

JESS WILLARD IS STILL HOLDER OF THE WORLD TITLE

MORAN'S GRIT IS FEATURE OF BATTLE WHICH FOR HIM WAS HOPELESS.

WILLARD'S SECONDS DECLARE HE BROKE HAND ON OPPONENT

KANSAN TAKES SEVEN ROUNDS, TWO ARE EVEN AND CHALLENGER HAS ONLY ONE TO HIS CREDIT—CHAMPION HITS FIRST.

NEW YORK, March 25.—Jess Willard is still king of the heavyweights.

At the end of his 10-round fight with Frank Moran there was not a soul in the spacious Madison Square Garden who did not concede the decision to Willard over Moran. By his own leading, aggressiveness and careful guarding, the champion was the master over the challenger during the entire contest. Moran was entitled to only one round, this being the third. The eighth and ninth rounds were anyone's, but the champion gained a clear lead in the balance.

Willard brought his left to Moran's jaw for the first blow in the initial round, and gave three blows to every one received, and at the termination of the round walked to his corner with a broad smile on his face.

The champion was the aggressor in the second, and throughout this round was after Moran at all times, but showed himself to be an extremely careful fighter. It was seen that he did not care to take any chances in losing the crown through a fluke.

Moran fought savagely during the third and sent a fusillade of left and rights to the champions body, ending the round with a left, swing to the stomach.

Willard split Moran's eye wide open with a right cross. The blood streaming down the challenger's face plainly bothered him. In the fifth and sixth round the cowboy champion peppered away at the injured optic closing it completely in the sixth. At times Moran would rush Willard to the ropes, but the latter would use his left to good effect, taking his time in the delivery of the blows, and would have Moran backing away, before the challenger could gain anything by his desperate rushes.

What was an attempt to finish Moran came in the seventh round, when Willard rushed his antagonist like a maniac and rushed him to all parts of the arena. Moran clung to his opponent, helpless, with the blood streaming from his eye and injured face. Moran caught the champion on the jaw with a left which dazed Willard, and the end of the round found both men fighting like mad.

Honors were even in the eighth, at the end of which the champion went to his corner appearing to be winded. In the ninth, which was an even round the champion caught Moran with a stiff left uppercut which lifted the latter off his feet.

The fighters shook hands at the beginning of the tenth and last round. Rights and lefts were flying at Moran during this round, but he bore up bravely. The champion appeared to be favoring his left hand. Rumors were floating around the ringside that the champion had broken his right hand early in the battle. He continued to use it however. When the final gong rang the champion was standing over Moran, uppercutting him with rights and lefts.

SOUTHERN PACIFIC AIDS IN ROAD WORK

COMPANY CONTRIBUTES \$1250 TO ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW ROUTE SOUTH OF TOWN

The Southern Pacific has contributed \$1250 to the county road fund to help defray the cost of changing the route of the Oregon City-New Era road so that two dangerous crossings will be avoided.

The county will shift the road for a distance of 1300 feet, the distance between two crossings. The new road for this distance will be surfaced with bituminous macadam. The surface will be 20 feet wide.

The county court is planning to open and put in first class shape a road to New Era which will follow the right of way of the Southern Pacific. The elimination of the two dangerous crossings and the surfacing of the 1300-foot stretch is considered an important part of this plan.

CANEMAH MAN IS ARRESTED

John Balmer, who is sometimes employed by the Hawley Pulp & Paper company, was arrested at his home in Canemah Monday night by Sheriff Wilson on a statutory charge. He is held in the county jail without bail. Balmer is 35 years old.

SIXTH COMMISSIONER CANDIDATE IN FIELD

HARVEY GIBSON, OF BARTON, IN RACE FOR PLACE ON THE COUNTY COURT.

Harvey Gibson was in Oregon City Tuesday and announced his intention of becoming a candidate for county commissioner, making the sixth candidate to enter the field on the Republican ticket.

In announcing his candidacy for commissioner, Mr. Gibson says he has no interest to serve but the people's interest; that he goes into the contest with the firm determination, if successful, to give his time and thought to the advancement of the public welfare, and that he considers the road problem the most important matter before the people today.

