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VEGETABLES VERY QUIET

ONLY A FEW VARIETIES CARRIED IN STOCK EXCEPT SHIPMENTS FROM CALIFORNIA.

ONIONS ARE IN DEMAND

Good Ranch Eggs Bring 30 Cents—Indications Point to Steady Advance in Price of Livestock.

The vegetable market in this city is dull. Onions, potatoes, carrots, parsnips, turnips and celeriac plant constitute the vegetable line that is now carried by the local merchants, except those shipped from California points including sweet potatoes, tomatoes, celery, cabbage and cauliflower. Lettuce is found in the markets, but is raised in the green house and commands a good price. If the present cold weather continues the spring vegetables will be late, and the merchants here will have to depend altogether on the California markets for their vegetables.

Over seventeen carloads of onions were shipped from Portland markets last week. The demand for this vegetable is good, averaging about 45 carloads a month, and it is probable that by the middle of April the entire supply of the state will be disposed of. As the southern crop of new onions will be late on account of the severe winter, the growers of the state are well satisfied with the good prices they have received.

Apples that are first class and well packed are scarce and those having been brought in by the growers are sold for about \$1.50 per box. There is a demand for good apples, but many that are being brought here are not commanding the highest market price on account of their quality. It is the intention of the apple growers of this county to organize an apple growers' association so as to have the trees produce better fruit by spraying and pruning, and in this case better quality and better prices will be the result.

Pears of several varieties are still found in the markets ranging from \$1 to \$1.25 per box. California oranges are in the markets, prices ranging from 20c to 40c per dozen, with the Japanese oranges at 15 cents.

Eggs are in Market. The price of eggs so far this week is unchanged to that of last week, although there are plenty arriving each day. The price for good ranch eggs is 30 cents per dozen, and merchants claim that as soon as the weather turns warmer they will take a drop in price.

Livestock Price Advance. During the past few days there has been several changes in the price of live stock, and from all indications there has been a steady advance.

There has almost been a famine of hogs and one indifferent load sold for \$2.25 in Portland. This is a very high range and there is a very active demand at strong prices for all the hogs that can be sent to the market.

Sheep have been in fair supply, but the market could have taken more without in any way effecting prices.

Price of Butter Remains Same. The butter market is holding its own. Most of the creameries of this county report their make during the week is light. The prices remain the same as that of last week for creamery and good country butter.

Hop Contracts Are Made. Interest has been shown in the hop trade during the past week. Several of the dealers have taken advantage of the lull in business and secured contracts, paying 16 cents, while others paid as high as 16 1/2 cents. Some of the dealers are willing to pay these prices, there are others who consider the price unsafe.

Grain, Flour, Feed, Etc. Wholesale buying prices. Oregon City Commission Co. Grain—Wheat, \$1.06 bu; oats \$33.00 per ton; barley \$27.00 per ton; vetch seed 5 c lb; clover seed, prime red, 12c; alfalfa, fancy, 13c. Hay—best clover \$15 per ton; cheat \$15; timothy \$17; grain hay \$16; alfalfa, selling at \$22 per ton. Straw—wheat bright, \$5.00.

Sacks—burlap, new 7 1/2c; seconds, 5c. Twine—best, 15c skeln. Sauer Kraut—2 1/2c gallon, or \$12.50 per barrel. Mill feed—Bran \$29.00 per ton; shorts, country, \$32.50; city, \$30.00; middlings, \$34.00; rolled barley \$35.00, chop \$25.00; alfalfa meal, 25c; cracked corn \$35.50. Grains seed—Timothy 50 7/8c lb, Kentucky bluegrass 20c; orchard 17 1/2c; red clover 15c; alsike, 17c; English Rye grass, 16c. Flour—best valley, \$6.25 bbl; hard wheat \$7.00 bbl; best Graham, \$7.00.

Vegetables and Fruits. Fresh Fruit—Buying. Apples—fancy packed \$1.50 per box. Pears—Winter, 35c per box. Prunes—Italian, Most dried 50 to 60 count, at 3c per pound; Petite, fancy, 14c. Pumpkins—50c per cwt. Sack vegetables, carrots, turnips, etc., 50c. Cabbage—\$1.00. Potatoes—best fancy 60 to 70c per cwt; ordinary 50c; seed 15c bu; Early Rose 65 to 70c. Garnets 50c.

