

DEAD POLITICS

John L. Wilson Loses a Tried Lieutenant.

PART GOVERNOR M'BRIDE PLAYS

Hugh Eldridge Credited With Agreeing to Deliver a Vote for Preston for Senator if Kershaw is Made Fish Commissioner.

SPOKANE, Wash., Jan. 9.—A special to the Spokesman-Review from Whatcom says:

John L. Wilson has lost a vote for Senator, and Harold Preston gained one as the result of a political deal reported to have been made at Mount Vernon yesterday between Governor McBride and Hugh Eldridge, Postmaster at Whatcom.

For years Eldridge has been the Wilson leader in this section. McBride and Kershaw have been among his most active lieutenants. Eldridge was nominated last fall, with the understanding that he was for Wilson for Senator.

WHEAT AT FIFTY CENTS.

Many Palouse Farmers Will Sell if the Price Stays Up.

COLFAX, Wash., Jan. 9.—Wheat has reached 50 cents per bushel in the Palouse country, the first time in two years, and several sales are being made at that price. The first large sale at 50 cents is reported from Pullman, where F. E. Hawley, agent for the Pacific Coast Elevator Company, bought 12,000 bushels of wheat from Westryde, a farmer living near Pullman. A part of this wheat was in Mr. Westryde's own warehouse on the O. & N. track, and he is to be paid in cash, which would make the actual price 6 1/2 cents, allowing for the regular loading charge, but a large portion of the wheat was in the Pacific Coast Elevator Company's warehouse at Pullman, and 50 cents net was allowed Mr. Westryde for the entire lot.

SEYMOUR MANNING, agent for the Interior Warehouse Company at Pullman, bought 12,000 bushels of wheat from A. D. Kettis, of Chambers, yesterday for 50 cents net.

A MOST ATROCIOUS CRIME.

Body of a Man Found With His Head and Hands Cut Off.

PORT TOWNSEND, Wash., Jan. 9.—Evidence of one of the most atrocious crimes ever committed in this state came to light Monday, when the nude body of a man was found on the beach near Fort Casey, on Whidbey Island. According to the information received by the Sheriff's office, the head had been severed from the body by a sharp instrument, and both hands had been cut off. The body showed no signs of life, and the perpetrator of the crime was recently committed, as the body was in a good state of preservation. The only means by which the body can be identified is a crucifix or other religious article, which was found near the body, and the letters T. N. R. I. tattooed in blue and red. The authorities of Island County are unable to find any new leads in the investigation, and it is believed that the perpetrator of the crime is still at large.

CHARGES AGAINST POSTMASTER.

Special Agent Sent to Aberdeen to Make an Investigation.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Jan. 9.—Special Agent Riches, of the Postoffice Department, has been here, investigating the charges preferred against Postmaster Bell. The ground of the charges is that the postmaster had failed to issue the receipts of the postoffice in order to make it a second-class office. Friends of Mr. Bell state the sale of stamps was forced to bring the letters and parcels to the office, but it was done by business men nearly a year ago. The city has since grown to such an extent that the receipts now keep up to the standard required by the law. The business of the office was thoroughly investigated by the postoffice authorities before free delivery was granted, and the charge now coming so late is a surprise.

Chehalis Briefs.

CHEHALIS, Wash., Jan. 9.—E. A. Frost has sold his shingle mill to the Centrala Shingle Company, which will operate both mills.

The company also secured a right to Mr. Frost's timber, and has entire control of the Newaukum River and of the Chehalis River between Centrala and Dryad.

H. M. Ingraham, member of the last Legislature, has been appointed Fruit Inspector for Lewis County by the Board of County Commissioners.

A stranger giving the name of E. M. Crawford was arrested last night for passing a forged check for \$5. The authorities think they have a clear case against him.

Mrs. Hadden Resigns Presidency.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Jan. 9.—Mrs. L. T. Hadden, of this city, has resigned the office of president of the Woman's Equal Suffrage Association of Washington, to which she was recently elected.

WITHYCOMBE SUCCEEDS GATCH.

As Director of the Agricultural College Experiment Station.

CORVALLIS, Or., Jan. 9.—The election of Dr. Withycombe to the directorship of the experiment station, vice Thomas M. Gatch, resigned, and the discussion of the matter for the new agricultural hall and other matters, occupied the attention of the board of regents of the Agricultural College at the midwinter meeting held at the college yesterday afternoon. The resignation of President Gatch from the directorship was at his own instance, and in line with a movement all over the country, especially in the great institutions, for the presidency of the college and the directorship of the station to be separated.

