

LA GRANDE TO HOT LAKE ROAD GIVEN SUPPORT

FARMERS EN ROUTE WILLING TO CONTRIBUTE THE RIGHTS OF WAY.

BIG DONATIONS PROMISED

Construction of Crow-Line Road Between Adams Avenue Extremity and the Lake Now Seems Certain. Foothill Road People Want Convicts Brought to Their Section, Too.

Construction of a high grade highway built as the crows fly between the Eastern extremity of Adams avenue to Hot Lake, parallel to the railroad track right of way, has become apparently a near-certainty through the large number of agreements for gratis contribution of rights of way by abutting property owners. At the very start the Gekeler estate management is willing to trade the present right flank of Adams avenue leading to the four corners for a strip of land straight to the railroad track and thence following that right of way East as far as the present crossing. Will Grandy, George Grout, J. E. and R. E. Reynolds and others are already in favor of the proposed highway and will contribute rights of way along their respective holdings. This proposed strip is 40 feet wide. The Pierce brothers will donate in the neighborhood of a mile, and the Hot Lake Sanatorium company will contribute about two miles. As the total length of the road will be less than nine miles, it is seen that the rights of way are practically obtained. Construction will be under the guidance of the county court, if built and considerable interest has already accrued in the matter. The road to Union station would then be a straight line from La Grande, and level with the exception of one slight hill East of Hot Lake.

Foothillers Busy.

At the same time that this proposition is under way the residents along the foothill road between here and Hot Lake have signed agreements to haul the rock and provide it if the county will send convicts there and crush it. In this way a rock road will be provided for that extremely muddy highway. A. V. Andrews is in receipt of a communication from these farmers urging assistance in having the convicts brought there.

State Senator E. E. Kiddle writes to Mr. Andrews from Salem that the proposed bill to turn auto tax moneys into the county funds instead of wasting them in the state general fund, is meeting with favor and will probably pass. The receipts from the auto licenses in the state last year were \$70,448.59 and with the exception of 32,300, which was put in the general fund, this was spent in various useless ways. The proposed bill which Mr. Kiddle is working for and which is backed by about every auto owner in the state will eliminate, basing the statement on last year's figures, \$6,879.85 clerical services, \$4,212.16 in postage and expressage, about \$500 in printing, \$1,247.07 in stationery and various other similar figures and give that total sum to road building. The sums collected in each county would apply to road building in each county and be collected by the county clerk.

Shot in Cold Blood. Evansville, Ind., Feb. 8.—Allen Von

Behren today walked into the factory of his father and shot and killed three negroes. He then drove to the police station and gave himself up, saying he had to do the deed because the negroes had threatened to take his life. A race riot is feared. The police have brought out their rifles in anticipation of an attack on the city jail where the murderer is confined. Von Behren's mother is prostrate. His father, who is one of the most respected and wealthiest men in the community, has been unable to secure the release of his son on bail.

CONSPIRACY IS CHARGED.

Joining of Three Central Republics Into One Big One Is Reported.

Washington, Feb. 8.—Definite information concerning the triple conspiracy to form a single republic out of the Central American republics of Honduras, San Salvador, Guatemala, Nicaragua and Colombia, is in the hands of the state department. The countries mentioned have sent to the state department for a warship to patrol the coast. It is expected Wilson will inherit the bulk of the trouble of the most difficult Latin-American problem in history.

It is learned that with Zelaya as the heart of the conspiracy, professional filibusters in New York, New Orleans and on the Pacific coast are said to be the factors in the development of the revolution. It is thought the assassination of present heads of all of the countries is included in the scheme.

All diplomats and consuls of the countries affected have for weeks been sending data to the state department. It is thought by the dispatch of warships to the scene of trouble the proposed scheme of annihilation can be nipped in the bud. It is thought likely that the state department will take some action at once.

MOGULS COMING HERE.

Message From Sweet Says League Officials Will Visit Here Monday.

The directors and officers of the Western Tri-State league will be in La Grande Monday to confer with the business men as to the prospects of rearranging the fans there to get back in the league. We had a splendid meeting here today and Baker and North Yakima, along with Pendleton, Boise, and Walla Walla, came through with their forfeit money. Everything is in excellent condition and La Grande cannot afford to stay out.

Such is the wording of a message received from President Sweet this afternoon from Boise in re the baseball situation. A mass meeting will be called for Monday night when the business men can again take up the question, made final because the league gave La Grande until that date to act.

