WILL NAME TICKET

Middle-of-the-Road Populists in Washington So Decide.

OFFICIAL CALL FOR CONVENTION

Spokane the City, October 2 the Date —Result of Investigation by National Committeeman Osborne.

COLFAX, Wash., Sept. 19.—The Middle-of-the-Road Populists of the State of Washington have determined to place in the field a complete state ticket, two Congressmen and four Presidential Electors. After visiting various counties of the state, J. B. Osborne, of Georgia, representing the National committee of the Peoples party, recently appeared in Whitman County. Investigation of conditions here has prompted him to issue an official call for a mass state convention to be held at Spokane, October 2, at 10 A. M., for the purpose of making nominations, and asks all interested to address him at Spokane. J. H. St. Lawrence, chairman of the Whitman County Populist Central Committee, has been appointed state organizer, and joins in the call.

EFFECT OF RAIN ON PRUNE CROP.

Fruit Has Begun to Crack, and Picking Is Slow—Market Discussed.

SALEM, Or., Sept. 19.—Prunegrowers are anxious about the results that may follow the rains. The fruit has begun to crack badly, and as the orchards are muddy, picking is slow. Brown rot affects the fruit which is left too long on the ground. It is feared that if hot weather should follow the rain, the latter part of the drying would come with such a rush that the driers will not be able to handle the fruit fast enough. The Willamette Valley Prune Association has received two carloads of grading and packing machinery, and this will be installed in the association warehouse immediately. The association will then have the most complete packing plant in Salem.

The market for Italian prunes continues to improve, although it started in at a fair figure. W. C. Tillson, of the Tillson-Bartlett Company, says that the price fixed by the California Association has been of great benefit to the Oregon prunegrowers. He says that the California Association's prices were so high that sales could not be made, and that while California prunes were being held off the market Oregon growers have been enabled to sell without competition. He says that in this respect the California Cured Fruit Association resembles the Oregon Hopgrowers' Association in its operations. "Last year," says Mr. Tillson, "the Oregon Hopgrowers' Association held its hops until the Californians had sold, and the market had been supplied. Then when the Oregon growers tried to sell, the market broke. I feel quite certain that when the California Association begins to let go of its prunes at proper prices, the market will break, but the Oregon crop will have been marketed by that time. I have reliable advices which say that the directors of the California Association are contemplating reducing their basis price from 3 cents to 2½ cents. If they should do this, and they must make a reduction of some kind, the prices will tumble."

Mr. Tillson says that Italian prunes are now worth 5 cents net for the 30-to-40-to-the-pound size, in bags. This is equal to 5¼ cents, with the usual commission off. The prices set by the Willamette Valley Prune Association was at the rate of 5¼ cents for 30s to 40s in bags, but the expenses of the association must be paid out of this.

When asked in regard to sizes, Mr. Tillson said that in former years prunes that averaged 35 or 36 have been required for the 30-to-40 size, but this year prunes that average 37 or better will be accepted; but the line is drawn there. There have been some lots of prunes that went at 30-to-40 size, without grading, but these are exceptionally good. Mr. Tillson estimates that there will be 125 carloads of prunes shipped from Marion County, including those grown in Polk County, tributary to Salem. He thinks that three-fourths of the prunes have now passed out of the hands of growers, and that Oregon will not suffer much if the prices fall as a consequence of future developments in California.

The summary of the assessment roll of Klamath County for the year 1900, a copy of which has already been published in The Oregonian, was received at the office of the Secretary of State today. This summary by itself shows nothing of special interest, but when compared with the summary of last year, some remarkable differences are disclosed. In 1899 the assessor found 81,597 acres of tillable land, which he assessed at $223,027; in 1900, only 67,293 acres of tillable land are returned, with the valuation placed at $206,808. The 1899 summary shows 393,175 acres of nontillable land, valued at $576,715, while this year the county is reported to contain 424,695 acres of nontillable land, of the value of $636,818. The total acreage in 1899 was 474,772 acres, while this year it is 491,988, or an increase of 19,216 acres. The increase in the total acreage is probably due to settlers acquiring title from the state or general Government, but the loss of tillable land is not so easily understood. The gross value of all property in 1899 was $1,552,096, and this year it is $1,642,578. Exemptions to the amount of $45,083 were claimed last year, while $54,235 is deducted this year. In 1899 the total taxable property was valued at $1,477,973, and this year Klamath will pay taxes on a valuation of $1,588,243, or an increase of $110,270.

The mounted elk won by the Salem lodge at the Portland Street Carnival will be brought up for presentation tomorrow. No public ceremonies have been announced.

Sheriff Linnville, of Clatsop County, today brought Louis Newman and Charles N. Wyllie to the penitentiary, where Newman will serve one year for larceny and Wyllie will serve two years for forgery.

