

Salem Remembers Timeline 1895 - 1899

1895, March 15 | Salem's Black Heritage

The State Rights Democrat

Captain Gordon of the Steamer Modoc

Captain Gordon, of the steamer Modoc was attacked by a negro in Salem recently. He had a knife and it is a wonder did not inflict a serious wound on his victim.

1895, October 10 | Salem's Japanese Heritage

Capital Journal

A Mystery — No Developments in Tojo Murder Case

A Mystery — There are no developments in the Maggie Tojo murder case. No reward has been offered for the apprehension of the murderer of the Japanese woman in Salem. The officers have been unable to locate him. County Judge Hubbard has been approached by a man who offered to produce the murderer for \$200.

1895, October 13 | Salem's Japanese Heritage

The Daily Morning Astorian

The Murder of a Japanese Woman at Salem

The murder of a Japanese woman at Salem the other day has given the papers at this Capital City a mild attack of Duritanitiana, and they are doing their best to let the public have a full, true and correct account of the whole crime.

1896, May | Plessy v. Ferguson

This U.S Supreme Court case found racial segregation to be constitutional under the "separate but equal" part of the document. Two men were involved Mr. Plessy and Mr. Ferguson. Plessy was said to refuse to admit that he was considered "a colored man" in any way or form. The case is situated upon the constitutionality of the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana that had been passed in 1890. Which allowed for separate railway carriages for both white and "colored races" "Equal but separate accommodations for the white, and colored races, by providing two or more passenger coaches for each passenger train."

This case dictated and established a precedent and law that would impact People of Color up to the Civil Rights Era. This case submitted by Plessy, challenged the constitutionality of removing a "colored" individual from the train, with both the Thirteenth and Fourteenth Amendments. It was argued that this

action does not conflict with the Thirteenth Amendment, which abolished slavery, because of what the term slavery implies. This amendment is only intended to abolish slavery not make one race less equal to the other.

They argue that the Fourteenth Amendment was created to give a definition to citizenship of the United States, all those born or naturalized in the United States. The case concluded with a decision to have “separate but equal accommodations for white and colored persons” and that “under this statute no colored person...” would be permitted to occupy a seat that was located or “assigned to white persons; nor any white person, to occupy a seat in a coach assigned to colored persons”. This decision that lead to many other segregation laws within the states from the late 1800’s to the mid to late 20th century. KL

1896, February 18 | Salem’s Chinese Heritage

Daily Capital Journal

China New Year Celebration

The Chinese of Salem celebrated the event of their New Year in a characteristic manner last night. Religion with them, like patriotism with us, consists of more noise than aught else, at certain seasons. At 8 o'clock hundreds of people were assembled between State and Trade streets on High to see and hear the explosion of the thousands of fire crackers, bombs and rockets. The noise continued for 15 or 20 minutes, without cessation and at the end the air for blocks around was blue with smoke and redolent of powder. If the object was to frighten away the devil for the whole year, surely it was successfully accomplished.

1896, April 14 | Salem’s Chinese Heritage

Daily Capital Journal

A Difference

A DIFFERENCE — It is unlawful for a bicycle to navigate on the sidewalks of Salem, but a Chinese wash-cart that takes up four times as much space sails along with perfect freedom. Who wouldn't want to be a Chinaman?

1896, October 27 | Salem’s Chinese Heritage

Daily Capital Journal

Every Chinaman

Every Chinaman is for the gold standard. Why? Because he takes every dollar he earns to China, and of course he wants gold. The white laborer is the loser.

1896, October 27 | Salem's Chinese Heritage

Daily Capital Journal

Those Yellow Badges

Those yellow badges last Friday made the Chinese of Salem smile. Yellow is their national color, and it stirred their patriotic blood to see hundreds of Americans waving it with pride.



Japan Trading Company Advertisement
Daily Capital Journal | December 14, 1896



Huie Wing Sang Company Advertisement
Daily Capital Journal | March 23, 1897

1897, July 9 | Salem's Deaf Heritage

Condon Globe

Samuel B. Baxter of Salem

Samuel B. Baxter of Salem, who had been an employee in the Herald office at Antelope for over a year, is now doing similar work in the Globe office for a while. He is entirely deaf, having been that way for 10 years, the result of being kicked on the head by a horse. He was formerly supervisor at the deaf mute school at Salem and is a bright and gentlemanly fellow

1897, November 1 | Salem's Deaf Heritage

Daily Capital Journal

Mr. Sheldon Garrison Has Accepted a Position

Mr. Sheldon Garrison has accepted a position as printer and assistant engineer in the deaf-mute school in Salem and will enter upon his duties Monday, November 1. "Shed" is a bright active young man and will serve his new position well. — Eugene Register

