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## CRAWFORD IS LEGAL ADVISOR

Attorney T. H. Crawford was selected attorney for the Grande Ronde Reservoir company at a meeting of the board of directors late yesterday afternoon. The meeting was called for two main purposes, the election of an attorney and to select an engineer to take charge of the project. No definite choice has been made for an engineer, but Mr. Humphrey, of Ogden, will in all probability get the

post. He is favored by a number of directors, and has the backing of David Eccles, who will likely become largely interested in the project in the near future. Other matters of much interest and importance were discussed at the meeting, but in the absence of a report from engineering authority, nothing definite can be decided upon at present.

## PORTLAND IN DARKNESS LAST NIGHT

Portland, May 11.—Portland was plunged into darkness at 1:30 this morning owing to a fire in Oswego in a bank building. When the wires of the Portland Railway Light and Pow-

er company went down at Oswego, the circuit between Portland and the station at Oregon City was broken. Latter Oregon City was also dark. Service was restored shortly before daylight.

## UMATILLA INDIAN AGENT AT FAULT?

PENDLETON, May 11.—Word was brought here by Dr. McChesney to the effect that he will relieve Major A. E. McPatridge as Indian agent of Umatilla reservation created a big surprise to this community. It is unknown whether McPatridge was dismissed or is promoted. Local busi-

ness men will protest against the removal if it is learned he was ousted. It is known that affairs at the reservation were under investigation the past three months by Secret service men, but it was thought it only routine matter.

## COMPLETE JOSEPH BRANCH IN JUNE

That long waited event—entire completion of the Joseph extension is near at hand. Early in June every foot of roadbed between here and Joseph, will be properly and permanently ballasted, every rod of fencing will be in place, the bridges declared in first class condition and all the construction crews withdrawn, according to Assistant Chief Engineer H. A. Brandon, who has charge of the work since the steel rails first punctured Wallowa county, and who returned this morning after a visit to La Grande.

Trains have been running to Joseph several months, but even yet there are 250 laborers employed under Mr. Brandon, who are giving finishing touches to the extension road bed.

These men will all be withdrawn when Mr. Brandon declares the work finished.

### A Long Job Ended.

It is nearly four years ago since the first grading was done on the

### THEODORE BELL.



The Politician-Puglist.

## Democratic Leader In a Fist Fight

VALLEJO, Calif., May 11.—W. D. Pennycook, postmaster of this city and editor of the Vallejo Chronicle, is suffering bruises today as the result of a fist fight with Theodore Bell, a prominent politician, and temporary chairman of the last Democratic national convention. Bell objected to an editorial printed by the Chronicle, and walked into the postoffice and struck Pennycook in the face. The latter struck back. And fists filled the air until the couple was separated. The Chronicle is opposed to Bell's efforts to secure a franchise for a ferry between Vallejo and Mare Island.

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### DISCUSS FAIR RATES.

Passenger Traffic Managers Confer Relative to Low Rates.

SEATTLE, May 11.—Assistant general passenger agents of the Great Northern, Northern Pacific, Canadian Pacific and O. R. & N., are meeting here today to arrange special rates during the exposition, and rates of special excursions. They also decide upon methods of publicity.

## TINY BABIES TO AID BANK BOOK

## KLAMATH FALLS BANKER PAYS CASH FOR ALL NEW BABIES

KLAMATH FALLS, Oregon, May 11.—Captain J. H. Siemens, cashier of the First Trust & Savings bank of this city will, during the present year, start a bank account with a deposit of one dollar to every child born here. A deposit of \$5 will be made in case of twins and \$10 for triplets. He figures to pay out at least \$300 for the 1909 baby crop.

## OFFICIAL INVITES AN INVESTIGATION

extension, and the pulling off of the crews next month, will naturally be an important event in development history of Eastern Oregon. In that brief space of time, between 70 and 80 miles of railroad has been built into the finest counties of the state and a long section of that road, is built through almost impassable canyons. In fact, so mountainous is the canyon district, that it has often been termed the Columbia of Eastern Oregon.

Harriman and his subordinates have spared neither time nor money in making this prong of the O. R. & N. substantial in every detail and when once this is written on the road's history there will be no fault to find with the construction of it.

## ASK INVESTIGATION OF EXCHEQUERS OFFICE IN OLYMPIA

SEATTLE, May 11.—Mr. Allen of the legislative investigation committee today stated that the committee will comply with the request of State Treasurer J. G. Lewis that his office be investigated. Governor Hay has forwarded Allen a letter written by Lewis asking the inquiry to set the public at rest.

"This request coming voluntarily from Lewis, opens the way to look into all state offices," said Allen today. "I favor going down the line with other offices so far as the time at our disposal permits."

Attorney S. D. Peterson came down from Milton last evening and after transacting business here today will leave on the evening train for La Grande.—Pendleton E. O.

## CONDUCTORS IN BOSTON MEETING

NINE THOUSAND DELEGATES AT CONVENTION.

## LAST NINE DAYS

Great Banquet to Visiting Delegates Tonight.

BOSTON, May 11.—The city is full of railroad conductors who have come from all parts of the land, 9000 in all at the call of the order of the Railway Conductors of America for today, to extend to the 20th. The three Boston divisions arranged this 32d biennial convention. When the convention opened today in Ford hall, Local Divisions Nos. 122, 157 and 413 gave the visiting delegates a reception at the Peoples' Temple, dignitaries of the state and city were present as well as officers of the leading labor organizations in this vicinity.

Organized in 1868, the Order of Railway Conductors started at Amboy, Ill. on the Illinois Central Railway, has grown till it has 43,000 members, 38,600 of whom are connected with its benefit department and 547 divisions in the United States, Mexico and Canada. The conductors connected with the Boston divisions purpose to celebrate this remarkable growth in an appropriate manner.

