

Salem Remembers Timeline 1905 - 1909

1905, January 13 | Salem's Black Heritage

Weekly Oregon Statesman

Found Guilty

Two Convictions Secured in Circuit Court by District Attorney McNary

Jarrett, negro vaudeville dance artist, was yesterday found guilty of simple larceny by a jury in the circuit court. Jarrett, on December 22, stole two pairs of trousers from the office of Dr. W. C. Smith in the McCornack block, also a bicycle from Harry Bosler, of this city, and when arrested the stolen property was found in his room. The negro had been brought to Salem as a performer on the Edison circuit and was doing turns nightly at the Edison theater at the time the theft was committed.

In the information filed against him by the District Attorney McNary, Jarrett was charged with the crime of larceny from an office, and it was that crime for which he was tried, so when the jury found him guilty of simple larceny Judge Burnett did not hesitate to express his surprise as well as his disapproval of the verdict.

However, the convicted Negro waived time and was sentenced to serve six months in the Marion county jail.

1905, January 31 | Salem's Chinese Heritage

Morning Oregonian

Chinese Thief Caught in Act

Lee Wahley, a Chinaman and ex-convict, was this morning caught in the act of robbing Eckerlin's saloon, on Commercial Street. It happened about 6 o'clock, and soon after the bartender had opened up. The Chinaman had carried two cases of whiskey out into the alley before he was discovered. Once caught he showed fight, but calmed down when faced with a revolver.

1905, June 1 to October 15 | Lewis & Clark Exposition

Oregon hosted a world's in Portland to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Lewis & Clark Expedition's Journey of Discovery.

1905, June 6 | Salem's Chinese Heritage

The Oregon Daily Journal

There is Only One Chinese Laundry

There is only one Chinese laundry in Salem, and its proprietor is planning to go back to China.

1905, December 30 | Salem's Chinese Heritage

Daily Capital Journal

Dr. Kum

[Advertisement]

Wonderful Chinese Doctor

Will treat you with oriental herbs and cure any disease without operation or pain.

Dr. Kum is known everywhere in Salem, and has cured many prominent people here. He has lived in Salem for 20 years, and can be trusted. He uses many medicines unknown to white doctors, and with them can cure cataract, asthma, lung troubles, rheumatism, stomach, liver, and kidney diseases.

Dr. Kum makes a specialty of dropsy and female troubles. His remedies cure private diseases when everything else fails. He has hundreds of testimonials, and gives consultation free. Prices for medicines very moderate. Persons in the country can write for blank. Send stamp.

If you want some extra fine tea, get it from us.

*DR. KUM BOW WO CO.,
167 South High Street, Salem, Oregon
Opposite Hotel Salem, P.O. Box 185.*

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The Oregon Electric Railway Company is incorporated for service between Portland and Eugene.



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1906, March 5 | Salem's Chinese Heritage
Morning Oregonian

Salem Chinese Excited

Incendiary Attempts to Set Fire to Their Quarters

Coal Oil Scattered About so as to Give the Firebug Time To Escape

An attempt to burn Chinatown and perhaps several brick buildings in the city was frustrated a few nights ago by the accidental discovery of a blaze soon after it had been started. Just after midnight late Tuesday a large quantity of coal oil was thrown over a pile of cordwood under the building erected last summer by Frank Hughes on High Street, between State and Ferry. Fire was then set in such a manner that it would not reach the oil until the incendiary could escape without fear of detection.

The fire had just reached the oil when it was discovered and by heroic efforts extinguished. The building is a large, two-story frame structure, with store-rooms and living-rooms enough to accommodate nearly all the Chinese population of Salem. It is rented to various Chinese who have long-time leases.

The building stands up from the ground and is so constructed that if fire was started well underneath it, the fire department would have difficulty in saving that and adjoining buildings.

In the same block and closely adjoining stands the old Armory building, a large frame structure, the Senate's saloon, the Hughes brick building and the D'Arcy brick building, all of which would have been saved with great difficulty had the Chinese building been burned.