Mr. Gibson is a resident of Barton and has lived in Clackamas county 45 years. He is well known in that community as a successful farmer and has a large acquaintance throughout the county. Mr. Gibson's interest in public affairs is shown in the fact that his neighbors have retained him in the capacity of school clerk and school director continuously during the last 26 years.

WEST LINN IS UNITED NOW WITH WILLAMETTE

MERGER OF CITIES ON WEST BANK OF WILLAMETTE RIVER IS NOW COMPLETED.

The town of Willamette no longer exists. That place, situated on the banks of the Willamette above the falls, is now a part of West Linn. Its identity lost in the merger which has at last been completed.

The new town of West Linn, which now extends from Bolton on the north to the Tualatin river on the south, will be governed by the old West Linn council, although no representatives of the Willamette district are on that body. The Willamette town government had dropped out of existence with the union of the two places. Ernest Leighton, a member of the West Linn council, who lives near the old boundary line between the two town treasuries and turned over to the representative of the Willamette district has.

When the business of the town of Willamette was brought to a conclusion, all bills were paid and the records were prepared to be turned over to the officials of West Linn, a balance of about \$15 was left in the town treasury and turned over to the treasurer of West Linn.

One of the principal reasons why Willamette wished to unite with West Linn was the desire to secure South Fork water. An effort will probably be made by the town at an early date to take over the privately owned plant of J. E. Downey by which the Willamette district is now supplied so that the homes in the district can be supplied with mountain water from the reservoir near the Sunset school.

FORD CAR IS WONDER BUT IT CAN'T SWIM

HARMONY CANDIDATE FOR COMMISSIONER FAILS IN ATTEMPT TO FORD FLOOD.

The water on the county road between Oregon City and Parkplace is so deep that even a Ford car is unable to swim through it.

Simon L. Mullan, of Harmony, a road supervisor and a candidate for the Republican nomination for county commissioner, left his home Wednesday for Oregon City, taking the usual route through Parkplace. When he reached a point a short distance this side of the Parkplace baby home he found the road under water, but Mr. Mullan, undaunted and confident in the ability of his Ford to ford, took a running plunge at the flood, forded his way 100 feet into it and then stopped. The water had reached the engine.

Mr. Mullan tried all manner of plans to coax the engine to start up again, but it was of no use. He could not crank the car, and finally he pulled off his shoes and socks, got out in the water and pushed the machine the 100 feet back to dry road.

In order to reach Oregon City he was compelled to go around by Clackamas Heights.

BALMER IS BOUND OVER

John Balmer, arrested Tuesday night by Sheriff Wilson on a statutory charge, was taken before Justice Slevers Wednesday for a preliminary hearing, waived examination and was bound over to the grand jury. He is now in the county jail, being unable to raise \$1000 bonds. George C. Brownell is Balmer's attorney.

PLOT TO INVADE CANADA FROM U.S. IS FLAT FAILURE

HATRED OF ENGLAND BEHIND PLAN TOLD BY HORST VON DER GOLTZ.

CONSPIRATORS PRO-GERMAN BUT NOT OF GERMAN DESCENT, REPORT

Alleged Trusted Agent of Von Papen, Released by British to Aid in Neutrality Inquiry, Unfolds Amazing Tale.

NEW YORK, March 25.—A military expedition to invade Canada, which was halted by the failure of a Buffalo, N. Y., lawyer to appear at a time agreed on with an "organized firing squad," it was said tonight, was part of an alleged conspiracy to violate the neutrality of the United States on which the agents of the department of justice are working secretly in connection with the return here yesterday from England of Horst von der Goltz.

Von der Goltz who, it is said asserts he was a trusted agent of Captain von Papen, former German military attaché in this country, was questioned at length today by United States District Attorney Marshall and his assistant, Roger B. Wood.

Von der Goltz, according to Captain William Offley, chief of the local bureau of the department of justice, told an impressive tale of plot and counterplot.

