

WORK OF FRUITGROWERS

OFFICERS RE-ELECTED; WALLA WALLA NEXT MEETING PLACE.

Hearty Indorsement of the Lewis and Clark Exposition Enterprise—Various Papers and Discussions.

Walla Walla was chosen as the place for the next annual meeting of the Northwest Fruitgrowers Association yesterday and all the officers of the association were re-elected except the secretary and one of the vice-presidents. The secretaryship went to Walla Walla because it falls to his lot to make the arrangements for the annual meeting, and it is found advisable to have a secretary who lives in the town selected for the meeting. J. R. Anderson succeeds Thomas G. Earle as the vice-

other Eastern markets; you will then compete with Montana. R. P. Ober, superintendent of refrigerator car service on the Northern Pacific, gave an interesting description of results attained with a new system of refrigeration that makes possible the picking of dead ripe fruit in Oregon and delivering it in good condition in the Eastern market. Secretary Dosch read a paper on "Generals in Horticulture," referring to the need of men who can take advantage of the market and crop conditions, who can get the products of this country where they will meet the best demand in other parts of the world. The vice-presidents of the association were constituted a committee to prepare a uniform horticultural law for the Pacific Northwest and present it at the next annual meeting of the association. There was a packed house last evening and a very attractive programme was presented. Professor A. B. Cordley, of the Oregon Agricultural College, spoke on "The Importance of Horticultural Inspection." Professor Lake, of the same institution, explained a numerous lot of stere-

SHE WOULD NOT TESTIFY

BURGLAR'S 'WIFE' REFUSES TO GIVE EVIDENCE.

J. A. Long, Charged With Safe-Cracking, Convicted, But Recommended to Mercy of Court.

The case against J. A. Long, charged with robbing the safe of the Blue Mountain Ice Company, went to the jury late yesterday afternoon. At 11 P. M., they returned a verdict of guilty. Attorney Vaughn summed up the evidence for the defense, and Deputy District Attorney Spencer for the prosecution. Mrs. Phoebe Gage, the woman at first arrested for supposed complicity in the case and later released, created a sensation in the courtroom while on the stand by refusing to testify against

to be \$100,000. The heirs named are his son, wife and daughters, and other near relatives. F. L. Elliott has filed a petition for letters of administration of the estate of Sarah A. Walters, which is valued at \$500. In the damage suit of Miss E. E. Crookham vs. Richard Williams, a motion was filed in Judge Fraser's department of the Circuit Court to strike out parts of the defendant's answer. Martha C. Huckabay has sued for divorce in the State Circuit Court from her husband, Thomas Huckabay, to whom she was married in 1867. She alleges cruel and inhuman treatment, failure to provide, and desertion in 1873. Charles Gray has filed suit in the State Circuit Court against R. J. Quintral and wife, for \$1000 damages on account of the latter's alleged breach of contract in failing to sell to plaintiff two lots in Kenilworth Addition. J. S. Kidd has brought suit against the Yukon Transportation, Dredging & Mining Company for \$124 due him as chief engineer of the Alaskan steamer, Lavelle Young. The suit of R. S. Spaulding vs. the



AT THE NORTHWEST FRUITGROWERS CONVENTION.

president for British Columbia. The new list of officers is as follows: President—Dr. N. G. Blalock, of Walla Walla, Wash. Vice-presidents—For Oregon, E. L. Smith, of Hood River; for Washington, Frank L. Wheeler, of North Yakima; for Idaho, L. A. Porter, of Lewiston; for Montana, S. M. Emery, of Bozeman; for British Columbia, J. R. Anderson, of Victoria. Secretary—C. F. Vandewater, of Walla Walla, Wash. Treasurer—W. S. Offner, of Walla Walla, Wash.

opticon views of fruit and other scenes in Europe, chiefly in France. The Spanish Students' quartet rendered three instrumental numbers and Miss Susie Gamble sang a charming selection, "If Dreams Came True," and all were obliged to respond to encores. The closing session of the very successful meeting will be held this morning in the A. O. U. W. Temple. J. E. Baker will present "the subject and there will be some discussion, committee reports will come in, and miscellaneous business will be cleaned up.

