

COMPROMISE ON CANAL AMENDMENT

Conference on the River and Harbor Bill Will Probably Settle the Matter.

NEW PROPOSITION BROACHED

Investigation of Both the Nicaragua and Panama Routes Is Contemplated, After Which the Secretary of War Is to Go Ahead With the Work.

WASHINGTON, March 2.—The indications from the conference on the river and harbor appropriation bill are that a compromise on the Nicaragua canal amendment will be agreed to.

One of the recent propositions made and being discussed is for an appropriation of \$500,000 with authorization of the president to investigate both the Panama and Nicaragua canals and when the best route is found, the secretary of war is to go ahead with the work and enter into contract for its completion.

It seems to have been determined that some canal legislation will be passed.

Day in Congress.

WASHINGTON, March 2.—The conference report on the bill authorizing governors of states to be reimbursed for expenses incurred in raising and equipping volunteers was agreed to in the senate.

The conference report on the naval personnel bill was agreed to.

A bill reported by Hawley, of the military affairs committee, amending the act suspending the operation of certain provisions of the law relating to the war department was passed.

The senate passed the Alaska code bill.

THEY TRIED FOR LIBERTY

Murderers Branton and Smith Attempt to Escape.

EUGENE, Or., March 1.—Claude Branton, the condemned murderer, made an unsuccessful attempt to escape jail today. Sheriff Withes, as is his usual custom, went to the jail about 3 o'clock this morning to relieve Mr. Pratt, the death watch, who secures the breakfast for the prisoners. He opened the door of Branton's cell and let him out into the corridor between the rows of steel cells, to exercise and wash.

While sitting in a chair reading his morning mail the sheriff was suddenly ordered to "throw up your hands." Looking up he saw Branton standing a little in the dark and holding in his hand what resembled a navy six-shooter. The sheriff was amazed, and thought possibly Branton had by some means procured a gun, but kept cool and said: "Oh, come off." In a few seconds Branton concluded that his ruse had been discovered and laughed and claimed he meant nothing. Later he stated that if it had been a real gun he would have done some "real shooting."

The alleged pistol was an ingenious model of a navy revolver. It was made out of a roasted potato for a barrel, and a piece of tin from one of his suspenders for a sight, while the chamber was made from a piece of boiled potato, and the 15-lead muzzlers were pieces of burned bones, and the whole was covered with tin foil.

RESULT WAS NOT PERMANENT

Rebels Returned to Their Positions as Soon as the Gunboat Had Withdrawn—All Is Quiet Along the Lines.

New York, March 2.—A dispatch to the Herald from Manila says: The former Spanish gunboat La Guina de Bayo steamed up the river opposite Macati this morning and opened fire on the insurgents on the opposite side from General Wheaton's brigade. She fired

her four Gatling guns, two Nordenfeldts and one one-pounder.

At first the insurgents replied with rifle fire, but they could not stand before the hail from the Gatlings. The engagement lasted three-quarters of an hour, and then the insurgents scattered, but as soon as the gunboat withdrew, the insurgents returned and again opened a slow and annoying fire across the river.

Quiet Along the Lines.

MANILA, March 2.—5:30 p. m.—This is the hottest day of the season, but fortunately all is quiet inside and outside of our lines, and a majority of the men were kept in the shade.

The transport Morgan City has arrived here. The wives of the officers and other women passengers were not allowed to land, the authorities considering conditions ashore unsettled.

A MOTHER'S AWFUL DEED

While Insane She Ends Her Wretched Life—Poverty Believed to Have Been the Cause.

PORTLAND, March 1.—Mrs. LAURA BROWNING, mother of four children, blew her brains out at Montavilla today, after taking laudanum herself and forcing three of her children to drink the drug. There are hopes for two of the little girls, but the two-year-old baby will probably die. Although there is no evidence that the woman had been of unsound mind, the theory of insanity is the only one which will account for the crime. Mrs. Browning was alone with her four children. She asked them to take a dose of laudanum, calling it tea. All the children drank the laudanum except a nine-year-old boy. The family was in poor circumstances, and it is said poverty drove the mother insane.

To the Public.

We are authorized to guarantee every bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and if not satisfactory to refund the money to the purchaser. There is no better medicine made for La Grippe, colds or whooping cough. Price 25 and 50 cents per bottle. Try it. Blakeley & Houghton, druggists.

Didn't Pay for the Cattle.

ARLINGTON, Or., March 1.—A few of our cattlemen were treated to an unpleasant surprise last week by a couple of professional cattlebuyers, who failed to furnish the money to pay for the cattle they bought. A draft was given on Portland, but came back unpaid. The purchasers were located at Portland and brought to this city, where they were given a preliminary trial. Evidently the court believed the preponderance of evidence to be against the buyers, who were held for appearance in the circuit court.

