

FIGHT ON ONE PLANK

Railroad Problem the Only
Trouble for Democrats.

CONVENTION AT TACOMA TODAY

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TACOMA, Sept. 15.—The only trouble ahead for the delegates to the State Democratic Convention, which convenes here tomorrow, will be over the railway commission plank in the platform.

The delegates from east of the mountains are very pronounced in favor of an appointive commission and it looks as though that form of a declaration would be adopted.

Senator Turner has expressed himself in favor of an appointive commission for the first term, leaving the Legislature free to provide for elective commission thereafter, and the resolution may take this form.

Senator Turner will be commended for his service in the Senate. He will be strongly indorsed for re-election.

The Congressional nominees will probably be James E. Bell, of Everett; Coterill, of Seattle, and H. D. Merritt, of Spokane, although there are several candidates from east of the mountains, among them being N. T. Caton, of Sprague; M. M. Goodman, of Whitman County; Del Carey Smith, of Spokane; and William Dunsmuir, of Walla Walla.

Judge Reavis will have no opposition for renomination for the Supreme Court Justiceship.

SOURCES MUST BE STUDIED.

Much Preparation Necessary Before
Irrigation Can Be Begun.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Wash-
ington, D. C., Sept. 15.—(Special.)—
The reclamation of arid lands in the West, under the recent legislation, one of the most important measures passed by the last Congress, involves an amount of preparation before actual reclama-
tion can be undertaken, which is not generally understood. The success of irrigation depends on the constant supply of water, and it is therefore of the greatest importance that the available water resources which are to be drawn upon should be carefully studied. For example, one of the essential facts to be first ascertained is the amount of flow which may be expected at various stages of the stream. This factor is of the greatest importance, for it obviously sets a positive limit to the acreage which can be placed under cultivation. It is easy also to understand how closely the low water stages must be scrutinized, for the reason that they usually occur in the midst of the crop-growing season, when an ample and constant supply of water is most needed.

Another important fact to be carefully ascertained is the possibility of increasing the amount at low stages by impounding the spring and freshet waters, or portions of them, in great storage reservoirs, and the location and cost of such reservoirs, of which many may be among the largest structures of their kind in the country.

If it were necessary to gather this information afresh for the uses of the new reclamation law, it would be some time before it would be possible to commence the irrigation works, for it is not a simple matter to secure the necessary data regarding the discharge and remains of the streams, which must furnish the supply. It requires a series of observations and measurements, made by experienced engineers, extending over months and years; and examinations of waterbeds, to determine the location of storage reservoirs and the estimation of their cost, must be carefully and deliberately made. Fortunately much of this work has been already accomplished by the division of hydrography of the United States Geological Survey. For 10 years or more this organization has been engaged in a comprehensive study of the water resources of the West, with special reference in the Western States to the use of the water supply for irrigation purposes, and as the result of these years of investigation the United States Geological Survey has a mass of hands has been placed in the engineering and construction work of the reclamation law, has been able to immediately commence plans, for construction, saving years of time and hastening the day when the reclamation of new useless lands will be accomplished.

MORE PRESIDIO RIOTS.

Soldiers Demolish Saloon and Fire
Department Is Called Out.

BAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 15.—Rioting was renewed at the eastern outskirts of the Presidio, where a band of soldiers from various companies gathered inside of the reservation fence opposite Anderson's saloon, which was destroyed by a fire last night's outbreak. They began throwing stones in the direction of Anderson's place and the police were summoned.

The soldiers then assailed the police with sticks and stones and the rioting force was quickly reinforced by recruits and soldiers who then rushed across the street, took possession of Anderson's place and proceeded to wreck it.

They secured kerosene, poured it over a portion of the building and set fire to it. The fire department was called out and the flames were extinguished with great difficulty. The soldiers then directed their attention to the saloon of Adolph Rehfeld and partially demolished it, while other houses in the vicinity were more or less damaged.

The rioters were finally quelled by Lieutenant Murphy, of the Army, who appeared on the scene and personally ordered a number of the soldiers out of the building. A patrol from the reservation appeared and the men were forced to retreat to the reservation.

So far as can be ascertained, no one was seriously hurt and only one slightly injured, a policeman being struck with a beer bottle.

BAKER CITY CARNIVAL OPENS.

Stock and Agricultural Exhibits Best
in History of Association.

BAKER CITY, Or., Sept. 15.—(Special.)—The Eastern Oregon District Fair and the Baker City Street Fair and Carnival will open here tomorrow. The latter is filling up with people and all is confusion and bustle on the streets tonight. Booths are being erected on Main street and the side streets are filling up with showmen and other attractions. Most all of the leading amusements from the Portland Carnival are here and more coming. The stock and agricultural departments of the district fair promise to be the best in the history of the association.

PROGRESS AT ASHLAND NORMAL.

Registration Very Good—Citizens
Contributing to Comfort of Students.