There is great excitement in Chinatown over the attempt to burn the building, but the matter has been kept quiet and a vigorous search has been made for some clue that might disclose the identity of the firebug. Thus far no clue has been discovered that suffices even to fix suspicion upon any person. The Chinese are of the opinion that the fire was set by one of their own nationality, and they are guarding against any effort to set the fire again.

1906, April 20 | Salem's Chinese Heritage

Daily Capital Journal

The Chinese Generous

Salem Chinese today sent the following telegram to Oakland: "Salem's Chinese forward you for the general use \$131, and they have more if it is needed."

1906, May 12 | Salem's Chinese Heritage

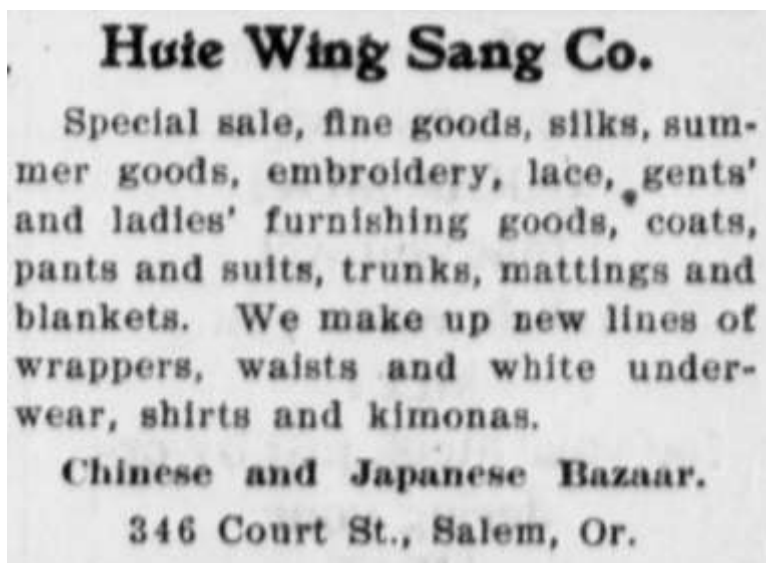
Daily Capital Journal

Chinese Residents Invest

Pendleton Colony Takes Stock in a Cooperative Building Scheme

Pendleton Chinese will invest several thousand dollars in a co-operative building scheme being promoted by their brethren in Walla Walla.

A new Chinese building to be used for headquarters for the entire Chinese colony in Walla Walla is being built in that city and stock is being sold to Chinese in all parts of the country. Several Pendleton Chinese have sent over the savings of several years to invest in the new scheme. The building it is said, will cost about \$20,000, and dividends will be paid on the stock subscribed by the investors. It will be rented by the various Chinese residents of Walla Walla.



Huie Wing Sang Company Advertisement
Daily Capital Journal | July 30, 1906

1906, September 16 | Salem's Chinese Heritage

The Saturday Oregonian

State Fair Has Been a Success

Attendance at Salem Equal to That of the Last Show

Receipts Have Been Larger Than Usual From Sales of Concessions and Advertising

Notwithstanding three half days of cold, rainy weather, together with the fact that this is the height of the hop harvest, the Oregon State Fair of 1906 has been one of the most successful in the history of the state. The attendance was about equal to that of two years ago and was much larger on Portland day. Sales of concessions and advertising space have been good and receipts from this source have been large.