Provisions Retail. Sugar—per sack, best berry, \$6.35, other, \$6.10. Onions—\$1.25 to \$1.35 per cwt. Beans—little white 8c; brown 6c. (Continued on Page 4.)

UNION OF GROWERS IS NEARLY ASSURED

HORTICULTURISTS PLAN TO PACK AND MARKET FRUIT THROUGH ASSOCIATION.

Definite plans will be made through the Clackamas County Horticultural Society for the organization of a fruit grower's union and at a meeting of the society Saturday afternoon, George M. Lazelle, Ben Kuppenbender and William Beard, were named as a committee to draft by-laws and submit rules for the working guidance for a fruit grower's union that will be extended if possible, into every corner of Clackamas County. The meeting Saturday was enthusiastic and well attended. In future the horticultural society will hold meetings the second Friday in every month at 1 o'clock P. M. The formation of a fruit grower's union will mean that the packing and marketing will be done through the union.

SPECIAL ELECTION MONDAY.

Proposed Amendments to the City Charter Meet With Favor.

No little interest was manifested in the meeting held in the Commercial Clubrooms to discuss the proposed amendments to the city charter that will come before the people of Oregon City for approval or rejection at a special election to be held Monday, February 21. The amendments have to do exclusively with the improvement of streets and such well known men as William Andresen, County Judge Dimick, Judges Thomas F. Ryan, Attorney Lay Stimp, State Senator Hedges, James Roake and William H. Howell, Frank Busch, chairman of the publicity department of the Commercial Club, presided at the meeting. Brief talks were followed by a flow of questions and answers and full information relative to the details of the proposed amendments was obtainable. Those present adopted an amendment heartily endorsing the amendments. No opposition developed at the meeting, but after its adjournment, Caleb Cross talked vigorously and informally against the adoption of the amendments.

BROWNELL MAKES REMARKABLE SPEECH

GIVES FINE PORTRAYAL OF LIFE OF MARTYRED PRESIDENT ON LINCOLN DAY.

Hon. George C. Brownell was the main speaker at the Lincoln Day observance last Saturday evening in the First Congregational Church. The affair was well attended and the program was interesting throughout. Mr. Brownell was in his usual splendid voice and gave a remarkably fine portrayal of the life of the martyred president from the log cabin to the presidential chair. He cited the life of Lincoln as the best example for the young men of today and he was liberally applauded. Pleasing vocal numbers were rendered by Miss Ivy Roake and the Gladstone quartet. Rev. R. C. Blackwell delivered the invocation, Miss Myrtle Toose read Lincoln's Address at Gettysburg, and Mrs. J. W. Norris gave a brief and interesting talk on Lincoln. The program was given under the auspices of Meade Post No. 2, Grand Army of the Republic, and the Woman's Relief Corps, of this city. During the day the Veteran Drum Corps of the Grand Army gave lively selections on the streets.

FARMERS WEEK AT O. A. C. ATTRACTION

WINTER SHORT COURSES AT CORVALLIS HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFUL.

The Oregon Agricultural College Winter Short Courses, which close this week with the regular "Farmers Meet" have been the most successful from every point of view of any of the college short course work. The work offered has been more extensive and more thorough and the class of students has been more mature, and more progressive than those that attended in former years. That the efforts of the College authorities were appreciated is attested by the resolutions passed by the Short Course students expressing appreciation and gratitude to the President and Faculty of the College, and to the members of the Experiment Station for the benefits and opportunities which they enjoyed and for the many courtesies and the interest in their behalf.

Farmers' Week promises to eclipse anything of the kind ever held at the College. The institution has added to its equipment and has received very valuable assistance from farmers, stockmen and poultrymen who have loaned specimens of live stock and poultry for the Short Course Work.

The following prominent and successful Oregon men have been secured to talk during Farmers' Week: L. T. Reynolds, Salem; C. L. Whistler, Medford; Austin T. Buxton, Forest Grove; H. M. Williamson, Portland; Walter M. Pierce, LaGrande; D. O. Lively, Portland; W. K. Newell, Gaston; A. T. Mason, Hood River; A. H. Lea, Portland; Fred Groner, Hillsboro.

Increasing Bolton Population. Mrs. A. Bolton, to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hobbie, a nine-pound son.

REPUBLICANS IN HARMONY

STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE COMES OUT STRONG FOR ASSEMBLY.

TOTAL DELEGATES 1248

Assembly to Be Held at Portland July 21—Clackamas Ranks Fourth With 55 Votes—Proxies Shut Out.