STALLION FOR SALE.

One Clydesdale stallion for sale. Can be seen at Ward's ranch, near Dufur. For terms apply to Ward Bros., Dufur Or. 123-1m.

Tracy Inman Killed.

PENDLETON, Or., March 1.—Private advices from Manila, received today, are to the effect that Tracy Inman, of this city, a member of company D, Oregon volunteers, was killed yesterday while engaged in signal service work. No further particulars have been received.

Doctors Can't Cure It!

Contagious blood poison is absolutely beyond the skill of the doctors. They may dose a patient for years on their mercurial and potash remedies, but he will never be rid of the disease; on the other hand, his condition will grow steadily worse. S. S. S. is the only cure for this terrible affliction, because it is the only remedy which goes direct to the cause of the disease and forces it from the system.

I was afflicted with Blood Poison, and the best doctors did me no good, though I took their treatment faithfully. In fact, I seemed to get worse all the while. I took almost every so-called blood remedy, but they did not seem to reach the disease, and had no effect whatever. I was disheartened, for it seemed that I would never be cured. At the advice of a friend I then took S. S. S., and began to improve. I continued the medicine, and it cured me completely, building up my health and increasing my appetite. Although this was ten years ago, I have never yet had a sign of the disease to return.



W. R. NEWKAMP, Staunton, Va.

It is like self-destruction to continue to take potash and mercury; besides totally destroying the digestion, they dry up the marrow in the bones, producing a stiffness and swelling of the joints, causing the hair to fall out, and completely wrecking the system.

S.S.S. For The Blood is guaranteed Purely Vegetable, and is the only blood remedy free from these dangerous minerals. Book on self-treatment sent free by Swift Specific Company, Atlanta, Ga.

RIDDELL SOLVES THE RIDDLE.

He Is Appointed Postmaster for The Dalles—Surprise All Around.

The Dalles postoffice riddle is at length solved, after months of impatient waiting and conjecture as to when the politicians would cease their bickering and allow us to have a new postmaster, the term of the present incumbent, J. A. Crossen, having come to a close very nearly a year since.

The following telegram, received last night by Mr. Riddell when at the dinner table, has settled the much-disputed question.

WASHINGTON, D. C. Mar. 1, 1899. H. H. Riddell, The Dalles, Or. You have been appointed postmaster. Hope you will accept. W. R. ELLIS.

To say that the recipient of the above was surprised does not express it, for such an appointment was as far from his expectations as anything could be, not being aware that his name had been mentioned in that connection. Scarcely knowing whether to believe that the "plum" had actually fallen on his dinner plate or not, he immediately started down town to inquire whether in shaking the tree some of our politicians had not missed and dropped the fruit where it was not intended. He found however, that others had received word of his good luck and that he was being congratulated on every side, and even from outside friends.

As to our citizens. Well, they would not have been more surprised had they awakened to find the Columbia had run dry. Many names had been mentioned in that connection, and discussed pro and con, most of whom would have filled the office very creditably and given as much satisfaction as can be given by one holding such a position. But no one had thought of Mr. Riddell, making the surprise and gratification more complete, for no one could have been chosen who, in the opinion of the majority, is more deserving or will fill the office in a more conscientious manner. Being an Oregon young man who has made his way through obstacles to his present standing in the community, all are gratified to see such a one recognized.

Born in Salem in 1868, he made his home in the valley until the year '81, when he came to Eastern Oregon and spent his boyhood days on a farm near 8-Mile. In 1886 he came into the city for the purpose of attending the Wasco Independent Academy, from which he was graduated in the class of '90. He was one of those boys who in his desire for learning was willing to do anything to further the end in view, and for a portion of the time filled the position as janitor. When his school days were finished he immediately went to Portland to study law, and was admitted to the bar in June, 1892. Since that time he has practiced his profession in this city, in the meantime assisting younger brothers and sisters to obtain an education. Being steady, industrious and thoroughly deserving, he will no doubt make an excellent official and meet the requirements of so exacting a position.

The exact date upon which the new postmaster will assume his duties has not as yet been determined; but it will probably be in April. The appointment is yet to be confirmed by the senate; but word from Washington gives assurance as to the confirmation. Dalles people can now rest easy regarding their new postmaster.

INSTITUTE CLOSES.

Good Attendance Last Night—Many Interesting Speeches.