In the location of agricultural hall the selection of a site was referred back to the special building committee, consisting of Apperson, Weatherford and Daly. The matter is to be determined at a meeting of the committee Monday, when the architect and other experts will be on hand to pass upon question of use of the heating plant economically, and other technical points.

A recommendation from the building

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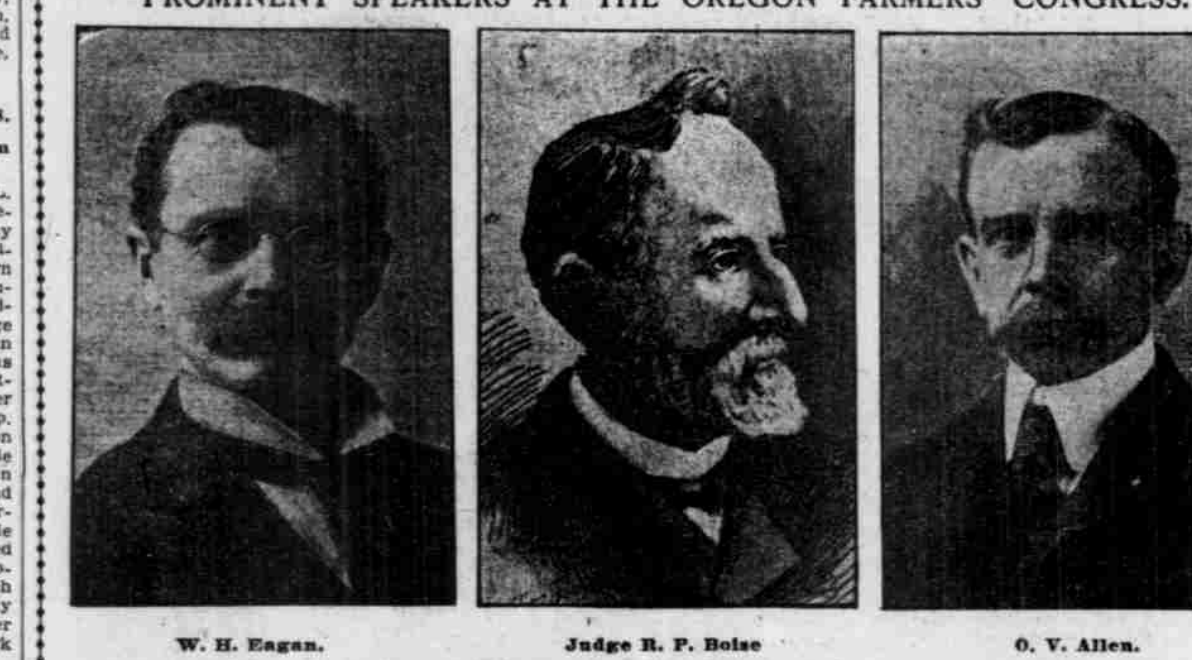
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ing a new generation of growers, for the moss in some instances, I fear, is not all on the trees. Practice modern methods, and care for your trees as they do in the great orchards of Jackson County and other portions of the state, and you will find that the fruit will be as beautiful as in the olden time.

"Especially your most valuable apple orchards will be found 500 to 2000 feet above the valley, and from these higher elevations your longest-keeping apples will come."

Mr. Smith urges Willamette Valley orchardists to take a new start in apple-growing and to develop an industry that can and should be made a profitable one.

O. V. Allen on Berries.

O. V. Allen, of Salem, a man who has had considerable experience in the production and preservation of small fruits, read a paper on the subject of berries.

His view of the future is an optimistic one. He said in part:

"That our climatic conditions are most favorable for the production of berries is not a matter of dispute. There are not nearly as many berries cultivated as there should be. Every Oregon table could and should be supplied with berries of various kinds the year round, for they can be produced at a price that enables every one to be supplied and yet pay a handsome profit to the grower. There has been a great deal of discussion on what kind of fruit to plant for profit. Apples have a large profit; prunes also come in for a good share, but berries are the most profitable. They are not only profitable, but they are also healthy and delicious. They do not require spraying, as do many other fruits, and they are not attacked by insect or fungus diseases, and a failure of crop is almost unknown.