Oregon Republicans will hold a State Assembly. This was determined in Portland last Saturday at a meeting of the Republican state central committee that which committee members were present from every county in the state except Crook, Grant, Harney, Linn, Lincoln, Malheur and Wallowa. Clyde G. Huntley, of Oregon City, represented Clackamas County, Judge M. C. George, of Portland, was elected state chairman to succeed W. M. Calk, resigned.

The committee recommends that a state assembly be held at Portland, Thursday, July 21. This assembly will consist of 1248 delegates, apportioned by the committee among the 24 counties of the state on a basis of one delegate to every 50 votes or major fraction that were cast for R. R. Butler for Presidential elector in November, 1908. In counties outside of Multnomah, it was recommended that delegates to the state assembly be selected by county assemblies and that delegates to the county gatherings be chosen by majority vote only at mass meetings of the voters in the different precincts, these meetings to be called by the county central committee. Saturday, July 2, is the date recommended for the precinct mass meetings, with the date for the county assemblies fixed for the following Saturday, July 16.

From this plan of organizing county assemblies and electing delegates to the state assembly, Multnomah County was excepted. In this county the committee found that it would be impracticable, because of the large number of voters, to hold precinct mass meetings. It was voted to leave the matter to the county central committee with the understanding that it would exercise its judgment in adopting some plan calculated to produce the best results. Dr. J. N. Smith, of Marion, and J. H. Worley, of Wasco, asked that the same discretion be left to the county central committee of their counties with the result that, following some discussion, the original report of the committee was amended to the extent that in other counties where it was deemed advisable the method of proceeding in electing delegates to the state assembly might be determined by the county central committee. Proxies will not be allowed in the state assembly if the recommendations of the state committee are adhered to. On this subject the committee took no compromise position. It voted to eliminate from the state gathering all proxies. The committee did recommend, however, that the vote of absent and duly elected delegates in the state gathering shall be cast according to the majority opinion of those present and acting from the same county.

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AGENT FOR NEW ERA.

Railroad Commission Rules Against Southern Pacific Company.

The people of New Era have been successful in their suit before the Railroad Commission of Oregon against the Southern Pacific Company, and the commission has just made an order directing the company to reestablish and maintain an agency at New Era. The complaint was made by George Randall, a well known farmer of New Era, and the case for the people was handled by Attorney George C. Brownell. The Southern Pacific Company maintained an agent at New Era for many years until a short time



MARSHALL J. LAZELLE, who has been elected secretary of the Clackamas County Fair Association, is a young man of advanced ideas, and will leave nothing undone to make the 1910 annual fair successful. He is a graduate of the Behrns-Walker Business College, of Portland, and of the Oregon Agricultural College. He is secretary of the Clackamas County Horticultural Society and is an excellent illustration of the modern young farmer.

SECRETARY IS ELECTED

O. A. C. GRADUATE CHOSEN BY DIRECTORS OF THE COUNTY FAIR.

SMITH MADE PRESIDENT

Association Elects Officers Over Angry Protest of M. J. Lee—Ground Superintendent is R. S. Coe.

Notwithstanding the declaration of Millard J. Lee, of Canby, that there would be no meeting of the directors of the Clackamas County Fair Association Saturday, because Lee, as secretary, had not been consulted over the call of the meeting, the directors assembled and elected officers, with the following officers: James W. Smith, president; O. E. Freytag, vice-president; Marshall J. Lazelle, secretary; O. D. Ely, treasurer; Robert S. Coe, superintendent of grounds. Mr. Smith was vice-president last year and is the only officer retained. Mr. Lee, the retiring secretary, was directed to turn over all books and papers in his possession to the executive committee within a reasonable time. Right on the warpath with every bristle erect, M. J. Lee, former secretary

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ANNEXATION IS PUSHED

NORTHERN CLACKAMAS PEOPLE DECLINE TO JOIN HANDS WITH WASHINGTON.

FEAR A LEGAL TANGLE

Proposal is Made to Slice off Huge Portion of County Embracing Land West of Willamette.

Clackamas County will lose the territory in which is embraced the town of Willamette, the electric station of the Portland Railway, Light and Power Company, and the huge plants of the Willamette Pulp & Paper Company and the Crown-Columbia Pulp & Paper Company if the plans of the annexationists are carried out. It is now proposed to make the Willamette River the boundary line as far South as the mouth of the Tualatin River. This is clearly shown by the accompanying map, which is published on the front page of this issue of The Enterprise.

