LOCAL BRIEFS

Earl L. Prest, of Aumsville, is spending several days this week in Oregon

H. M. Ramsby, of Molalia, spent the first part of the week in the county

seat.

W. E. Bonney, of the Colton district. to spending a few days in the county

Plavid Horner, of Dodge, was in Oregon City Monday to attend to business matters.

town Wednesday. He will spend several days here. F. E. McGugin, of Sandy, candidate

for the legislature, was in town Mon-day and Tuesday. Charles L. Hunter, of Cottrell, was

to business matters. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hunter, of the

days with friends in the county seat. W. A. Beck, the Molalla real estate man, is spending a couple of days in the county seat to attend to business

Mrs. Mas Kent, of Oakland, left for

City and Canby. Guy T. Hunt, Republican nominee for the legislature, is spending a few days in the county seat. His home is

in the Garfield district. Roscoe P. Hurst, the Democratic nominee for joint-representative from Multnomah and Clackamss counties,

spent Tuesday in Oregon City. A. Calavan, county superintendent of schools, spent Saturday at Sa-lem, where he aided in preparing the

county juvenile exhibit for its return. C. E. Spence, state master of the grange, will be the speaker of the day

J. W. Ware, of this city, spent several days in the Sandy district recently in the interest of the Oregon dry amendment. He is county committee man of the Prohibition party.

Judge and Mrs. Galloway, of Salem, were in Oregon City Thursday night and Judge Galloway, who is grand master of the state I. O. O. F. spoke before the local lodge. They went into Portland after the meeting.

Miss Adah Mass, the daughter of Sheriff and Mrs. E. T. Mass, is teacher for the first four grades of the Barlow school which opened Monday. Miss Mass is a graduate of the state normal school and this is her first position.

eration at 8 o'clock Wednesday night Hubert C. Edgerton, Louise Erickson for appendicitis. She is improving from John Erickson, Cora H. Falconer rapidly, according to Dr. H. S. Mount from James D. Falconer and John Rossand Dr. Guy Mount, who are attend-

The neighbors at Willamette gave a little surprise to J. R. Huat Thursday night in honor of his 75th birthday. After a social time, refreshments were served. Everyone had a pleasant time in spite of the rain. Mr. Hunt was the recipient of several nice gifts.

Mr. and Mrs. George Stanley, who spent September with relatives near Sandy, left Oregon City yesterday morning for their home in Salem. Mr. and Mrs. Stanley have several friends this city and spent Tuesday and Wednesday with them.

Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Smith, who lived home at Oswego Monday in a boat to near Clarkes until early last spring go to Portland. Nothing has been when they bought a farm in eastern heard from him since that time. Wed-

former home several days before re-turning to eastern Oregon.

W. A. Proctor, of the Sandy district, spent the first of the week in town. Mrs. Elvira Fellows, of Parkplace, who underwent an operation the first of the week at the Oregon City hospial, is improving. She is a pioneer of 1847 and the operation was complicat ed not only by her age but by her critical condition. Her recovery is conidered remarkable.

Henry Gurdler returned to his home ear Canby the first of the week after ending a part of the summer at his old home in Germany. He left his na-Ive country September 5. He that accounts of the war as printed in J. H. Renemd, of Sandy, came to American papers are not half true and maintains that the armies of the Fath erland are winning their share of the

Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Walsh and M. Walsh of Ketchikan, Alaska, who have been visiting the past month at the in the county seat recently to attend home of their sister in Milwaukie, they were former residents of that place left Friday evening for California to Motalia district, are spending a few spend the winter months. Mesars. Walsh have been in Alaska the past our years interested in the Ward's Cove Packing company, a large Salmon annery of Ketchikan.