The federal authorities let it be known that the publicity given by Von der Goltz' return here, accompanied by a detective-sergeant from Scotland Yard, may interfere with their plans to round up suspects wanted in connection with the alleged proposed military expedition to Canada, which it was said Von der Goltz had admitted, involving the blowing up of railroads, bridges and public buildings, and the destruction of the Wolfand canal.

Von der Goltz went to England the latter part of 1914 under the name of Bridgman Taylor, and, according to persons closely identified with the department of justice investigation, recently arranged with the British authorities to be returned here to give testimony.

Von der Goltz is quoted as having said he was supplied by persons involved in the alleged plot here with plans and diagrams for the destruction of Canadian property. He is said to have asserted that his assistants, while pro-German, were not of German descent, but were actuated by hatred for England.

ANOTHER ROAD LAW PROBLEM IS FOUND

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HOLDS METHOD OF HANDLING FUNDS HERE IS LEGAL.

The legality of the method employed here by the county and the city in handling the 70 per cent of the road fund apportioned to the city, was passed upon Tuesday by District Attorney Hedges and Deputy District Attorney Burke at the request of County Judge Anderson.

The state law provides that 70 per cent of the general county road fund shall be turned over to the district in which it is raised. Oregon City is a road district and this money is turned over to the district of the city and spent under the direction of the council and the street commissioner.

In other Oregon towns, however, the county court appoints a road supervisor for the city and the money is spent under his direction on streets that were once county roads. Roseburg is one town where this method is employed, and Judge Anderson had heard of the system used in the southern Oregon city.

Deputy District Attorney Burke can find no legal justification of the method employed in Roseburg, and at the same time is of the opinion that the law upholds the method used here.

H. C. STEPHENS FILES FOR THE LEGISLATURE

H. C. Stephens, of George, Wednesday sent to the secretary of state his declaration as a candidate for the house of representatives. "If I am nominated and elected, I will during my term of office stand for economy and efficiency in legislation to the end that the taxpayer dollar may become as nearly as possible a hundred cent dollar," his statement reads. The words which will follow his name on the ballot are, "My best efforts for the people's interests."

TWISTER WILL FIND REFLEX IN THE TAX BOOKS OF COUNTY

RANCHMAN SWAN NOTIFIES THE ASSESSOR OF LOSS BY STORM AND SEEKS REDUCTION.

The Sunday twister that traveled from the southwest and left a path of wreckage through the northeast of Clackamas county, will find a reflex in the tax assessor's office, when the assessment for this year is made.

J. V. Swan, rancher near Wilsonville, has written to Assessor Jacks informing the latter that the storm had swept over his farm, damaging his home 10 per cent, barn 50 per cent, destroyed totally other building, fences and standing timber; and that in making up the tax rolls for the coming year, he wanted the assessor to take cognizance of the loss and reduce the writer's taxes to that extent. His last assessment was nearly \$10,000.

It is expected that others whose property was destroyed by the young tornado will also seek reductions in the forthcoming assessment to the extent of their loss. Such action on the part of the farmers will be entirely new, since it was the first time that a twister has ever visited Oregon with such destructive results. The old timers here never heard of one in these parts before that of Sunday.

BARTLETT FILES FOR DISTRICT ATTORNEY

IN STATEMENT HE OUTLINES PRINCIPLES CONTAINED IN HIS PLATFORM.

E. W. Bartlett, an Estacada attorney, who has filed the declaration of his candidacy for the Republican nomination for district attorney, makes the following statement in his declaration:

"If I am nominated and elected, I will, during my term of office, conduct my affairs in a businesslike manner.



expeditiously and without fear or favor.

"As legal advisor to the county court I shall endeavor to assist in reducing the expenditures of the county in order to relieve the taxpayers of excessive taxation.

"I shall diligently guard the juvenile court and lend all assistance to the uplifting and reformation of the unfortunate ones within its jurisdiction.

"Believing that the office is one created by the people for the upbuilding of the community, morally and socially, I shall enforce the law with all my power fearlessly, without favor or discrimination."

"To fearlessly work for the best interests of the taxpayers" is Mr. Bartlett's motto that will follow his name on the ballot at the primary nominating election May 19.