The campaign on the part of the landowners in the northern portion of Clackamas County, topographically and commercially tributary to Portland, to have that part of the county in which they live annexed to Multnomah County received enthusiastic impetus at a meeting Monday night.

The meeting was held at Portland under the auspices of the Multnomah-Clackamas Annexation Association, organized February 4 at Oak Grove. B. Lee Parrot, president of the association, presided.

The principal business of the meeting was a discussion of the boundary lines of the territory proposed to be annexed, which led to the appointment of a committee of four members to outline the strip to be joined. A committee of five members was also appointed to raise the funds required to conduct the annexation campaign. Recently a similar movement was started in the northwestern tier of townships of Washington County and a delegation from the organization boosting that plan attended Monday night's meeting here. This delegation was instructed to propose to the Clackamas County people that the two join hands in the common purpose of being annexed to Multnomah County.

This was given no encouragement and on a vote was unanimously voted down. It was the belief of speakers from Clackamas County that legal

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HAWLEY OFFERS TO CONSTRUCT WHARF

PUBLIC DOCK WILL BE BUILT AT ELEVENTH STREET IF BUSINESS MEN ASSIST.

W. P. Hawley, president of the Hawley Pulp & Paper Company, has offered to construct a public dock at the foot of Eleventh street at a cost of \$4000, provided the business men of Oregon City will guarantee a reasonable interest on his investment. This information was given publicly by Frank Busch, who has been the pioneer in the movement for the construction of a public dock at the foot of Eleventh street. Both Mr. Busch and Mr. Hawley own property adjacent to Eleventh street and the latter proposes to build a high and low water dock that can be used at all stages of the river. The Board of Governors of the Commercial Club has taken official cognizance of Mr. Hawley's offer by naming a committee to take up the matter with the business men and it is likely that a meeting will soon be called for a discussion of the matter. Oregon City has no public dock at the present time, though there has been talk of its construction for several years.

JUDGE DIMICK WINS SUIT.

Portland Nurse Recovers \$22,500 From Railway Company.

County Judge Grant B. Dimick is the attorney for Miss Ada E. Blue in her \$100,000 damage suit against the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company. The case was tried in Portland this week and Wednesday Miss Blue was given a verdict for \$22,500, which is said to be the largest personal injury verdict ever returned in Multnomah County. Associated with Judge Dimick in the case were T. J. Cleeton, W. M. Davis and L. A. Moulton. Judge Dimick made the argument to the jury for Miss Blue.

Discussion at Ely.

Discussion of the proposed amendments to the city charter, providing for the manner of improving streets, will be held this evening in the fire house at 237. The public is invited to attend and listen to a clear explanation of the purpose of the amendments.

BINGER HERMANN JURY FAILS TO AGREE

JURY DELIBERATES MANY HOURS BEFORE REACHING VERDICT.

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 14.—After deliberating from 11:30 Saturday morning until 9 o'clock this morning, the jury in the case of ex-Congressman Binger Hermann, charged with conspiracy to defraud the government of public lands in the creation of the Blue Mountain Forest Reserve, while Hermann was Commissioner of the General Land Office, failed to reach a verdict. One juror, George Saltrick, saved Hermann from conviction, eleven jurors voting guilty.

This is the longest of any of the so-called land fraud trials, having consumed five weeks. The case opened on January 19th, the jury was secured the next day and the prosecution began January 12th. Exactly one month later, February 12th, the jury retired to consider its verdict. Today ends the last day of the fifth year since the indictment.

OAK GROVE'S NEW CHURCH OPENED

ALL INDEBTEDNESS PAID BY PLEDGES RECEIVED AT SERVICES OF DEDICATION.

At the dedication of the Oak Grove Methodist Episcopal Church, held Sunday morning, the entire indebtedness was wiped out and a sum left in the treasury to be devoted to the purchase of a bell and other accessories deemed necessary. The total pledges amounted to \$1463. The church has been built at a cost of \$4000. The building committee included C. A. Lewis, L. E. Bentley and B. Lee Page.

