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WANT CHANGE IN THE LAW

ONLY PANACEA FOR QUICK AND GOOD ROAD BUILDING ADVANCED.

ATTENDANCE FROM BIG DISTRICT

Enthusiastic Meeting Marks Beginning of Campaign for a Constitutional Amendment Which Will Permit Each County to Bond Itself to Build Roads Now and Not Hereafter—Local Roads Declared to Be First Class.

Distance is not miles but time. Good roads are publicity agents. State of Oregon to be net-worked with macadam. Constitutional amendment only panacea for speedy road building. Let posterity help pay for roads. Log drag beat dirt road maker. The time to build roads is now.

Good roads building was given an impetus last evening at the Isis theatre that should, and doubtless will not, end until the dream of ex-Judge Leonel Webster and his followers is realized and the state of Oregon is web-netted with a series of roads that will permit automobiles and wagons to drive from one city to another, from any city to any other city, and at all times be along high class highways. This is a possibility through constitutional amendments permitting each county to bond itself for road building purposes, and issuing long-lived bonds, that posterity of the present generation may be called upon to pay their part in the maintenance and construction of good roads, as those who in the future are to use the roads, will benefit even more greatly than will the present generation. Such was the keynote of two interesting addresses at the Isis last evening. Government Road Expert Eldridge supplemented a series of stereopticon pictures with an address on good road building, but it was Judge Webster of Portland, who rounded up the address with a panacea for the present shortage of money. "It is falacy," said Mr. Webster, "for the county to build a small piece of road each year for it will take too long a period to accomplish much. The way

to build roads is to build them now and to do so by the bonding method. This will necessitate a constitutional amendment however.

"Distance is not miles but time," said the speaker. "If the farmer can haul a load of farm products to city market over a distance of 20 miles of macadam with the same lapse of time that he can haul the same load over five miles of mud holes, then he is five miles from town. No better publicity agent was ever set to work than good roads. Settlers settle along good roads, not bad ones; good roads enhance the value of real estate from 25 to 50 per cent according to government statistics; then why not build a few of these roads now and enhance our real estate instead of letting it go for posterity to realize the benefit."

Threshermen in Attendance.

Many threshermen from Union came over to attend the meeting. County

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ALL TESTIMONY IS TAKEN

EVIDENCE IN BALLINGER CASE ALL INTRODUCED.

Predicted He Will Be Acquitted by a Vote of Seven to Five.

Washington, May 20.—Attorney Vetter, representing Secretary of the Interior Richard A. Ballinger, today announced "The defense" would rest with the testimony already in.

The introduction of testimony ended this afternoon and arguments were called for by the committee.

It is predicted that the vote will be seven to five for acquittal of Ballinger. Senator Root will cast his vote despite protests of the minority, although he left Washington today.

Representative Madison is expected to write a minority report as is also Fletcher, Purcell and James Graham, all democrats, who will submit a drastic opinion against Ballinger.

Several Earthquakes.

Port Limond, May 20.—Another earthquake shock visited Costa Rica today. San Jose and other interior towns were damaged. A tidal wave swept the streets near the fruit docks. It is believed that the greatest damage is eastward in the Antilles.

CITY IS MECCA FOR MANY FUNERAL MOST IMPRESSIVE

NEARLY 100 TEACHERS WILL HOLD BRIEF SESSION HERE DURING SATURDAY.

ATHLETES ALREADY ASSEMBLING

Biggest and Fastest Event of its Kind Will Commence Promptly at 1 O'clock Tomorrow Afternoon—Conference of Eastern Oregon Association Stated for this Evening—La Grande Will Be Center of Big Territory.

With Coach Beaty and a squad of six athletes—including the mighty Fisher—here from Ontario, Pendleton coming with a squad of seven tonight, Enterprise, Wallowa and Joseph arriving this afternoon, and tomorrow morning's trains bringing Baker district with 24, La Grande is rapidly assuming a color of things athletic. Beaty's men loosened up on the newly prepared track this afternoon and gave indications of being one of the strong contenders for the main events tomorrow.

