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## PERMANENT ORGANIZATION OF SUBSCRIBERS

MEADOW BROOK IRRIGATION PROJECT AN ASSURED FACT.

In Two Weeks Time All Present Subscribers Will Be Called to La Grande to Perfect Organization—Meeting at Alford in the Interim—Project Will Go Along Some Line, Perhaps 15,000 Acres, Unless Sandridge Comes In.

More encouraging than anything yet announced since the Meadow Creek project was launched several months ago, is the decision of the board of managers of the Commercial club that all subscribers to water under the project will be called together in two weeks to perfect a permanent organization—the size and nature of which is yet undecided. But organization and irrigation along some dimensions is assured.

This meeting of subscribers, which represents in the aggregate, between 14,000 and 15,000 acres of land on the La Grande side of the valley, will be called, if possible, two weeks from tomorrow in this city. Permanency is the keynote of the meeting. Those who have taken water rights will proceed to form an incorporation, start the project and commence to realize accruing benefits as soon as possible.

Meetings in Interim.  
But before the meeting is held here, the recently announced plans

## TEACHER EXONERATED.

Jury Says Did Not Injure the Boy in the Least.

Salem, Feb. 26.—Word was received here that J. B. Clarke, principal of the school at Scotts Mills, Ore., who was driven from the town by an irate mother who accused Clarke of beating her child, was exonerated by a jury in Silverton. Physicians testified the boy was uninjured by the professor. The school directors and public sentiment are on the principal's side.

## FACTORY MAY YET STAY HERE

NEW TURN OF EVENTS BY IRRIGATION STATUS.

Armed With Assurance of Water for Big Area Where Beets Are Grown, Mr. Bramwell May Be Able to Have Eccles Change His Mind—Telegrams Sent to Bramwell, Which Will Be Potent Forces in the Efforts to Forestall Removal.

Epoch-marking events that have vastly important bearings on the future industrial history of Union county, have played tag in La Grande since last night. Last night F. S. Bramwell received an urgent invitation from David Eccles to meet him in Ogden Sunday morning. Matters of pressing importance are to be taken into conference at that time, but the one which perhaps interests La Grande and Union county most is the final action to be taken on the matter of retaining or removing the sugar factory from this

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## STATE-BUILT ROAD IS TOPIC

OREGON-IDAHO DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE CONVENES.

Boise Filled With Boosters Who Talk State Built Road From Boise to Coos Bay—Monster Meeting in Boise Tonight to Hear Prominent Speakers Discuss the New Road—Idaho Legislature to Be Asked to Provide for New Road Scheme.

Boise, Feb. 26.—"A railroad from Boise, Idaho, to Coos Bay, Oregon," was the slogan at the meeting of the Oregon-Idaho Development congress, which convened here today for a two-days session. The Idaho legislature, now in session, will be petitioned to make provision for the creation of railroad districts, for the purpose of voting bonds. An effort will also be made to have an amendment to the constitution, making such a provision, submitted to the people at the next general election in Idaho and Oregon.

A big public meeting takes place tonight. Prominent men from both states will speak.

Col. C. E. S. Wood of Portland, who represents the largest owner of land in the state of Oregon, and who has been one of the pioneers of the movement toward state aided railroads, will address the meeting tonight. Colonel Wood is one of the foremost lawyers of the northwest and is a remarkably able and eloquent talker. It is several years since he first suggested that the people build their own railroads and the Oregon-Idaho congress is largely a result of his work. He is thoroughly acquainted with the history of state-aided railroads and can give facts as to the results accomplished by this in other states. He took a prominent part in the work in Oregon which resulted in the passage by the Oregon legislature of an amendment to the constitution of that state enabling the people to vote bonds for railroads.

C. C. Chapman was associate editor of the Chicago Daily News for a great many years and has been engaged exclusively in publicity work in the northwest since 1906, and will also take part tonight. He inaugurated the publicity system used by the Spokane Chamber of Commerce which is acknowledged to be one of the most successful methods followed by any commercial organization in community advertising. He is an expert on publicity work and the value of advertising, is one of the most prominent men in the Portland Commercial club and has been associated with Tom Richardson, manager of that club, in a non-official way since his advent in Portland.

Delegates from Oregon, principally the eastern half, commenced to arrive in Boise last evening, and this morning's train brought scores from southern Idaho.

## MOTHER AND CHILDREN

Burned With the Home—Living Alone Since Husband Died.

Bakersfield, Cal., Feb. 26.—Mrs. M. W. Beekman, a widow, and four children, were burned to death early today in a fire which destroyed their home, seven miles from here. The mother and children were asleep when the fire started. They had been living alone on the farm since her husband died. The origin of the fire is unknown. The bodies have not been recovered.

## WIFE MURDERER HANGED AT SALEM

Salem, Feb. 26.—Without making a statement C. Y. Timmons, the wife murderer, was hanged here today at 12:30. Weighing only 140 pounds, his neck was not broken by the fall. It was a ghastly sight which followed the opening of a healed wound on his

## BREAD MAY SOAR.

Seattle Bakers Think of Increasing the Price of Staple Food.  
Seattle, Feb. 26.—The question of raising the price of bread in this city is being discussed today. At a meeting of the Master Bakers' association tomorrow night, the advisability of taking such a course will be determined. Several favor boosting the price of 25 loaves to \$1. One dollar now buys 28 loaves.

