

MAY ANNOUNCE

District Atty. Brown Favored For Attorney General.

SPENDS A DAY AT THE METROPOLIS

Portland People Urge Mr. Brown to Enter Contest—His Record is Highly Satisfactory to The Voters.

District Attorney George M. Brown returned here today from Portland where he went on business a few days ago.

During his sojourn at the Oregon metropolis, Mr. Brown was fairly deluged with requests to enter the race for attorney general at the republican primaries to be held early in May. These requests came from voters of all classes, and were so insistent that Mr. Brown has promised to take the proposition under consideration.

Mr. Brown has a reputation at Portland of being in favor of a fair and impartial enforcement of the laws, and it is on such a platform that he will probably base his campaign. He also favors economy along all lines that will tend to reduce taxes.

On March 26 at the Antlers theatre, the Roseburg people will have the exceptional opportunity of seeing and hearing Miss Helen Keller. Possibly no American woman is better known than Helen Keller. For years, the former deaf, dumb and blind little lady has been longing for the opportunity of telling her many friends of her "new birth," as she calls it, but not until last summer did she essay speaking in public.

TO SEEK REFUGE

Foreigners at Tampico Will Flee to War Ships.

REBELS FORCE FEDERALS TO RETREAT

To Protection of Retrenchments—Plot to Kill Huerta Cause Guard to be Doubled—Strike Ended.

(Special to The Evening News.)

LA CRUZ, March 11.—After a desperate encounter with rebels on the outskirts of the city, federal troops were today driven back to the fortifications of Tampico. Foreigners are said to be preparing to seek refuge aboard the war ships in the harbor.

AFTER HUERTA'S LIFE.

MEXICO CITY, March 11.—A discovery of an alleged plot to assassinate Huerta today caused a reinforcement of the body guard that constantly accompanies the Mexican dictator. Official dispatches told of fierce fighting to the north of Torreon, where it is said 4,000 federals are successfully resisting a much greater rebel force. Censorship of all news is so strict that little information concerning the engagement can be had.

SHINGLE WEAVERS' STRIKE ENDED.

RAYMOND, March 11.—After a conference lasting far into the night between W. T. Boyce, of the department of labor, J. G. Brown, president of the Timber Workers' Union, E. E. Case and other mill operators, the strike of the shingle weavers that has been in operation since February 18, was called off and the

men will return to work tomorrow. The terms of agreement are practically an acceptance of the conditions laid down by the mill owners following the strike in February. The open shop policy will be adhered to, but no discrimination will be made against union men. Agitators will not be permitted, and in future demands of the men must be made direct to the operators. Strikers will be reinstated only so fast as openings occur in the mills.

Plan to Scatter Unemployed.

SACRAMENTO, March 11.—Free transportation to various points within a radius of 50 miles was today offered members of the unemployed army by A. W. Armfield, of Woodland, in behalf of Yolo county. The condition was made, however, that not more than fifty men be sent to any one community. The unemployed are deliberating the matter and promised to give their answer by tonight. Officials of Yolo and Sacramento counties are hoping to solve the unemployed situation by breaking the army into small bands and sending them to sections where work can be had on the ranches.

Bank Officials Indicted.

NEW YORK, March 11.—Henry Siegel and Frank Vogel, officials of the Siegel private bank, were indicted today by the grand jury on larceny charges for accepting deposits for an insolvent institution. There were three counts in each indictment. The accused men are alleged to have secured a \$25,000 deposit from the National Bank of Commerce by rendering a false statement of their assets.

MERELY HANGED

Investigation Shows That Vergara Was Not Tortured.

DANGER COMPLICATIONS ARE PASSING

Wilson Finds Mexico Not Invaded—American Just Playfully Executed by Sociable Mexicans Who Stole His Horses.

WASHINGTON, March 10.—Mexico was the topic of discussion at the cabinet meeting today.

