOMOBILE TRIP

Dr. and Mrs. E. A. Archer and Sons
Return After Long Pleasure
Trip Through Eleven States

After traveling 5373 miles by automobile and passing through 12 different states, Dr. and Mrs. E. A. Archer and two sons returned to Pullman Monday night, bringing reports of a trip which abounded in pleasure and excitement, with just enough incidental trouble to make it worth while. The party left Pullman July 8 in the Archer Studebaker six, will full camping regalia. After visiting Mr. Archer's relatives in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, the party proceeded to Cedar Falls, Iowa, where Mrs. Archer's relatives were visited, the doctor going on to Kansas City to attend the national osteopathic convention.

The going trip was over the Lincoln highway and consumed 14 days, the party proceeding somewhat leisurely and enjoying the outing. The average mileage going was 189 1/2 miles per day. Returning, the trip was over the Yellowstone trail. Eleven days were required for the homeward journey, and an average mileage of 169 miles each day was maintained.

For the entire trip the average mileage to each gallon of gasoline was slightly over 15 miles, which is an exceptionally good record when the nature of some of the roads is considered. Practically no machine trouble was experienced, the casings being taken from the working parts for oiling purposes only. The usual tire trouble added excitement to the journey, greater trouble being experienced from this source on the going trip than returning.

The trip took the Archers through Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Utah, Montana, Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa, North and South Dakota and Montana.

Dr. Archer reports a very short fruit crop in the southern Idaho country, and much damage to wheat in Kansas, the Dakotas and Montana. In Kansas the wheat crop was ravaged by the Hessian fly and a considerable acreage was plowed up and re-planted to corn, which in turn has suffered heavily by burning. In southern Iowa and the south half of South Dakota the crops are in good shape, but in the north half of South Dakota and a large part of North Dakota and eastern Montana black rust has made serious inroads on the wheat crop. Thousands upon thousands of acres will never be cut, being unfit even for chicken feed, while the yield of that which is threshed is running as low as two to nine bushels per acre of a very inferior grade.

EIGHT-HOUR MEASURE TO AVERT R. R. STRIKE

WASHINGTON, Aug. 31.—"We will pass the eight-hour bill introduced today in the house, tomorrow. That will include the provision for an investigation of the eight-hour day on the railroads. That, we believe, will prevent the strike," said Chairman Adamson of the house interstate commerce committee, this morning. "Enactment into law of the president's eight-hour bill as now drawn, guaranteeing the present 10-hour day wage," said W. G. Lee, head of the trainmen's brotherhood, "will be regarded as a satisfactory settlement of our difficulties with the railroads and there will be no strike. In order to prevent a strike, however, this bill must become a law before next Saturday midnight."

The above dispatch, which appeared in last night's Chronicle, comes as a distinct relief, inasmuch as it indicates an early settlement of the differences between the railroads and their employes and is expected to avert the long threatened strike.

Rev. C. H. Harrison and Prof. C. M. Brewster returned Wednesday evening from their vacation, which was spent in an auto trip, during which they visited many points on Puget Sound.

REPORTS RECORD YIELD

The best yield of wheat so far reported this season is that on the Frank Wilson farm, 12 miles west of Pullman. Mr. Wilson had something over 400 acres of Red Russian wheat, which is running 45 bushels to the acre. He is harvesting his crop with a combined harvester, using 33 horses, and the threshing has advanced to a point where a conservative estimate of the entire yield can be made. The wheat grades A No. 1 and the samples are said by experienced grain men to be as good as any ever brought to Pullman. Mr. Wilson contracted his crop three weeks ago at 94 cents per bushel. Reports from the Arthur Cole farm, in the same neighborhood, are to the effect that the Cole crop is going 40 bushels to the acre.

RESIDENCE BURNED

The residence of C. Gillespie in City View addition was entirely destroyed by fire Tuesday morning, the house and all the contents being a total loss. The fire was caused by the explosion of a gasoline stove. Strenuous efforts were made to save the piano, but the fire gained such headway that nothing could be removed from the house.

PULLMAN INTERESTED IN COUNTY FAIR

Committee From Colfax Secures
Promise of Assistance in Matter
of Exhibits—May Send Band

Pullman will assist in full measure in making the annual Whitman county fair at Colfax, September 11 to 16, a big success, assurances of support being given by the chamber of commerce to a committee from the county seat which appeared before the chamber Tuesday. The Colfax committee included Judge Thos. Neill, Dr. J. Floyd Tift and William Lippitt, and each member of the delegation made a strong plea for the co-operation of Pullman and every other community in the county.