About the same number were present at the afternoon session of the institute yesterday as in the morning. E. Schan- non opened the meeting at 2 o'clock, when Prof. Cordley spoke on "Fruit Pests and Spraying." Before beginning his address he congratulated the farmers of this section on the absence of such pests, as, judging from the number of persons present, they needed no information on the subject.

Many make the mistake of paying too little attention to the soil, the condition of which is often as injurious as the pests. Trees are either planted where the land is not drained or on hills which are too dry, and diseases are thus fostered which cannot be cured by spraying. The codlin moth is perhaps the worst specimen of pest. If the method of treating them here were the same as in the East, we would have better results. Watch closely for any sign of them and begin spraying. Last year the most damage was done by the second brood. Three times spraying was done in the Willamette valley, but the conditions are so different here that the same means cannot be employed.

Mr. Walters, of White Salmon, asked where larvae should be looked for. They form under heavy bark, and often in the rubbish near by; more often on the young fruit than on the leaves. Spraying is stopped too soon. After getting rid of the first brood, the second must be fought. Care should be used in the quality of the paris green used, failure in spraying many times being due to a poor article. There is no remedy better than lime, sulphur and salt for the San Jose scale.

In speaking on the subject of "Tillage a Factor in the Conservation of Moisture," Dr. Withycombe said their principal object in meeting here was to come in contact with Eastern Oregon

farmers and their needs. Experimental stations are for the purpose of studying to make farming easier, and securing better results. New methods must be used or in time the present condition of the soil will fail and no grain be produced. The ground cannot be pulverized too much; the more it is gone over the more moisture it will hold. Western soil requires more moisture because it does not retain it as does our soil. He enlarged on the benefit derived from experimental stations and agricultural colleges.

NIGHT SESSION.

Last night's session was the banner meeting of the institute, the room being well filled, and the program good. The selections by the A. L. P. S. quartet added greatly to the success of the meeting, and the audience was fairly delighted with their singing, demanding encore after encore, which they kindly gave.

Dr. Sanders presided, and the opening speech on the "Education of the Future" was given by Dr. Shaw. He said that year by year more was being demanded of the farmer, and that he must in order to be a success, study the question from a scientific standpoint, knowing the minute details of his work, and understanding it thoroughly. Such a course as is given in agricultural colleges is necessary, where practice and theory are both taught, and where the student studies nature. The boys are instructed in mechanical art, understanding their machinery; in woodwork, blacksmithing, etc. Besides, their education in English, mathematics, etc., is carefully carried on. The department for young ladies in these institutions are very complete, practical lessons in dairying are taught, and especial attention given to butter and cheese making. Thus the bread winners will be assisted by the bread makers.

He also spoke of the work of experimental stations, which touches so closely the horticulture of the state, and by investigating the matter can tell to a nicety just what products are adapted to certain soil.

After a selection by the quartet club, Prof. Phillips, who recently came to this state from California, where he owns large vineyards, spoke on "Packing Fruit from a California Standpoint." Although loyal to his own state, he said that he must confess Oregon can compare with any state in the Union as a fruit state, and was the superior of California in producing apples, strawberries and prunes; but hesitated to make her equal in peaches and grapes.

In packing fruit, the orchardist should first consider whether the price in the East will justify him in the expense incurred in shipping. Otherwise it were better to dry your fruit. Second, he should bear in mind to choose the largest and best for shipment, flavor being a secondary matter. No fruit measuring less than two and a half inches should be shipped, and all should be gathered just before it ripens. After wrapping carefully in tissue paper, pack in twenty-five pound boxes and ship in refrigerator cars. He has found the Earl Fruit Co. to be very reliable. Many have tried to avoid commission men, but he finds he cannot get along without them.

Prof. Leckenby then brought up the question as to flavor, saying that he did not agree with the speaker, but thought much attention should be given the matter of flavor, and asked if that was not the reason for the complaint against flavorless California fruit. Prof. Phillips said the reason for this is that the fruit was picked green and allowed to ripen on the way, and then asked how he thought it could be remedied. A great deal of amusement was caused by Prof. Leckenby's answer, when he said the only way out of the difficulty was to raise the fruit in Oregon or Washington.

The last speaker was Prof. Leckenby, who was to speak on "Grasses on the Arid Regions." On account of the lateness of the hour he made but a few remarks. The professor does not favor summer fallowing, recommending rather that nitrogenous plants be substituted, as summer fallow lessens the nitrogen. He would not favor planting grass, but peas, beans, clover, etc., unless the land be arid, when bermuda grass is preferable. He has a firm belief that by study and experiments grasses may be found which can be planted on our barren hills and will flourish and feed our numerous herds.

In closing, Dr. Sanders said he believed if the institute had been more widely advertised, a large attendance would have been secured. He also promised if the gentlemen would visit us again he would insure them a large institute.

