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**ANOTHER BIG CONGRESS.**

The National Rivers and Harbors Congress, whose program is: "A Policy; Not a Project"—and whose work was brought so vividly to the attention of Congress and the shipping and receiving public the necessity for the adoption of a fixed policy of waterway improvement, will hold its Sixth Annual Convention at the New Willard, Washington, D. C., on December 8, 9 and 10 coincident with the assembling of the Sixty-First Congress and not one of the vast interest of this section of the United States should be unrepresented. The question involved is one of the first importance; the delegates to the Congress will be most thoroughly representative men and of its influence upon the Congress of the United States there can be no doubt—and there should be none.

The railroads are of the opinion that of the closing of the Seattle fair will reduce the passenger traffic to this coast but little. The people have got into the habit of coming west and special rates and special attractions will make little difference. We are absorbing thousands of people on the coast but the territory is so large that the influx is scarcely noticeable in any one particular locality.

Every parent should make a special study of the county high school proposition. This is especially true of the rural districts. They can send their children to some point in the valley much cheaper than they can send them abroad. It simply means that a county high school would result in about double the number of children becoming educated that are now. This is worth thinking about.

Hallowe'en pranks are being greatly reduced in this city by the removal of yard fences. Not so many gates to tempt the bandits.

**FEW DEMAND CHANGES**

**EQUALIZATION BOARD VISITED BY ONLY A FEW.**

**Matter of Taxes Closely Watched but Little Complaint.**

The first two days session of the Board of Equalization have been very quiet. A number of the taxpayers have called and looked over their assessments but no protest has been filed. Assessor Rinehart says he is anxious to have every taxpayer come and see how he is assessed.

While the bills will not be footed up until after the time for hearing complaints and the work of the board of equalization has been completed, Assessor Rinehart says he is sure the county will have a good roll this year. This week the board is inviting examinations and just complaints. The work of equalization

**BALLINGER TO HAVE HEARING**

**CASE BEING SET FOR HEARING THIS AFTERNOON.**

**National Question Pertaining to Alleged Frauds to be Heard.**

Seattle, Oct. 19.—The date for the hearing of the Cunningham Alaskan Coal Land cases has been made a National question by the recent Ballinger-Pinchot-Glavis episode, probably will be determined late this afternoon. The government is ready. The defense has not made known any desire in the matter. John P. Gray of Wallace, Idaho, who is Cunningham's attorney will be heard from today. The defendants may claim 30 days extension of time, but it is unlikely. The hearing will be before M. J. McGee, of Washington, D. C.

**COOK WILL GO AFTER RECORDS**

**RE-CLIMB MT. MCKINLEY AND GO BACK TO NORTHLAND.**

**Two Important Trips to be Taken by Cook Next Year.**

Cleveland, Oct. 19.—In an interview today with the United Press, Dr. Cook announced that he will again brave the hardships and death in leading another expedition to the summit of Mount McKinley, for the purpose of recovering the records that he left there on his former trip. Cook said that it would take him two months to complete his arrangements for making the trip and three months to reach Alaska. He says that he will probably start early in the spring. After this week he will cancel all of his lecture dates and commence to make preparations for his journey. When he was asked if he would stake the polar controversy on the fact as to whether the records are found on Mount McKinley, Cook said: "Couldn't do that. The polar records must stand for themselves."

**Two Trips Face Cook.**  
 Cleveland, Oct. 19.—In speaking of his proposed trip up Mount McKinley Cook said: "Regarding this expedition there is one of two things that I have got to do. The other is to make a trip to Etah and recover my instruments."

**Line Up at Walla Walla.**

Walla Walla, Oct. 9.—Determined to hold first place in line for entry of land in Benton county on November 4, three men with camp stools appeared before the door of the local land office this morning. The names of the three men are Phil Bier, J. M. McCormick, A. Newlow. These three men are taking turns in holding down first place. This is the land recently restored to entry by Ballinger.

**Owner Dies in Flames.**

Camden, Ark. Oct. 19.—Seven employees of the Griffin Lumber Yards were killed and three others badly injured by the explosion of the boiler in the saw mill, located near here. The force of the explosion shattered windows for a mile around.

**Referee's Sale.**

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of an execution an order of sale issued out and under seal of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Union county, in a suit wherein Edmond Daron is plaintiff and Mary B. Daron, Herbert F. Daron and Andrew J. Tucker are defendants to me issued and directed commanding that sale be made of the hereinafter described real estate for the purposes set forth in said order of sale:  
 NOW THEREFORE, the undersigned as such referee will on Saturday the 18th day of September, 1909, at 2 o'clock p. m., at the front door of the Court house in the city

of La Grande, Union county, Oregon, attend and offer for sale and sell to the highest bidder at public auction for cash in hand, the following described real estate, to-wit:

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The south west quarter of the north west quarter and the north half of the south west quarter of section 35, all in township 3, north range 10 east of the Willamette Meridian, and in Union county, Oregon.

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