Judge Neill stated the object of the visit of the committee was to enlist Pullman's interest and support and stated that Wednesday, September 13, has been officially designated as "Pullman Day," when the residents of the college town are expected to report in large numbers. He asked that the Pullman band be sent if possible, and promised in return that the Colfax band will be at the disposal of Pullman at any future time when desired. Judge Neill urged that a comprehensive Pullman display be prepared for exhibit purposes, and promised that the display would be given all the prominence and publicity possible.

Dr. J. Floyd Tift stated that the policy of the fair management this year is to make the affair a purely county enterprise, the race horses, racing automobiles and exhibits to be confined to Whitman county products entirely. He solicited a representative Pullman display and requested that the college also have a comprehensive display at the fair.

William Lippitt, who is president of the fair association, told of the enlarged scope of the fair this year, relating the efforts that are being put forth to make it bigger than ever before and of greater interest to Whitman county people. He urged the necessity of united action by all the towns of the county to make the fair what it should be.

Upon motion, President Forrest of the Chamber of Commerce was authorized to appoint a committee at once to prepare an adequate exhibit, and if possible the band will be sent to the county seat on Pullman Day to make a little noise for the big Pullman delegation which is expected to attend on that day.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PICNIC

The members of the Sunday school classes of the Christian church enjoyed their annual picnic in Tanglewood yesterday afternoon. About 100 of the happy youngsters frolicked in the beautiful picnic spot and indulged in sports and games. A mammoth dinner was spread in the evening.

\$65,000 FIRE DESTROYS EMERSON AND LEE ALLEN STOCKS FRIDAY

Fire Raged Five Hours Despite Best Efforts of
Department---Most of Loss Covered by
Insurance---Stores in New Quarters.

The most disastrous fire since Pullman was almost entirely wiped off the map in 1890 occurred last Friday night, when the building at the corner of Main and Alder streets, owned by Mrs. Stockwell of California and occupied by the Emerson Mercantile company and Lee Allen's hardware store, was completely gutted, entailing a loss conservatively estimated at \$65,000.

Nothing could be taken from the hardware store except the delivery automobile, which was taken out through the rear door, and the big stock of heavy and shelf hardware, crockery, tinware, glassware, china, etc., was almost totally destroyed. Valiant efforts on the part of a hundred citizens resulted in the saving of considerable stock from the Emerson store before the flames had reached that part of the building. Approximately one-fourth of the Emerson stock had been removed to the new building, on the opposite corner, before the fire, and probably as much more was saved Friday evening, the balance, totaling about \$40,000, being destroyed.

The Lee Allen stock would have involved in the neighborhood of \$16,000, and the various insurance policies totaled \$11,000. Although there will be considerable salvage, the loss to Mr. Allen, over and above the insurance, will run into the thousands of dollars. The Emerson stock was covered with insurance to the extent of approximately 80 per cent. Damage to the building is estimated at about \$9000, with \$5500 insurance.

The fire was of unknown origin, dense smoke emitting from the rear of the hardware store attracting the attention of passersby at about 10:30. The alarm was sounded and within a few minutes several streams of water were being played on the flames, which reached a quantity of oil in the store room and baffled the efforts of the fire fighters. The fire soon enveloped the roof of the store and spread, along the roof, to the Emerson store to the east. Every foot of fire hose in the city was brought into use and water was poured into the burning building through seven lines until 3:00 o'clock Saturday morning, when nothing but the walls of the building were standing and the near \$60,000 stock was a mass of smoldering ruins.

The members of the fire department and citizen volunteers fought heroically in the face of great odds for nearly five hours. The efforts of the fire-fighters were greatly hampered through the lack of chemicals, the water having little effect upon the burning oils in the rear of the hardware store. Had a chemical engine or even an adequate chemical tank been at hand during the first few minutes of the fire it is not improbable that the entire Emerson stock and the greater part of the Allen stock might have been saved. After the fire in the Stockwell building was beyond control the fire

department exerted its efforts in saving the Henry building, occupied by Thorpe's Smoke House, and other buildings to the west. For a time the entire east end of the north side of Main street was menaced, and a large amount of the Thorpe stock was removed to the streets. Damage to the extent of \$200 or \$300 was done to the Henry building and the stock through water, broken plate glass and goods damaged in removing.