Cash in Your Checks.

All county warrants registered prior to May 1st, 1899, will be paid at my office. Interest ceases after Feb. 27, 1899. C. L. PHILLIPS, County Treasurer.

Good Wood.

To get the best dry fir and pine wood that the market affords ring up 40. Prompt delivery. The Dalles Lumbering Co. Jan 27-2m

Wood—Wood—Wood.

We can furnish you with strictly first class, dry, fir wood at the same prices which you have been paying for inferior quality. Send us your orders and get the best. Phone 25. Jos. T. PETERS & Co.

PERSONAL MENTION.

H. R. Blue is in from Wapinitia.

G. R. French, of Lyle, is a visitor in the city.

A. R. Byrket, of White Salmon, is in the city.

Dr. Siddall was a passenger for Portland today.

M. F. Potter and G. D. Woodworth are visitors from Hood River.

Father Bronsgeest went to Portland on the delayed train this morning.

Mis Carter, of Portland, arrived in the city last night and is the guest of Miss Lizzie Bonn.

Mrs. J. A. Douthitt went to Portland on this morning's train to attend the theater this evening.

Mrs. J. F. Moore, was among the passengers who left for Portland this morning to hear Ward and James.

Miss Ursula Ruch, was a passenger on the boat this morning for Portland, where she will spend the remainder of the week.

Dr. and Mrs. Hollister were passengers for Portland this morning to take in the plays by the Ward-Kidder-James Company.

Dr. Jas. Withycombe and A. B. Cordley came up from Corvallis last evening to be present at the Farmers' Institute.

R. C. Judson arrived in the city last evening from Portland to superintend the meeting of the Farmers' Institute now being held here.

N. Egan, a stockman of Salt Lake City, is in the city from that place and will make a trip into the interior for the purpose of purchasing stock.

M. E. Kemp, marshal at Antelope, arrived in the city yesterday on his way to Chicago, having received word that his father is very ill at that place.

Miss Grace Scott, of Corvallis, arrived in the city on the delayed east-bound train this morning. She has accepted a position as compositor in THE CHRONICLE office.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Ehlen arrived from Pendleton yesterday. They are on their way to Prineville, where Mr. Ehlen has accepted a position with Werzwell & Thompson, successors to Siebel & Co.

E. Jacobson, C. F. Bartholma and J. R. Gurnee, each representing different musical firms, secured a hack and four-in-hand and left this morning for a trip through the interior in the interest of their companies.

Mrs. Edyth Wethered arrived on the delayed train this morning and will act as correspondent for the Portland papers at the institute. Mrs. Wethered is a bright writer and well known among newspaper people. She is a sister of Albert Tozier of Portland.

Friday's Daily.

W. C. Alloway returned last night from Portland.

H. D. Langille is a Hood River visitor today in the city.

Chas. Lord is down from Arlington on business today.

J. D. Gibson, F. W. Sink and Dell Porter are registered at the Umatilla from Wasco.

J. E. Sherar and C. M. Cartwright came in from Cross Keys yesterday. Mr. Cartwright left this morning for Portland.

Thos. Wood left yesterday morning for Portland where he will consult a specialist regarding his eyes, which are causing him a great deal of trouble.

R. C. Judson, accompanied by the several professors and Mrs. Wethered and Miss Tracy left for Hood River on this morning's train to attend the institute there.

Mr. Chas. Brandon, accompanied by his mother, Mrs. E. Brandon, arrived here from Dufur this morning on his way to their home in East Portland. Mr. Brandon is greatly improved in health.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene McCornack came up from Salem last evening and spent today with Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Moody. They are on their way to Palouse, where Mr. McCornack has banking interests.

Fishing Bill is Dead.

A dispatch from Salem says: Because of the omission of the enactment clause, house bill 297, which was passed by the legislature last month is not a law, though it carried the emergency clause. Through this omission fishermen and owners and operators of fishing appliances will be relieved from the necessity of paying the license provided by the bill, and the portions of old fish and game laws which it was aimed to amend are still in force.

The bill passed the house February 2nd as introduced, but was amended in the senate and passed February 16th, being filed by Governor Geer soon afterward. The omission was made by the senate committee, to which it was referred, for until they considered it the bill contained the necessary clause, as is shown by the report of the committee, which says, with regard to the amendments, "Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert attached amendment." The error was not discovered until today, when the enrolled bill was examined. No blame is attached to the house enrolling committee.

A Beautiful Skin.