OREGON PRESS ASSOCIATION.

Annual Meeting Held at Ashland Yesterday—An Interesting Session.

ASHLAND, Or., Sept. 19.—The Oregon Press Association delegation of 70 members arrived here this morning to hold the annual meeting of the organization, coming in special Pullman coaches. The day was spent in riding around the town and its suburbs, the business meeting of the association being held this evening. The address of the retiring president, James S. Stewart, of the Fossil Journal, was an able resume of the year's work of the organization, and replete with good counsel tending to advance the material prosperity of the newspaper publishers.

Among other business transacted was that of adopting a design for a badge for the association, the same to be copyrighted. The matter of opposing a bill expected to be introduced in the next session of the Legislature in the interest of the medical profession, tending to restrict the sale of patent medicines in this state, was taken up, and the association pledged itself to oppose the proposed bill.

The proposed Western Exposition of 1902, to be held in Portland, was advocated, and the support of the citizens of Oregon will be asked to further it. Albert Tozier was indorsed for president of the National Editorial Association. The invitation of the Spokane Industrial Exposition to be present on Editorial day, October 6, was accepted. The date and place of the next annual meeting were held vacant.

The election of officers resulted as follows: President, A. N. Fisher, Pacific Christian Advocate, Portland; first vice-president, F. S. Harding, Telephone-Register, McMinnville; second vice-president, Arthur Conklin, Mining Journal, Grant's Pass; secretary, Albert Tozier, Farmer, Portland; historian, G. H. Himes, Record, Portland; treasurer L. Couch, News, Wallowa; sergeant-at-arms, J. S. Stewart, Journal, Fossil.

The delegates to the National Editorial Association will be appointed by the president, and instructed to prepare an exhibit for the Pan-American Exhibition at Buffalo.

A number of the delegates left tonight for a visit in Northern California, others will visit Grant's Pass tomorrow, while the bulk of them will leave on the early morning train for Portland.

WASHINGTON VALUATIONS.

Many Counties' Assessments Changed by State Board of Equalization.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Sept. 19.—The State Board of Equalization has increased the valuations of town and city property in the following counties:

Clark, from $560,685 to $600,000; Columbia, from $185,422 to $270,000; Cowlitz, from $120,709 to $130,000; Douglas, from $34,327 to $50,000; Franklin, from $35,844 to $50,000; Jefferson, from $663,427 to $750,000; Klickitat, from $60,000 to $80,000; Lewis, from $329,282 to $35,000; Okonogan, from $9268 to $30,000; Pierce, from $11,275,332 to $12,000,000; Stevens, from $183,058 to $250,000.

The valuations of town and city property were reduced in the following counties: Asotin, from $119,740 to $60,000; Adams, from $68,540 to $60,000; Clallam, from $455,158 to $420,000; Ferry, from $252,748 to $200,000; King, from $25,925,495 to $25,000,000; Lincoln, from $222,458 to $200,000.

The valuations of town and city property in the other counties were allowed to remain as equalized by the county boards.

The valuations of improvements on town and city property were lowered in the following counties: Adams, from $52,665 to $30,000; Lincoln, from $283,832 to $300,000; Snohomish, from $729,963 to $650,000.

City improvement valuations were raised in Mason County from $632,241 to $75,000, and in Okonogan County from $13,230 to $20,000. Valuations on improvements as fixed by the county boards were allowed to remain in other counties.

BAKER CITY LIGHT FRANCHISE.

Ordinance to Extend Company's Grant 50 Years Defeated.

BAKER CITY, Or., Sept. 19.—At a meeting of the City Council tonight an ordinance to amend the charter of the Baker City Gas Light & Electric Light Company to extend its franchise for 50 years was defeated. The ordinance was then referred to the street committee, who will report at the next meeting as to what extension, if any, should be made. The company's present franchise extends only about two years.

An offer was received from James York to donate 10 acres of ground on the east side for a city park if the city would maintain a park on the land. The matter was referred to a special committee appointed by the Mayor.

An ordinance to amend the variety show ordinance was defeated. It was intended to allow the proprietors to pay $100 a month instead of $300 a month in advance.

HOPPICKING WELL COMPLETED.

Crop Not Yet Gathered Will Probably Be Ruined by Mold.

FOREST GROVE, Or., Sept. 19.—Hoppicking in this vicinity is nearing an end. A few of the yards have a few acres yet to gather, but the indications are that the continued rains will cause the loss of the crop from mold. D. C. Stewart, of this place, finished today. He will have 12,000 pounds of dried hops, of which 6000 pounds have been contracted for at 9 cents. The Buchanan brothers, near here, who have been employing 120 pickers, finished one of their yards yesterday, and this morning put the entire force in the unfinished yard. They will have about 90,000 pounds of dried hops.