P. D. Hunt, traffic manager of the Portland Railway, Light & Power com-George E. Oglesby, who lives in the pany, and R. M. Standish, editor of the a public elevator, the court holding in Aurora district, came into the county Estacada Progress, were in Oregon an opinion by Justice McNary, that the seat Wednesday to attend to business City Wednesday to complete arrangements for the trip which the delegates to the state editorial association will her home Thursday after visiting both make to that town and to the River in Oregon City and in Estacada for the Mill generating plant on October 17. The party of delegates will leave Ore- ern Pacific company's right of way. Mr. and Mrs. Harry T. Willard, of gon City noon Saturday, the second Portland, have returned to their home day of the convention, as guests of after spending several days in Oregon President Griffith of the electric company. The Portland Railway, Light &

CHILD BURIED

The funeral of Ruth Steiner, the 29-onth-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Steiner, of Beaver Creek, was held Wednesday. The child died Tuesday morning.

banquet at the Estacada botel.

POSTOFFICE EXAMINATION

The United States civil service commission announces that on Saturday, October 24, an examination will be held at Oregon City, Ore., as a result regular meeting of Gresham grange, No. 170, Saturday. which it is expected to make certifi-cation to fill a contemplated vacance. in the position of fourth class postmas ter at Jennings Lodge, Ore., and other vacancies as they may occur at that office, unless it shall be decided in the interests of the service to fill the vacancy by reinstatement. The compensation of the postmaster at this office was \$300 for the last fiscal year.

11 DECREES SIGNED

Eleven divorce decrees were signed y Circuit Judge Campbell Wednesday. The are: Josephine Bornick from Chas. E. Kernick, Shara E. B. Hill from Ernest R. Hill, Walter Kertcher from Violet Kertcher, Jessie E. Crim from John L. Crim, Gladys G. Ahkman from Mar-Miss Maude Anderson, nurse at the Christian Hansen, C. B. Haynes from Oregon City hospital, underwent an op- A. M. Haynes, Jessie M. Edgerton from ette from Mary Mary Rossette.

THREE ITALIANS FINED

Three Italians were each fined \$20 Municipal Judge Loder Tuesday on a charge of carrying concealed weap ons. Fifteen dollars of the fine was to Mrs. Chase for her approval. remitted and the men were released in a Southern Pacific freight car by Night Officers Cooke and Woodward as vagrants but in the usual search guns were found,

Arthur Miller, 18 years old, left his Oregon, spent Thursday in Oregon nesday evening parents of the boy no-City. They will visit friends near their tified the police.

Tax Code Commission Bill

Measure initiated by the Non-Partisan league, Fletcher Linn, president, Northwestern Bank building, Portland, Ore.; Geo. Lawrence, Jr., treasurer, 82 First St., Portland, Ore.; Arthur C. Callan, secretary, Yeon building, Portland, Ore.; Geo. C. Mason, manager, Northwestern Bank building, Portland, Ore. A tax code commission bill.—Its purpose is to require the governor to appoint a commission of five members to prepare a new tax code and present the same to the legislature first meeting after the appointment of the commission, and appropriating \$2,500 to pay clerk hire and other expenses of the commissioners but no salaries to be paid members of the commission. The numbers are 334 and 245.

Affirmative Argument. Oregon is in grievous need of a re-

form in its tax laws. whoever he may be, to appoint a commission of five men serving without shall consist of five members. pay, to make an exhaustive examination of our entire tax code and of the tax laws of their states where progressive and sound methods of taxa-tion have been put into effect. The result of this study and comparison, this their reasons. They shall ten the pub-lic what the results of similar tax laws in other states have been; in order that we may reasonably arrive at a safe, sane and progressive tax law. Then let us pass it and stop this swamping of our initiative ballot each year with hasty and Ill-thought-out tax measures.