John Bassett Moore, resigned as counselor to the state department, had been recalled, it was stated, on account of the danger of serious complications. It was explained that his services as an expert on international law were much needed. He consented to outline the general procedure in the cases which are worrying the administration, but declined to resume all his old duties.

Concerning the Vergara incident near Nuevo Laredo, General Bliss telegraphed to Secretary of War Garrison that the dead American's body was taken from its grave in Mexico and brought to the border by Mexicans, who were hired, however, by S. T. Hill, Vergara's brother-in-law. They received, Bliss stated, \$400.

It was added that reports that Vergara's body indicated that the man was tortured before his execution were baseless. There were no burns on the corpse, as was stated. It was evident, the report said that the man was hanged and then shot, presumably as he dangled. Four bullets struck him.

Captain H. P. Howard conducted the investigation.

From other sources, too, it was learned the American border officials, both federal and state, knew nothing of the expedition into Mexico after Vergara's body until after it had occurred. Consul Garrett, at Nuevo Laredo, also had given satisfactory assurances that he was not involved in the affair.

So far as the Vergara case was concerned, these things were regarded in administration circles as having improved the situation and officials began to hope that complications would be averted.

Dr. Pearson, of Sutherlin, has made arrangements to erect a modern blacksmith shop on his property on Main street. A permit authorizing construction of the building was granted yesterday. The building will be modern in every particular.

MAINE TO TEXAS

Governor Haynes Congratulates Governor Colquitt.

WHEN WILL PRESIDENT SEE OUTRAGES

Is Message New Englander Sends to Border State—President Is Assured Watchful Policy Is Appreciated.

(Special to The Evening News.)

AUSTIN, Tex., March 11.—Governor Colquitt today received the following telegram from Governor Haynes, of Maine: "How much longer must we wait for this good president of ours to awake to the outrages he has permitted in Mexico, which should have been stopped months ago? While I probably do not agree with you on many political questions, am pretty sure we are in accord on the Mexican situation."

May Patrol Border.

WASHINGTON, March 11.—Governor Colquitt, of Texas, having been quoted as defying the federal government in its attempt to prevent him from sending rangers into Mexican territory to protect United States citizens, as well as to avenge them in case their persons or property were molested, or injured, it is understood here that President Wilson is considering the wisdom of sending a force of federal troops to patrol the entire Mexican border. This will, the executive believes, prevent any overt act on the part of the Texas governor. Senator Shepard and Congressman Garner, of Texas, have, it is understood, told the president that Texans generally would support the administration in such a step.

Senator Shepard assured the president that Governor Colquitt has misrepresented public opinion in Texas concerning the Mexican situation, and showed him a stack of letters and telegrams from constituents commending the watchful waiting policy of the executive. It was stated that leaders in the senate have assured the president that no further serious debate of the Mexican situation is likely to occur in the upper house.

BANDITS RAID

Chinese City and Kill Norwegian Missionary.

SCENES OF DREADFUL VIOLENCE ENACTED

Refugee Carries News of Raid to Peking—American and British Interest Suffer—Unemployed Raid Saloon.

(Special to The Evening News.)

PEKIN, March 11.—Dr. T. Froyland, a Norwegian missionary, was killed and much American and English property destroyed or stolen by bandits who invaded the town of Lao Hokow, in Northern China. The news of the raid was brought here today by O. M. Suma, who escaped and made his way with great difficulty and in face of almost unendurable hardships to the capital. Suma said the outlaws were admitted to the town through connivance with treacherous officials. There were about 400 of the bandits. While Suma remained scenes of dreadful violence were enacted. Besides the missionary killed, many Chinese suffered death at the hands of the outlaws. Among the buildings plundered and burned were those of the Asiatic Petroleum Co., belong to a British concern, and a structure belonging to the American Tobacco Co.

Unemployed Steal Quartz.