Sees Suffragettes in Arms.

New York, Feb. 8.—"Unless something is done to check the London suffragettes it will only be a question of time before they resort to arms." This is the opinion of Dorothy Curry, daughter of a wealthy British merchant, Miss Curry is here to study the placid means used by the American women to secure the ballot. She is an anti—but is subject to conviction. "I believe the suffragettes here are conducting the campaign more sanely than in England, and the opposition is stronger here than there."

Aeroplane and Helper Drown.

Dantzic, Germany, Feb. 8.—Commander Walter Jensky and his machine fell 500 feet to their death today when the aeroplane in which they made an ascent, collapsed and fell into the sea. Both men were drowned.

Prefers Bullets to Noose.

Reno, Feb. 8.—Death by shooting rather than by hanging is the manner in which Frank Trammer will pass out of this life, convicted of the murder of Marie Guffic. He will be shot by the prison guard of the Carson City penitentiary.

GALLIPOLI'S STRUGGLE IS AT A CRISIS

KEY TO DARDANELLES IS ALMOST IN HANDS OF BALKAN ARMIES.

BULGARS ARE WINNING

Constantinople Is Said to Be Near the Falling Point — Struggle Waxing Warm With Bulgar Cavalry in Hot Pursuit of Fleeing Turks — Storming of Adrianople to Be Resumed

Sofia, Feb. 8.—Fifteen thousand Turks are reported killed and 10,000 captured by the Balkan forces in the fighting on the Gallipoli peninsula according to an official dispatch sent to the war office today. The Turkish army is said to be retreating in the wildest confusion with the Bulgarian cavalry in pursuit. This battle determines the future fate of the Dardanelles.

Porte City Endangered.

London, Feb. 8.—The fall of Constantinople is said in diplomatic circles to be very near. This is seen in the announcement that the British government will send all of the Mediterranean squadron to the Dardanelles. The foreign office requested

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BOTH HOUSES AIM TO VISIT SISTER STATE

REVIEW OF PAST WEEK AT SALEM GIVEN OBSERVER READERS.

SENATORIAL SHUFFLE ON

Believed Democrats Have Deep-Laid Plan to Get West Into the Senate and Put Olett Into Governorship and Send Chamberlain to the Wilson Cabinet—Other Salem Gossip.

Salem, Feb. 8.—(Special to the Observer.)—Another jaunt will be taken by the members of the legislature Sunday when they go to Maryhill, Washington, to inspect the roads on the estate of Sam Hill, the famous good roads advocate. The relative of James J. Hill has provided a special train and the legislators will be his guests for the entire day. A pleasant and profitable trip is anticipated.

The senate has voted to go to Corvallis in a body today to inspect the Oregon Agricultural College, but it is not probable that the members of the house will go. Bills for final passage are piling up rapidly in the lower body and the members do not feel that they can take a day off for this purpose, but will appoint a committee

to visit the institution and report its needs.

There will be no regulation of the trusts in Oregon by the present legislature, two bills for this purpose having failed to pass in the house.

Evading schools may now be held by the large schools of the state, a bill having passed the house authorizing the expenditure of money for that purpose.

A bill has passed the house to repeal the law requiring the payment of a road poll tax. The collection of this money has always occasioned much trouble and the senate do not believe it necessary to secure money in this way.

The members of the third house are preparing for their share of the fun for Thursday evening. Arrangements have been made for a special session and some good impersonations as well as freak bills will be introduced. Bills have been prepared to repeal the law of gravity, to substitute the laws of Oregon for the laws of God, and to provide a hat for Tillamook head.

A bitter fight was occasioned by

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STROEBER JURY DISAGREES.

Man Who Stole Bedroom Fixtures Is Found Guilty.

In the case of the state of Oregon vs. Henry D. Stroeber, charged with non-support of the jury disagreed. This of course, leaves the case to be tried again, if the state's attorney see fit to do so. This will not be learned until later. In the case of the state vs. Morrissey, charged with stealing a bedsheet from the Savoy hotel, the jury returned a verdict of guilty. The charge was larceny in a dwelling house.

The case of the state of Oregon against Peterson is now before the court. Peterson, it will be remembered, was brought in from the Hot Lake hills and confined on a charge of burglary in the day time. He is said to have stolen provisions from a farmer's cellar. Attorney Small has been appointed by the judge to defend him.

