

HOMESTEAD BILL CERTAIN TO PASS

COMMITTEE REPORTS FAVORABLY ON MEASURE MAKING TITLES EASIER.

SIX-MONTHS' ABSENCE ALLOWED

Homesteaders To Be Given Right To Work Elsewhere Half of Year—Three Years Time Required.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—By a unanimous vote, the Senate committee on public lands on Wednesday combined and favorably reported the Borah three-year homestead bill and the Jones bill granting homesteaders six months' leave of absence in each year of residence.

As the bill is reported, homesteaders, after the first six months of continuous residence upon their land, will be entitled to leave their homestead for six months in each succeeding year, the time when absent to be counted as part of the three years' residence required by law. Thus, the homesteader will be able to get title after cultivating his land for three successive summers, and will be permitted to be away from his land each winter to earn money elsewhere.

The committee was unanimous in reporting the bill and it will be called up and unquestionably will pass the Senate at an early day. This combined bill is in direct line with the reform urged by Senator Borah in his speech last week. So effective was that speech that many Eastern Senators stand ready to vote for the measure, which is framed to facilitate the acquisition of title by homesteaders. It is believed that the bill will pass without opposition.

The bill applies to enlarged homesteads, as well as to 160-acre entries.

FASTING KILLED GIRL, DECLARE PHYSICIANS

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 25.—The death of Miss Claire Williamson, the wealthy English woman, on account of whose death Mrs. Linda Burfield Hazzard is on trial in the Kitsap County Superior Court at Port Orchard charged with murder in the first degree, resulted alone from the starvation treatment, according to the testimony of Dr. T. J. Baldwin, of Port Orchard, and Dr. John F. Munns, of Bremerton, the only witnesses called by the state today.

Irrespective of any ordinary ailments with which Miss Williamson might have been afflicted, the treatment insisted upon by the fasting specialist was sufficient to cause death, the witnesses said.

"Miss Williamson did not get the right kind of food and death resulted from starvation," was the positive declaration of Dr. Baldwin, when on the stand.



THE RECEPTION COMMITTEE.

MOLALLA VALLEY TIMBER IS SOUGHT

DOUBT AS TO SALEM RAILWAY BEING EXTENDED TO OREGON CITY.

BRANCH LINE TO STAYTON PLANNED

Building of Clackamas Southern Would Result in Timber Being Brought to Market Here.

Several prominent business men said Thursday they doubted the report that the Falls City & Western railroad would extend the line to Oregon City. They declared the plan was to build the line to the rich timber lands in the Molalla Valley and haul the lumber to Salem. This would mean a big loss to Oregon City in case the road is constructed before the Clackamas Southern begins operation.

A dispatch from Salem says: "Resolutions of the board of directors of the Salem, Falls City & Western were filed with the Secretary of State showing a contemplated extension and branch of that road, which promises to be one of the most important pieces of railroad construction, for this particular section at least, that has been contemplated for some time."

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C. L. HUSSEY.
Lieutenant Commander on Duty on U. S. S. Indiana.



EIGHT CONVERTS ARE MADE BY EVANGELIST

Eight converts were made at the Baptist church Thursday night and they will unite with the church. Evangelist Evans will preach tonight and Saturday night and Sunday. Rev. Hayworth will baptize a large class tonight and also Saturday evening. Mr. Evans preached Thursday night on, "I am the way the truth and the life." At the close of the sermon Mr. Evans sang a song dedicated to his sister, and descriptive of her dying scene when she declared her faith in Christ as bearing her up and giving victory over death. The song has a pathetic strain and all were deeply touched.

MANLEY WILLIAMS AND RUTH GORDON WED

At the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Johnson, the marriage of Mrs. Johnson's daughter, Miss Ruth Gordon and Mr. Manley Williams of Cooperstown, N. D., was solemnized Thursday at noon, Rev. S. A. Hayworth of the First Baptist church, of Oregon City, officiated. To the strains of Mendelssohn's wedding march the bridal party led by little Jeanette Waldron and Elizabeth Hayworth, flower girls, entered, followed by Thomas Johnson, groomsmen, and Miss Ruth Gordon, bridesmaid. Miss Gordon and Mr. Williams then took their places beneath a beautiful arch of Oregon grape and white daisies. In an impressive manner Rev. S. A. Hayworth, using the ring service, spoke the words that made the pair husband and wife. The bride wore a beautiful gown of white crepe de chene and carried a bouquet of white carnations. The bridesmaid was dressed in white mull and carried pink carnations. After the ceremony the guests partook of a sumptuous wedding breakfast.

NEW YORK, Jan. 25.—A painting by Corot sold for \$85,000, after an animated bidding at an auction here. The dealer who bought it said he acted for a well known Western collector. The price marked a new record in this country for a canvas by the Barbizon master. The title of the painting is "Lake Neml" and it was executed in 1865.

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BEN SELLING HAS SENATORIAL BEE

PORTLAND MAN WOULD LIKE TO WEAR TOGA THAT ADORNS JONATHAN BOURNE.