One of the remedies suggested for all our troubles is the acceptance of laws. There is no doubt but that the single tax. Mr. U'Ren tried to fool the people with it in 1908, but was beaten 2 to 1. In 1912 he was beaten treme tax laws which have been pro-3 to 1. This year he is working the posed incorporated at least partially same old shell game. He has coated the pill with sugar, but the \$1,500 exemption bill, the graduated sur-tax bill and the model inheritance bill will bill would. A committee from the legislature composed of men elected by taste just as bitter inside. We have watched single tax fail in too many the people directly could come much other places to wish to see it inflicted nearer the best solution of the prob-

results are not what we thought they

Other states have modern up-to-date ing adopted. tax laws that work and are fair to all classes of people.

Negative Argument. This bill appears harmless; so harmless and simple that probably many As a measure offering relief in our voters will vote for it for no other present situation, with safety for our cause than its apparent harmlessness. future. The Non-Partisan league has it provides that a commission shall be future. The Non-Partisan reside has appointed by the governor of the state proposed (No. 334-345 on the ballot) appointed by the governor of the state that the public by its action at the polls and that this commission shall preshall order the governor of the state, pare a tax code which will be presented to the legislature for adoption. It

So far the bill seems good, but let us take the events which will follow if it is adopted. The governor will appoint five "citizens and taxpayers" to be members of the boards. If the gov-ernor is politically shrewd, he will apcommission shall give to the public.

They shall propose a revised tax law to be voted on. They shall give us will meet with their own personal approval. It will then be presented to the state legislature and probably after being thoroughly altered adopted. The commission will not do more than a committee of legislators could do every bit as well and with less time and money involved.

Every one of us favors better tax laws. There is no doubt but that the creating another commission as this lem. A commission is too open to cor-Why should we spend money tinkering with our laws, only to find the results are not what we thought they ly altered by the legislature before be-

A vote for this bill will not lower taxes, will not give the state of Oregon a better tax system, will not open the Judge Campbell signed are: M. Roth was as order to the county surveyor to

STIPULATION AND COURT DE-CISION CLEARS WAY FOR CONSTRUCTION

High Tribunal Rules City Owns Facof Bluff But Must Buy Small

Triangular Piece on Crest of Slope.

BALEM, Ore., Oct. 6 .- Part of the early history of Oregon City, in which Dr McLoughlin played a leading part is written in an opinion by the preme court today in the case of Sarah A. Chase against the city. The action relates to a landing at the palisade for plaintiff owns a strip of land extend ing from block 43 to the edge of the palisade, and that the city owns a sloping strip extending from the edge of the bluff to the boundary of the South-

As a result of the ruling the city is entitled to the use of the sloping strip, but must acquire the strip at the top of the palisade from Mrs. Chase if it is used for the elevator landing. The Power company will act as bost for a The opinion holds that a map of the city, made at the direction of Dr. McLough-lin in 1844, is valid, and excludes one made by J. B. Preston, surveyor-gen eral, in 1851. Mr. McLoughlin recorded his map,

which was made by Jesse Applegate, and conveyed numerous lots by reference to the plat. He, however, was an alien and had no title to the property. That the title of purchasers could not e questioned, congress in 1850 passed the "donation act," confirming titles to the purchasers. The Oregon legislature took similar action in 1851. However, congress in giving title to the pur chasers of the land made a provision that the proceeds of the land unsold should be applied to the establishment of a university. The legislature in 1862 accepted the government's grant to the Oregon City claim, but immediately conveyed title to the heirs of Dr. McLoughlin.

With the decision from the supreme court made in the Benson appeal case be submitted to Mrs. Sarah Chase personally for her approval, city officials believe it will be only a short time until actual work will be begun on the bridge connecting the elevator tower and the crest of the bluff.

The Oregon Bridge & Construction ompany, which holds the contract for the bridge, is ready to begin work as soon as possible and the bridge ma-A representative of the com- face of every councilman. pany was in Oregon City the first of the week to learn how soon the work

After several weeks of delays, the atipulation which is agreeable to both City Attorney Schuebel and Attorneys C. D. Latourette and J. E. Hedges has been prepared and will be turned over original contract was prepared by Atwhen each man paid \$5. The trio torney Latourette but rejected by Mr. was arrested early Tuesday morning Schuebel, who claimed that it did not contain the provisions which were agreed upon previously.

pay Mrs. Chase \$1600 for the approaches to the elevator landing leading to Sixth and to Seventh streets; struct bridge from tower to the crest ing of Main street. of the bluff; the city shall construct be permitted to build steps from the & Construction company. parking on High street to the porch of her home.