William Klossner, chief of the fire department, suffered a severe cut on the head when he was struck by a falling brick, and George Ritchey was badly cut on the knee while assisting in removing a large showcase. Seven stitches were required to close the wound and the injured man now navigates with the aid of crutches.

The quiet atmosphere on the night of the fire was providential, as a wind, in any direction, might have caused a much more serious conflagration.

Almost the entire populace was attracted to the scene of the fire, and men, women and children, in all sorts of garb and in different states of dress or undress lined the streets, all lending a willing hand when opportunities for assisting presented themselves. An army of men and women braved the perils of the fire to assist in removing stock from the Emerson building, huge sections of shelves, showcases, cabinets and boxes being removed from the burning building before the roof fell.

A crowd of small boys made quick work of a window full of watermelons which escaped the flames, and the youngsters could be seen scampering in every direction after the fire had been brought under control, carrying melons in some cases bigger than themselves.

Insurance adjusters arrived in Pullman Monday to commence the arduous task of invoicing the salvage and adjusting the losses, but several days more will be required to arrive at a conservative adjustment figure.

The day after the fire Mr. Allen rented the building recently vacated by the Variety store and began installing shelves for an entirely new stock of goods, which was ordered at once. He will be open for business at the new stand as soon as the goods arrive. The Emerson company also ordered new stock immediately, which will be added to that already in place in the magnificent new Emerson building. Both establishments will be open for business with complete stocks of goods today or tomorrow.

SMUT EXPLOSION

A smut explosion in the separator operated by Claude Kirkendall Wednesday morning caused considerable damage to the interior of the machine. By means of a hose attached to the boiler of the engine the flames were confined to the machine. After the necessary repairs the outfit was again operating yesterday.

BANKER-FARMER EXCURSION

Saturday, October 7, has been set as a tentative date for the big banker-farmer excursion to Pullman and the State College, which is expected to bring between 500 and 700 bankers and farmers to the college town. This is the date of the first football game of the season and this, it is expected, would prove an added attraction to visitors. A meeting of members of the Pullman and Spokane committees which have the big excursion in charge will be held soon, when the definite date will be decided upon. It is planned to have each banker in any part of the state who can make the trip bring four or five farmers, if possible, making the biggest delegation that ever visited the State College. Full details of the excursion will be announced later.

HILL BROS. MAKE SALES

Hill Bros. Auto company reports the sale this week of a 40-horsepower seven-passenger Case automobile to Dr. E. A. Evans. The same company disposed of another automobile to Andy Carrothers. Hill Bros. handle the Case and Saxon machines.

GRAIN PRICES TUMBLE; WAR, STRIKE CAUSES

Local Markets Demoralized as Result
of Roumania's Entrance Into
War and Threatened Railroad
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The most sensational decline in the grain markets this season occurred Monday, when 10 cents was lopped off the quotations for all kinds of wheat as a result of the reports of Sunday night to the effect that Roumania was about to enter into the European strife. A decline of 11 cents featured the Chicago exchange and this drop was radiated on the local markets. Tuesday the markets climbed a few cents in Chicago, but local grain buyers took no heed of the increase, the unsettled conditions demoralizing the local markets and all buyers preferring to rest easy until conditions again became settled rather than taking a chance on a fluctuating market. Still more unrest was added to the situation by the strike situation, with the result that the quotations made were purely nominal and the dealers showed no disposition to load up.

Again yesterday the Chicago markets showed a bullish tendency. September wheat opening at \$1.39 1/2 and closing at \$1.42. In the face of the disorganized condition no sales of any consequence have been made. Yesterday's quotations showed a wide variation among the different dealers, with the following figures named:

Red Russian wheat...\$1.00@1.04
Club wheat...\$1.02@1.06
Fortyfold wheat...\$1.04@1.08
Barley, per cwt...\$1.40@1.45
Oats, per cwt...\$1.20@1.25

These prices are from 10 to 12 cents under those of last week for wheat, 15 lower on barley and 10 cents on oats.

