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## LAST SESSION GOOD ROADS CONVENTION FULL OF INTEREST

### CONVICT LABOR TO BE DISCUSSED

In his address last night at the Good Roads Convention, County Judge L. R. Webster, of Multnomah county, outlined the provisions of the new bill which is to be presented to the legislature for the employment of convict labor on the county roads of the state.

Judge Webster is one of the prime movers for the new law. He first experimented with the prisoners in his county jail and found it profitable. Mult-

nomah now has about sixty men at work on their rock pile, employing two rock crushers. Their crushed rock costs them about 82 cents per cubic yard as against 75 cents to \$1 for free labor.

The new bill provides that any county may secure as many of the state convicts as they can use at a profit. The cost will be for their maintenance and guarding, which will necessitate the building of a proper barricade.

Another provision is for the maintaining of not less than three general camps in the state where crushed rock can be obtained by any of the counties who can afford to pay for the transportation of the rock, provided the rock so used is placed upon the roads under the supervision of a

state supervisor. Judge Webster's experience with his crew of men is such as to convince him that both of these provisions will result in securing better roads for the state at a less cost than can be secured in any other way.

Following is the program as rendered last evening:

Solo..... Mrs. E. C. Moore  
Solo..... J. H. Mitchell, Pendleton  
Address, The Tax Levied by Bad Roads on all Users Thereof  
T. T. Geer..... Ex-Governor of Oregon  
Address, The Use of Convict Labor on the Public Roads  
Lionel R. Webster..... Co. Judge, Multnomah County.

The convention was well attended today and the address of Dr. James Withycombe, of the State Agricultural College on the "Economy of Good Roads" was worthy of more than a passing mention for the Dr. always has something to say when he speaks, and he had given this subject no small consideration.

He cited as an example the fact that under present conditions it costs the people of this state in the neighborhood of three million dollars to transport over Oregon roads some six million tons of commodities.

President Scott's "Practical suggestions on road building" was followed by a general discussion which brought out some splendid ideas. Mr. Herman Vehrs remarks were especially good and Mr. Carbine's suggestion that the city of La Grande might be infected with a desire for better roads was greatly to be hoped for.

Several allusions to Mr. John H. Albert's address on "what the macadam roads have done for the prune grower of Rosedale and Liberty"; Mr. Albert is president of the Capital National Bank of Salem, a close observer and pleasant

### SELL STOCK TO EMPLOYEES

(Scripps News Association)  
New York, Dec. 20—The officials of the United States Steel Corporation today announced a stock offering to their employees in connection with the profit sharing plan instituted five years ago. The stock will be sold to the employees at slightly above par. Last year the preferred stock was sold to 12,556 employees at par. They subscribed for a total of 24,000 shares.

### PREFERRED TO S'AND

(Scripps News Association)  
Chicago, Dec. 20—Four egg candlers who were arrested accused of stealing eggs from their employers, bashfully declined to take chairs upon arriving at the police station. Upon being searched, seventeen dozen eggs were found in their trousers.

## ABOUT TO RELEASE BURIED MAN

## TO INSPECT CANAL

(Scripps News Association)  
Washington, Dec. 20—Flint Fulton, Newell, Knowland, McKinley, Needham and Smith leave tomorrow to inspect the canal and to gather material to aid in the fight against the employment of Chinese and try to prove that the Southern negro can do the work. The president today sent congress the report of the commission, which says that experience during the past year from nearby countries has convinced the commission of the impossibility of doing satisfactory work with them.

It is expected that some time may be required even after miners can lay their hands on Hicks, before he can be raised without danger. The utmost caution is taken in removing timbers so that no earth or fresh slide will cheat the rescuers at the last moment. Hicks wagered the cigars with the rescuers that they would not reach him before five this evening. "I hope you lose boys" he shouted from under the car. "but I think you will all enjoy the smoke on old. Lan Hicks when we gather about the fire tonight."

Last night the rescuers broke into a granite stratum that delayed the work considerably. But now there is nothing in the way but a mass of twisted timbers. These will be removed with the greatest caution.

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New York, Dec. 20—Wall street breathed easy today as soon as it was learned that the rich man's panic was over. The C. M. & St. Paul Railroad has issued a statement giving the terms under which a big dividend will be declared. The fact that the directors may issue stock instead of investment certificates had a beneficial effect. The convulsions which the money world went thru yesterday has not had an equal in several months.

## ABE RUEF TRIAL IN PROGRESS

(Scripps News Association)  
San Francisco, Dec. 20—This morning's session in the Abe Ruef trial was taken up entirely with the examination of Special Agent Burns. Strenuous efforts were made by the defense to bring from Burns information tending to reveal the evidence gathered by him, but beyond a few unimportant facts bearing on his movements, nothing was divulged.

Burns admitted that Jean Loupy, one of the French restaurateurs connected with the case told him that he had not testified truthfully before the grand jury and wanted to change his testimony claiming he had been misled by Abe Ruef.