The decision of the court did not make it necessary to insert the clause that in case the slope of the bluff was by the circuit judge of Clackamas county, as was planned.

ROBBERS TRY TO SELL PIG

Early Tuesday morning two men approached the pig pens of H. J. Burdett near Parkplace and took a young blooded pig. They killed the animal and set out for Oregon City. From butcher shop to butcher shop the men went in an effort to sell the animal until the officials learned of the crime. Chief Shaw spent some time in an el fore to find the men and turned the case over to Constable Frost at about the men as far as Aurora but they made good their escape.

\$50 REWARD OFFERED

A reward of \$50 is offered by George of the person who shot a horse belong-\$200 was killed early last week by a duced. bullet hole through its head. Reports have come to Oregon City that a cow on the Farr place about two miles from Mr. Randall's farm was killed in the same manner and it is thought that probably the same person is responsible for the death of both.

DEMOCRATS AT NEEDY

The Democratic campaigners visited Needy Tuesday night and the candidates spoke to a crowd of about 35 persons. The candidates who attended the meeting are: H. V. Starkweather, F. E. McGugin, C. W. Risley, J. J. Cooke, H. W. Kohler, J. O. Staats and

DIVORCES ARE MANY

Four divorce suits were filed in the ircuit court here Friday and five decrees were granted by Judge Campbell. The suits and the changes which were tilda Bevan, desertion; Beulah Drew of other matters. against David Drew, desertion; Ethel Steward against McConnell Steward, cruel and inhuman treatment; and Nellie B. Lehman against Samuel S. Leh-Is it not better to have a wise commission study the situation and then
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Heart Disease Almost Fatal to Young Girl

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ANOTHER STREET

REFERENCE TO FIFTH STREET IS at the following meeting. MADE IN OFFER TO COUN-CIL WEDNESDAY

Re-assessment of North Main Street Ordered to Collect From Harding and Griffith Properties-

Buy Adding Machine

A petition signed by at least a dozen Main street property owners, including the Charman interests, was read before the council at the regular meetterial has been on the ground for some ing Wednesday night and laid on the time waiting for a renewal of the table after a smile was seen on the

The resolution, it is thought, was either presented as a joke or in an efstreet would refund to the city a cer-here Tuesday. They were married in tain sum expended there by the city this city October 28, 1913. for the improvement of the street. The petition declares that the life of Main street and Fifth street was declared at

A second proposition was made in ed her. The general charge is cruel the resolution that if the council did and inhuman treatment. the city shall construct and maintain not like the first plan offered, the counan iron or wire fence along the walk; cil should give to the Main street prop-the contractor constructing the eleator bridge shall be permitted to con- was spent on Fifth street for the patch-

The contract for the construction of and maintain a concrete wall on the the Fifteenth street sewer to the river easterly side of walk; Mrs. Chase shall was given to the Oregon Engineering

The first ordinance placing a pro posed amendment to the city charter before the voters at the regular city election passed its second reading. The amendment provides for the foreclosawarded to the city the city should are on all outstanding city liess for pay Mrs. Chase damages to be placed street improvement the total amount of which totals over \$18,000.

In order to collect street assess ments on the Harding and Griffith properties on north Main street, a resolution was passed calling for a re-assessment. The courts held that the first assessment was not valid because of an error in an ordinance.

An ordinance appropriating \$225 for the purchase of an adding machine for the office of the city recorder passed its second reading.