WASHINGTON FUSION CAMPAIGN.

Opened at Vancouver Last Night—A Slim Audience.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Sept. 19.—The Fusion campaign was opened here tonight by J. T. Ronald, candidate for Congress. The Standard Theater, where the meeting was held, was not half filled, a large proportion of the audience being Republicans. Governor Rogers and Superintendent of Public Instruction Brown were advertised to speak, but were prevented by a belated train.

GREAT DAMAGE THREATENED.

Unpicked Hops on Lowlands Will Suffer Greatly From Rain.

SALEM, Sept. 19.—The continued rains of the last few days threaten to do great damage to the unpicked hops on lowlands. It is said that hops on high ground, where maturity has been early, are not being affected, but that mold is becoming very prevalent in backward yards. However, the amount of hops still unpicked is not large, and the loss will not be great.

RECEPTION TO FAIRBANKS.

Tendered by Business Men of Tacoma —Portland Complimented.

TACOMA, Wash., Sept. 19.—The business men of this city tendered a reception at the Tacoma Hotel to Senator Fairbanks. A large number were present. The distinguished guest complimented the business men on the improved conditions existing in this city, and said that the same conditions prevailed in every other place he had visited, particularly so in Portland.

Where Legislation Is Needed.

Myrtle Point Enterprise.

It would be well for the Legislature to adopt a law providing a punishment for every man who grumbles without a reason. The people are tired of grumblers, kickers, whiners and howlers.

Oregon Notes.

Arrangements are being made for a new depot at Coquille.

The State Teachers' Association holds its next meeting at Albany January 27, 28 and 29.

The bridge across the North Fork at Gravel Ford, in Coos County, is nearing completion.

The total receipts of the Marshfield fair, including sale of privileges and race entry fees, amounted to $2074.

Miss Anna Thompson, aged 17 years, was drowned Monday afternoon while bathing in the Coquille River.

A fresh case of smallpox was discovered at La Grande Tuesday. Proper precautions have been taken by the authorities.

The Southern Pacific is hauling a trainload of gravel daily from a pit at Harrisburg for the roadway between the Fair Grounds and Chemawa.

A petition is being circulated at Lebanon asking the City Council to release the bondsmen of City Treasurer Rice. He had about $500 of city funds deposited with the Lebanon Banking Company, which failed a few months ago.

The Blue Ridge Railway & Navigation Company has constructed a telephone line along the line of its road and to the logging camps at the head of Daniel's Creek. The line is connected with the Marshfield central office.

A Eugene physician has removed the entire upper jaw of a G. A. R. veteran. It took one and one-half hours to perform the operation. The patient has a good chance of recovery, despite his advanced age.

War has been declared by the ranchers in Lower Pine Valley against all parties taking water from Pine Creek above the head of their ditch, usually known as the Woods or McMullen ditch. The ditch companies are represented as ready to enter the contest.

SALEM DAY AT STATE FAIR

CAPITAL CITY FOLK APPRECIATE COMPLIMENT AND ATTEND.

Unfavorable Weather Causes the Absence of Many Who Resided at a Distance.

SALEM, Or., Sept. 19.—This was Salem day at the Oregon State Fair, and the residents of the Capital City turned out in very satisfactory numbers to examine the exhibits and witness the races. Had the weather been favorable, many more would have been present, but the occasional rains deterred those who resided at a distance. However, hundreds of farmers were on the grounds today, mingling with their city cousins in a day of pleasure and profit. A computation of the financial results of the first two days of this year's fair shows an increase over the returns for the first two days of the fair last year. The unprecedented excellence of the exhibits in every department has brought out the people in spite of the weather, and there is every indication that during the remainder of the fair a still larger attendance will be had.

In the Dairy Department.

In preparing for the present State Fair the State Board of Agriculture enlarged the building occupied by the the dairy department to about three times the space used in former years. There would not be too much space if the room were four times as large as it is now. All day long throngs of farmers and their families crowd through this department, watching the various processes and talking earnestly with the men in charge. There is no indication of idle curiosity. The men and women who visit that department are anxious to learn more of the industry which is so rapidly gaining a prominent place in Western Oregon. They realize that dairying is far from a side issue in practical farming. They have learned by report and from reliable sources, and in a few cases by observation, that neighborhoods of dairy farmers who have kept pace with the modern advances in dairying methods stand out as the most progressive, contented and prosperous of agricultural communities. It has been said that "in ranging the farm products of the United States in their order of value, dairy products, in conjunction with the hay and corn used as raw materials in dairy feeding, have come to stand second only to meats and those products which are closely allied to meats. Corn and hay alternate in third and fourth places, and wheat comes fifth. The total value of the dairy products of the country for 1898, consisting of milk, butter, cheese, skim-milk, and calves of dairy cows, is authoritatively estimated at $500,000,000."