SACRAMENTO, March 11.—While the city was in the throes of excitement caused by the unemployed army problem, robbers took advantage of the situation and lack of police protection and raided a saloon from which they took a thousand dollars worth of gold quartz, besides a small

WRIT OF MANDAMUS.

Attorney Elbert Hermann, representing the petitioners asking for an election to incorporate Edenower, filed notice this afternoon that he would submit a writ of mandamus in a few days, in which he will seek to compel the circuit court to reverse the decision of the county court and grant the election. The county court yesterday refused to call the election, and rejected the petition as filed.

sum of money. They also carried away sufficient liquor to quench their thirst for several days to come. Police blame the robbery on members of the unemployed army who have been scattered throughout the city since the riot Monday.

FAVOR EXHIBIT

Douglas County Products at the State Fair.

FEW ARE PRESENT AT THE MEETING

Eleven New Members Are Added to Club—Exhibit Building Near Depot Will Be Opened To The Public.

ELEVEN MEMBERS.

At a meeting of the directors of the Roseburg Commercial Club held last night, eleven new members were elected.

The most important matter considered at last evening's meeting of the Roseburg Commercial Club was that of re-opening the exhibit building, on the Southern Pacific grounds.

Considerable discussion prevailed upon this subject, and it was finally agreed that the building should be opened and placed in the hands of a competent person. As soon as this person is employed an attractive exhibit will be arranged with a view of interesting the thousands of passengers who pass through the city. To assist in opening the building the commercial club decided to contribute \$25 per month toward defraying the expenses of employing a caretaker and incidentals. It is believed the building will be opened within the next two weeks, or at least as soon as an exhibit can be arranged.

The proposition of arranging an exhibit for the state fair also furnished food for considerable discussion last night. C. W. Clark and G. W. Riddle talked at length on this subject. They favored a county exhibit at the state fair this year, and especially in view of the fact that Douglas county last year won the first prize. To assure an exhibit such as will be a credit to Douglas county, President John Oliver appointed a committee of fifty persons to confer with the county court and urge upon them the necessity of increasing the present appropriation of \$500. John McClintock is chairman of this committee.

The proposition of arranging a junket, extending as far south as Glendale and as far north as Drain, was also discussed last evening. Although no official action was taken it is believed this junket will occur some time in April. The purpose of the trip is to re-organize commercial clubs in each of the smaller towns of the county. The publicity committee of the commercial club will have charge of arranging for the excursion.

A letter was received from the Spokane, Portland and Seattle Railroad, in which the officials offered to transport free of charge all flowers or other decorations consigned to the Panama Exposition. The Great-Portland Plans Association offered to care for the plant and shrubbery pending its shipment to San Francisco.

A letter received from the Pa-

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TIMBER LEVIES

Will be Increased Throughout Douglas County.

ASSESSOR CALKINS MAKES STATEMENT

Owners of Timber Lands Will Be Required to Swear to the Actual Value of Holdings—Lands to be Checked.

Assessor Calkins today informed a representative of The News that timber assessments are to be materially increased.

Assessments on all classes of property have been increased throughout the state the past year. Although it has been the aim of the local assessor's office to equalize rather than to increase valuations the past year, a slight increase in the total valuation of the county has been the result.

The basis of timber assessments are some old cruises made many years ago. For the most part these estimates have been placed at too low a figure and in many cases are entirely incorrect. However, the hands of the assessor have been tied. He has tried for several years to have arrangements made for true estimates for timber lands but has never been successful. Realizing that an injustice is being done to other classes of property by the improper assessment of timber lands he has decided to wait no longer and has determined to take the matter into his own hands.

He has at no expense to the county collected information as to certain districts wherein the county official estimates are entirely too low. In such cases the estimates will be increased for assessment purposes and in addition to this timber valuations throughout the county are to be materially increased generally.

Without funds at his command for the proper inspection of timber lands it will of course be impossible to revise timber estimates in as accurate a manner as the assessor would like. He is, however, using every facility at his command.