The city took an option on property located near the present reservoir as a site for a reservoir for the Clackamas 11 o'clock. The latter official trailed pipe line project. The option was taken so that the contractors who bid on the project may make tests for rock. The price of the land is \$550 an acre.

The offer of the Portland Railway, Light & Power company to furnish the city with electricity for street lighting Randall for the arrest and conviction was discussed by the councilmen. Mr. Templeton suggested that by taking ing to George G. Randall on his the lower rate and reducing the numtrict. The horse which was valued at the annual expenditure could be re-

As a part of the Chase compromise, the council was asked to vacate the alley in block 34, which is owned by Mrs. Chase. The action will be taken merely to end any dispute, as attorneys hold that it would be impossible for the city to open the alley under certain peculiar circumstances which are said to be very plain in this case.

PUT BEFORE COURT pany won. Mr. Vick is a Liberal farmer.

The county court on the opening day of its regular October session considered signing the petition for the improvement of Main street but debrought are: W. A. Bevan against Ma- layed final action because of the press The session of the court opened Wed-

resday and as usual many road matters were brought up. The only defi-

Danehy from Thomas Patrick Danehy, is considered probably Friday night.

'MAIN STREET' IS

THOROUGHFARE IS REPRODUCED IN MINATURE AT LIVE WIRE SPREAD

Danger Signs, Mud Holes, and Patches All Are Shown-Organization Will Take up Initiative

Measures

The initial luncheon of the Live Wires of the Oregon City Commercial number of business and professional men, who enjoyed the spectacle of a minature representation of Main street, extended 30 feet down the lunch

The "street" was a very faithful por trayal of the real article, showing the holes in the pavement, the danger signs and other more or less interesting and painful features. O. D. Eby, main trunk line of the Live Wires, acted as "guide" of the "rubberneck wagon" and told the assembled wires how to get from one end of the street to the other and to avoid fractures or other injuries. The Live Wires plan to have unusual and entertaining Mount heads the committee for next

tion, the Live Wires will repeat an experiment of two years ago and will take up the various measures and discuss them. At next Tuesday's luncheon a proposed measure will be as-signed to each member of the organization, and a report will be expected

Mr. Lundgren, of the United Forest service, gave an interesting talk, pointing the way for the people of Oregon City to obtain protection for their proposed water supply, through his de partment. Routine reports were made The following menu was served:

Roast Pork Apple Sauce Potatoes Brown Gravy Creamed Carrots Mashed Potatoes Sliced Tomato Salad French Dressing Hot Rolls Whipped Cream Pumpkin Ple

WIFE SAYS HUSBAND

Coffee

Because her husband spent \$5 which he gave him to pay a certain bill and then stole \$10 and a watch and chain fort to cast reflection on the council. If the property owners offered to patch up main sweet at their own expense if the property owners on Fifth plaint was filed in the circuit court

According to the story told in the orney Latourette but rejected by Mr. Schuebel, who claimed that it did not contain the provisions which were greed upon previously.

The formal stipulation contains the ollowing provisions. The city shall only Mrs. Chase \$1600 for the ap
The greet and Fifth street was declared at the interior of the street and that the council patched up the latter street at the expense of the general fund but refused to consider a patching up of the town's principal thoroughfare.

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FLAW IN PROCEDURE

Because the district attorney was ot served with a copy of the summons, as is required by a recent state law, the divorce decree secured by Mrs. Yates last June from Dr. Paul tronomer. C. Yates, a Portland dentist, will not stand and it will be necessary to pre

pare and sign a new decree. Tuesday attorneys for Mrs. Yates bell in an attempt to secure the payment of alimony. case were examined and it was learned that a copy of the summons had not been served on the district attorney and that the decree was not valid.

UNION SCHOOL PLANNED

An election for the establishment of union high school will be held in the Oak Grove, Concord and Jennings Lodge district October 9. Petitions for a vote on the union high school proposition in the three districts have been circulated. Mrs. Emerald Wald ron, Mrs. Anna Kornbrodt and Mrs. Metta Evans are a special committee from Oak Grove Parent-Teacher Circle to promote the movement. The high school may be located in the Concord district. H. G. Starkweather was ap-pointed chairman of the three districts at a joint meeting of the directors.