## PRESIDENT OVERSTEPPED HIS POWER

(Scripps News Association)  
Washington, Dec. 20—Senator Foraker this afternoon resumed the fight for a consideration of the resolution directing an investigation of the Brownsville affair. He criticized the President for discharging the colored troops, declaring that the executive misconstrued his powers and misconverted the testimony. He took up each article of war and discussed the situation, as he considers it, at length.

Senator Foraker got excited and said he wanted witnesses to testify under oath before the senate committee. Lodge said he did not think the President, secretary of war, and army officers reach so momentous a decision hurriedly and said from the documents which he had in hand the 25th regiment had "shot up" four other towns previously. The senate, after passing Foraker's resolution over till after the holidays, adjourned to January third.

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## The Pursuit of Happiness

Now that the light has died out of summer skies, while the world grows gray, do you think there's nothing to do but snuggle down by the fire, watch the white old world swing around again, and wait impatiently for the Time of Happy Days?

Ah! But you're wrong—the whole world, restless, longs for the golden days of summer—unthinking, careless of the rare truth that Happiness itself, in its purest form, is now, of all times, so easy to gain.

"But where to find it?" Deep under the branches of the Christmas tree it lies—where the twinkling light of mystical, magical candles falls on the faces of little children.

Climb a creaking, cingy stair—and see the pale, tear-stained face of a lonely child grow beautiful—as some simple toy is clasped to a little heart that beats triumphantly with a reawakened faith in a dear old Santa Claus who did not forget!

Let Christmas morning bring to each of your friends the knowledge that you have remembered—that the days are not busy enough, the years not hurried enough to drive away the timely thought that will glorify even the smallest gift.

No need to search the year through. In the jingle of Christmas bells, in the hand-clasp of a friend, in the smile of a little one—lies happiness. And in more than all else is it rare and beautiful that to possess it you must give it—and that in the giving you cannot part with it.

To those you know—to those who would know the joy of Christmas giving—this store is a helpful place. Shelves and counters, cases and corners fairly groan beneath their accumulation of Gift-Things.

Make it your own—a place in which to choose wisely and buy economically. You will find the Christmas spirit in the air—irresistible, contagious—with all who help us here eager to make your visits enjoyable.

### Umbrellas

Everybody's got one!—? Ah, but not like these. Here are handles that are bent and twisted and carved from woods that come from every spot on the known globe. Others in which the pale opalescent hues of pearl blend with the lustre of silver and gold.

### Handkerchiefs

Who said, "Handkerchiefs make good gifts!"—? You'll say they'll make the most delightful of gifts—before you see a hundredth part of this extraordinary collection. Some are almost as filmy as a spider's web—others are edged with fairy-like lace.

### Jewelry

In the toe-tip of the stocking something from these cases should go.

A ring—a bracelet—a brooch a pin—a set of studs or buttons—what you like—so long as it snugly down where it will be discovered last—as the best of all the gifts should be.

### Modish Garments

You didn't know that Santa Claus knows Dame Fashion well?

Then come and see the style lines of our superbly modeled garments—wraps and suits and jackets and skirts all fashioned with a defter needle than the kindly old saint can wield—yet all breathing Christmas cheer.

### Furs

Furs, deep-toned, luxuriously rich and soft, will add to the charm of the happy faces of hundreds of fortunate folk after Santa Claus has come and gone.

And—best of all—the comfort and becomingness of a scarf or coat or muff doesn't depend solely on the price that has been paid.

### Gloves

Don't worry at all because you don't know exactly the size of glove that fits the person to whom you wish to send a pair.

We expect to be just as busy the day after Christmas exchanging sizes as we are the day before, selling these most satisfactory of holiday remembrances.

### Toys

Our toys are going fast. Toys for boys and girls. Dolls, drums, horns and everything that a good live boy or girl would want.

### Box Goods

A complete line of toilet sets, shaving sets, collar and cuff boxes, handkerchief boxes, stung sets, military brushes. Come and see the rest.

### Where Dolls Reign

Do you wish to see some little girl's eyes snap with pure rapture? Bring her here.

Here, where the jaunty dolls elbow each other—where flaxen and brunette beauties stand, a light of anticipation in their brown and blue eyes as they await the inspection of their future little mothers.

### Linens

Handworked linens, center pieces, scarfs, table covers, towels, and every thing in the linen department.

### Indian Robes

Which even white men and women like to wear. Useful in a hundred ways.

**The Fair**  
THE PLACE TO SAVE MONEY



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Vergere No. 27

## EVERY HOUR COUNTS NOW

- Toilet Cases
- Books
- Perfumes
- Fancy Stationery
- Shaving Sets
- Fine Brushes
- Leather Goods
- Fine Cigars
- Confectionery, etc.

Our stock of desirable holiday gifts has proved attractive to those who realize that Christmas good will is no excuse for extravagance and that a satisfactory saving can be made on anything we supply. Our stock is heavy at all times, unusually heavy now but it is probable that at the very last assortment will be somewhat broken.

Hence every hour will count. In fine Toilet Articles, Mirrors, and like sensible articles of every day usefulness there is no danger of our stock being exhausted. You will be able to find what you want to the last hour and minute—or after Christmas for that matter.

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