

## Roseburg, Oregon

Population, 3500. The County Seal of Douglas County. Oregon Soldiers Home, U. S. Land Office and U. S. Weather Bureau are located here. S. P. railroad division; splendid educational advantages. Gateway to the Coos Bay and Coquille country.

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WILL TAKE THE PLACE  
VACATED BY J. H. BOOTH

G. B. Hegardt Is Recommended as Receiver  
of Roseburg Land Office. B. L.  
Eddie Register.

Portland, July 14.—G. B. Hegardt, formerly engineer in charge of Government work at the mouth of the Columbia River, has been recommended by Senator Fulton to succeed James H. Booth as Receiver of the Roseburg Land Office. The recommendation was made yesterday. Mr. Hegardt is at present a resident of Portland.

Since the suspension of Booth there have been many applicants for the vacant chair. Among these is said to have been that of the prospective appointee, whose name was yesterday forwarded to the National Capital.

Bartholomew L. Eddy, of Tillamook, has already been named as Register of the Roseburg office to succeed Bridges.

Until a month ago Mr. Hegardt was in charge, under the direction of Major Langitt, of the construction of the jetty at the mouth of the Columbia. The work has been very arduous and an account of his health Mr. Hegardt was compelled to ask for a leave of absence. He had been stationed at Fort Stevens for the past 15 years, having the immediate charge of the fortification work as well as the jty. Gerald Bagnall, who has been in Major Langitt's office for the past four or five years, has been assigned to the post in Mr. Hegardt's place. Major Langitt speaks in high

President of the Ashland State Normal Schools, and State Deputy J. W. Simmons will deliver orations. Hon. J. C. Miller, State Lecturer; Rev. W. T. Goulder and others will address the public on Woodcraft.

All necessary arrangements have been made for the comfort of the public. Groves, arches and shady nooks are being built to accommodate the people. Meals will be 25c and lodging 25c. You can bring your lunch meals. Provisions, tent, etc., you can buy or rent from the executive committee. There will be no grafting or gambling on the grounds. The committee will take good care and look after the welfare of all.

The traveling expenses of candidates

who take the obligation at the Log-rolling will be paid. A gold watch will be given to the Neighbor (not a Deputy) who secures the largest number of benefit members for the Log rolling. A hearty invitation is extended to all. One and one-third fare for the round trip all along the line.

## Death of Geo. K. Redifer.

George Kenney Redifer was born in Hickory County, Mo., on Feb. 24, 1882, and died at Portland, Oregon, from typhoid fever July 11, 1905. He was a true and devoted son and a kind and loving husband. He was married to Miss Hetty L. McDonald on March 11, 1905. He was kind in disposition and magnanimous in his nature and always had a large circle of friends. He was a member in good standing of the Woodmen Fraternal Society and had insurance in the order for the protection of his family. The many expressions of sympathy and grief by his friends indicate the warm place he held in their hearts. He was baptised into the Baptist Church by Elder Miller and at the time of his death he was recognized as a true Christian and a follower of the Lord Jesus Christ. His father said that at the last moment he realized that he must go to his eternal reward, and he asked him to sing and they sang the old song, "On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand," and then he said, "I am ready to go."

There were many applicants for the position of receiver of the Roseburg land office and much political pressure was exerted on behalf of some of the candidates. Senator Fulton says that politics has played no part in his recommendation of Mr. Hegardt.

DEATH OF REV.  
GEORGE BOOTHROSEBURG AT GOLD  
HILL LOG ROLLING

Hon. J. H. Booth received a telegram Friday from The Dales announcing the death of his brother, Rev. George Booth, presiding elder of the M. E. church in The Dales district. He died Friday afternoon, July 14, 1905.

Rev. Booth came to Oregon when he was four years old and was aged 33 years. During his ministry his labors have been confined to the Columbia River conference with headquarters at different times at Spokane, Moscow and The Dalles.

He has been a member and delegate to four general conferences and he attended the last conference at Los Angeles. His death was due to a nervous strain occasioned by overwork.

This is the first death in a family of 12. He leaves a wife and four children. The funeral was probably held Sunday at Spokane.

Mr. and Mrs. Booth left for The Dales on the early train Saturday morning to attend the funeral services.

Deceased was formerly a resident of Roseburg, leaving here about 20 years ago. Surviving him are his father, Rev. Robt. Booth, of Salem, four brothers and seven sisters.