SUIT BEFORE HIGH COURT

the railroad company seeks to force the defendant to buy \$500 worth of stock, as provided by a contract, was argued before the state supreme court Friday upon appeal from the circuit court here, O. D. Eby represented the railroad and Latourette & Latourette the defendant. The suit was argued before the circuit court here early in the year and the railroad com-



HAFER CHILDREN BEFORE COURT

Rev. Mau, In Letter From Germany, Denounces The Charges Made By Allies

country, to visit his parents at Kiel.

The message is written in German and has a number of small checks on the address, probably made by a cen-It was translated into English Wednesday afternoon as follows:

"Kiel, Germany, September 9,

club Tuesday noon brought out a large for me to come back until the war is ended.

"It is in London where all lies are fabricated as to the way the war is conducted. German soldiers have no

A postcard from Rev. H. Mau, pas- dum-dum builets, while on the other tor of the German church at Schubel hand, many thousands have been found was received by the Enterprise Wedon the French, Relgian and English solvesday. Rev. Mau left Oregon City diers. We, nowhere, practiced crush last spring for Germany, his native ties on Belgians. We were compelled country, to visit his parents at Kiel. to destroy cities and villages from which our soldiers, physicians and ever Red Cross nurses were shot by the Bel-gian civilians even after the places had been occupied by the Germans. Thus it happened in Louvain.

"The whole population of Germany is one in heart and sentiment, every-"I send my greetings to you and all body assisting her with property and friends from the old home. During with blood. Our armies are standing war it is impossible to write a letter in front of Paris and Antwerp. We in the English language. I feel very have been fighting great and honest sorry to say that it will be impossible battles and won them. Kiel and Hamburg remain untouched. The whole of Germany is free from the enemies and the war is carried on in foreign lands.

"Please print this.

Bill Re-organizing State Offices

A measure initiated by W. P. George, Salem, Oregon. Abolishing desert land board and reorganizing certain state offices.-Abolishing the desert land board and vesting its powers and duties in the state land board. Makstunts" every week, and Dr. Clyde ing state engineer appointive, by the state land board instead of elective as at present; the engineer in charge of Tumalo Irrigation project shall act as state With the idea of arousing interest engineer until 1916. Abolishing state water board and office of superintendin the proposed in tlative measures ents of water divisions and substituting therefor a state water commissioner to that are to be submitted to the peo-ple of Oregon at the November election be appointed by the state land board; making all officers affected appointive instead of elective as at present. The ballot numbers are 346 and 347.

Affirmative Argument.

At last, here is a bill to reduce taxes, e a stranger at most initiative elec State tax levy for the 1914 convicted law breaker, paying a fine. The people of this state are burdened down with taxes, industries are forced away from the commonwealth by the taxes, and development of every kind state, build more railroads, and open ceded to be one of the best among ow taxes are the need of Oregon.

board and vest its power in the state the smallness of appropriations. therefor a state water commissioner code. who will be appointed by the state land olidates others, it provides for reforms already far too high.

will not bring taxes down to normal a cooperative basis aiso stop government under one head, the state who can be held responsible land board, which would insure a sys-tematic and harmonious policy of state this bill merely substitutes one man for

Negative Argument.

This bill should be defeated: First: variety of a bill which has proved to Because it is not as would be implied a measure of economy. It deals with was .0051, surely a figure high enough the very complicated subject of the adto make property owners feel like a ministration of the water code of the state. Laws in the nature of codes ought not to be struck off in a single heat of the inititive.