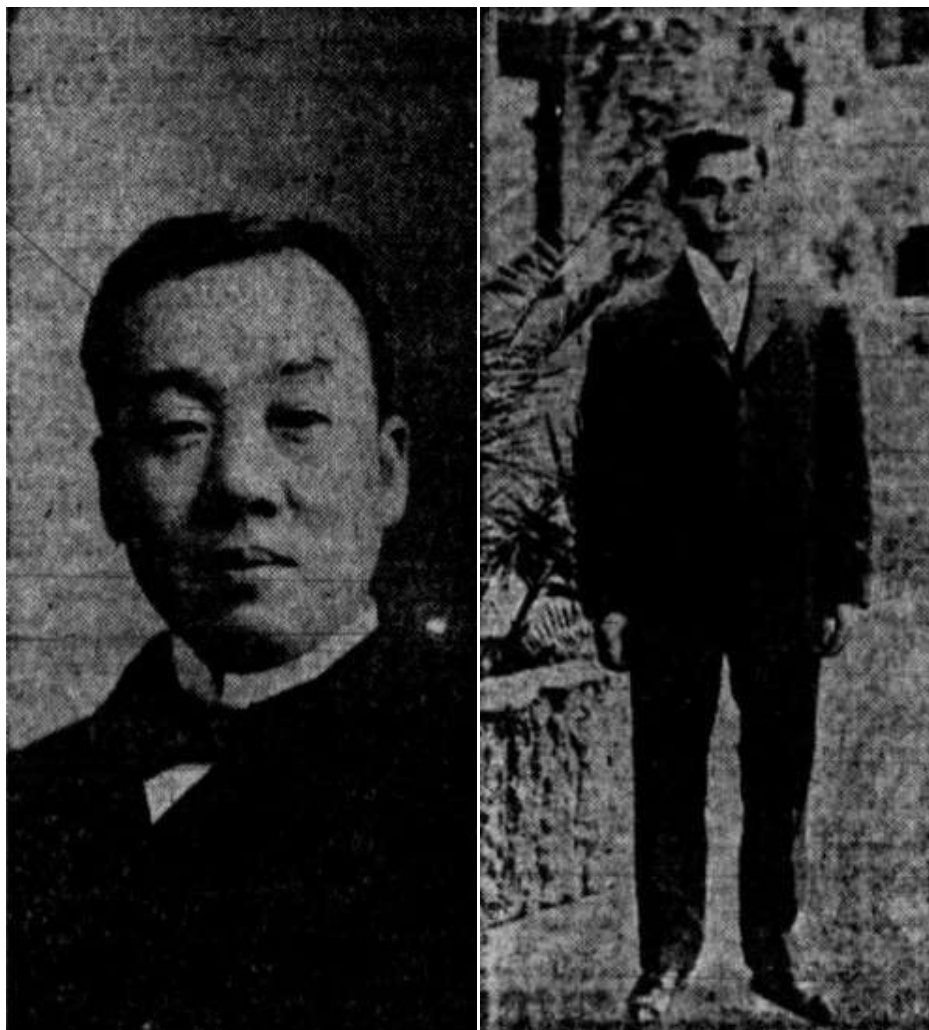
The additions to the pavilion not only made more space for exhibits, but gave more room for sales of concessions. These circumstances made the fair a success financially and it was stated tonight that there are funds on hand to pay every claim.

Long before the gates closed tonight clerk of the course Frank Davey had issued warrants for the payment of every race track premium. Among the horsemen it is said that this is one of the few tracks in the United States where purses are paid the same day the races close. Tonight the racehorses and livestock are being loaded upon the cars for shipment to North Yakima, where a fair at that place will open Monday.

Some Important Awards

The Albany Creamery Company took first prize on a commercial exhibit of creamery butter, and the Jefferson Cheese Factory carried the day in the cheese competition. . . .

Louis Singh, a Salem Chinese, was high man in the competition on cured hops.



S. Ban and K. Fukawaga
The Oregon Daily Journal | November 4, 1906

1906, November 4 | Salem's Japanese Heritage

The Oregon Daily Journal

Local Japanese Celebrate the Birthday of the Mikado

Impressive Literary and Musical Program Rendered at Y.M.C.A. Auditorium

Consuls Praise Japanese Ruler While Subjects Cheer Emperor's Name

The auditorium of the Y.M.C.A. was crowded last night by Japanese congregated to participate in the final ceremonies in honor of the 54th anniversary of the birth of the Mikado. Yesterday was a holiday for more than 700 Japanese in this city who left their daily duties to gather at places of worship to pray for the health of their ruler and to listen to speeches telling of the triumphs of the native land.