PUBLIC PULSE BEING FELT BY HIM

Residents of Oregon City Get Letters From Aspirant Asking What They Think of His Chances.

Ben Selling has the United States senatorial bee buzzing in his fedora. Mr. Selling has been a factor in Oregon politics for years. He would like to wear the toga now worn by Jonathan Bourne, Jr. Mr. Selling was president of the last State Senate and has served two terms as State Senator.

Copies of the following letter were received by several prominent men here Thursday:

"It has been suggested by a number of prominent Republicans that I enter the race for United States Senator, to succeed Senator Jonathan Bourne, Jr. It is claimed that the latter is not truly a representative of the state of Oregon; that he is not really an actual resident thereof, having visited this state only once or twice during the past four years and then only for short periods; that his interests are more identified with the East than with Oregon; and that he is identified more with the class of 'Aldrich Republicans' than any other Republican, while he claims to be a progressive.

"As you may perhaps know, I have been identified with the Progressive Republicans for practically twenty years, having led the fight for State No. 1 in Multnomah county four years ago. I have resided in Oregon fifty years; have been in business since 1868, and all my interests are here. Have been state senator two terms and president of the last State Senate; I am also a member of the Portland Dock Commission.

"This is to respectfully request an expression of your opinion as to the advisability of my entering the race, claiming as I do, to represent more nearly than Senator Bourne, the interests of all the people of this state. I will appreciate an early reply whether favorable or otherwise, and trust you will see your way clear to give me your unbiased opinion.

"Very respectfully,
"BEN SELLING."

RICH SIRE WON'T AID SON ARRESTED HERE

STEVENSON, Wash., Jan. 25.—(Special.)—Eggar Ayers, arrested in Oregon City for passing bad checks here, was brought to this city by the sheriff this morning and lodged in jail, awaiting his hearing. He passed three worthless checks here, according to charges made against him—one for \$15 to Doumit Brothers, and one each for \$10 to Peter Peterson and George Devore.

Doumit Brothers wrote to the young man's father before making a complaint, asking the father, a banker at Dakota City, Neb., to make good the amount, and received a letter in response to the effect that the father had for some time paid \$10 a week to the young man for his expenses; that the youth had been in trouble often, and that now, the parent thought, a short term in the penitentiary might possibly effect a reformation, which the best of treatment in the past had failed to do. As the result of the father's statement that he will not come to the aid of his son, a term in prison appears to be in store for the youth.

COMMITTEES FOR CLUB ARE NAMED

CAMPAIGN FOR MEMBERS TO BE CONTINUED FOR FORTY-FIVE DAYS.

DANCE WILL BE HELD IN FEBRUARY

President is Instructed To Appoint Delegates To Oregon Irrigation Congress In Portland.

The Board of governors of the Commercial Club Thursday night decided to continue in effect for forty-five days the reduced membership rate of \$10 for residents and \$5 for non-residents. It is thought that the limit set sometime ago of 250 members will be reached by that time, and thereafter applicants will have to await their turn. There are now 230 members.

President McBain announced the list of committees, which were approved by the board. They will serve for one year. The president was instructed to appoint a committee of five to attend the Oregon Irrigation Convention to be held in Portland, February 19, 20 and 21. The entertainment and reception committees were instructed to make arrangements for the third annual dance of the club to be given in February.

The committees appointed are as follows:
Executive Committee—B. T. McBain, chairman; John Adams, J. E. Hedges, H. E. Draper, M. D. Latourette.
House Committee—H. E. Draper, chairman; Dr. Clyde Count, Theodore Osmond.

Membership Committee—M. D. Latourette, chairman; M. J. Lazelle, William Sheahan, G. L. Hedges, R. L. Holman.

Transportation Committee—B. T. McBain, chairman; W. A. Huntley, A. A. Price, L. Adams, E. Schwab.

Program Committee—M. D. Latourette, chairman; B. T. McBain, M. J. Lazelle.

Feed Committee—C. U. Evans, chairman; J. Adams, H. E. Young.

Publicity Committee—O. D. Eby, B. T. McBain, M. D. Latourette, T. L. Charman, T. W. Sullivan.

Auditing Committee—John Adams, chairman; J. B. Lewthwaite, R. O. Young, E. A. Chapman, Carl Schram.

Reception Committee—J. E. Hedges, E. E. Brodie, M. J. Brown, W. L. Mulvey, Henry O'Malley.

PROMINENT MEN TO SPEAK AT SCHOOLS

School Superintendent Toozie has arranged his schedule of speakers for the weekly assemblies commencing next Wednesday. Those assemblies will take place about 10 o'clock in the morning and are open to the public. Following are the speakers and dates: J. H. Ackerman, president Monmouth Normal, January 31; L. R. Alderman, superintendent of public instruction, February 7; Grant B. Dimick, Mayor of Oregon City, February 14; E. D. Ressler, professor of industrial pedagogy, Oregon Agricultural College, February 21; W. N. Ferrin, president Pacific University, Forest Grove, February 28; Eva B. Milham, professor domestic science, Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, March 6; Oswald West, Governor of Oregon, March 13; Isabel Grover, professor of history, McMinnville College, March 22; C. J. C. Bennett, head of the department of education, University of Oregon, Eugene, March 29; Levi Pennington, president Pacific College, Newberg, April 10; O. D. Eby, member board of education, Oregon City, April 17; Fletcher Homan, president Willamette University, Salem, March 24; Joseph E. Hedges, member board of education, Oregon City, May 3. Other speakers whose dates have not yet been arranged are Thomas B. Kay, state treasurer, and President H. M. Crooks or Dr. E. M. Sharp, of Albany College.