Because of these considerations, the people have become deeply interested in all that concerns the dairy interest, and the State Fair Board has risen to the requirements of the times by providing a dairy exhibit which shall be a practical working demonstration of the details of the most approved methods. In the selection of G. W. Weeks, as superintendent of this department, the board made a happy choice, for Mr. Weeks is familiar with every phase of dairying, from the purchase of dairy stock to the selling of the perfected product. Early this season Mr. Weeks invited Prof. F. L. Kent, of the dairy department of the Oregon Agricultural College, to take direct supervision of the working plants to be installed at the fair. There are now two complete creamery plants in continual operation at the dairy pavilion. The cream that is usually hauled to the Salem creamery has been transferred to the fair grounds and provides a sufficient quantity to enable the operators to churn several times every day and execute all the other processes in the manufacture of the best creamery butter. One of the plants is owned by G. G. Wickson, and the other by George L. Bickle, both of Portland. Visitors may see the cream come to the factory in bright clean cans, from which it is poured into warming vats and later transferred to the churns. There are churns and butter workers of every style—the dog power, man power and steam power, the cube churn, the long box churn, the barrel churn and the cylinder churn. All manner of cream separators, butter-fat testers, butter packers, molders, markers, etc., are displayed on all sides in constant working order. And to make all this of the greatest good to the every-day farmer, there are a dozen practical dairymen ready to explain anything concerning which questions may be asked. And the questions are plentiful. The farmers and their wives stand around in groups, all anxious to ask questions, and each listening intently to every answer. Matters relating to temperature of the cream, the time it should stand, and similar questions that should have been settled generations ago, are continually coming up, only to be answered fully, correctly and in a pleasant, reassuring manner by some of the dairy operatives. The dairy department of the State Fair is really a great industrial school which grown persons as well as the coming generation may attend, and in which the students may get only such information as they need without being flooded with information of no practical use to them. Many of the farmers spend an hour asking questions and exchanging ideas, and after making a visit to some other department, they think of another difficulty they have had in dairying and they come back for another explanation. It is a school the value of which cannot be estimated in dollars and cents, for it is a center for the dissemination of sense that will result in the acquisition of dollars that cannot be counted. It will not be surprising if the dairy exhibit at this state fair shall result in local dairy shows, held particularly for the benefit of farmers who intend engaging in dairying.

ON STATE FAIR RACE TRACK.

Track Was in Poor Condition, but Interest in Sport Did Not Flag.

SALEM, Sept. 19.—The race track was in poor condition today, and fast time was out of the question. Interest in the contests did not flag, however, and there was great enthusiasm at times, especially over the 2:18 pacing race for the Salem Chamber of Commerce stake of $1000. The summary of the races is as follows:

Pacing, 2:18 class, best 3 in 5, purse $1000—Three heats paced, and postponement taken until 1 o'clock tomorrow, on account of darkness. Score shows following for four horses:

F. Frazier's Umahalla	2	2	1
E. B. Longues' Ben Bolt	1	1	2
A. W. Turner's Little Billy	3	4	3
A. Pratt's Scappoose	5	3	d

Best time—2:32, 2:30, 2:32¼.

There were nine starters, but four were distanced in the first heat.

Running, half-mile handicap, purse $150—A. McRae's Madrone won. Neal's Pat Tucker second, T. Sharp's Tennessee Maid third; best time, 0:51¼.

Running, five-eighths of a mile—Whitstone's Grace W. won, J. L. Crook's Lindo second, S. J. Jones' Olympia third; time, 1:07.

When the pacers in the first race appeared on the track for the first heat, the judges announced that it had been decided to postpone the race until after the running races, on account of the heavy track. George Peringer, owner of Pathmark, claimed the purse, on the ground that his horse was ready to go, and the judges had no power to delay the race. When the heat was called finally, Pathmark did not appear. The action of Peringer was taken under consideration by the judges.

On State Fair Racetrack.

The State Board of Agriculture made the change in the programme, an action which the printed rules authorize them to make. The question which the judges have under consideration relates to the penalty for Perringer's refusal to start. Pathmark was the favorite against the field of 10 horses, and the bets on him were declared off on account of the action taken by Perringer. The State Fair Board has announced privately that the races will take place every day, rain or shine.

BOHEMIA MINING DISTRICT.

Substantial Development in Progress —Ore Increases in Value.

COTTAGE GROVE, Or., Sept. 19.—Substantial development is going on at all the mines in the Bohemia district. As the work progresses, the value of the ores increase, though they are, with few exceptions, turning into solid base ledges.