An extensive program was rendered at the Y.M.C.A. last night. The audience was composed largely of Japanese men, with an occasional American in the crowd. S. Ban, a prominent Portland Japanese, presided as chairman, and the opening remarks were delivered by him. Following this the assembly arose and sang the Japanese national anthem three times. They remained standing while T. Alba, the Japanese consul, read the imperial edict. Mayor Harry Lane delivered an address that was enthusiastically received by the audience. The mayor said in part;

"That no suspicion of graft was attached to any Japanese during their recent war with Russia is to me one of the best indications of the extreme loyalty of that people. In all that tremendous undertaking not one accusation of graft, of the spoiling his fellow men or country for personal gain, was made against any Japanese, high or low. Such is the patriotism of that nation. And it is a thing of which we and other nations may well take heed.

Marvel of the World

"The accomplishments of Japan in the war with Russia were the marvel of the world. The defeat of the Russians by a nation that was until recent years practically unknown as a power was a deed that few people thought possible. But the apparent ease and neatness with which the little nation went to Russia and did her up was entertaining, to say the least.

"The rapid rise of Japan from obscurity to a world power marks a distinct step forward in advance of anything that has ever been seen in the past. The thing that made possible such an accomplishment was the spirit which puts the shoulder of every member of the nation to the wheel to gain the object for which the nation is striving. Other nations must take notice, must take to themselves the lesson taught by this loyalty of the Japanese. If any does not its neighbor surely will, and on the day in which it does, it has lost its country irrevocably.

"We must learn from the spirit of painstaking industry which the Japanese display in all their undertakings. That people is typical of a great principal to which every country must come or be lost."

Talks in Japan

M. Hayakawa, editor of the Oregon News, a Japanese paper, addressed the assembly in the native tongue. He spoke of the greatness of the Mikado and exhorted his countrymen to continued loyalty. Mr. Hayakawa spoke in an impressive manner. His remarks were punctuated by frequent applause by his hearers.

H.B. Miller, United States consul general at Yokohama, Japan, was accorded an ovation of applause when he rose to speak. He reviewed the good accomplished for the Japanese people by their emperor. He said:

"If there ever was a man a nation should revere, if there ever was a man to whom a nation owes everything, it is the present Mikado of Japan. When he began his reign in 1868, the population of his country was 30,000,000. It is now more than 50,000,000, due largely to improved sanitation and conditions in every walk of life. In 1868 the exports of Japan were less than 20,000,000 yen. Last year they were 810,000,000 yen. There was not a newspaper in the islands when the present emperor's reign began. There are now over 1,500 papers, some of them with a circulation of more than a quarter of a million.

"In 1868 only 20 per cent of the children of school-age attended the schools. There are now 98 per cent of them in daily attendance at school, as high a standard as exists anywhere in the world.

"All these things have been given freely by the emperor without force, or even demand, by the people, but from his great generosity and sympathy for his subjects. So I see you again if there is a living monarch who deserves the loyalty of his people it is the Japanese emperor."

Jap Lieutenant Speaks

Lieutenant J. Shimegura, who was with the Japanese army at Port Arthur, delivered an address, first saluting the Japanese flag that was draped at the back of the speaker's platform. He spoke in Japanese, reviewing the development of the Japanese army and praising the Mikado.

James Laidlaw, British consul in this city, in reviewing the progress made by Japan throughout her history, said that he was proud to do honor to an emperor who represents the 121st sovereign in an unbroken dynasty of 1,250 years, the ruler of a country that was in an advanced state of civilization when England was in a condition of barbarism and America was unknown. Mr. Laidlaw remarked the fact that there existed in Japan 670 years ago a jury of 12 judges who were sworn to be bound in their judgments only by the truth.

After an oration in the Japanese tongue by B. Yuki, which was well received, the assembly rose and sang the national song again. This was followed by three lusty banzai's by the assembled Japanese.

K. Fukawaga, a student in the Portland high school, delivered a well prepared address in English, in which he paid high tribute to the head of the Japanese nation; and dwelt on the necessity of continued loyalty and patriotism if his people expect to realize the ambitions in the way of industrial development they have set themselves to accomplish.

Other interesting features of the program were an address by U. Hiratsu, a dance by 12-year-old Riku Yamamura, a solo by Mrs. H. Watanaka, a sword dance by H. Fugami, and a solo, "Satsuma Biwa," which provided quantities of hearty laughter for the Japanese. Others present who did not understand the native language failed to catch the humor of the selection, but it found great favor with the Japanese.