Long, on the ground that she was his wife, asserting that she had been married to him in California in 1894, and that the ceremony had been performed by Police Judge Campbell. Since the money, alleged to have been stolen from the ice company and identified by witnesses as such, was found in her room, the testimony she might have given was regarded as important by both sides of the case. To the police officers she had asserted that the money, amounting to about \$300, was the earnings she had saved by food.

Masons' Fraternal Association of America, to recover \$200 which he lays claim to as a benefit. He sets forth that he had an accident policy whereby he was to be paid \$25 a week during disability from accident, and that he fractured his shoulder by a fall, which disabled him for 12 weeks. Hans Woodfill has sued Herman Herbers and wife for \$713 due on a mortgage. F. J. Folsom, of Seattle, has sued Lindsay Burns, of Seattle, for \$2500, for the loss of a car, with an office in Portland, for \$10,023 damages, and \$200.50 said to be due on contract. Folsom alleges breach of a contract which had for delivering poles, the corporation refusing to accept them.

ACQUITTED OF ASSAULT.

Sexton of Trinity Church, Who Corrected a Choir Boy.

Has a church sexton the right to "correct" a boy chorister, in church, if the boy stands in need of such correction? This was the question in a case before Municipal Judge Cameron yesterday, and he practically decided in the affirmative. The allegation before the court was that Robert End, sexton of Trinity Episcopal Church, had assaulted a choir boy named W. Milne Denholm, on Sunday night, January 27, in the passage-way leading from the church to the vestry by striking him on the head. The boy was accused of having dropped a hymn-book during the singing of a recessional hymn.

LEASE IN MANITOBA.

Northern Pacific Lines There to Go to a New Company.

NEW YORK, Feb. 6.—The Tribune says: President Mellan, of the Northern Pacific Company, confirms the report that negotiations are pending for the lease of the lines of the Northern Pacific in the Province of Manitoba to the Canadian Northern, which is backed by the Provincial Government. Premier Roblin, of Manitoba, is carrying on the details. The deal is practically completed, and all that remains to be done is to arrange the exchange of business between the Canadian Northern and the Northern Pacific at the boundary line. It is said that the tracks of the Northern Pacific are to be leased for 30 years, and that a part of the rolling stock is to be sold to the Canadian Northern.

89 1/2 MILES AN HOUR.

Record of a Regular Train on the Oregon Short Line.

Traffic Manager Campbell has returned from Salt Lake City and the chief news of his trip is that his train ran 89 1/2 miles an hour from Portland to Salt Lake City in 2 hours of lost time. Between Shoshone and Gooding, on the Oregon Short Line, a speed of 78 miles was attained. Then the pace was increased, and between Billings and King Hill the speed of the train showed 84 miles an hour, which was maintained for a considerable time. The lost time would soon have been made up but for Campbell's interest in making a record. A stop for repairs. Though a 60-mile gait is common on that line, the 89 1/2-mile clip is believed to set the record. Several of the principal actors in the matter are believed to be in the city. It was Mr. Campbell's fastest train, and quite fast enough. It was the regular No. 2 and it finally got on schedule time and had to wait a few minutes on the east side in order not to cross the bridge too early.

STILL AFTER COLUMBIA SOUTHERN.

Another Suit Filed, This One in Wasco County.

THE DALLES, Or., Feb. 6.—Suit was filed in the Circuit Court of Wasco County today by S. Ban et al., against the Columbia Southern Railway Company, Archie Mason, of the New York Security & Trust Company, for \$25,000, with interest at 6 per cent from July last, the further sum of \$5000 attorney's fees, with additional costs and charges. This sum is claimed by Ban as subcontractor for construction work between Moro and Shaniko.

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CHARGES ARE DISMISSED

COMPROMISE IN THE CASE OF MISS VAN VLEET.

She is Granted Leave of Absence, at Her Own Request, for Remainder of the Term.

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION YESTERDAY DISMISSED THE CHARGE OF INSUBORDINATION AGAINST MISS EDITH VAN VLEET, AT THE INSTANCE OF THE PRINCIPAL, CHARLES M. KIRKINS, THE COMPLAINANT, AND MISS VAN VLEET HAS BEEN GRANTED LEAVE OF ABSENCE, AT HER OWN REQUEST, FOR THE REMAINING TERM OF THE SCHOOL YEAR.

