

PUSH PUBLICITY WORK

Forward! Forward! is the Club's Slogan.

NEW MANAGER SOUGHT

Action of Publicity Committee Ratified and Two Vacancies Filled—A Very Enthusiastic Meeting.

There will be no 'mark time' in the onward march of civic progress in Roseburg on account of the resignation of Darby Richardson. The command of the Commercial Club is 'Forward! Forward!'

publicity fund. On motion of Mr. McClallen, seconded by Mr. Alley, the action of the publicity committee in accepting the resignation of Mr. Richardson and advancing his salary to the first of May, was ratified.

On motion of Mr. McClallen, seconded by Mr. Cannon, the publicity committee was empowered and instructed to employ a successor to Mr. Richardson at once—the very best man that the funds of the committee will command.

On motion of Mr. Perkins, seconded by Mr. Zurcher, the two vacancies in the publicity committee were authorized to be filled. Sam S. Josephson and J. W. Perkins were placed in nomination, and on motion of Mr. Cannon, the nominations were declared closed and the unanimous vote of the gathering was cast for Mr. Josephson and Mr. Perkins.

NEGOTIATING SALE.

Darby Richardson to Purchase Local Newspaper.

Darby Richardson will leave this evening for Portland. From Portland Mr. Richardson will go to New York. Mrs. Richardson will remain in Roseburg as Mr. Richardson expects to return here in about three weeks.

Mr. Richardson this afternoon informed a News reporter that if the proposed sale is consummated, he intends to install an additional linotype machine and otherwise improve the plant. He may also build a new home for the paper, he says.

Judge Hamilton has issued an order to stay the proceedings in the local circuit court in the case of William Easton against the Kendall brothers, and removing the case to the circuit court of the United States for the District of Oregon.

FIGHT FOR COMMITTEE

Cannon Forces it is Said Will Control Caucus.

ONLY PAPER VICTORY

New Committee Will Undertake to Pass on Twenty-three Measures Said to Have Been Suppressed by Cannon.

(Special to the Evening News.) WASHINGTON, March 21.—Among the first matters to be taken under consideration by the new rules committee of the house after its organization are 23 measures on which the old committee took no action. They include many matters, it is declared, that were suppressed by Cannon.

Today's session in the house was without incident. Routine business was transacted and there was nothing to indicate the turbulent times of last Saturday.

Champ Clark, one of the democratic leaders, is pleased with the result and says that the political atmosphere in the house is purer than it has been in twenty years.

COUNCILMEN CONFESS TO GRAFT

(Special to Evening News.) PITTSBURG, Pa., March 21.—Five former city councilmen and one present member today confessed to Judge Frazier in open court their connection with a system of graft that has prevailed in this city.

RACE SWINDLERS GET 2 YEARS EACH

(Special to the Evening News.) COUNCIL BLUFFS, Iowa, March 21.—John C. Maybray, the acknowledged leader of a notorious gang of race swindlers, with ten of his associates in crime, who were convicted Saturday in the United States court for the fraudulent use of the mails, were today sentenced to two years in the federal prison at Leavenworth, Kansas, and to pay a fine of \$2,000 each.

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NO CHANGE IN CANADIAN TARIFF

(Special to the Evening News.) ALBANY, N. Y., March 21.—President Taft left early this morning for New York. His conference with Earl Grey, concerning the Canadian tariff yesterday was without result, as the Canadians refused to concede anything. The president will arrive at New Haven this afternoon, where he will attend a meeting of the Yale corporation.

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(Special to the Evening News.) CHICAGO, March 21.—Indictments charging the National Packing company and subsidiary companies with operating a combination in restraint of trade were returned today by the federal grand jury. Simultaneously the government filed a bill asking the dissolution of the National Packing company.

ROCK ISLAND WRECK

Head on Passenger Train Collision at Reinbeck, Iowa.

THE DEAD NUMBER 42

Train Was Running on Great Western Tracks on Account of Rock Island Road being Blocked by Wreck.

(Special to Evening News.) CHICAGO, March 21.—Rock Island railroad officials in this city say that fourteen bodies have been removed from the wreck of the double header passenger derailed at Reinbeck, Iowa, and report that the total number killed is 25, and 24 were injured. The train was bound for Minneapolis and was running over the Chicago & Great Western tracks because the Rock Island tracks were blocked by another wreck.

Later reports from Des Moines show that the estimate of the killed and injured given out by the Rock Island authorities was underrated, and it is claimed by advices from the scene of the wreck that 42 were killed outright, or died before help could reach them, and that more than twice that number was hurt, some so badly that there is little hope of saving their lives.

O. AND C. LAND GRANT.

Vardiet is Now Anxiously Awaited by Oregon People.

(Special to Evening News.) WASHINGTON, March 21.—Attorney General Wickersham in a letter to the president of the senate, recently reviewed the history of the government's suit to bring about forfeiture of the unsold lands of the grant to the Oregon & California railroad company, the facts of which have been made public from time to time in Oregon.