HUIE WING SANG CO.

Big Stock of Goods SPECIAL SALE

Chinese and Japanese Fancy Dry Goods, Silks, all kinds Dress Goods, Embroideries, Lace, Gents' and Ladies' Furnishing Goods, Suits, Coats, Pants, all kinds of Overalls, Shirts, Blankets. We make up a new line of Wrappers, Waists, White Underwear, Matting, Trunks, Gloves, Hose, Kimonos, Comforters for Sale. All kinds of goods at very low prices.

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| 35c knit underwear | 25c | 45c wool dress goods | 35c |
| 75c knit underwear | 50c | 75c wool dress goods | 60c |
| \$1.35 comforter | \$1.00 | 14c outing flannel | 10c |
| \$2.00 comforter | \$1.35 | 25 heavy fleeced goods, yd. | 18c |
| \$2.00 wrapper | \$1.50 | 35c silks, yd | 28c |
| \$6.00 wool wrapper | \$4.00 | \$1.00 heavy silk, yd | 75c |
| \$3.25 kimono | \$2.25 | \$2.85 dress skirt | \$2.00 |
| \$2.00 blanket | \$1.50 | \$3.00 wool pants | \$2.25 |
| \$9.00 overcoat | \$6.50 | \$2.25 underskirt | \$1.50 |

All kinds of Wrappers from 50c to \$5.00 each

CHINESE AND JAPANESE BAZAAR

346 Court St., Salem, Oregon

Huie Wing Sang Company Advertisement
Daily Capital Journal | November 16, 1906

1906, December 28 | Salem's Chinese Heritage

The Sunday Oregonian

Chinese Gamblers Are Raided

Chief of Police Cornelius raided a Chinese fantan game in a building on the north side of State street, between Liberty and High, today, and captured the gaming apparatus, about \$30 in money and three Chinese who were found in the joint.

1907, January 11 | Salem's Chinese Heritage

The Oregon Daily Journal

Governor Asks Aid for Chinese

In response to an urgent appeal from the famine relief committee of Shanghai, China, for flour and wheat for the starving multitudes, governor Chamberlain today issued a proclamation appealing to the generosity of the people of Oregon to come to the relief of the sufferers, asking them to contribute food supplies and recommending that organizations be formed for soliciting aid in the towns and cities of the state.

The Red Cross department has charge of contributions.

The famine extends over a district 200 miles in length and 100 miles in width on either side of the Grand Canal in China, covering a total area of 40,000 square miles. The crops were totally destroyed by the summer rains.

Some 15 million people inhabit the affected region. Tens of thousands must perish unless help is given. Thousands of houses have been destroyed and many hundreds are dying from famine and fever.

1907, April 19 | Salem's Black Heritage

Daily Capital Journal

Albert Bayless

Albert Bayless, a colored man, who has made his home at Salem for over 40 years, died Thursday evening.

1908

Eastern Orthodox Russians (Old Believers) start communities in Willamette Valley.

1908, February 11 | Salem's Mexican Heritage

Daily Capital Journal

Skilled Mexican Labor

A new light on Mexican labor was given yesterday when it was announced that a man with much experience in the handling of men of almost all nationalities had decided to take to South Africa a gang of Mexicans to work on a paving job. The contractor might have secured thousands of laborers much closer to his new field of work, and it would have been possible for him to have secured Oriental laborers at wages less than he will have to pay the Mexicans he is going to take across.

The men he will take to South Africa are men who have been in his employ engaged in laying asphalt paving for some time, and the contractor declares they do their work better than any men he has ever worked. This may be a shock to those men who are prone to descry the value of the Mexican laborers, but there are few men who come to Mexico who know how to handle Mexican laborers. This is a rather rare and valuable quality. Not every contractor knows this little secret. Too many men come to Mexico and attempt to drive the peon labor of Mexico like they would cattle. They usually fail. There is a way to

get work out of all men, and the way to get it out of the lower classes of this country is not by driving, if the testimony of a few successful contractors is worth anything.