Graber Bros. & Ziniker are drifting on their ledge, and have attained a depth of 300 feet. The ledge is five feet wide and is solid galena ore, that assays $125 to the ton. The Harlow & Stock's group, adjoining the Graber & Ziniker property, continues immensely rich in free milling ore; yet it is believed that at greater depth it will be base. The mine has $20,000 in ore piled on the dump, and its mill will commence operations as soon as sufficient water can be obtained. Another big strike has been made in the lower tunnel at a vertical depth of 250 feet. The value of the ore has not been ascertained, but it is known that it surpasses in richness any previous base ore discovered on the property. Mines on the Champion trail have shown decided improvement, and almost all of them are base that have strong leads. The Grizzly group has arranged for an all-Winter run, with a heavy force. The ledge at this mine is nine feet wide, and assays $30 to $35 to the ton.

QUARTZ LEDGE DISCOVERIES.

Considerable Stir About Finds in Pansy Basin, on Molalla River.

OREGON CITY, Sept. 19.—There is considerable stir about the quartz ledge discoveries in the Pansy Basin mining district, near the headwaters of the Molalla River. The assays of the rock are said to have gone as high as $15 per ton, and the croppings indicate that the ledges are extensive. Extension claims were filed today on the ledges already located by George Appleyard and John Spancil, the new claims being called the Pocahontas and Del Norte.

Gallery Oregon Newspaper Men—No. 24

D. E. Stitt, of the Bandon Recorder.

D. E. Stitt, editor and proprietor of the Bandon Recorder, was born near Leechburg, Armstrong County, Pa., in 1848. His early life was spent in Pennsylvania and Indiana, where he principally followed the schoolmaster's avocation. In 1886 he emigrated to California, and the next year to Curry County, Oregon. In 1888 he moved to Bandon, where he has since resided. In 1889 he purchased the Bandon Recorder, and successfully conducted the publication until February, 1898, when he disposed of the same. Finding nothing that offered better inducements, he again purchased the plant, and once more engaged in the newspaper field, in December, 1899. Mr. Stitt's education was obtained in the common schools. In politics Mr. Stitt has always been an advocate of reform, and for the past 15 years he has been a pronounced socialist.

Mining Stock Quotations.

Following are the quotations at the Oregon Mining Stock Exchange yesterday:

	Bid.	Asked.
Adams Mountain	$0 04⅞	$0 05¼
Buffalo	1½	2
Copperopolis	5	5½
Gold Hill & Bohemia	5	5⅝
Goldstone Consolidated	1	2
Helena	32½	32½
Helena No. 2	7½	7½
Isabella	.0095	1½
Lost Horse	3½	3¼
Musick	10½	10¾
May Queen	2½	2¾
Oregon-Colo. M. M. & D. Co.	4½	5
Oregon Ex. & Dev. Co.	.....	5½
Riverside	2¾	10
Umpqua	4¾	5

SALES.

Adams Mountain	3,000 shares at 5
Copperopolis	3,000 at 5
Gold Hill & Bohemia	2,000 at 5
Helena No. 2	3,000 at 7½
	2,000 at 7¼
Musick	1,000 at 10½
	1,000 at 10¼
Oregon-Colorado	1,500 at 5

The following transactions were made yesterday in the Portland Mining Stock Exchange:

	Bid.	Asked.
Helena	$0 32⅝	$0 32¾
Helena No. 2	7½	7¾
Musick	10½	10¾
Lost Horse	3¼	3⅝
May Queen	2¾	2¾
Portland G. M. & M. Co.	3	3¼
Oregon Ex. & Dev. Co.	.....	5
Golconda	95	1 50

SALES.

Helena	1,000 shares at 32½
	5,500 at 32⅝
	1,500 at 32½
Helena No. 2	12,500 at 7½
Lost Horse	8,000 at 3¼
May Queen	9,000 at 2¾
Portland G. M. & M. Co.	20,000 at 3
	6,000 at 3¼
Musick	13,000 at 10½
	1,000 at 10½
	1,000 at 10¼
Sweden	10,000 at 1¼
	5,000 at 1½
Beacon Hill Ajax (Cripple Creek)	20,000 at 3¼

SPOKANE, Sept. 19.—The closing bids for mining stocks today were:

Blacktail	$0 12½	Noble Five	$0 05
Butte & Boston	1¾	Princess Maud	1½
Deer Trail Con.	3½	Rambler Cariboo	2.75
Evening Star	6½	Rossland Giant	5½
Gold Ledge	1	Sullivan	14½
Golden Harvest	⅝	Tom Thumb	18½
Lone Pine Surp.	8½	Waterloo	1¾
Morn. Glory	7	Conjecture	2¾
Morrison	1	Amer. Boy	7½

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 19.—Official closing quotations for mining stocks:

Alta	$0 02	Justice	$0 07
Alpha Con	4	Mexican	27
Andes	6	Occidental Con	7
Belcher	20	Ophir	45
Best & Belcher	26	Overman	11
Bullion	2	Potosi	18
Caledonia	45	Savage	10
Challenge Con	27	Sag. Belcher	2
Chollar	19	Sierra Nevada	29
Confidence	87	Silver Hill	36
Con. Cal. & Va.	1 10	Standard	4 10
Crown Point	15	Union Con	16
Gould & Curry	38	Utah Con	3
Hale & Norcross	20	Yellow Jacket	23

NEW YORK, Sept. 19.—Mining stocks today closed as follows:

Chollar	$0 15	Ontario	$5 75
Crown Point	10	Ophir	42
Con. Cal. & Va.	1 15	Plymouth	10
Deadwood	45	Quicksilver	1 50
Gould & Curry	30	do pref	7 00
Hale & Norcross	17	Sierra Nevada	25
Homestake	50 00	Standard	4 20
Iron Silver	60	Union Con	14
Mexican	24	Yellow Jacket	15

BOSTON, Sept. 19.—Closing quotations:

Adventure	$ 3 75	Osceola	$ 64 50
Amal. Copper	87 00	Parrott	40 25
Atlantic	22 50	Quincy	145 00
Boston & Mont.	312 00	Santa Fe Copper	4 50
Butte & Boston	58 00	Tamarack	236 00
Cal. & Hecla	745 00	Utah Mining	29 25
Centennial	18 00	Winona	2 50
Franklin	13 00	Wolverines	39 00
Humboldt	25 00		

Oregon Eggs for Skagway.

ALBANY, Sept. 19.—A big demand for eggs has reached Albany from Skagway, and in a few days, one Albany firm has shipped about 5000 dozen to that city, with a permanent contract for all that can be shipped.

WORK OF THE CONFERENCE

BUSINESS AFFAIRS OF OREGON M. E. CHURCH ARE TAKEN UP.

Committee Named to Conduct Trial of Rev. Mr. Starr, of Portland—Dr. Cline Restored.

ASHLAND, Or., Sept. 19.—The Oregon Methodist Episcopal Conference convened here this morning, Bishop E. G. Andrews presiding, at 8:30 A. M. The First order of business was the Lord's supper. Presiding Elders Gue, Waters, Ford and Summerville participating.

The election of officers resulted as follows: Secretary, Rev. C. A. Lewis; statistical secretary, Rev. H. T. Atkinson; treasurer, Rev. John Parsons; assistant treasurer, Rev. A. S. Mulligan. Rev. G. Sykes, Victor Smith and H. T. Atkinson were appointed assistant secretaries.

Among the first business transacted after the organization of the body was the announcement by the bishop of the restoration of Rev. C. B. Cline, D. D., to his place in the Oregon conference by the judicial conference at Minneapolis last December. The conference by unanimous vote accepted the report and ordered Dr. Cline's name restored to the roll. A committee of 15 was then appointed by the bishop in the case of Rev. S. A. Starr, of Portland. Bishop Andrews was asked by the conference to preside at this trial, which is likely to prolong the session of the conference. The committee which is to try the case, in camera at the Baptist church met this afternoon. It is composed of Revs. R. A. Atkins, A. Kershaw, J. Mattheshead, R. E. Dunlap, S. A. Smith, W. R. Hollingshead, D. McLachlin, C. E. Crandall, Harold Oberg, Samuel Snyder, M. O. Brink, W. H. Myers, Edward Gittins and N. F. Jenkins. The prosecuting counsel are Revs. H. W. Kellogg and G. H. Bennett. The defense will be looked after by Revs. M. C. Wire, D. D., and G. W. Grannis.

Reports from the various charges were then read. In this connection, the character of every preacher was examined. The chief interest in the matter of appointments centers around the presiding eldership of the Portland district. The time of Rev. G. W. Gue, D. D., having expired, it becomes necessary to appoint a new man in his place. Among those mentioned for this important post are Rev. W. T. Kerr and Rev. L. E. Rockwell. Dr. I. D. Driver, who was down on the programme for a lecture this afternoon, and the two following days, is detained at his home in Eugene by illness, and will not be able to attend this session of the conference. The missionary anniversary tonight attracted a large audience. Rev. N. F. Jenkins presided, and Dr. H. K. Carroll, the secretary of the Missionary Society of the church, made a stirring and able appeal in its interests.

Bishop Edward Gayer Andrews, D. D., LL. D., who is now on the Pacific Coast for the purpose of attending the various annual conferences, is the oldest of the effective bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church, whose long services and great administrative and pulpit ability have made one of the most notable figures of that denomination. During his 75 years' of life he has taken a very active part in its affairs, and has held some of the most important stations within its jurisdiction. His fame has spread throughout all Methodism, and a cordial reception will be tendered him whenever he appears in the Northwest. It has been 23 years since his former official visit to this part of the United States, and the older members of the church who were here then will be glad to meet him and recall the incidents of his presidency.