At 1 o'clock tomorrow the principal events commence. There will be several preliminaries in the morning, including the dashes and probably the high hurdles, but otherwise, there will be little of importance in the morning. Anyone desiring to witness the preliminaries can do so free of charge. A roped arena is being prepared and good seating facilities will be accorded to a limited number and good standing room is also provided for.

All indications point to the fastest meeting in the history of the association. Not alone are there more fast men in Eastern Oregon this year than ever before, but the track is in better shape for fast time, and weather prophets have promised excellent climatic conditions for Saturday. Competition is rife and the Rah Rah boys who will come tonight, will enliven the city to a high pitch of enthusiasm.

Arrangements involving a score of committee tasks, are all completed. For the benefit of visiting athletes and managers, it might be said that an information bureau will be established tomorrow morning at some convenient place down town and that all information regarding the meet will be given out from that place.

Teachers Coming Too.

Seventy-five or more teachers will be in La Grande tomorrow morning to attend a half-day session of Union county teachers. The teachers will adjourn their session in time to eat lunch and reach the field in the rear of the school house by 1 o'clock when the meet commences.

County Superintendent Bragg has prepared a very interesting program for the teachers' convention. Mr. Conklin of Ontario, Mr. Churchill, of Baker City, Prof. Landers of Pendleton and possibly State Superintendent Ackerman will address the teachers during the half day session.

Conference Tonight.

The annual conference of the Eastern Oregon Athletic association will be held this evening at which time officers will be elected and many other important matters transacted. Among them will be the matter of the one hundred yard dash which was disputed at Cove last Saturday.

A Whitman athlete will referee the meet and Mr. Stout of the local schools has been informed from reliable sources that the man will be competent and fully able to run the meet with all dispatch.

Flag Day June 14.

Salem, Ore., May 20.—Governor Benson has proclaimed June 14th to be flag day and recommends that suitable exercises be held by the schools and generally observed in commemoration of the day when congress se-

LATE KING EDWARD LAID AWAY WITH SERVICES VERY GRAND.

TWO MILLION SEE PROCESSION

Following Pomp and Splendor of Procession in Chapel at Windsor, Funeral Services in St. George's Chapel Were Very Simple—Hundreds Faint in Crush that Ensues Along Line of March—Roosevelt with State-men.

London, May 20.—The body of King Edward VIII was laid to rest today in St. George's chapel at Windsor where seven other British kings are buried. The funeral was one of the most impressive in the world's history. The procession left Westminster at 9:50 and more than 2,000,000 saw the pageant pass. Hundreds fainted in the dense throng lining the route and forty ambulances were kept busy.

Spectators Arrive at Midnight.

Spectators began arriving at midnight and by dawn the streets were jammed. Simultaneously with the starting of the procession every street car and train in Great Britain stopped for 15 minutes.

Procession Long and Slow.

It required two hours and seven minutes for the procession to cover the distance from West Minister to Paddington station. The funeral train arrived at Windsor at 12:34 and with slow paces the funeral car marked the time for the cortege. Heading the pall bearers came detachments commemorative of England long ago. They included Halberdiers, Musketeers and Yeomen in the scarlet uniforms of Tudor days.

Edward's Steed in Cortege.

Following the royal catafalque came Admiral Prince Louis of Battenberg. Then came the late King Edward's favorite charger, preceded by the royal standard. Then came King George and his aides accompanied by the Duke of Connaught, Edward's brother, Kaiser Wilhelm, and seven European monarchs, Alfonso of Spain, George of Greece, Manuel of Portugal, Haakon of Norway, Frederick of Denmark, and Albert of Belgium, Ferdinand of Bulgaria. Following them came lesser royalty, three abreast, numbering practically 100 scions of the ruling houses of Europe. A long line of carriages was next, the first containing the queen mother, Alexandria and her sister, the Dowager Czarina of Russia. Next was Queen May and ten princesses of the British royal family. Then came the diplomats, and foreign representatives, including Colonel Roosevelt who wore a black frock with a band of mourning on his arm. Following the diplomats came judges, civil officials, soldiers and others of considerable importance.