Incidentally, these men who are going to South Africa have been paid fair wages in this country, and will be paid in the same manner, in South Africa.

Not all Mexican laborers are worth good wages, nor are all Japanese or Chinese. There is a good deal in the selection of the material. It is doubtless true that the number of laborers in Mexico is not large enough to do the volume of work the country needs done, but is it not just possible that if a little judgment and some common sense were more frequently used one might hear less about the inefficiency of the labor at hand? — Mexican Record



Huie Wing Sang Company Advertisement
 Daily Capital Journal | April 3, 1908

1908, May 28 | Salem's Chinese Heritage

Daily Capital Journal

Chinese Stole Guns

Low Chung, an ex convict and resident of Salem's Chinese quarter, was arrested by Sheriff Culver in that section of the city last night, on the charge of larceny. Chung is thought to have stolen the guns from the store of John Moir, which were found in a pawnshop a few days ago. Moir identified the guns, which, the owner said, were sold to him by a Chinaman. The authorities at once suspected Low Chung, who served a term in the penitentiary for a similar offense 10 years ago, and a search of this Oriental's dwelling place was made. A suspicious looking box was found in his possession, containing all sorts of tools, which the Chinaman could have no use for, and which had evidently been stolen by him. Low Chung is lodged in the county jail pending his hearing.

1908, July 17 | Salem's Various Heritages

Daily Capital Journal

Fun and Frolic in Parade

Tomorrow Night

Filled with Animals Known and Unknown

Music, Songs and Mardi Gras Starts at 6:30 O’Clock

Tomorrow night promptly starting at 7 o'clock the great Cherry Fair Mardi Gras takes place. Don't miss it, for Cook Patton and R.B. Houston who have charge of this comic affair promise the Cherry Fair visitors an unusual exhibition of comic — stunts — new to all.

Everybody is invited to take part in this gay festivity and make the closing night of the Cherry Fair a great success. The parade will form in front of City Hall and will start exactly on the minute. Those that are to take part are requested to be ready at 6:30.

The great Mardi Gras will be led by “Jocko”, the human chimpanzee, who will give a clever exhibition of baton juggling as he did in the jungle before being taken into captivity. Following this wonderful animal comes "Salem Military band" which will render ragtime music for the “merry-makers,” then will come the king and queen of the "Lemmon Grove," better known as King Coco and Queen Dido, followed by their body guards, Uncle Sam, Li Hung Chang, Sitting Bull, Donzella, "Cholly Boy," Fritz Hockenstein, Mike O Flarety and Snowball.

After this will follow "The Lazy Family," a float depicting "home life," but not in "Salem." And Musical Sambo, the African wonder who will render "ragtime" all by his lonesome — a positive novelty.

The following attractions will appear in the parade:

Humpty Dumpty, the clown who never walks.

Candy Kids, a sweet Mardi Gras novelty.

Takanori Kopimi and his royal subjects, introducing the famous Cherry Blossom tree, showing gorgeous costumes from the "Land of the Rising Sun."

Molly McGuire, the long neck maiden. See her stretch.

Hey Rube and his pet chickens.

Mimmi von Tenneli, the oldest bareback rider in the world, who will do the most astounding feats — a special Mardi Gras feature.

Devile Triumph. Subjects to his "Satanic Majesty". Watch the devil dance.

The “Teddy Bird.” It delivers the goods. Keep your hands down.

Chinese oriental display. A marvelous exhibition of royal robes and decorations from the "flowery kingdom." Hear the Chinese band Sousa — done to death.

The African Cherry Picker. noted for his dexterity in picking cherries off the highest limbs without effort and able to dance at the same time.

German Band. Direct from the land of sauer kraut. If they pass the hat, drop the money in Han's flute.

The Darktown Band. Boys who can play sweet southern melodies.

The Donkey Café. A comic feature of the big parade. Everything served but hay.

Petro, the fun-maker clown. Watch him rubber at you.

Jakie Wakenheimer. Direct from Jerusalem, in his comical oddities.

"Cherry Widow."

"Cherry City Law Makers." Read their banners.

"The Primitive Indian." Just captured, and a candidate for Chemewa.