TO WORK CONVICTS  
ON STATE ROADS

Portland, July 14.—To have the convicts of the Oregon State Penitentiary perform the road work in the state, allowing them for two days time for each day spent at that labor and provide a credit system as well as one of merit, through which the convicts would be credited with from \$3 to \$5 a month, is a scheme now being fostered by the good roads committee of the Portland Board of Trade, and which will probably be sprung at the next meeting. The committee now has a resolution under consideration, the object of which is to defeat the offer of a local stove firm to employ the convicts at the penitentiary board for a period of ten years. The board of Trade favors the men being contracted for two years so providing for the employment of the prisoners on the roads under the system being considered can be presented at the next session of the Legislature.

The Board of Trade favors the abolishment of the hire of state convicts by private interests. It is argued that the state receives but 3½ cents an hour for the labor of the prisoners in the foundry, and by using them to improve the roads of the state their worth to Oregon will be increased to at least 25 cents an hour. It is also figured that the road work will have a tendency to decrease the number of guards employed and at the same time instill in the men a desire to perform their labors conscientiously, as faithful service and good behavior will be influences that will count under the system. Judge Magers, who is chairman of the committee, is a man who has gained a wide experience in the hire of state prisoners in road work, and he is convinced the scheme is feasible. An effort will be made to enlist the efforts of County Judge Webster in the matter, as he is known to be an authority on the subject.

ADDITIONAL ENGINES  
AND TRAIN CREWS

About 15 additional locomotives, of the "hog" type, have been placed on the mountain division of the Southern Pacific to assist in transporting the many extra trains from Grants Pass to Roseburg. Sunday each northbound passenger was divided into four sections of 11 cars each, and the railroad men say this number of coaches will be demanded from this time on until the Fair closes. The heavy passenger traffic being entirely due to the Lewis and Clark Exposition. Additional crews and extra men are pressed into service in every department because of the rush. To avoid accident every precaution is taken, and trains are run on slow time over the mountains and through Cow Creek Canyon, south of Roseburg. The sections are run about 20 minutes apart, and each is preceded by a track-walker or road inspector over the more dangerous part of the line.

WANTED—A lady who knows how to make fancy shirts. Call for particulars at M. Blanchard's house, or address D. I. Blanchard, Roseburg, Oregon, Box 274.

Makes Weak Defense

Defense today put on witnesses in the

TO BUY SAW MILLS AND  
BUILD ROAD TO NEVADACo-Operative Federation Negotiate With Booth,  
Kelly Co., and Corvallis and Eastern  
Railroad Company.

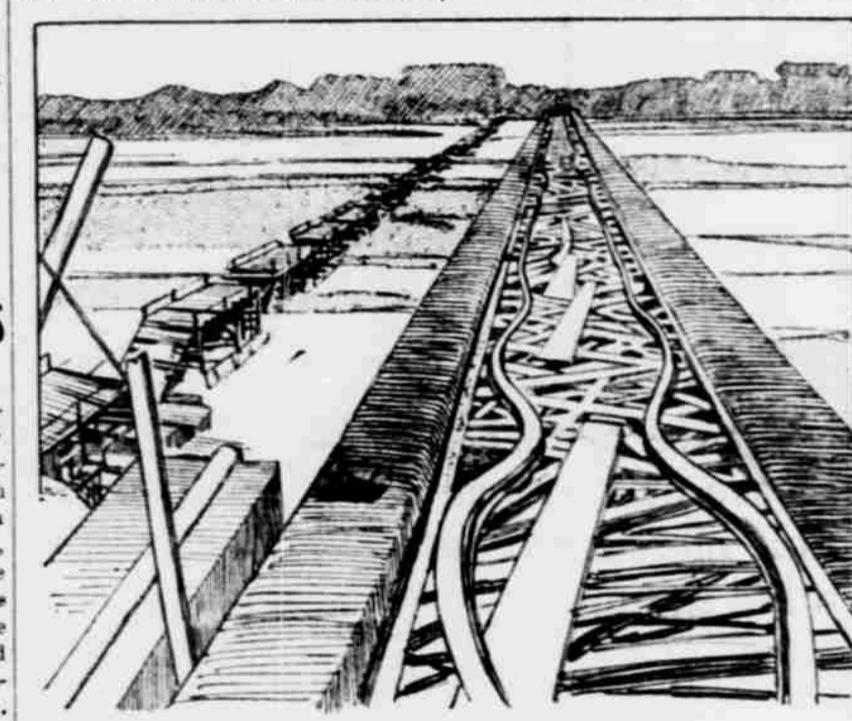
Portland, July 14.—Taking over the mammoth system of sawmills in Southern Oregon, under the present control of the Booth-Kelly Lumber Company, the purchase of the entire land grant known as the Oregon Military Wagon Road, extending from Eugene across the state to Ontario, skirting southward a number of miles to include the richest sections in that part of state, and the acquiring of the Corvallis & Eastern Railroad to extend it south over a right-of-way that will pass to the westward of Harney Lake and travel over old surveys to Winnemucca, Nev., and there connect with Goulds' Western Pacific, is learned today to be a part of the plan of the Co-operative Christian Federation. Included in this gigantic scheme is the construction of a connection line between the Corvallis & Eastern and Portland. The federation was recently formed in Portland. Options on these holdings and detailed plans are being used to obtain capital in the East.