This letter was sent in answer to a resolution passed at the instance of Senator Chamberlain, and while it does not divulge inside reasons for delay in the rendering of a decision by the United States district court at Portland, it does revive interest in the suit.

In reviewing the case the attorney general cites the acts making the grant to the railroad company, and after explaining their provisions, says:

Table Shows Land Disposal. Approximately stated, the quantity of land granted, quantity heretofore sold, and quantity still claimed by the railroad company under these grants respectively, are as follows: Act July 25, 1864—Acres granted, 3,000,000; acres sold, 749,000; acres still claimed, 2,251,000. Act May 4, 1870—Acres granted,

137,000; acres sold, 77,000; acres still claimed, 60,000. Totals—Acres claimed, 3,137,000; acres sold, 820,000; acres still claimed, 2,317,000.

"In making sales of the granted lands, the restrictions imposed by the granting acts were completely ignored. Approximately 820,000 acres have been sold to 5,305 purchasers. Of this amount, approximately 383,000 acres were sold in quantities exceeding 1,000 acres to a single purchaser.

"The conclusion was reached that the provisions of these grants, restricting the manner in which the lands should be sold were conditions subsequent, and that the United States was entitled to enforce the remedies usually incident to conditional estates, the principal of which is forfeiture. It was further determined that the claim of forfeiture should not be asserted until authorized by congress. Therefore, the subject was prepared and submitted to congress for the purpose of obtaining such authority.

Mr. Townsend then recites the provisions of the joint resolution of April 30, 1908, under which suits were brought, and after reciting the requirements of the Chamberlain resolution, continues:

"Pursuant to the direction and authority contained in the joint resolution of April 30, 1908, suits have been instituted on behalf of the government, as follows: On September 24, 1908, suit was instituted against the Oregon & California railroad company and others involving all of the lands granted by the act of July 25, 1864, and the act of May 4, 1870, which remained unsold, and were still claimed by the railroad company. This suit involved approximately 2,300,000 acres of land.

"In addition to the main suit just referred to, during January and February, 1909, 45 suits were instituted against parties who purchased the granted lands in large quantities, in violation of the terms of the grants. These suits involve approximately 383,000 acres. Proceedings in these suits have been temporarily suspended to await the decision of the main suit.

"The principal relief asked in each of these suits is the enforcement of the right of the United States to a forfeiture of the lands.

"Prior to the time the subject was presented to congress, as hereinbefore stated, the investigations by the department of justice had been limited to the two railroad grants. At about that time the attention of the attorney general was directed to the act of March 3, 1869, granting lands to the State of Oregon to aid in the construction of a wagon road from Coos Bay to Roseburg. This wagon road grant contained a provision prohibiting the sale of the granted lands in quantities exceeding 160 acres to any one purchaser, or for acreage exceeding \$2.50 per acre.

"Sales Not Restricted. It differs from the railroad grants in that it does not restrict sales to actual settlers. There are other points of difference which probably should

GIVE VERDICT TONIGHT

Jury in Wellington Disaster at Scene Today.

BENIER MISSED TRAIN

Body That Had Been Identified as That of Timber Cruiser Proved Mistake by Appearance of Supposed Victim.

(Special to The Evening News.) SEATTLE, March 21.—A coroner's jury for the purpose of investigating into the Wellington disaster left for the scene of the accident this morning to complete the taking of evidence, and it is expected that a verdict will be reached tonight. One of the bodies in the morgue that had been identified as that of Joseph Benier, a timber cruiser, was proved to be the body of some one else last night when the real Joseph Benier walked into the morgue and stated that there was a mistake, as he had missed the train that was later swept into the canyon by the snow slide. Lodges to which Benier belonged had prepared to give the body of the supposed late brother burial tomorrow.

CAR EMPLOYEES REJECT CO. OFFER

(Special to the Evening News.) PHILADELPHIA, March 21.—The carmen's union today rejected the proposition of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company looking to a settlement of the strike. The vote on the matter was taken after an all night session. Although President Mahon, of the street car men, advised the acceptance of the offer, his advice was overruled and the men insisted that it was necessary for the company to recognize the union before the trouble could be adjusted.

not be discussed at this time. At the request of the attorney general this grant was included in the joint resolution of April 30, 1908, to invest the attorney general with authority to institute suit in subsequent investigation rendered such course advisable or expedient.

"The subject of the wagon road grant had not been investigated at the time of the adoption of the resolution of April 30, 1908. As soon as the work in the suits pertaining to the railroad grants would permit, the subject of the wagon road grant was investigated. The results of the investigation have recently been presented to the attorney general, the subject considered, and a plan of procedure adopted. A discussion at this time of the future plans of the government would probably be inadvisable."

D. C. Pitzer went to Myrtle Creek Sunday.

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