ROYAL NEIGHBORS, AUXILIARY SOCIETY MODERN WOODMEN OF AMERICA, HELD A STATE CONVENTION HERE TODAY.

The Salem Press Club tonight gave a banquet at the Willamette Hotel in honor of the newspaper men who are in attendance on the session of the Legislature. Colonel E. Hofer, of the Capital Journal, acted as toastmaster. Toasts were responded to as follows: "The Salem Press," R. J. Hendricks; "The Country Press," J. H. Fletcher; "The Bunchgrass Press," C. L. Ireland, of Moro; "The Evening News," C. J. Owen, of Portland; "The Morning Press," J. T. Lighter, of Astoria.

FRED GREEN AND JAMES WARD, EVIDENTLY TRAMPA, WERE TONIGHT ARRESTED FOR ROBBERY OF BILL BROS.' CIGAR STORE ON COMMERCIAL STREET THIS EVENING. THEY SECURED \$1200.

IT WAS ANNOUNCED IN SALEM THIS EVENING THAT THE SOUTHERN PACIFIC COMPANY HAS DIVIDED THE WORK IN ITS SALEM OFFICE, MAKING O. L. DARLING TICKET AGENT, AND W. MERRIMAN, FREIGHT AGENT. DARLING HAS BEEN WITH THE SOUTHERN PACIFIC AT SALEM FOR THE LAST 19 YEARS. MERRIMAN HAS SERVED THE COMPANY FOR OVER 14 YEARS, HAVING BEEN STATIONED AT A NUMBER OF PLACES IN

TO KEEP TICKETS STEADY.

CHICAGO, Feb. 6.—Chairmen of all the passenger associations in the United States held a conference at the Auditorium Hotel today for the purpose of organizing from their own membership a protective association for the prevention of the frauds of all kinds upon the passenger departments of the roads.

CONDITIONS OF THE LEASE.

WINNEMUK, Feb. 6.—The local government has not purchased the Northern Pacific branches, but has leased them for 30 years for \$200,000 per annum. The government has re-leased the lines to Mackenzie Mann, who is building the Canadian Northern, for the same period and amount, with a guarantee of a 10-cent rate per 100 on wheat. To secure the lease, the government has to guarantee the bonds and interest on the Rainy River road, \$1,000,000 per mile.

STAGES AGAIN RUNNING.

BUGEN, Or., Feb. 6.—The stage is again running regularly between Eugene and Florence and the drivers report the road in better condition than is usual at this season of the year. For all that, it is no slight undertaking to make the trip on time. It takes from 6 o'clock in the morning until midnight to cover the route.

NEW CASE OF SMALLPOX AT HOUSTON.

ST. HELENS, Feb. 6.—Another case of smallpox is reported at Houston, George, son of Rev. C. E. Philbrook, has the disease. There are now three cases at that station, one the confidant, and the other two, mild. A strict quarantine is enforced, and it is hoped that there will be no more new cases.

DECISIONS TODAY.

Judge Bears will render decisions today in the following cases: Smith & Thomas vs. Hand Manufacturing Company, motion to strike out parts of complaint; North vs. Billing (mandamus), demurrer to writ. Wenner vs. Wright et al., findings on the merits. McCormick vs. City & Suburban Railway Company, motion to strike out parts of complaint.

AN EASTERN TRIP VIA WASHINGTON.

If a trip to Philadelphia or New York is made over Pennsylvania Short Lines a 10 days' visit to Washington may be enjoyed without additional cost of fare, as the government has re-leased the lines to National Capital at same rate as over direct line. For particulars address H. R. Dering, A. G. F. Agt., 26 South Clark St., Chicago.

WAS ADJUDGED SANE.

Clyde Vaughn Will Stand Trial for His Crime Next Week.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 6.—A futile attempt was made today to have Clyde Vaughn adjudged insane. He is the young man who attempted the murder of Lulu Jones at Jefferson, last November, and who will be tried for that crime next week. The charge of insanity was brought against Vaughn by his father, and the examina-



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