"The Blind Hog." Guess the rest.

"The Rube Harness Maker."

"Chief Feather Tail," in his famous war dance.

"Teddy Sloan," the famous jockey.

"Kiltie Bagpiper," in Scotch selections.

"The Dutch Police," specially engaged for the Mardi Gras.

"The Silly Kid." Note his size.

"Carnival Features."

The line of March for above will be as follows: Parade forms in front of City Hall. It will move south on High street to State, west on State to Commercial, south on Commercial to Trade, north on Commercial to Marion. Returning the procession will move south on Commercial to Court, east on Court through the carnival ground and will disband in front of the society circus.

Oriental in Parade

Special attention should be called to the participation of the Chinese and Japanese residents of Salem, who will appear en masse in the big comic parade. The Chinese, headed by Mr. Lai Yick will be represented by three gorgeous floats, of a character never before seen in this city. All the decorations have been especially imported for the occasion, and the progressive Celestials promise a rare treat to all those who witness their part in the parade.

Not to be outdone by the Chinese contingent of the Mongolian race, the local Japanese have prepared a magnificent float which they will enter in the parade. The subject of this float is historical and according to Mr. Matsui, who is managing the affair, represents "The Faithful Subjects of the Emperor, Godingo, Who Captured Criminals and Saved His Majesty, Takanori Kojimi."

On the float will appear the famous Japanese "cherry blossom tree" containing the secret message which tells the emperor of the conspiracy against him, and saves his majesty's life.

The affair is under the auspice is of the Japanese Society of Salem. Those who will portray the historical characters on the float or Mrs. Aoki, Mrs. Watanabe, Mr. Matsui, Mr. Usul and the Reverend S. Kodama. The Japanese wish to have it announced that those who will take part in the parade tomorrow evening constitute the respective Japanese element of the city. They are progressive business men, and take a great deal of pride in the success and reputation of the Cherry City.

1908, July 18 | Salem's Mexican Heritage

Morning Oregonian

Death Roll in Northwest

R. B. Lucas, Veteran of Mexican War, Dies in Salem

R. E. Lucas, a well-known Grand Army man, died at his home in this city tonight, aged 80 years. He was born in Vermont. He served in both of the Mexican and the Civil Wars and was highly esteemed by his comrades in the G. A. R. He came to Salem in 1891, and made his home here since that time. Besides a widow, he leaves five children all grown. The funeral will be conducted from the family residence in South Salem, at 3 P. M. Sunday.

1908, August 13 | Salem's Chinese Heritage

Daily Capital Journal

Great Chinese Doctor L. M. Hum

[Advertisement]

Has medicine which will cure any known disease. He makes a specialty of, and guarantees to cure Cataract, Asthma, Lung, Throat, Rheumatism, Debility, Stomach, Liver, Kidney Troubles, also any blackened or swollen soreness, broken limbs; Smallpox; Epidemic; all kinds of Bolus, Lost Manhood, Female Weakness, Hernia Troubles and Paralysis. Consultation free. Chinese drugs and herbs, 153 High St., upstairs, Salem, Oregon.

1908, October 15 | Salem's Black Heritage*Morning Oregonian****Would Found Negro Colony***

To transport a huge negro colony from the South to Eastern Oregon, Washington and Idaho is the dream of the Euphemria Sodality of Beattitude, now being incorporated. J. T. Bowman, of 1325 Morgan St., St. Louis, has written the State Land Board that the sodality is anxious to acquire by grant, if possible, large tracts of arid land in Malheur, Harney, Lake, Crook and Grant counties, lay out a townsite and build a railroad, probably from Vale, Malheur County, to Elko, Elko County, Nevada, via Silver City, Idaho. Bowman does not ask for charity, but assures the state officials that the colored people will handle their own problems and pay as they go.

1909, October 20 | Salem's Chinese Heritage*Morning Oregonian****Wealthy Chinese Dies***

Won Low, the oldest and one of the wealthiest Chinamen in Salem, died today, aged 76. For many years he was one of the leading Chinese merchants of Portland. A number of Chinese will be up from Portland to attend the funeral.