

MEREDITH MAY BE NEW HEAD

FORMER SECRETARY OF STATE FAIR BOARD SLATED FOR JOB

Governor Olcott Proud of His Air Flight—Road Contracts To Be Let

SALEM, June 27.—(Special)—When an insignia of the army air service proudly planned upon the lapel of his coat, Governor Olcott returned to his desk in the state capitol building Thursday morning after an absence of eight days during which he was enroute around among the clouds as a passenger in one of the Navy-Curtis planes which visited Portland during the Rose festival, stopping at other Oregon towns enroute. The governor was a passenger on the Portland from Salem on the inbound trip of the army flyers and accompanied them all the way from Portland to Sacramento on their return to the army aviation base at Mather Field. The insignia was "awarded" the governor by Colonel Watson, in charge of the flying circus and in whose plane the governor was a passenger, as a souvenir of his first—but by no means the last, he declares—journey through the clouds. The governor is highly enthusiastic over the flying "game" and regards it as the greatest sport ever.

In the absence of the governor there has been little of any importance developing in that department during the week. Now that he has his feet back to solid earth once more, however, several good stories are expected to break from that source. Principal among these is the appointment as warden at the state prison, now being temporarily filled by R. E. Lee Steiner, superintendent of the state hospital. The one best bet on this appointment in state house circles just now is Frank Meredith of North Yakima, Wash., secretary of the Washington state fair. Meredith was at one time con-

nect with the state prison and later was secretary of the Oregon state fair. It is known that he stands well with Governor Olcott inasmuch as Olcott once, as a member of the state board of control, appointed Meredith's appointment to the wardenship at the time Warden Murphy was appointed. The presence of Meredith in Salem during the past week lends strength to the belief that he is in line for this appointment.

Out of the innumerable orders and motions emanating from the office of the public service commission this week one of particular interest to Union county and Eastern Oregon. That is an order, effective last Monday, discontinuing the Sunday stock train from Portland through the city to the Portland stock yards. Business on this train, the commission found, had dwindled to practically nothing and the operation of the train was not justified by its patronage. Hereafter only the Saturday train will be operated by the O.W.

A point of special application made in an order issued by the commission denying a demand made by the city of Salem that the Southern Pacific railroad company be required to install and maintain a signal device at a street crossing by denying the demand the commission places the responsibility for accidents at this crossing upon the city itself to enforce speed regulations and also calls attention to the fact that the city has disregarded a previous order of the commission requiring that warning signs be maintained by the city and all cities, except where specially exempted—at railroad crossings.

An application was filed with the public service commission this week by the Union county telephone company to put into effect a flat increase of 50 cents per month on all classes of telephone service. The company declares that the increase is necessary to the maintenance of their system on a paying basis.

Several bids on road projects are to be opened by the state highway department at its meeting in Portland, July 8, among which is one of particular interest to the Union-Wallawa territory. This is a bid for the construction of seven box culverts and two cattle passes on the Elgin-Mimms section of the La Grande En-

terprise highway. Other bids to be opened at this meeting are as follows:

Central Oregon Highway in Harney county; Burns-Lawens section, 16.7 miles of grading and graveling, 95,000 cubic yards of excavation, and 15,400 cubic yards of gravel surfacing.

John Day highway in Grant and Wheeler counties, between Fossil and Dayville, Saratoga-Cornucopia ranch section, 25,500 cubic yards excavation in four different units. Baker-Cornucopia Highway in Baker county, Canyon section, 1.4 miles of grading and 50,000 cubic yards of excavation.

Delivery of the courses of study for the elementary and high schools in Oregon will be delayed this year because of the change in texts. Superintendent of Schools Churchill is announcing this week that the materials would be completed before the middle of August. Special committee are now studying the new texts and preparing the courses of study but several weeks will be required to complete this work. Superintendent Churchill will submit a bill to the next legislative change-



"FUSS AND FEATHERS" AT THE ARCADE THEATRE

The romance of the mining camps still exerts a powerful sway upon the hearts and minds of old and young alike. There is something alluring about the search for wealth hidden from the eyes of men, but which when found, proves the moral and physical ruin of the finder. This was not the case however, with Susie Baldwin, an up-and-coming girl of Starvation camp, after her father had struck it fabulously rich.

What happened to Susie is told in

thrilling style in "Fuss and Feathers," Enid Bennett's new Thomas H. Luce-Paterson vehicle which will be shown at the Arcade Theatre Monday and Tuesday. Susie went to San Francisco with her father to sell their mine to the president of a mining corporation and the doors of romance are opened wide to her. How she was snubbed by the wife of the wealthy mining man and how she resented this treatment, naturally to find love, happiness and contentment, is told in a series of unusually interesting scenes.

The supporting players include several of the best known men and women identified with the screen. They are Douglas M. Jones, leading lady, Sylvia Ashton, Joe P. Lockney, Charles French and Robert McKim.

"REDHEAD"

Alice Brady Picture by Selzer Gives a Glimpse of Little Old New York

(Review by Hanford A. Judson) The spectator who falls to bed at the new Selzer picture, "Redhead," five reels, a delightful attraction may be nursing the worst kind of a groach. It is a thoroughly charis-

tic picture. Alice Brady plays a real kind of modern New York woman so convincingly that when it is said she is almost perfectly supported by Conrad Nagel, it is giving him high praise. The play is by Charles Maigne, who also directed it, and is a bit of a story, but his skill in picture building so attractively presents the material that there is no slacking in interest. Whatever part of the film is shown the spectators find the story progressing evenly and satisfactorily. The character of the woman is the center of interest, but all the characters are real and each one shines by bringing out some thing of "Redhead's" peculiarities. "Redhead" is lovable and Alice Brady scores a big thing in it. It is a stand-out for love runs.

"Redhead" will be shown at the Arcade today only together with a Harold Lloyd comedy.

Onions for Insomnia

If troubled with insomnia try eating raw onions at the last meal in the day. Give this a thorough trial, not once only, but for a week or two.

Powerful Explosive.
A new and very powerful explosive, which may be used in mining and for other purposes, is lead nitrate, a salt of hydrometric acid. This acid forms a great number of salts, as mercury nitrate, silver nitrate and sodium nitrate. Large quantities of lead nitrate and mercury nitrate have been found to be very sensitive to mechanical shocks, the sensitivity increasing with the size of the crystals. Even the breaking of a single large crystal is said to bring about explosion.

Wonderful Grand Canyon.

The Grand canyon of the Colorado river in northern Arizona is 210 miles long, 12 to 13 miles wide and more than a mile deep.

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Clever boxer and heady fighter.
Participating in over 100 fights, winning over Jack Root, Larry Madden and many other Coast heavies.
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LEO CROSS
Chehalis, Wash.
Champion Light Heavyweight of the famous 91st Division, winning 22 battles in France.
Boxed before the A. E. F. General Staff, including General Pershing, in Paris this year on two different occasions.
Before going overseas in August, 1917, he held the heavyweight championship of Camp Lewis.
Has participated in over 100 fights. Is a bear-cat in the ring.

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ZIMMERMAN VS. MARTIN
10 ROUNDS

NEAL ZIMMERMAN
The 128 Pound Boxing Sensation of Portland
Has never been defeated
Has decisions over Lackey Morrow of Seattle and Earl Conners of Tacoma, knocking out Sgt. George Thompson in one round recently.

CARL MARTIN
133 Pounds
Oregon City
With 18th Engineers in France.
Fought 11 battles in England and France and won every contest but one, losing to Vete, the lightweight champion of France.

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