1898, May 28 | Salem's Deaf Heritage

The Dalles Times-Mountaineer

Reverend P.S. Knight, Superintendent

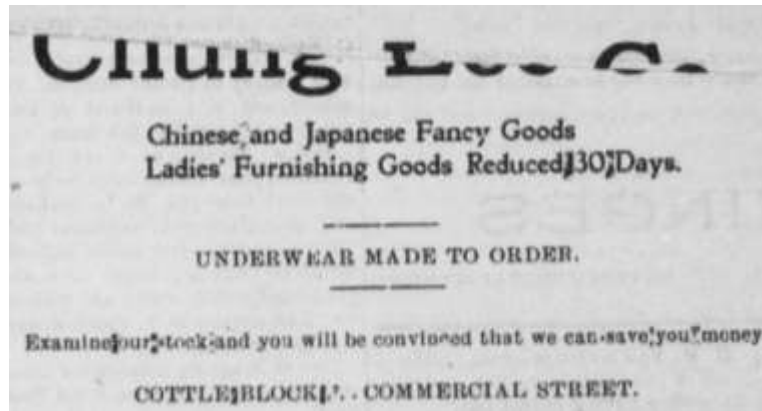
Reverend P.S. Knight, superintendent of the deaf mute school at Salem, occupied the pulpit of the Congregational church yesterday morning and evening and was well received. He was accompanied to this place by fourteen deaf mutes, who are returning to their homes for the summer vacation. Rev. Knight returned to Salem this morning.

1898, June 3 | Salem's Chinese Heritage

The State Rights Democrat

In a Chinese Joint

In a Chinese joint in Salem last Saturday William Brown assaulted a showman named Graham and a woman who was with them and was arrested and fined. Not a very credible affair according to the papers.



Chung Lee Company Advertisement
Daily Capital Journal | November 9, 1898

1898, November 22 | Salem's Chinese Heritage

Daily Capital Journal

Died

Toy Sam, Chinese, a resident of Salem for the past 17 years, a cook at Strong's restaurant during most of that time, died yesterday morning. He was about 57 years old. Two nephews and a number of cousins are the relatives he left here. He had a bank account of \$1700, and probably other property. Interment will take place tomorrow afternoon at 2 p.m., in the Odd Fellows cemetery. The Chinese Free Masons having charge at the funeral.

1899, March 2 | Salem's Deaf Heritage

The Eugene City Guard

Too Much Moss Here

We remember well when Washington territory was a small territory compared with Oregon – when her total population was a few thousand and her largest town had but a few hundred. She is now fast getting in front of her older sister in many things. Her towns are more active, her people are more awake and her spare acres are being more rapidly settled. She has much moss on her rocks and trees, but not so much in some other places. – Salem, Oregon, Deaf-Mute Sign.

1899, September 4 | Salem's Deaf Heritage

The Daily Journal

Professor Drought Killed

At Wardner, last Wednesday, Ralph Drought, son of Henry Drought, a merchant here, was run over by the O. R. & N. passenger train here and killed. Drought, who was deaf and dumb, was walking along the track between the Bunker Hill concentrator and the depot and stepped upon the track just in front of the train. Death was instantaneous, and the body was badly mangled. The young man was about 26 years old, and had taught two terms in the deaf and dumb school at Salem, Oregon, where he was engaged for next term.

1899, November 4 | Salem's Chinese Heritage

The Eugene City Guard

Salem Journal

The Chinese Mandarin doctor of Portland who has been in town several days, went to Albany today, probably to the great relief of metropolitan sanitary interests up there. His highness wears the skull cap of his profession, with a wire hook through the top of it, and travels with two servants. He has a sacred bone relic which rubbed the right way is a sure cure for rheumatism. At least that is what some of his patients say, and they are not all Mongolians either.

1899, December 17 | Salem's Chinese Heritage

Daily Capital Journal

Bound For China

About a dozen of the "upper tendom" of Chinatown boarded the train car Friday afternoon to accompany Chung You, one of the old Chinese residents of Salem, to the train. Chung has been a resident of Salem and vicinity for more than 20 years, being employed at many things, of late years engaging in the hop business.

Having accumulated a sufficient amount of money to support him in his old age his heart yearns for the land of the lotus, where his home and kindred are and today he started on the long journey spurred on by the kind wishes of his old friends here, and, mayhap, bearing many a message to dear ones in that far off clime, sent by almond eyed sweethearts and fathers tolling for a competency in this foreign land.