

GOOD ROADS BILLS PASS THE HOUSES AT LAST MINUTE AND \$4,892,000 SPENT

Salem, Feb. 20.—Among the bills which were railroaded through the house Sunday morning before the senate adjourned at 1:20 o'clock, were four good roads measures and an appropriation bill for \$340,000 which brings the total appropriation for this session up to \$4,892,000. The good roads association will hold a jubilee in Portland tonight as a celebration of their success. There are four of them, pretty much as originally designed and fought against. There was no ceremony at the adjournment of either of the two houses other than that attending the uproar and disorder.

Clarke, J. B. Streater of Joseph, a member of the opposing faction which in turn lost in the house but won in the senate, was the only member of the Joseph-Loastine-Wallowa delegation to reach here today.

To relieve the embarrassing condition on the floor of the house when lobbying was carried to the individual members' seat, men from each faction were called on the floor of the house, and Frank Clarke espoused the Enterprise cause while Prof. Aubrey Smith of Lostine appeared for the opposition. One of the hardest fights in the house was over this same bill.

Legislation dealing pre-eminently with Union and Wallowa counties marked the closing hours of the legislature and lobbyists returning from Salem today enroute to their homes in Wallowa county tell of stirring scenes enacted in the houses last Saturday night. Others returning from Salem say that the news dispatches from Salem were insufficient and incomplete—the story of rot and uproar cannot well be told on paper.

COUNTY ATTORNEY HEREAFTER

For Four Years Union and Wallowa Counties Will be Exempt

The bill providing for a county attorney for each county in the state passed and is up to the governor. Union and Wallowa however will remain a district under the law until the close of F. S. Ivanhoe's term when the district will be divided. Up until then Mr. Ivanhoe will retain both counties at an increased salary, unless the veto axe is used. The salary now is \$2100 but the increase brings it up to \$3,000. Under the provisions of the new law the county attorney draws \$1800 in Union county and \$900 in Wallowa county. It is the general opinion that the bill will be repealed by the governor's veto.

COUNTY BILL FOUGHT

Men Interested Return to Their Wallowa County Homes Today

A greater portion of the two lobbies from Wallowa county at Salem to secure and prevent the passage of the bill placing the county high school question on the ballot at the solicitation of 8 per cent of the voters, passed through the city this morning en route home. The entire Enterprise delegation which won in the house but lost in the senate is composed of S. F. Pace, Jay H. Dobbin and Frank

FARMERS GO TO NORTH POWDER

BIG DELEGATION FROM THIS END OF COUNTY ATTEND

Matters of Much Importance to Come up at County Local Session.

Farmers from every section of Union county are meeting in North Powder today where a county meeting of the Union county locals of the Farmers Co-operative Union is in session. President McAllister, A. S. Norris and other prominent men of this end of the county went to North Powder this morning and were joined at Union by still others.

Matters of much importance will be considered before the meeting is adjourned there tonight. This meeting has been announced for some time and a large attendance was promised.

Richmond Hobson, the Hero of The Merrimac, as He Is Today



Washington, Feb. 20.—War with Japan within the next ten months is predicted by Representative Hobson in the House today. During a speech favoring definite construction of a police of defense he said Japan is financially preparing for war and this country will be compelled to make an exhaustive struggle to be prepared too.

BAILEY STOPS FILIBUSTER ON TAFT'S RECIPROCITY MEASURE BUT VOTE NOT LIKELY THIS SESSION

Washington, Feb. 20.—Following a conference with President Taft, Senator Bailey, the chief leader of the opposition to the reciprocity agreement announced this afternoon that he would not filibuster against the measure. Many senators today believe there will be no vote on the reciprocity agreement at this session of congress.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 20.—While President Taft does not believe that the opposition of the farmers of this country to the proposed reciprocity agreement with Canada is nearly so deep rooted or so widespread as some persons are endeavoring to have it appear to be, he nevertheless recognizes the fact that such opposition exists and is likely to prove very troublesome in bringing about the consummation of the proposed agreement unless it is overcome. Conse-

quently his most urgent appeals and his most persuasive arguments in behalf of the measure are now being directed to the American farmer.