TEACHERS WILL MEET AT MOLALLA APRIL 1

An excellent program is being arranged by County School Superintendent Clavan for the teachers' local institute to be held in the Molalla school on Saturday, April 1. Many of the teachers throughout the county, as well as a large number from Multnomah county are planning to attend.

The following is the program of the day: "Teachers' Insurance and Retirement Fund," Howard M. Eccles, Canby school; 9:30 a. m.; address, M. S. Pittman, state normal at Monmouth, 10:30 a. m.; "How I Teach Geography," Miss Lena Ulen, Ardenwald school; 11:30; address, F. J. Toose, superintendent of Oregon City schools, 2:30 p. m.

Among the features of the day will be a hot dinner served by the members of the Molalla grange in the grange hall, as this is also grange day in Molalla.

TWO ARE DIVORCED

Circuit Judge Campbell Monday signed divorce decrees separating Henry B. Koenig from Maud Koenig and Albert Wiegert from Freda Wiegert.

CHASE OF VILLA MADE EASIER BY CARRANZA'S ACT

UNITED STATES GIVEN PERMISSION TO USE RAILROADS TO SOUTH.

SHIPMENT OF SUPPLIES BY RAIL TO INVADING ARMY BEGINS SOON

Details of Agreement Between Washington and Mexican Leader Will Be Arranged Later—Further Concessions Sought.

WASHINGTON, March 25.—One of the army's most serious problems in hunting Villa was solved today, when General Carranza granted the renewed request of the state department for permission to use the Mexican Northwestern railroad.

General Carranza received a request this morning, his answer was in Washington before dark. Officials here assumed he would be equally prompt in notifying his officers on the border that General Finston might begin shipments tomorrow.

Although the army will proceed to use the railroad on a commercial basis, which is construed here as meaning that all service shall be paid for at regular rates, the state department will negotiate further with Carranza to bring about a more complete understanding as to just what he has agreed to. Today's response is regarded as being satisfactory, in a measure, but it is not sufficiently definite.

War department officials were greatly relieved by the removal of the necessity for maintaining a motor truck supply line over desert roads for a distance of more than 200 miles.

Aside from the railroad problem, details of the protocol suggested by General Carranza remain to be worked out through diplomatic channels. State department officials indicate, however, that there is no reason for haste in this connection. The formal agreement may not be completed until the expedition has accomplished its purpose and returned.

In Mexico the agreement is understood to have another object. General Carranza is said to desire its perfection as a definite and binding understanding with the United States which he can show to his people in support of his statement that no sovereign rights of his country have been surrendered or violated.

CALENDAR OF CIRCUIT COURT FOR APRIL SET

MRS. MARY C. WELLS, CHARGED WITH BURNING HOUSES, WILL BE TRIED APRIL 24.

Deputy County Clerk Fred Miller Wednesday completed the circuit court calendar for the regular April term. One state case, that of Mrs. Mary C. Wells, who is charged with employing William Newman to set fire to her three houses in Oswego in order to secure the insurance, will be tried. The dates for the cases follows:

April 17—W. Yonce of Estacada versus J. W. Ferguson; plaintiff asks for \$75 damages for a broken harness and \$45 for the loss of the use of rig.

April 18—W. S. May versus Robert H. Hunt; plaintiff asks \$150 for a horse defendant rented and which died on defendant's hands.

April 19—Fern Matthews versus Orella E. Bussa, George Brooks, Art Colthausen, J. R. Kelso and A. L. Reed; suit growing out of alleged wrongful seizure of household effects in Milwaukie justice court case.

April 20—Willamette Valley Southern railway versus C. T. Toose; right-of-way case.

April 21—W. W. Graves versus A. E. Bredren; suit to collect bill of \$155.42.

April 22—John Miller versus Joe Odermatt; appeal from justice court.

April 24—State versus Mary C. Wells; defendant accused of having employed William Newman to set fire to Oswego houses.

April 25—Harris Morehouse versus T. A. Snook; suit for \$135 alleged to have been obtained by misrepresentation of stock sale.

April 27—R. W. Clarke, administrator of Davidella Clarks, versus Willamette Valley Southern railway; suit to recover damages of \$7500 for death of Mrs. Clarks on September 16, 1915.