The question of marketing the berry crop is an important one, for while we produce fruit of the finest quality and in great quantities, unless we can dispose of the same at a fair margin of profit we are all likely to face a wall, and if we could not produce it at all.

"The Lewis and Clark Exposition is an assured fact, and through this advertising medium alone thousands will have the attention called to this valley who perhaps have scarcely heard of it before. This alone will furnish a market for immense quantities of small fruits, and we must plant the fruit now—this year and next—and we will realize the force of the old proverb—'There is no such thing as a free lunch.' There is nothing but a sell."

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the session. There is very evidently much more interest in dairy topics than in general agricultural subjects.

Astoria Set a Good Example.

The Astoria Progressive Commercial Association set a good example for other towns in the state when it sent a representative to the Farmers' Congress.

R. M. Gaston, chairman of the committee on agriculture in Astoria's "Push Club," came to the convention equipped with letters of introduction from President C. W. Carnahan, and remained throughout the session as a special delegate from his city. The Push Club paid all his expenses, and in return expects him to take back to Astoria many new ideas which will be of aid in developing Clatsop County's agricultural industries.

Value of Goats on the Farm.

The evening session of the congress was devoted principally to topics relating to the goat industry. Early in the afternoon Judge Boise, who has spoken last evening on goat-breeding, was present tonight and delivered his address. He said that goats should be kept on the farm, not only for their milk, but also for their manure, which is a valuable fertilizer. He also mentioned the fact that goats are not so easily killed as sheep, and that they are more valuable than sheep in many respects.

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Grange in Legislation.

Judge R. P. Boise, a pioneer Grange worker and a past master of the order, spoke on "The Grange in Legislation." He said that the Grange is strictly nonpartisan, but that it is interested in legislation that affects the interests of farmers.

He mentioned the fact that the Grange has been one of the most constant advocates of the initiative and referendum, by means of which the people may secure laws that will protect themselves from laws passed through bribery or hasty legislative action.

Educational Feature.

W. M. Hillery, master of the State Grange, delivered an address on the educational feature of the order. In brief his thought was that the Grange induces farmers to study social and business questions of vital interest to them, teaches them the value of organization and co-operation, enables them to discuss intelligently matters of public importance, and makes them more progressive and patriotic, broader in their view of affairs, and more tolerant in politics and religion.

Mrs. E. J. Scovell delighted the audience with several excellent vocal selections, and led the assemblage in the closing number, the singing of "America."

New Officers of Congress.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 9.—The board of directors of the Oregon Farmers' Congress has chosen as officers for the ensuing year: Richard Scott, president; H. M. Williamson, secretary. No place of meeting has been selected, but in all probability it will be Hillsboro, and on December 16 next.

THANKS FOR MARKHAM.

Resolutions Commending Work of the ex-Southern Pacific Official.

SALEM, Jan. 9.—At the Oregon Farmers' Congress this afternoon Dr. James Withycombe, of the State Agricultural College at Corvallis, introduced several resolutions in commendation of the work that was accomplished for the dairy industry in Oregon by C. H. Markham, executive general freight and passenger agent of the Southern Pacific in presenting this resolution. Dr. Withycombe reviewed briefly the great results that have followed from Mr. Markham's work, and said that every Western Oregon farmer appreciates the value of the development of the dairy industry to the financial welfare

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compel them to produce as many as possible of the articles they consume. The opinion was several times expressed that in order to make a success of poultry the farmer must start with good chicks, must give them clean houses, balanced foods, constant care, regular feeding and warm quarters. This subject closed the forenoon session, and the afternoon session began at 2 o'clock.

E. L. Smith on Apples.

E. L. Smith, of Hood River, president of the State Board of Horticulture, read a paper, "The Apple," in which he called upon the people of the Willamette Valley to wake up and take a new start in apple-growing. Mr. Smith's paper was in brief as follows:

"The apple, when considered in respect to its beauty of coloring, of blossom and fruit, its delicious flavor and hygienic qualities, its wide distribution and length of season, is easily the sovereign fruit of the temperate zones. Thirty-five years ago attracted by the reputation that the 'Oregon red apple' had acquired, I came up from California and visited many of the orchards of Marion and Polk Counties. Ever a lover of fine fruits, I had become somewhat familiar with the orchards of New England, the Middle West and California, but that Oregon visit was a revelation to me, for never before had I beheld such a harvest. At a farm but a

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