These facts were placed in the possession of the Telegram, and while H. S. Wallace, president of the federation, denies that the deals mentioned have been closed, it is learned authoritatively that the deeds and other papers for the transfer of the Booth-Kelly interests in the chain of mills, and the thousands of acres of land embodied in the wagon road grant, which is 12 miles wide, were sent East a week ago, and there is every reason to believe the necessary signatures will be affixed to the documents

cent interest being added, and the homes are to be modern in every respect. Schools, churches, hospitals and tuition in the University of Oregon and Oregon Agricultural College is included. Widows and orphans are to be cared for, and every bondholder is to share in the profits of the enterprise.

## Eject Offenders.

If a member of the settlement breaks the moral law or becomes unfit or dangerous person, he is to be ejected from the settlement, and all quarrels



HOW THE JAPANESE MARCH ON HARBIN IS IMPEDED.

The illustration shows how the Russians impede the progress of the Japanese in the latter's march against Harbin. Not only is the bed of the railroad destroyed, but the rails are torn up and twisted in such a manner as to render them useless for all time. The energetic Japanese, however, overcome this difficulty by carrying new rails with them and making use of the old cross ties.

which will turn the ownership over to the federation.

## Officers Are Reticent.

No information is vouchsafed by the officers of the corporation handling the enterprise. They display a reticence with reference to their plans, and practically proves an insurmountable barrier between them and the public, but it can be positively asserted negotiations are now pending looking to the purchase of the Corvallis & Eastern, and, so far as this part of the undertaking is concerned the prospects are most brilliant that the property will change ownership.

The federation yesterday issued its prospectus. In the leaflet it is set forth the federation proposes to purchase large and mainly undeveloped tracts of land on which will be established enterprises of various kinds. Bond issues will be made to pay for the properties, and arrangements have been made with the American Bond Company, of New York, to pay the issues, it being said substantial security has been given to insure this. Homes in the settlements will be built for wage-earners sufficient number of bonds have been sold on the installment plan 5 percent.

PROGRESS OF THE  
WILLIAMSON-GESNER CASE

Portland, July 14.—Dr. Van Gesner, the co-defendant and partner of Congressman Williamson, was the principal witness in the defense at the land fraud trial this morning. He admitted he had advanced money as regular loans to prove up on claims, but denied having contracted with the claimants to induce them to take up and file on government lands.

Portland, July 14.—Judge De Haven denied the motion of the defense for the dismissal of the Williamson case, as argued by Judge Bennett and H. S. Wilson, nor will the jury be instructed to acquit as prayed for by the lawyers in their arguments, but the case will be fought out to the end. According to the opinion of the judge, the prosecution has furnished sufficient evidence against Williamson and his associates to warrant his submitting the case to the jury.

Williamson trial. Gesner testified in his own behalf. He denied making contracts with settlers to sell their land to him, but said he merely loaned them money.

Portland, July 14.—In the land fraud trial today Dr. Gesner and Marion Briggs were star witnesses. Gesner testified that he had been deprived of his leased ranges by the sheepmen and to provide himself with other pastures loaned money on claims taking mortgages without interest so long as he was allowed the use of the range for his best bugler in the state.

This action followed the advice of his attorneys, Biggs and Barnes, who told him he had an undoubted right to follow such plan. Biggs on the stand followed the lines of Gesner's testimony.

The cross-examination of Gesner revealed few weak spots, his testimony being generally unshaken. Biggs will undergo cross-examination tomorrow.