An opportunity to hear Bishop Andrews will be given the people of Portland, Sunday, October 7, when he will deliver a sermon in Taylor-Street Methodist Church at the morning services. He has been in attendance at the Idaho Conference, at Baker City, August 29; the Columbia River Conference, at North Yakima, September 5; the Puget Sound Conference, at Hoquiam, September 12; and the Oregon Conference, at Ashland, September 19. He will be present at the North Pacific German Mission Conference, to be held at Salem, September 26, and on October 4 will be in Portland to open the Norwegian-Danish Conference. At its close he will leave for his home in New York.

M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH, CONFERENCE

In Annual Session at Albany—Regular Work Commences Today.

ALBANY, Or., Sept. 19.—The annual conference of the M. E. Church, South, is in session in this city. Last night and today were devoted to the Women's Home Missionary Society. The opening exercises were held last night with an address of welcome by Mrs. A. D. Barker, a response by Rev. Shangle, and the annual address by the president, Mrs. J. F. Stewart, of Ashland. This forenoon was devoted to reports and talks on the Cuban school by Mrs. Herron, of Monroe, and the London school by Mrs. H. C. Allen. The subjects of city missions, the work of children and the reading course were considered this afternoon. Tonight an address was delivered by Bishop Duncan. Tomorrow the regular work of the conference will begin.

STATE UNIVERSITY OPENED.

Registrar's Office Crowded With Students—Equal Never Seen Before.

EUGENE, Or., Sept. 19.—The State University opened its doors this morning, and throughout the entire day the Registrar's office was crowded with a throng of students, the equal of which has never been seen here before. Nearly all of last year's undergraduates are returning, and new students are pouring in from all sections of the state, the various high schools and academies being well represented. It is estimated that the enrollment will exceed that of last year by 60 or 65 per cent. The graduate department will be larger than ever before, and several new juniors and seniors will apply for admission. Quite a number are entering as sophomores, while the freshman class is a record-breaker.

The university has been reorganized into different departments, as follows: The graduate school, F. G. Young, A. B., Dean; the college of literature, sciences and arts, John Straub, A. M., dean; the college of sciences, engineering and mines, Arthur Lachman, Ph. D., dean. The new members of the faculty are: Joseph Schaefer, M. L., University of Wisconsin, chair of history; A. D. Sheldon, Ph. D., Clark University, chair of philosophy and education, vice E. B. McElroy, resigned, and O. C. Strafford, A. M., University of Kansas, assistant in the school of mines. About 30 new courses of study will be offered this year, among them being higher work in economics, philosophy, sociology and political science. The facilities of the school of mines and the engineering departments have been greatly enhanced, and there will be new courses in the departments of biology, ancient languages and history. Dr. Sheldon has made an examination of the department of psychology, and speaks in the most flattering terms of the work being carried on by Professor Hawthorne.

The managers of the various student enterprises are hard at work, getting ready for an active year. The annual reception of the Christian associations will be held Saturday evening. The Oregon Weekly will be issued on Monday, and the U. O. Monthly about October 1. Football practice will begin Monday.

THE MONTANA
State School of Mines
At Butte, Montana, will open Sept. 11, 1900. Full four years' course of instruction offered; two terms of 20 weeks each per year. Tuition free to Montana students; others pay $25 per term. For other information address N. R. Leonard, Butte, Mont.

EUGENE STREET-CAR LINE.

Portion of Rails Taken Up by Owner —City Determined to Finish Job.

EUGENE, Or., Sept. 18.—The rails of the street-car line in this city are being torn up. Mr. Dennis, the owner of the line, gave orders yesterday morning for the tearing up of the rails, and a contract was let to M. S. Hubble for the work. He at once put on a force of men and worked until noon, when orders were received from Mr. Dennis to discontinue. Accordingly, the men were paid off and work stopped. But the street committee of the City Council did not see fit to have the matter left in this condition, and immediately after noon employed the same force of men, and had them resume the work of tearing up rails. Mr. Dennis gave notice to the city through the City Attorney to desist, with a warning that legal proceedings would be commenced if the track were not left alone. The street committee paid no attention to this threat, however, and the men are still at work. It is evident Mr. Dennis would like to be allowed to continue operating the line as in the past, and the Council has a suspicion that he is trying to bluff them into granting certain concessions.

BROKE WORLD'S BICYCLE RECORD.

Feat of a Spokane Wheelman at Races in Germany.