April 28—Frank T. Collier versus Friars' club; suit to recover attorney's fees.

April 29—William Lepinsky versus Carrie Walker, suit to recover \$150 alleged to be due for work done.

GLADSTONE MAN INSANE

R. W. Parker, 55, of Gladstone, who has been ill at the Oregon City hospital for several days, was taken into custody by Sheriff Wilson Saturday afternoon on a charge of insanity and committed to the state hospital for the insane. He has been ill for several years and his mental condition is an outgrowth of his illness.

GRIFFITH MADE HEAD OF THE W. V. S. BOARD

DIMICK RE-ELECTED PRESIDENT AND EBY PUT IN AS SECRETARY OF COMPANY.

Judge Grant B. Dimick was re-elected president of the Willamette Valley Southern Railway company at a meeting of the stockholders Thursday night, and Franklin T. Griffith, president of the Portland Railway, Light & Power company, was elected a director in place of Charles H. Abercrombie and then made chairman of the board.

George A. Harding was re-elected vice-president. O. B. Ely was elected secretary instead of C. M. Baker of Portland, who desired to resign, since the secretary should reside in Oregon City. Mr. Baker, however, continues as auditor of the road. W. H. Huntley was continued as treasurer.

The committee appointed to reorganize the various departments of the road with a view of economy has not yet reported. It is suspected that some changes may be made to cut down expenses. The election of Mr. Griffith chairman of the board means that the control of the corporation has virtually passed into the hands of the Portland railway people.

TROOP TRAIN PASSES THROUGH OREGON CITY

BATTALION OF 21ST INFANTRY LEAVES VANCOUVER ON WAY TO EL CENTRO, CAL.

The third battalion of the Twenty-first infantry, stationed at the Vancouver barracks, passed through Oregon City early Friday afternoon on a Southern Pacific train on way to El Centro to guard a part of the Mexican border. The troop train consisted of seven tourist cars, one standard Pullman, two baggage, two stock, two flat cars and one box car.

VANCOUVER, Wash., March 24.—Shortly after 11 o'clock this morning the third battalion of the Twenty-first infantry entertained at the foot of Columbia street and left for El Centro, Cal. The boys departed within 20 hours after the receipt of the orders to go, which came shortly before 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Had the cars been available the troops would have started yesterday afternoon. Most of the men were anxious to go, believing they will get a chance in the hunt for Villa.

There were about 10 officers and 255 men in the four companies, I, K, L, and M. The battalion was in command of Major J. T. Dear, Captain R. S. Offley, Captain Carroll F. Armistead, Captain Allen Park and Captain Edmund S. Sayer Jr., were the company commanders. Other officers were Captain H. C. Gibner, medical corps; First Lieutenant T. B. Maghee, battalion adjutant; Second Lieutenant G. M. Parks Jr., quartermaster, and Second Lieutenants S. A. Gibson, P. W. Newgarden and C. C. Benedict, attached to the various companies.

G. C. BROWNELL TALKS AT CLARKES CHURCH

LARGE CROWD HEARS ATTORNEY SPEAK ON "CHRIST IN MODERN COMMERCIALISM."

George C. Brownell, local attorney, discussed "Christ in Modern Commercialism" at the Clarkes church Sunday night. A large crowd heard Mr. Brownell and he was given a warm reception. The Clarkes orchestra furnished music for the occasion.

Mr. Brownell's talk was one of a series of open forum discussions at Clarkes and will be followed by other programs each Sunday night in which Oregon City men will figure prominently. An outline of these programs follows: April 2, O. W. Eastham, talk, "Young America," J. Dean Butler, talk, "The Filipino at Home," and Johnson brothers quartet; April 9, Linn E. Jones, "Hygienic Laws and Their Relation to the Development of Manhood and Womanhood"; April 16, John W. Loder, talk, "Jonah," Thomas A. Burke, talk, "The Boy"; April 23, Wm. M. Stone, talk, "The Divorce Evil"; April 30, District Attorney Gilbert L. Hedges, subject of talk not selected.

The open forum program, which have included a wide range of subjects, have attracted much interest through the Clarkes district.