Second: Because it is certain to is forced back by high levies. Low result in crippling the administration taxes will attract more factories to a of the present water code which is conmore mines than commercial clubs, ter codes of the west. It is working admirably in plat and giving great satis This bill will abolish the desert land faction in practice, the only limit being board the power to appoint the state and only in respect to the use of water for intics. This bill provides that the engineer in charge of the Tumalo irrigation and power purposes. It depends for its continued neer in charge of the Tumalo irriga-tion project shall act as state engineer its administration by a single executive STOLE; WANTS DIVORCE tion project shall act as state engineer its administration by a superintendent ter board and office of superintendent state engineer. The abolition of this state engineer. The abolition of this state engineer. of water divisions and substitutes office destroys the effectiveness of the

Third: This bill would stop the highboard. It is easy to see that every pro- ly necessary work of making water revision of the bill, is a step toward low-er taxes. It abolishes offices, it con-measurements, and topographic and geologic maps. The federal governwhich are needed to bring down a tax ment pays for half of this work, dollar lready far too high. for dollar, and if Oregon falls to ap-Of course, the enactment of this bill propriate, the federal funds alloted on again or insure the construction of a matically and are spent in other states, thousand miles of railroad or build a Only one-fourth of Oregon has been ac-

state water commissioner, created by this instance the term is misapplied, the bill, could guard over the state as the office of state engineer is now water code as ably as the present wa- largely if not entirely self-sustaining ter board. By enacting this bill the through fees collected by the office for voters would center much of the power work perormed. In any event the du-of a valuable department of the state ties must be performed by someone

That some kind of vegetable and, In the midst of a new shaving brush there is a rubber massager which may be pressed down by a button on the possibly, even animal life evists on the moon has been indicated by observations recently made by a Harvard as-

In a German steel works a hydraulic press that can exert a pressure of 11,-0 tons has replaced a steam hammer appeared before Circuit Judge Camp that shook the earth for a long distance every time it was used.

To aid students of singing a Paris physician has invented a machine which records the vibrations of the voice on a photographic film.

handle to rub in the lather. An illuminated watch dial from Germany is coated with a luminous paint that can be revived by exposure to the

rays of an electric light. Although British railroads rank fourth among the nations in regard to mileage they carry more passengers every year than are carried in any oth-

Bill Consolidating Departments

er country.

Initiated by Ernest Kroner, Worcester Bldg., Portland, Oregon; E. Newby, Salem, Oregon; Geo. G. Paterson, Forest Grove, Oregon; John A. Jeffery, Lafayette Bldg., Portland, Oregon; Douglas Lawson, McKay Bldg., Portland, Oregon. Consolidating corporation and insurance departments.-Its purpose is to consolidate the office of the corporation commissioner with the office of insurance commissioner, the latter officer to transact the business of both departments and making the office of insurance commissioner elective, the first one to be elected at the regular biennial election in 1916; the insurance commissioner also to be fire marshal of state of Oregon. Southern against John Vick in which Repeals all acts in conflict. The ballot numbers are 338 and 339,

Affirmative Argument.

Here is a chance for the taxpayers of this state to reduce their taxes. The any boards, commissions and departlarge number of boards and commis- ments where such consolidation can be sions which now incumbers the state effected without detriment to the work government is one of the greatest causes of high taxes. The general sentiment of the people favors the abolishment of the more useless ones or the consildation of those where con- der the consolidation as it is at pressolidation is possible. Consolidation ent. The cost of operating the corpor-here is possible. The insurance and ation department last year was about orporation departments have for their \$21,100, which will drop next year, it bject the same general purpose—the is expected to \$16,000...

To inform the public on the subject, elds are largely the same and they we would explain that the bill is inould be consolidated without injuring itiated by Ernest Kroner and H. D. other side.

It is easy to see that with the de- not appear. Mr. Kroner is president partments united there would be a reduction in clerical help, office rent, and other overhead expenses. With the offices united there would be only to permit the sale of \$100,000 of bonds one executive to employ and the state which this department upon investiga-

We believe in the consolidation of

Negative Argument.

Wagnon, although the latter name does