A notable feature of the morning's service was the address by Dr. Fletcher Homan, president of Willamette University, Salem. The afternoon's programme comprised short addresses by laymen George F. Johnson, Samuel Connell, T. S. McDaniel, Herbert Gordon, F. McKeercher, J. P. Rasmussen and Senator C. W. Notting. The meeting was presided over by Amos M. Smith. At the evening service the sermon was delivered by the Rev. Robert Sutcliffe, of Cottage Grove. The musical programmes were under the direction of Mrs. J. H. McArthur and Mrs. J. F. Riskey, ably assisted by Miss Nancy Beals, Miss Jessie Thompson and W. J. Gill, of Portland.

Birthday Banquet.

On Tuesday evening, February 22, in the basement of the Gladstone church, the ladies will serve a sumptuous banquet to all the men and their lady friends who will come. Prominent speakers from abroad will be present. Toasts will be responded to on "Our Country," "The Father of Our Country," "Oregon," "Clackamas County," "Gladstone," "Our Public Schools," etc. The principal address of the evening will be delivered by the Rev. Dr. Ghorally, of Portland on "The Religion of the Presidents." Everybody and his friends invited.

DAVIS WILL NOT REMAIN

PUBLICITY SECRETARY HAS PLANS MADE TO ENTER REALTY BUSINESS.

NEW MAN IS NEEDED

Project For Holding Meeting of All Clackamas County Booster Clubs is Endorsed.

S. P. Davis, secretary of the publicity department of the Commercial Club, positively declined to reconsider his determination to resign and for that reason the proposed joint meeting of the publicity committee and the advisory board, scheduled for Tuesday night, was abandoned. Mr. Davis will retire March 4 and a new secretary will be chosen to serve until June, when the pledges for publicity work expire. A hurry call brought out a meeting of the publicity committee and the Board of Governors of the Commercial Club Tuesday afternoon. The authority and powers of the publicity committee and the advisory board were given full and free discussion. It appears that the money raised last Summer for publicity work was given under the agreement that an advisory board of ten subscribers should be named and that they should be consulted and should approve any plan outlined or suggested for the expenditure of the publicity fund.

The Board of Governors agreed to let this same condition prevail until next June, but there will in all likelihood be a change made when a renewal of the publicity subscriptions is requested, as the Board of Governors will reserve the right to approve any contracts or important plans agreed upon by the publicity department. This means that the publicity committee will be regarded in the same light as other committees of the Commercial Club, and that their acts must have the approval of the Board of Governors at all times.

The publicity committee of the Commercial Club and the advisory board at a joint meeting last week accepted the resignation of S. P. Davis, secretary of the publicity department. The resignation was originally presented several weeks ago, but Mr. Davis was asked to remain in harness. However, he insisted upon his resignation being accepted and this was done, not, however, without many individual expressions of regret from many of the members of the committee and advisory board. Mr. Davis plans to embark in the real estate business in Oregon City. He has been in charge of the publicity work ever since it was commenced here last June, when the original fund was subscribed. Mr. Davis had been given no assurances that he would be retained past next June, when the publicity pledges expire, and the salary paid the secretary is only \$75 per month.

There are no applications for the vacancy created by the resignation of Mr. Davis, which takes effect March 4. It is hardly likely there will be a scramble for the place, as the publicity committee will not engage a secretary for a later date than next June. If the publicity work is to be continued after that time, it is up to the business men of Oregon City to come through with a monetary pledge for another year. The committee no doubt feels that it has been fortunate in having had the services of Mr. Davis for eight months at a small salary, and it is altogether possible that more money may have to be appropriated for a new secretary.

The project for holding a meeting of the booster clubs of Clackamas County in this city on Saturday, March 5, was heartily endorsed and many of the members of the committee agreed to assist in defraying the cost of entertaining the visitors by voluntary contributions, but the request of the Board of Governors of the Commercial Club for an appropriation of \$50 from the publicity fund was not granted. The committee and the advisory board recognized the fact that the money had not been subscribed except for the purpose of advertising the county and it was feared that a disastrous precedent might be established if the appropriation was made.

The publicity committee authorized the payment of a claim of \$10 for rent, light and janitor service for the secretary's office. This will be paid every month.

TEACHERS PASS EXAMS.

County Certificates Are Granted to Many Pedagogues.

The following were successful in obtaining county certificates at the semi-annual examinations here last week: First grade—Mrs. Myrtle Myers, Grace Mann, Frank Radmaker, Lizzie V. Hugill, Joyce Withey, Opal Creecraft, Lizzie Holsworth, Mildred R. Elbert, Irene Carter, J. E. Calavan, Frances M. Hughes, Edward Bartholomew.