## Biggs Told Straight Story

Portland July 15.—This coming week, unless some unforeseen accident should occur, will see the end of the Representative Williamson, Dr. Van Gesner and Marion R. Biggs trial. Yesterday Marion Biggs, who is the United States Land Commissioner, took the stand in his own behalf, and when Judge De Haven adjourned court until Monday morning, he had passed through the hands of the District Attorney. On the whole, he made a fair witness for himself and the two defendants charged jointly with him in the alleged conspiracy. Under the skillful hands of Attorney Wilson, Biggs told a plausible story, but District Attorney Honey, during the course of an extremely rigid cross examination, tangled the witness up several times.

From the beginning of his testimony to the end, Biggs contended that he was innocent of any wrongdoing, and he denied having any part in the alleged conspiracy of suborning entrapment to commit perjury. One of the most important features developed during his cross-examination, when District Attorney Honey attempted to get from the witness his knowledge of the Williamson Mountain reserve, Biggs had stated in his direct testimony that he did not know what Boggs' business was, although he occupied his office for a short time. Mr. Honey brought out the fact that Biggs was employed by Williamson and Gesner in getting something like 13,000 acres in the Blue Mountain reserve. Judge Bennett objected to bringing in this testimony, and also objected to questions asked of the witness regarding the two claims that Biggs and his wife filed upon. Both objections were sustained by the court.

The Banner Automobile Record.

Charles J. Glidden, the Boston millionaire, who has just made a tour of the world in his automobile, plans a tour of Africa this fall. He covered 25,000 miles by auto in 210 days, passing through twenty-four countries and 8,000 cities, towns and villages.

CANDIDATE INMAN  
WANTS \$10,000

Jas. Inman, is at least an enterprising advertiser and is succeeding very well in keeping his name before the public, his latest innovation in this direction being the result of his filing suit against Douglas County for \$10,000 damages, an estimate which he places on injuries received last spring by being thrown from a load of hay while driving over bad Douglas County roads.

Friday morning he presented a written request to that effect to County Clerk Z. N. Agee, asking him to file the case with the county court next October. Incidentally Mr. Inman announces in his petition for damages that he will again "run" for president in 1908.

Mr. Inman recites that on the 16th of last February he was thrown from a load of hay which he was taking to Roseburg with his team and wagon, and as a result his right arm was broken and dislocated at the wrist. He says the accident was due to the bad condition of the road, which caused the wagon to career so suddenly that he lost his balance. Mr. Inman blames the road supervisor for the condition of the road and in turn holds the county responsible for the supervisor, hence the claim for damages.

Mr. Inman states that his right arm is totally disabled as the result of the injury. He complains that he is greatly inconvenienced in being obliged to use his left hand to write, inasmuch as writing is one of his professions. Further, he says it is his intention to appear before the American people in 1908 as a champion of the poor and as a candidate for president; that during the year 1907, he will make a tour of the world and lecture at the capitals of the various nations to the officials, aristocrats and the poor on the subject: "A New Form of Government;" that the first of these lectures is to be given at the New National Theatre at Washington, D. C.

In connection with the above startling announcement, Mr. Inman states that his disabled arm "will prevent the action of gesture while giving public discourse." Because of this injury, Mr. Inman says he has suffered frequent pain of body and mental anguish.

Mr. Inman names in his petition Attorneys O. P. Coshow, Louis Barzee and J. A. Buchanan as assistants in case his claim for damages goes into the court, but he reserves the right to make the closing address to the jury.

BEST BUGLER  
IN THE STATE

Friday's Portland Telegram contained a fine picture of a Roseburg boy under the headline, "He Orders the Centennial Guard by Note." The picture was that of Fred C. Short, of Company "D," Separate Battalion, O. N. G., who has been appointed trumpeter of the Centennial Guard at the Lewis and Clark Exposition and is reported to be the best bugler in the state.

## SENATOR MITCHELL IS

## REFUSED NEW TRIAL

Judge De Haven Also Refused to Refrain From Sentencing Defendant on Sixth Count  
Appeal to Supreme Court.

Portland, July 15.—Judge De Haven of the United States district court today denied the motion of Senator Mitchell for a new trial. He also refused the motion for an arrest of judgment and refused to refrain from sentencing the defendant upon the sixth count of the indictment upon which the government presented no evidence.

Upon Senator Thurston's motion for time to file a bill of exceptions, the court granted ten days.

Judge De Haven announced that he

In regard to the sixth count in the indictment, wherein it was conceded that no evidence had been submitted to the motion, and gave a verbal decision. The motion for arrest of judgment was the first point taken up and disposed of by his honor. Judge De Haven announced that he had carefully considered the opinion of the court to the end, Biggs told a plausible story, but District Attorney Honey, during the course of an extremely rigid cross examination, tangled the witness up several times.

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