In line with the President's reciprocity campaign will be the trip of Secretary of Agriculture Wilson to Buffalo tomorrow, where he is to deliver a Washingtons Birthday address before the Ellicott Club of that city. Secretary Wilson in his address will pursue the same line of argument in regard to reciprocity used by the President in his recent speeches in Columbus and Springfield, but will go more into the details of the plan and the manner in which it may be expected to affect the interests of the American farmer. His speech will be a direct reply to the arguments going the rounds that the farmers and farmer or-

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PICK ASSESSOR IRRIGATE CITY TOMORROW; 6 IN RACE

ONE REPUBLICAN AND FIVE DEMOCRATS SEEK OFFICE OF COUNTY ASSESSOR

RANDALL ONLY REPUBLICAN

County Judge Pursuing String of Petitions This Morning Preparatory to Naming Tomorrow Some Candidates Who Show All Signs—Intervally Even Basis

With appointment of a successor to T. A. Rinehart as county assessor to be made tomorrow by county Judge Henry, the race for positions for the last day has been spirited this afternoon and the man with the appointment under his hand spent all the afternoon today sizing up the situation. As the race narrows down there is one Republican and five Democrats in the race, and though the office to be appointed was left by a Democrat, it is optional with the court as to whom is to be named.

County Judge Henry will announce his selection tomorrow but until then six men will occupy the anxious seat.

The Petitions Filed. A string of six petitions was perused by the Judge this afternoon. The petitions include those of: D. M. Clark of Coy., L. L. McKennon of Alsea, C. H. Conkey of this city; McFarlin of North Powder, W. W. Randall and C. S. Van Dyne of this city. Randall is the only Republican in the squad.

The appointment is being made prior to the expiration of Rinehart's term for the reason that the new occupant is to have a few days' experience with the retiring assessor, versed in the business.

BAKER HERALD IS SOLD OUT

BOSTON MEN BUY AND WILL OPERATE PUBLICATION

Editor Kennedy Retires to Recuperate Health in the Southland.

Baker City, Feb. 20.—After nearly six years of successful manipulation of the business and editorial departments of the Baker Herald, the evening paper here, Col. B. E. Kennedy has sold his publication to Messrs. Powell and Tinney, two Boston newspaper men. Mr. Kennedy was forced to sell out due to his falling health and has gone to Southern California to recuperate. His editorship has been a brilliant one.

The new owners are young men well versed in newspaper matters and came west with the same old spirit that has animated thousands in the past few years. Their experience and business ability should create for them an increased business over the successful career of the Herald during the past five years.

HEAVY SNOWFALL AT JOSEPH

Ranchmen Elated at Prospects of the Good Crops at Joseph Next Year.

Joseph, Feb. 20 (Special) A heavy snow fall has added to the mantle already covering the Joseph country, insuring good crops next year, for when the snow fall is heavy moisture is sufficient during the summer. Ranchmen in general are highly delighted at the prospects, though stockmen take it more seriously.

IRRIGATE CITY STREETS PLANS NEW YORK

WOULD REVOLUTIONIZE THE UN-SANITARY METHODS NOW USED EVERYWHERE

EDISON DEvised SYSTEM

East River to be Filled In and Streets to Become Rivers at Night if Plan for Municipal Improvement in New York is Carried Out—Would Eliminate the Present Dust Peril, a Serious Menace.

New York, Feb. 20 (Special)—That New York may yet turn its streets into streets, or its streets into rivers, or both, is now indicated by the attempts which are being made toward a satisfactory solution of the greatest municipal problems which the world has ever known. A few years ago Mr. Thomas A. Edison advanced the suggestion that the East River be entirely filled in, thus affording a largely increased manufacturing and living area for the city's congested population and making the solution of the transportation problem now grown most acute, much simpler. While such an epoch-marking undertaking still remains in the future, its eventual accomplishment is sure to come according to expert opinion. A new angle has just been added to the geography-making suggestion, however, by the proposal of the head of the street cleaning department that instead of making streets where the river now is that this stream should be turned into the streets. In other words, it is proposed to do away with the old fashioned and germ scattering method of cleaning the city's thoroughfares by sweeping and instead to flush them every day, thus eliminating the dust peril. At first of course such cleansing would have to be carried on by the use of high pressure hydrants. But so enormous is the area to be cleaned daily that should the experiments in view prove successful, a system similar to irrigation methods of the West be adopted by which water from the rivers might be turned into various streets during the early morning hours, thus temporarily turning them into rivers. Certainly the slope of many streets would make such a plan easy of accomplishment. How necessary some such innovation is may be understood from the fact that it is now necessary to clean about 24,000,000 square yards of street surface which if laid out in a single avenue would make a thoroughfare more than 2500 miles in length.

APPLES SELL 6 FOR TWO-BITS

GRANDE RONDE APPLES RETAILING AT FANCY PRICES

Local Grower Hears From Apple Shippers in South.

Grande Ronde apples are bringing twenty-five cents for six on the retail market in Los Angeles according to a letter received today from J. L. Hoskinson now of Los Angeles but formerly of this city. The letter is to George J. Wagener and states that he saw a box of Grande apples at a fruit stand in that city with the Grande Ronde stamp upon it. On looking for the grower's name he found it to be Geo. J. Wagener. He states in the letter that the apples were retailing six for 25 cents.