Second grade—Gussie V. Hull, Annie MacDonald, Eleanor M. Brode, Elizabeth Gallegly, Hancher, John, Doris A. Hall, G. E. Walker, Elsie B. Rentscher, Emery D. French, Harry E. Sherwood, Emma Schram, Fern Park, Jake Mitts, Guy C. Larkins, Nathaniel Worthing, John Sievers, Halie Holmesly, Mabel C. Glover, Leafe V. Sevelist, John L. Ashton. Third grade—Edna Weeks, Carleton H. Eckles, Nellie A. Oddy, Mary Dickerson, Mary E. Yoder, Ada D. Albert, Lura E. Haggerty, Sherman Miller, Helen Dunham, Verlie E. Tracy.



NEWS FROM OREGON CITIES

PORTLAND—For the purpose of discouraging "wild-cat" mining ventures in Oregon, a branch of the American Mining Congress is being organized here.

ROSEBURG—Douglas County fruit-growers will meet here February 26, and will be addressed by four of Oregon's leading experts.

ALBANY—A wedding 100 feet above the ground was performed here when Roy E. Wood and Ella Carow, both of Lebanon, were married at the top of the tower of the Linn County Courthouse.

ASTORIA—The County Court has set aside \$100 to be used in getting together a display of the agricultural products of the county for a permanent exhibit to be maintained in this city.

SALEM—The contract for building a central heating plant at the State Insane Asylum has been let by the asylum board to the Newport Engineering Company, of Portland, for \$49,720.

PENDLETON—Peter Wilson was almost instantly killed while digging a well near Helix. He was working at a depth of 90 feet, when a short piece of two-by-four scantling was dropped from the top of the well and struck him on top of the head. ST. HELENS—Deputy Labor Commissioner Gram caused the arrest of J. Wickstrom and son, proprietors of a planing mill and sawmill at Scappoose, charging them under the factory law, with failing and refusing to provide safeguards for their machinery.

SALEM—At a meeting of the Salem Board of Trade, a committee was appointed to arrange for a three days' aviation meet to be held in this city in the 1910 Cherry Fair in July. The Board has proposals from California aviators who wish to come here.

MADRAS—Because he objected to the stage drivers' love for "the wine when it is red," particularly on Lincoln's birthday, George Russell, a horse buyer of Tacoma, Wash., lies seriously wounded at Prineville with two bullet holes in his abdomen. Jack Johnson, the assailant, has been arrested.

MARSHFIELD—Coo's Bay people are elated because of a message from Representative Hawley stating that in the report to their river and harbor committee it was recommended that there be appropriated \$350,000 for a bar dredge for Coo's Bay and \$50,000 for the first year maintenance.

PENDLETON—Walter Poe, son of the once famous chief of the Umatilla tribe of Indians, has been committed to the asylum maintained at Canton, S. D., for insane Indians. He is guilty of having forced the name of Geo. La Fontaine so accurately that a Pendleton bank cashed a check for \$275 without the slightest suspicion.

PENDLETON—An epidemic of the mysterious "fourth disease" is now prevailing in Pendleton and has prevailed for several weeks. It is called the "fourth disease" because of its resemblance in many respects to the three diseases of measles, scarlet fever and smallpox, and because so far the medical profession has failed to find a name more suitable.

EUGENE—Spirited discussions of problems dealing with the betterment of conditions of country life, development of water resources, irrigation and proper methods of forestry conservation marked the last day's session of the annual Commonwealth Conference, which came to a close here Saturday after a successful two-day session.

PORTLAND—The rivers and harbors bill reported to the House carries \$2,582,340 for the improvement of Oregon rivers and harbors, this being the largest sum provided for any other river in the country excepting the Mississippi.

ONTARIO—With the agreement reached between the Owyhee Ditch Company and the proposed irrigation districts between the Malheur and Owyhee Rivers, an important irrigation project for Malheur County is launched. The Trowbridge-Niver Co., of Chicago is gathering workmen and teams to begin construction work as soon as possible.

Depositors Get Money.

PORTLAND.—Unpaid depositors having a total of claims amounting to more than \$300,000 against the old Oregon Trust & Savings Bank for the wreck of which institution its officials are now under criminal indictment and are also defendants in civil suits in the circuit court brought to compel them to make good their responsibilities in the failure of two years ago, have been paid off at the rate of 100 cents on the dollar in cash at the German-American Bank.