In addition to the readjustment outlined above all owners of timber lands will be required to swear to

RAILROAD BILL

Passes the Senate and Awaits Wilson's Signature.

GOVERNMENT TO BUILD ALASKAN LINE

Considerable Opposition Developed—LaFollette Charged Road Would Be Leased to Private Parties—Cummins Sees Trouble

WASHINGTON, March 10.—The senate passed this afternoon the Alaska railroad bill as amended by the conference committee. The bill is now ready for President Wilson's signature.

The vote on the bill stood 42 for to 27 against. Aggressive opposition to adoption of the conference report on the Alaska railroad bill broke loose unexpectedly in the senate. Senator LaFollette was the head of the opposition. His criticism of the conference agreement the president would have to lease the railroad after it is built. The conference draft of the bill says the president, in his discretion, may lease the railroad for 20 years and "that in case of failure to do so, it shall be operated by the government." LaFollette construed this to mean the president must lease the road if possible.

"Such an intention never entered the minds of the conferees," said Senator Chamberlain.

Bitter denunciation of the bill as amended by the senate and house conferees was also voiced by Senator Cummins, of Iowa.

"As the bill now stands," said Cummins, "the government could

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the amount of timber and its valuation on each quarter section of land. These estimates and valuations will be checked up as far as possible and where willful perjury has been committed the matter will be referred to the district attorney.

Mr. Calkins is determined that justice shall be done to all the taxpayers and that there shall be no discriminations in favor of non-resident timber owners, and there seems no doubt but that his determination will result in lower taxes on property other than timber lands.

JUST A FEW STATISTICS.

Effect of Prohibition and License on Pauperism and Insanity.

The federal census reports for 1910 show that the number of paupers in almshouses per 100,000 population, in the prohibition states (eight of which were under prohibition in 1910) is forty-six; in the seventeen near-prohibition states, fifty-four; in the thirteen partially license states, 123; and in the nine license states, 127.

The relation of the liquor traffic to the alarming growth of insanity among our people is engaging the interests and attention of the world's best scientists.

The United States census reports for 1910 show the number of insane in hospitals per 100,000 population in the nine prohibition states to be 118; in the 17 near-prohibition states, 150; in the partially license states, 242; and in the nine license states, 276.

NEW TAX LAW

Linn County Grange Council Adopts New Resolutions.

MAKE PAYMENT IN THREE INSTALLMENTS

Excessive Penalty and Interest of Present Law Is Working Hardship—Five Per Cent Penalty.

At a recent meeting of the Linn County Grange Council the subject of the present tax law was fully discussed, and before adjournment the following resolutions were adopted:

WHEREAS, Our taxes are excessively high, and the law governing their collection makes their payment a hardship because of the time of year in which they must be paid, and WHEREAS, An extortionate rate of interest is levied on all taxes remaining unpaid after April 1st, and WHEREAS, A large sum of the people's money is collected from them long before it is needed; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That we favor the enactment of a law providing for the payment of our annual taxes in three equal payments, providing a penalty of at least 5 per cent be added to any of said payments remaining unpaid over ten days after becoming due; and, provided that all taxes remaining unpaid ten days after the last payment becomes due shall be regarded as delinquent, and the proper officer shall proceed to collect the same, with additional penalties sufficient to pay for their collection, fifteen days after they become delinquent; Provided, further, that no discount shall be allowed for the payment of any portion of taxes before they become due.

RESOLVED, That we recommend the foregoing resolution to Granges of Linn county and of the state of Oregon for their endorsement.

On Tuesday last Mr. J. D. Mickie, state food and dairy commissioner, of Portland, addressed the '35 Mental Culture Club on the subject of "Pure Foods." Mr. Mickie is an earnest and forcible speaker and gave the ladies a great deal of information on adulterated and imitation foods, food labels, government inspection of meats, etc. The club thoroughly appreciated Mr. Mickie's talk and hope to have the pleasure of hearing him again at some future time.