Ladies, if you desire a transparent, clear and fresh complexion use Dr. Bourdon's French Arsenic Complexion Water. Their effect is simply magical, possessing the wizard touch in producing and preserving a beautiful transparency and pearly clearness of complexion, shapely contour of form, brilliant eyes, soft and supple skin where the reverse exists. Even the coarsest and most repulsive skin, marred by freckles, mottos, blackheads, pimples, vulgar redness, yellow and muddy skin are permanently removed, and a deliciously clear and refined complexion assured. Price per small box, 50 cents; large box, \$1, or six large boxes, \$5. Sent to any address post paid and under plain wrapper upon receipt of the above amount. Write for free circular.

The Parisian Drug Co., 111 Montgomery St., San Francisco, Cal.

Assessments on Taxable Property.

State of Oregon, County of Wasco, ss. J. A. M. Kelsey, County Clerk of the County of Wasco, State of Oregon, do hereby certify that the following is a statement of the several amounts apportioned to be assessed upon the taxable property of Wasco County, Oregon, for the year 1899, for the various purposes for which a tax can be legally levied, for said year, to-wit: Total taxable property for the year '99, \$1,234,567.89.

Table with columns for Assessment, State purposes, County purposes, School purposes, For G. R. & L. R. R., For poll, SPECIAL TAXES, Dalles City, Dufur, School District No. 2, etc.

I further certify that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of the original assessment for Wasco County, State of Oregon, for the year 1899, as returned by the assessor of said county for said year, and now in my office and stated IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the County Court of said county, at Dalles City, this 1st day of March, A. D. 1899.

A. M. KELSEY, County Clerk.

Farm for Sale.

(Price \$2,200.)

Four miles from Dufur and 14 miles from The Dalles. 400 acres under cultivation; half the crop in 400 bush fruit trees; fine assortment of small fruit. Some good meadow land; plenty of wood on the place. Fine stream of water running through the place. Good out for stock. 280 acres of this land is enclosed. 120 acres of leveled land, 800 horse on the place.

The following list of live stock, implements, etc., go with the place: Four young horses, one cow and yearling, one good brood sow, 100 good hogs, one horse rake, plow and harrow, hives, one new cook stove, one hack, cultivator; blacksmith tools. All the best tools and household furniture of the place. Good house with good place. Well of water on the place. Good barn and outbuildings. Inquire L. KLINGER, of Dufur, or BEN SUTHERLAND, on Eight Mile Creek, at the place.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

LAND OFFICE AT THE DALLES, OREGON, FEBRUARY 28, 1899. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of her intent to make final proof in support of her claim to said land, to-wit: J. W. JOHNSON, of Dalles, Oregon, on the 2nd day of April, 1899, viz:

Lizette Beal, of The Dalles; Homestead Application, No. 472, for the NW 1/4, Sec. 35, Tp. 2 north, Range 12 east, Will. Mer. She names the following witnesses to her continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: J. W. JOHNSON, J. W. WATKINS, J. W. WATKINS, J. W. WATKINS, all of Dalles, Oregon. JAY P. LUCAS, Register, 41-411.

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Edwin A. Learned, of The Dalles; Homestead Application No. 478, for the NW 1/4 and N 1/2 SW 1/4, section 24, T. 2 north, Range 12 E. W. M. He names the following witnesses to his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: H. M. LEARNED, Oliver Bowers, Perry Camp, J. P. Agidius, all of The Dalles, Oregon. JAY P. LUCAS, Register, 41-411.

NOTICE OF RESIGNATION.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has filed his resignation as one of the administrators of the estate of Perry Watkins, deceased, and the county court of the state of Oregon, Wasco county, has appointed the 20th of January, 1899, at the hour of 10 o'clock, a. m. the time for hearing the same and the said court has appointed J. W. WATKINS, administrator of said estate to said date. All persons interested in said estate are hereby notified to appear in said court at said time to file their claims, if any exist, which said claims will not be accepted and said administrator discharged.

Dalles City, Or., Dec. 27, 1898. FRANK WATKINS, One of the Administrators of the Estate of Perry Watkins, Deceased.

Administrator's Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been regularly appointed by the county court of the state of Oregon, Wasco county, administrator of the estate of John Broadbent, deceased. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present them to the undersigned, at his office, at Dalles City, Oregon, within six months from the date of this notice. Dated January 28, 1899. R. J. GORMAN, Administrator.

Government Land.

With fine timber and running water Hood River Valley, suitable for homestead and timber entries. We locate homestead entries on these lands. Large wheat and other lands for sale. Also timber and other lands for sale. Some of these Government lands are situated upon the land of the Farmers' Hood River Valley. W. R. WINANS, Land Location Agent, Hood River, Wasco County, Oregon.

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