On the following evening, the delegates and members of local divisions will be given a banquet by the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers in Mechanics Hall. They expect 1600 guests.

The three local divisions, assisted by the ladies' auxiliary, will hold a ball in Mechanics Hall, May 13.

As an indication of the tremendous amount of good which has been accomplished, it is pointed out that in death and disability benefits alone, it has paid out \$11,204,931 to those belonging to that branch of the order.

Its local divisions are in active operation in every part of North America where a steam railroad is being operated, and at the last convention, held at Memphis in 1907, the directors report showed it has resources of \$5,182,068.67, since which time it has added to the funds of the grand treasury. This is aside from the local funds held by the various divisions.

Affiliated with the grand division of the Order of Railway Conductors of America is the Women's Auxiliary, numbering 8000 and composed of wives and daughters of the members of the first named order.

ASSAILS HAIN'S PLEA. FLUSHING, May 11.—Prosecutor Gregg made his final argument for the state today in the trial of Captain Hains. Gregg assailed the insanity plea.

WORKMAN KILLED. PITTSBURG, May 11.—Four workmen were killed and 20 injured from an explosion of powder in a mill here. The property loss is \$30,000.

TAKE EXAMS THURSDAY. Eighth grade pupils all over the county will write for their grade diplomas next Thursday and Friday. About half a dozen from Allice and Lone Star districts, will come to La Grande to be examined, but all other aspirants for diplomas will either take the examinations at their home school, or in some cases in a neighboring district. The total number to take examination is about 118. The examinations are conducted under the supervision of the chairman of the board of directors, or some other member of the board, if he is unable to serve. In rare cases a person not connected with the schools is appointed to take charge. In no case does a teacher conduct the examination. All papers will be graded by Miss Syra Kuhn, Miss Ruth Bush and Miss Gertrude Biever. Their work will not begin until Saturday.

## MEXICAN TOWN BURNS.

Hundreds Reported to be Starving Following Catastrophe.

ACAPULCO, Mex., May 11.—News has been received here today from the town of Mazatlan, near Chilpancingo, that the place was almost totally destroyed by fire Friday. Hundreds are reported to be starving.

### Discuss Rates Secretly.

PORTLAND, May 11.—The delegates who represent shipping interests of big cities in Oregon, Washington and California, adjourned here today after deciding upon a plan of action regarding the Spokane case and increased transcontinental freight rates. These will be announced within a few days. They met behind closed doors.

## KIDNAPER CURSES AT THE PUBLIC

## MRS. BOYLE WILL WORK IN PRISON KITCHEN IS LIKELY

PITTSBURG, May 11.—"Tell the public to go to Hell" said James Boyle, the kidnaper, sentenced to life imprisonment when asked today if he had anything to say before going to the penitentiary. Mrs. Boyle says she thinks somebody will work in her behalf to prevent her serving the full 25 years. She will probably work in the prison kitchen.

### CHIEF'S BODY FOUND.

Aged Indian Chief Who Drowned Near Pendleton Was Recovered.

PENDLETON, May 11.—The body of the Palouse chief, Hoosis-Mox-Mox was taken from the Umatilla river, near Cayuse today. Thursday of last week the chief, who was 88 years old, tried to ford the river on an Indian pony, which was found alone later.

### JOHNSON COMING.

SALEM, May 11.—Governor Johnson, of Minnesota will make a trip to the west this summer, to deliver a lecture at the Seattle exposition on August 12 and 13th.

## MRS. IVANHOE IS COUNTY HOSTESS

HAS PRE-EMINENT QUALIFICATIONS FOR POSITION.

## MRS OLIVER TOO

City And County Left in Competent Hands.

One of the highest honors that can befall club workers in Oregon relative to the Seattle exposition, has fallen to Mrs. F. S. Ivanhoe of this city, who is at present president of the Neighborhood club. She will be hostess for Union county at the A-Y-P. exposition and, while no explicit instructions have arrived, it is presumed that her duties as hostess will keep her in Seattle a goodly portion of the time. The appointment of Mrs. Ivanhoe as Union county's hostess followed a request from the state federation of Woman's Clubs that the county officials name such a person. In choosing Mrs. Ivanhoe, the officials displayed tact, for Mrs. Ivanhoe's ability as an entertainer and a woman of executive and business ability stands unquestioned.

Union county will be ably represented, for Mrs. Turner Oliver, another club woman of repute will represent Musical clubs of this city, and with Mrs. Ivanhoe for the county, representation will be excellent.

To those who are acquainted with Mrs. Ivanhoe's conscientious efforts to execute affairs of the Neighborhood club in the most expeditious and fruit-getting manner, and who know her qualifications in such responsibility, will be highly delighted at both the honor falling to her, and in the knowledge that the county's interest will be in such capable hands.

### Survey For Electric Line.

Engineers C. C. Cottrell and Jesse Parrott of Baker have been here this week in interest of the Carlsbad Hot Springs company.

They have surveyed the 76 acres bought with the spring, and have run preliminary lines to the spring for the electric line from the town to the sanitarium.—North Powder News.

## SEATTLE MEALS WILL BE CHEAP

## CATERERS OF EXPOSITION CITY AGREE ON LOW PRICES

SEATTLE, May 11, (Special)—Visitors at the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition, which opens at Seattle June 1 and closes October 16, will be able to dine to their satisfaction at the city's leading cafes and restaurants at normal prices. To leave no doubt as to the working out of this commendable spirit on the part of Seattle's caterers, they recently met and voted as a body an agreement binding all restaurant, cafe, grill and hotel men to maintain the present prices throughout the exposition time, and no member of the organization to which the caterers belong will be allowed to take advantage of the opportunity to reap additional profits as has been done, despite protests, in previous exposition cities.

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