## FILIBUSTERS DRAG SESSION

WATERWAYS COMMISSION REMAINS IN EXISTENCE.

House at Washington Remains in Session Until 3 O'clock This Morning Struggling With Sundry Appropriations Bill—May Expunge Speech Attacking Roosevelt.

Washington, Feb. 26.—The democratic filibuster against the provisions of the sundry appropriations bill last night, ended at 1 o'clock this morning. Representative Tawney announced that as punishment for the attack the house would not adjourn until 3 o'clock. Adjournment was finally taken at 3:30 this morning. The bill

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## ATHLETIC CONFERENCE DRAFTING STRINGENT RULES

Chief in Interest in the constitution as reported are:

An executive committee of five—two students and three faculty members will constitute court of appeals and control entire conference. President and secretary to be students, and other three, faculty members. This rule permanently adopted.

Age limit at 21 years. Strenuously objected to by delegates from secondary schools. Will be amended, probably to read in first-class schools only. Ineligible when once entered in higher school. (Minority report) and will be amended.

Each school to stand pro rata apportionment of expenses incurred. Athletic contests come under athletic jurisdiction.

Entrance dates October 15 and February 1. Athletic career limited to four years. Will pass.

Drawn together by bonds of conference government, high school athletics of eastern Oregon are as near perfection tonight as they well could be. The initial eastern Oregon athletic conference has been held and the results intended for it were secured with less effort and greater success than the promoters had dared hope for. Hereafter all athletic contests will be between boys that are bona fide students, and conducted along business lines, and bound to be incentives to clean, healthy contests.

For the first time in history an organization of real worth is now perfected in this section of the state. College sports are no more perfectly and closely guarded or cemented together than are the schools of eastern Oregon.

In attendance, the conference was

## Late Mystery is Solved

DESERT RIDER FINDS HEAD OF MISSING MAN NEAR HERMISTON LAST NIGHT AND BODY NEARBY.

What is Believed to Be Solution of Recent Mystery, Discovered Near Pendleton Last Night—Hedberg Lett Train Last Fall to Secure Cup of Coffee and Was Never Seen Afterwards—All Evidence Points to Murder and Robbery.

Pendleton, Feb. 26.—J. M. Scarber, nephew of the supposed dead man referred to above, was in this city. It seems that his uncle had left Cumberland, Wis., en route to Ashland, Ore., and got off of the train at Umatilla, to get a cup of coffee and the train pulled out leaving him. Since that time nothing has been heard from him, notwithstanding the fact that his relative made diligent search. The lost man was 63 years of age and carried checks in his pocket to the value of about \$1000. Hermiston is about eight miles from Umatilla, and it is altogether probable that the body found will prove to be Hedberg and that he was decoyed into the sagebrush south of Umatilla and murdered.

Last summer G. H. Hedberg, a

HERE MONDAY NIGHT.  
Tom Richardson Will Address Citizens in Opera House.

Tom Richardson, who has done more for Portland while at its head as publicity man, than any other man in the metropolis, and while he has been upbuilding Portland he has great-

ly assisted in the upbuilding of the entire state, will be in La Grande Monday and has been invited to address our citizens in the evening at the opera house. Enough said. No one can afford to miss hearing Tom Richardson. He will probably tell us how things are accomplished in other communities. Remember the man and the time and place.

beyond criticism. Not only were more here than had been planned, but they were here early, permitting prompt convention. The morning session was held at the Commercial club rooms and to all appearances there will be little if anything to do tomorrow morning.

Bragg Temporary Chairman.  
When the delegates had assembled at the Commercial club rooms, temporary organization was effected by the election of E. E. Bragg, La Grande, as chairman, and G. M. Mickelson, La Grande, as secretary. To facilitate matters, credentials were handled in a committee of the whole, the following being seated:

Pendleton—Prof. J. H. Landers, Cress Sturgis and Harold Warner. La Grande—Prof. G. M. Mickelson, Joe Ingle, Joe Williamson. Ontario—E. B. Conklin, and proxies for two.

Vale—Three proxies in hands of E.

B. Conklin, honored. Elgin—Proxies in hands of G. M. Mickelson, honored. Baker City—Prof. Churchill, Geo. Jett and Elmer Hall. Cove—Prof. Roy Conklin and proxies for two. Enterprise—Ernest French and proxies for two. With these delegates seated and proxies honored, the temporary organization commenced to wane. However, before actual adjournment, one of the new features of the conference became evident when Mr. Conklin of Ontario introduced a resolution that forensic features be classed under the same head as athletics. No final action was taken, the matter being left to the disposition by the constitution and by-laws committee, moved appointed.

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## COMPLEXION BRUSHES

Nature and a complexion brush can undo most of the havoc that time and weather works. Nature renews a complexion when you take pains to stimulate the circulation and to brush out the worn out tissues. These brushes do make good complexions and sooner or later you will use one. We make it easier for you to use one now. Our prices are very low and we carry the sort of brushes that have received the highest approval.

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