THE WILD AND WOOLY WEST

During his visit here with relatives and friends, Rev. Harley Jackson, a former well known minister of Seymour, brother of Elza Jackson, the south side shoe merchant, told his friends of an unusual incident that happened to himself and a friend while traveling on the wild country road out from Pullman, Wash., where he now resides. They were compelled, he stated, to stop and allow a herd of 18 wild elk to pass across the road ahead of them. The incident happened in the wilds of a government game preservation and only for this they would have had an elk or two had they so desired.—Bedford (Ind.) Daily Mail.

Note—It has been suggested that the herd of wild elk referred to may have included Thorpe, Lee Allen, MacVean, Staley, Chapman et al., returning from a Saturday evening session of the lodge at Moscow. In that case the Pullman mayor used good judgment in stopping to permit them to pass.

PULLMAN PIONEER DIES IN MOSCOW

Charlie S. Taylor Came to Pullman in
1873—Succumbed to Typhoid
Fever Last Thursday Night

Charlie Simpson Taylor, aged 49 years, died at the Gritman hospital at Moscow last Thursday evening after a two months' illness from typhoid fever. Mr. Taylor came to Whitman county with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Taylor, in the spring of 1873, then only six years old, and for 40 years resided near Pullman, removing to Moscow three years ago. He was born at Tipton, Iowa, on May 25, 1867. He came west with the family three years later and spent three years in California and Oregon before coming to Whitman county, when his parents located as a homestead the 160-acre farm four miles west of Pullman which they still own. After living on the home place until he had attained his majority, Mr. Taylor himself took as a homestead the 160 acres west of his father's farm, which he sold to C. J. Krouse three years ago. He purchased a small tract a mile east of Moscow and added to his holdings there until at the time of his death he owned 270 acres of fine farm land. He had been a member of the Methodist church since early manhood.

On November 29, 1909, Mr. Taylor took as a wife Miss Ida Kimball, a little over three years ago twin children, Evelyn Elaine and Edmond Everett, were born to the union. These children, with the widow, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Taylor; two sisters, Mrs. Mamie Robbins and Phoebe Bloom Taylor, both of Pullman, and one brother, Frank Taylor of Whitebird, Idaho, survive him.

While he had been ill for two months previous to his death, Mr. Taylor's condition was not considered serious until the last two weeks, and during the last week he was delirious the entire time.

Mr. Taylor lived an honest Christian life, was a faithful son and a loving husband and father. His many years near Pullman, ranging back to a time before Pullman as a town was conceived and the now fertile wheat fields were largely bunch grass pasture land, had resulted in a wide acquaintance, and every acquaintance was a friend. He was honored for his honesty, beloved for his kindness, respected for his faithfulness, esteemed by each and all and pointed to as a citizen who was every inch a man. The writer treasured Charlie Taylor's friendship for a quarter of a century, and can say without hesitation that if every man were half as good the world would be vastly better off.

Funeral services were held from the Methodist church at Moscow at 1:30 Saturday afternoon, when words of comfort were spoken to the bereaved relatives by the Rev. Robert Warner of the Moscow church, who was assisted by the Rev. J. W. Coughlan of Pullman. A touching feature of the Moscow service was the attendance in a body of Mr. Taylor's Sunday school class of 35 boys and girls. The body was brought to Pullman and services were held at 3:45 at the Methodist church here, in charge of the Rev. Mr. Coughlan, when scores of citizens paid their final respects to the memory of their departed friend. The pall-bearers were members of the Sunday school class at Moscow and the floral tributes were profuse and beautiful.

TO TEACH MUSIC

Mrs. Grace Baker Hulscher, formerly supervisor of music in the public schools at Everett, has been chosen as supervisor of music in the Pullman public schools. Mrs. Hulscher will also give a course in public school music methods at the State College. She is well known in musical circles as one of the best public school music supervisors of the Northwest. She is in constant demand for summer school and institute work. The district is to be congratulated upon securing her services.

Geo. Ford of the Ford Grain Co., Spokane, was a business visitor to Pullman Wednesday.

Last Call--Register Today!

The registration books for the primary election, September 12, will close tonight. Mrs. Gannon, city clerk, will keep her office open as long as any voters want to register.

Up to yesterday morning but 937 voters had registered in the four city precincts, as follows:

Precinct 41	232
Precinct 51	247
Precinct 64	292
Precinct 72	166

It is evident that many residents of precincts 64 and 72 have not taken the trouble to place their names on the registration books. In Colfax the registration had passed the 1000 mark early in the week. Pullman has as many or more voters than Colfax. WAKE UP! REGISTER TODAY!