SPOKANE, Wash., Sept. 19.—Private advices from Germany announce that Carl C. Holzel, a Spokane bicycle racer, has broken the world's one mile record, flying start, paced, in 1:30 1-5, and the world's record for 50 kilometers in 53:22. The record was made in Berlin in competition. Holzel holds the quarter-mile and the mile records for America, made here last October. He will return to Spokane in October.

Idaho Notes.

A contract has been let at Lewiston for the erection of the fair buildings.

Professor A. G. Leonard, of the University of Missouri, has been elected to fill the chair of mining and mineralogy in the University of Idaho.

In Kootenai County it is said women are taking a more active part in the political campaign than men are. In some precincts the number of women registered exceeds that of men two to one.

The failure of the Republicans of Kendrick to secure recognition on the state ticket will tend to throw the vote of that place to the Fusionists, who have included Kendrick nominees on their ticket.

Inez Fairfield, a young half-breed Indian, has been arrested at Culdesac for abduction of Lillie E. Parks, a 14-year-old daughter of Charles A. Parks. The enraged father went after Fairfield with a Winchester, but was himself arrested.

Harvest in Potlatch Valley is done. There is more grain in the local warehouses than ever known for this time of the season. The roads are still in good shape, and all seem to be taking advantage of them. The yield for the season has been about 25 bushels per acre.

A new drier of 2400 pounds' capacity has been built at Cameron, on Big Potlatch Ridge, where there are about 500 acres of bearing prune and pear trees. Both the pear and prune crops are unusually large this season, and the quality above the average. The driers of this section have a combined capacity of 100,000 pounds every 24 hours, with plenty of fruit for about three weeks' run.

W. Thomas Hart, president of the recently organized Hartford & Helena Railroad, is quoted as follows: "The company intends to build a line down Snake River from Hartford, better known as Olds' Ferry, to the mouth of the Salmon River, some 50 miles beyond the Seven Devils. The object of the road is to reach the great copper mines on Salmon River near its mouth, tapping also the great mineral resources along Snake River. The road will follow down the Idaho side of Snake River. The terminal point of the line at this end will be on Warm Spring Creek, about six miles west of Weiser. It is intended to install a large smelting plant somewhere near Weiser and employ men who will buy small farm homes in the valley."

WAS FEATURE OF THE DAY

GREAT INTEREST TAKEN IN PUBLIC WEDDING AT PENDLETON FAIR.

Miss Annie Trebbow and William O. Owings the Couple—Attraction for Benefit of Portlanders.

PENDLETON, Or., Sept. 19.—Interest in the street fair and carnival today centered in the public wedding of Miss Annie D. Trebbow to William O. Owings. The bride's parents live in Germany, and the girl has been making her home with her uncle and aunt, who live at Ridge. Mr. Owings' father is a prosperous stockman and the owner of 2300 acres at Ridge, and is believed to be worth $50,000. Young Mr. Owings has a considerable portion in his own right, and it was the novelty of the thing, rather than the furniture set offered as a prize, that induced him to be a party to a public ceremony.

Within 30 minutes after the gates had been opened this afternoon 4000 people passed into the grounds and gathered about the Queen's throne, where the marriage took place. The bride and groom ascended the platform at 2:30, followed shortly by Rev. F. L. Forbes. The bride appeared to enjoy the ceremony, and exchanged smiles with acquaintances among the spectators, but the groom wore a serious face, and he was decidedly nervous when the time came to put on the ring, and too absent-minded to steal the first kiss. Mr. Owings is 22 years old, and his wife 18. There will be another public marriage tomorrow afternoon.

When the electric lights are turned on, carnival night will be ushered in with its showers of confetti, carnival galeties, concluding with a mardi gras ball in the German village.

Pendleton people are highly gratified at the prospect of a large attendance of Portlanders on Saturday. The programme for the entertainment of the Portlanders is not yet complete, but one of the leading features of it will be the parade and dance by the Umatilla Indians. This attraction has been gotten up for the especial benefit of the Portland visitors.

The carnival has proved a great drawing card, and the sales of all the stores have vastly increased. A piano dealer has sold out his stock since yesterday, and was regretting today that he had no more pianos to sell. Yesterday 15,000 admissions were sold, and today's attendance showed an increase. Indications are that the fair will be a financial as well as an industrial success.

ROSEBURG FAIR CLOSED.

Concluded Last Evening With a Grand Carnival Ball.

ROSEBURG, Or., Sept. 19.—The street fair closed tonight with a carnival ball. There was another parade today, and the usual amusements. The attendance was very large, and the weather good.

DE FRANCE GUILTY, ELLIOTT NOT.

Verdict of Jury in Celebrated Whitman County Warehouse Case.

SPOKANE, Wash., Sept. 19.—One of the hardest-fought trials in the history of this county ended today, when the jury found Charles De France guilty and R. E. Elliott innocent of the specific charge