Chant Announces Arrival.

Windsor station was gorgeously decorated with flowers, flags and palms. Detachments of Grenadiers and Life Guards were drawn up at the station. A body of Blue Jacks stood guard at the corpse, and gentlemen at arms are Yeomen of the guard, were waiting as the guard of honor.

Asquith Precedes Funeral.

A special train including Premier Asquith and other personages in British life, including Lords Balfour and Roseberry, and military attaches, arrived before the funeral train. As the royal party moved forward, guards stood with raised arms, and the choir chanted. Arch Bishops lead the procession up the aisles.

Body in Coffin.

The body was in an oak coffin and this was placed on the purple bier in front of the altar. At the conclusion of the services, a deputy proclaimed the death of King Edward and prayed for King George, ending

with "God Save the King."

The choir sang "Blessed are the departed" and the benediction was pronounced by the Arch Bishop of Canterbury and then the arch bishops prayed silently as the congregation filed from the chappel and the organ's boomed Beethoven's funeral march.

Cleveland Feels Shocks.

Cleveland, May 20.—Four earthquake shocks were registered this morning by the local seismograph. It is believed to be somewhere on the Pacific coast.

Allege Judge Was Prejudiced.

Kansas City, May 20.—Hyde's attorneys who filed a motion for a new trial today allege that the Judge showed prejudice and also that competent testimony for the defense was not allowed to be introduced.

MAY BE IN THE TAIL YET

SCIENTISTS STILL MAINTAIN PASSAGE WILL OCCUR.

General Belief is that Comet Did Not Pass Us Until Today.

Flagstaff, Arizona, May 20.—That the curvature of the comet's tail precludes the possibility of predicting the hour when the earth will penetrate vapors, is the belief by scientists at the Lowell observatory here.

May Yet Be in Comet.

Lick Observatory, May 20.—Director Campbell stated that the earth passed through two thirds of the comet at dawn today and will pass through the rest before night, he believed. The tail extended from the eastern horizon to the Milky Way.

Passage is Sure.

Carnegie Observatory, Mt. Wilson, Calif., May 20.—Professor Chretien, the noted French astronomer, said today that the earth will pass through the tail of the comet, notwithstanding the doubts of the other scientists. He said it had not entered the tail yet and it was impossible to state the hour when it would do so. At dawn, he said, the tail appeared more dense than at any time since the observations were taken.

ALIENISTS ON THE STAND

DOCTOR MOLITOR FIRST WITNESS CALLED BY DEFENSE AT TODAY'S TRIAL.

LONG HYPOTHETICAL QUESTIONS

Hypothetical Question Comes to a Sudden Halt When McCort Objects to Parts of It—Time Permitted in Which to Argue the Issue—Admitted that questions will have important bearing on outcome of case.

Portland, May 20.—Alienists were on the stand today for the defense of J. W. Scriber. The defense is trying to prove mental derangement caused by his actions which are alleged to have wrecked the Farmers' & Traders' National bank. Attorney Fulton propounded a hypothetical question of several thousand words to Doctor Cusic, an expert on insanity from Salem. The effect of the examination was that Scriber is of a nervous, unbalanced family some of whom are insane and that Scriber suffered from the delusion that the Church bank faction plotted to wreck his bank and further grief was caused on account of the death of his wife. This unbalanced mind and in this condition he forged \$9000 in notes.

McCort objected to this condition on the grounds that it did not contain all the facts or include the way he concealed the shortages.

It is admitted that on this point he may hang the case and the court allowed time to argue the issue. Arguments were still under way at a late hour this afternoon.

Doctor Molitor of La Grande, was the first witness called and he intimated Scriber was mentally unbalanced.

\$30,000 Seattle Fire.

Seattle, May 20.—Fire this morning destroyed the plant of the Independent Asphalt company, the Occidental Fish company plant and the bunkers of the Vashon and Gravel company. The loss is estimated at \$30,000. During the fire a donkey engine exploded which scattered the firemen but none were hurt.



THE LATE KING EDWARD VII.



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