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OAKLAND, Cal., Jan. 25.—Billy Delaney, the famous trainer died last night. Delaney trained many of the most prominent fighters of the last twenty-five years, including Johnson, Jeffries, Corbett, Choyinski, Jimmy Britt and Kaufman.

GOVERNOR COMING IN INTEREST OF ROADS

M. D. Latourette, Secretary of the Commercial Club received a letter Thursday from Governor West, announcing that he would be here Saturday to confer with committees of the Commercial Club and the East Side Capital Highway Association regarding obtaining rock for the Capital Highway between Portland and Salem. The committees will go from here to New Era in automobiles where they will meet the governor and examine rock quarries in that neighborhood with a view of establishing convict camps there to work the quarries. It is probable that George Rodgers, secretary of the State Highway Commission, will accompany the governor to Oregon City. It is now assured that convicts will be sent to this county soon to begin working on the roads.

Man Who Put Quietus On Willamette As City



JAMES DOWNEY.

James Downey, of Willamette, is fighting to prevent the incorporation of that town as a city. Mr. Downey owns rights of way for water pipes in the streets, and when the municipality sought to condemn the rights of way, he retaliated by declaring that the city had not been legally incorporated and his contention was sustained. An election will be held next Monday for the residents to vote upon a proposition for incorporating. Mr. Downey, however, through his attorneys, Dimick & Dimick, says this cannot be done under existing laws.

EDUCATING GIRLS IS WOMAN'S CLUB THEME

The Woman's Club met at the Commercial Club parlors Thursday afternoon, there being in attendance of about sixty persons. This being an open meeting friends of the club had the privilege of attending and enjoying the excellent program. Mrs. David Caulfield and Mrs. Thomas Warner were the hostesses. The program opened with a vocal solo by Mrs. Fred Olsen, of Portland, who sang, "The Sweetest Flower that Grows," and responded to a hearty encore. Mrs. Robert French, also of Portland, gave an excellent talk on the good the Federated Clubs were doing and what has been done in assisting girls, who are anxious to obtain educations. Three young women of this city have been assisted by the Woman's Club in obtaining educations.

Mrs. Olsen sang several selections following the address given by Mrs. French. A general discussion by members as to the work that is being carried on by the Federated Clubs followed.

SUE FOR \$90.80.

R. A. Elliott and Mary E. Elliott, doing business as E. E. Elliott & Company, have filed suit against William Corbit and Annie Corbit for \$90.80, alleged to be due for merchandise.

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A handsome flag has been purchased for the High School building in this city, and the National colors are waving from the mast on the building.

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LUNATIC TRIES TO STRANGLE MOUNT

CRAZED MAN ATTACKS PHYSICIAN AT INQUEST IN COUNTY COURT.

SHERIFF AND JUDGE TO RESCUE

Farmer Who Tried to Kill Neighbor Is Declared Insane—Creator Told Him to Shoot He Says.

While an inquest into his mental condition was being conducted Thursday before County Judge Beattie, A. C. Thomson, who has lived here at a hotel several months, attacked Dr. H. S. Mount, the examining physician. Thomson seized the physician's throat, but was soon dragged from his intended victim by Sheriff Mass and Judge Beattie. The crazed man, after being overpowered, was handcuffed. He was taken to the asylum at Salem. Thomson is wealthy and recently bought about \$10,000 worth of property in this city and county. He was arrested several days ago on a charge of hugging a woman, but after the insanity charge was filed, Justice of the Peace Samson dismissed the complaint charging attack.

William Cox, a farmer who lives near Eagle Creek, was adjudged to be of unsound mind Thursday afternoon. Cox was accused of having tried to kill Henry Coleman, a neighbor. He is said to have placed a gun against Coleman's breast, and pulled the trigger twice, but the weapon was not loaded. Cox said during the examination that he intended to kill Coleman and was sorry the gun was not loaded. He declared that the Creator had urged him to slay his neighbor. Cox is apparently sane on other subjects.

WIFE WINS DECREE ON CRUELTY CHARGE

Ara E. Gault was granted a divorce Thursday by Judge Campbell from W. H. Gault, the plaintiff being awarded the custody of their sons, William P. and Daniel Gault. Cruelty, failure to provide, and remaining away from home at nights were the allegations. The couple were married August 21, 1897, in Vancouver. The plaintiff further alleged that her husband associated with other women.

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\$1.00 Brass Vase 50c	
\$1.25 Candle Sticks 63c	
All China at 1-2 off	
All Cut Glass at 1-2 off	
Leather Suit Cases at 1-4 off	
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