SUIT TO QUIET TITLE

J. Lee Eckerson filed a suit in the circuit court Wednesday to quiet title to a tract of land in this county, naming Preston Pendleton, Michael Pendleton, Hanna Whitney and all their heirs of the estates of the late John Pendleton, Elizabeth Whitney, Francis Pendleton and of Sam R. Thurston as defendants. Hammond & Hammond are the attorneys for the plaintiff.

STOCK PENS PLAN DELAYED; DIMICK CRITICIZES S. P.

STOCK SHIPPING TIME RAPIDLY PASSING, BUT ROAD STILL IDLE, HE DECLARES.

M. D. LATOURETTE SAYS COMPANY PLANS MORE THAN LANDING CHUTE

Live Wires Pass Resolution Favoring Passage of Chamberlain Grantland Bill—Harry Burke Makes Talk at Luncheon.

Grant G. Dimick, president of the Willamette Valley Southern railway, sharply criticized what he termed the dilatory methods of the Southern Pacific company over the installation of stockyards in Oregon City, at the noonday luncheon of the Commercial club Live Wires Tuesday.

He said the season for shipping livestock was rapidly passing and that nothing had been done in Oregon City, though loading chutes have been constructed at several small towns in Clackamas county. He asked for immediate action.

In reply to Judge Dimick, it was stated by M. D. Latourette, chairman of the Live Wires committee, that the Southern Pacific company had its plans practically matured and while they were not prepared to make a definite announcement, it was certain that the plans they had in contemplation would be carried out without delay. Mr. Latourette said the Southern Pacific company had a comprehensive plan that involved something more than a mere landing chute.

The Live Wires, by a unanimous vote, went on record in a resolution as favoring the passage of the Chamberlain Oregon-California land grant bill, under the terms of which 20 per cent of the funds derived from the sale of the lands and the timber thereon is to go to the United States government for the cost of administration, and 80 per cent to the state of Oregon, divided equally between the irremediable school fund and the roads and apportioned to the various counties. The following resolution was adopted and a copy ordered wired to Scott Ferris, chairman of the house committee on public lands. Under an amendment proposed in the house, 40 per cent of the funds will go into the reclamation fund and only 10 per cent to the school fund.

The resolution follows: "Resolved, That the Live Wires of the Oregon City Commercial club recommend to congress that all moneys realized to the United States government from the sale of the Oregon-California land grant lands and timber thereon be divided as follows: 20 per cent to the United States government to defray the cost of administration and 80 per cent to the state of Oregon, of which 50 per cent one-half shall be assigned to the irremediable school fund of the state and one-half to the counties in which the railroad lands are respectively located, for the construction of roads and bridges."

The Live Wires heard brief reports from the committees on military affairs and public buildings. B. T. McBain said that the secretary of the treasury made a favorable report on an appropriation of \$10,000 for a site and \$55,000 for a building in Oregon City. Brief talks were made by Captain H. E. Williams, of the Fallsarians, and E. F. Riley, on road drainage. Harry Burke, a brother of Main Tunk Burke, of the Live Wires, was introduced.

A movement on the part of the officers of the organization to legislate themselves out of office by holding an election a month in advance of the proper date was promptly quashed by the Live Wires.

TAXPAYERS HURRY TO AVOID PENALTIES

AMOUNT COLLECTED, HOWEVER, YET \$75,000 LESS THAN COLLECTIONS YEAR AGO.

Tax collecting in Clackamas county is \$75,000 behind the amount collected by this time last year, according to Tax Collector George Harrington. However, during the last few days the amount of money received has been increasing daily and Collector Harrington and his deputies are unable to keep up with the flood of mail and the steady stream of taxpayers who go to the courthouse.

After April 5 a penalty of 1 per cent a month on the first half of taxes is charged and this provision is believed to be the cause of the sudden increase in the amount of money received.

About \$6000 is being collected daily in small amounts, while corporations and other large taxpayers are being heard from almost every day. The Southern Pacific Monday sent in a check for \$15,315.82, the taxes on right of way, equipment and other property, excluding the grant land taxes.