DAVIS QUALIFIES STATEMENT.

Explains Further His Stand on Recall Situation Announced Yesterday

In regard to Councilman Davis' interview yesterday relative to the recall of the mayor, Mr. Davis today made a further explanation of his stand in these words: "It was not because I personally wanted the mayor recalled, but because a number of my friends had expressed their desire to me and I wanted them to have an opportunity to do so if they desired."

Friedman Evades Kaiser.

Kansas City, Feb. 8.—Dr. Friedman, the discoverer of the turtle serum for tuberculosis, left Germany secretly last night for this country. He left secretly because the German government had forbidden him to leave the country. It is thought he will reside permanently in the United States.

Rockefeller's Voice Gives Out.

Brunswick, Ga., Feb. 8.—Wm. Rockefeller, whose voice gave out after 12 minutes of examination by Chairman Pujo of the trust investigating committee, yesterday, is still in a serious condition. He can hardly speak above a whisper. It is not believed further complications will set in.

Pope Purchases Site.

Rome, Feb. 8.—The pope has purchased a site in the city of Jerusalem for the purpose of establishing a bible study house. It will be a branch of the one founded by Pope Pius for the purpose of establishing in every manner possible the historical accuracy of the bible.

Thirteen Miners Killed

Mansfield, Eng., Feb. 8.—Thirteen miners were killed in Bolsover, Derby, when a bucket containing 300 gallons of water dropped down the shaft of the mine 500 feet, the result of a break in the hoise.

FRANCISE IN EMBODIED AND PROPOSED

TELEPHONE AND COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES HAVE CONFERENCE

NOTHING FINAL IS DONE

Council Hears Preliminary Plans from Farmers Telephone Company—Details Gone Into by Both and Tentative Ordinance to Be Drafted by the Petitioners.

Conferences between representatives of the Eastern Oregon Co-Operative Telephone company and the street committee of the city council were held last night in this city. The main developments of the conference were that the telephone company which is asking a franchise of the city, expected to come into the city without paying a franchise tax because it is doing a co-operative business, and the further facts that the management of the company is not thoroughly familiar or agreed upon what it will offer as inducements or what its rules and regulations will be. Then, too, the council committee itself is not thoroughly agreed as to what requirements it shall make in its report to the council when the council as a whole will act finally on the franchise. The committee made it clear that the new company must pay a franchise tax—just what the committee will agree is right remains to be seen though it is apparent the committee is favorable to a three per cent tax from the start through the life time of the franchise which, all agree should be the same as the Home company's, which is approximately 20 years.

The company asking for the franchise has a plan of changing its constitution so that in La Grande only, the subscribers would not need to buy their phones as is now done in the country. This, with what the company proposes to do regarding tax, will be embodied in an ordinance and presented to the council and there threshed out.

As to rates, considerable discussion was indulged in. Neither the committee or the telephone people said anything of the right to have poles removed from business streets at the orders of the councils and put the wires in conduits.

After the conference was over, it was apparent that the company will take a final stand on several issues before it drafts the franchise ordinance, and that the council, if it allows the franchise, must agree on several important proposition. There was nothing final in actions taken but the conference did bring to a focus most of the issues to be embodied in the final document.

Chairman Davis and Members Sargent, Wright and Jones were present for the committee, Attorney Rusk was at hand, and President John McGinnis, Secretary Hug and General Manager Thomas Fleming, all of Elgin, along with Attorney John Hodgkin of this city, made up the conference.

Vaccination Embargo Lifted.

Commencing next Monday the vaccination regulations will be set aside and the usual conditions will prevail. No further certificates will be required for the present, as the danger of infection has about passed. All children will be allowed access to the schools whether they have been vaccinated or not.

Mrs. Sulzer Gets New York's First Parcel Post Package



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THE first parcel post package mailed from the New York postoffice at midnight as 1913 began was addressed to Mrs. William Sulzer, wife of the new governor of New York state. She received it several hours later at the executive mansion in Albany, N. Y., shortly before Mr. Sulzer was sworn into office. Our picture shows the postman delivering the package to Mrs. Sulzer at the entrance of her new home. The gift was a New Year's remembrance from Miss Sophie Irene Loeb of New York and was the first parcel post package sent by arrangement with Postmaster Morgan.