ASHLAND, Or., Sept. 15.—(Special.)—It is a source of gratification to the management of the Ashland Normal School that so many students are registering from all points in Southern and Southern Oregon. The number of students registered from points in the Willamette Valley, and it is quite probable that with-

In the next 10 days all parts of the state will be represented.

The citizens of Ashland are beginning to realize that the school means something to them and are giving the management all possible assistance. They have raised a substantial fence around the campus with a substantial fence, repaired the bicycle path between the school and town and are now planning to build a track on the campus for the use of the athletic teams.

President Mulkey is working hard in the interests of the school, and it is due largely to his untiring efforts that the institution has such a large enrollment of students. The work in all departments of the school is now organized and moving forward. Next week the athletic organizations will meet and arrangements will be made so that the football team can begin to practice as soon as possible.

HEAVY RAIN AT JUNEAU.

A 31-Hour Downpour Floods the
Treadwell Mines.

PORT TOWNSEND, Wash., Sept. 15.—The steamship Dolphin, arriving tonight from Alaska, brings the news of a recent heavy downpour of rain at Juneau, which did much damage in demolishing the feed pipes of the water system and causing several serious landslides at Douglas Island. Across the channel the precipitation was violent for 31 hours, during which the famous Treadwell gold mines were flooded beyond the capacity of the enormous pumps. Much damage was done the underground workings, but no lives were lost.

NORTHWEST PENSIANS.

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ington, Sept. 15.—(Special.)—Northwest pensans have been granted as follows:
Oregon—Captain, Benson Harris, Sweet Home, 12; George E. N. Jordan, Elmira, 12; Frank Shoemaker, Hood River, 15; Increase, reissue, etc., Stephenson, R. Vone, Salem, 10; Lewis Johnson, The Dalles, 15; James H. Hallet, 12; Daniel A. Slover, Oregon City, 12.

Washington—Originals, Hugh Carlin, Griffling, 10; Benjamin F. Shannon, Arizona, 10; Samuel B. Taylor, Seattle, 10; William H. Tidwell, Dayton, 10; Increase, reissue, etc., James Burcham, Green Lake, 12; Omer Morehouse, Dayton, 10; Widows, minors and dependent relatives, Mary B. Eaton, Fairfield, 10; Hallet, 10; Hanchett, East Spokane, 10; minor of Beldin Spence, Spokane, 10; Julia E. Cook, Port Angeles, 10.

Idaho—Increase, reissue, etc., James A. Nicholson, Mountain Home, 10; Thurston Larson, Downey, 12; Widows, minors and dependent relatives, Sarah Cole, Salmon, 10.

KILLIKAT COUNTY DEMOCRATS.

GOLDENDALE, Wash., Sept. 15.—(Special.)—Killikatt County Democrats met Saturday and nominated the following ticket:

Representative—Hon. Hiram Dustin, Auditor—J. H. Smith.

Sheriff—William Van Vactor. School Superintendent—Claude E. Rusk. Assessor—William Neva, of Centerville.

County Surveyor—A. W. Mohr, of Granddallas.

County Attorney—John W. Snover, of Corvallis.

Commissioner for first district—Thomas B. Stapleton.

Delegates to State Convention are Judge Hiram Dustin, Hon. N. B. Brooks, J. W. Snover, J. E. Eddings, W. H. Ward, W. D. Norris, James N. Chamberlain, T. Bratton.

YAKIMA DEMOCRATIC NOMINEES.

NORTH YAKIMA, Sept. 15.—(Special.)—The Democratic convention for Yakima County met Saturday and nominated a ticket, as follows:

State Senator—A. J. Splawn. Representatives—Dr. J. F. Hedger, of Klona, and H. M. Gilbert, of Nob Hill.

Sheriff—Ronald A. Grant. Auditor—A. F. Snelling.

Treasurer—H. H. Allen. Clerk—Vernon J. Allen.

Assessor—J. J. Allen. Prosecuting Attorney—B. B. Preble.

School Superintendent—F. H. Plumb. Coroner—Dr. C. T. Dulin.

Delegates to State Convention are Judge Van D. Ritter, of Wenatchee; second district, W. B. Matthews, Prosser.

BOOTH WANTS GOOD ROADS.

ST. HELENS, Sept. 15.—(Special.)—Columbia County has only one member of the next Legislature, Hon. Martin Booth, of Rainier. Mr. Booth was in his home town this week, and while there he discussed several matters of legislation, he announced his intention of introducing a law that will radically change the road statute in a number of respects.

He expects to introduce a bill in Columbia County, and the law also will work to a like end in other counties. Mr. Booth is enthusiastic over his proposed law.

Game Laws Violated at Albany.

ALBANY, Or., Sept. 15.—(Special.)—State Game Warden Quimby, who has been in this county making an investigation of the charges of violation of the game laws in the county, upon going over the county, that the law has been violated, but in such a way as to make detection difficult. John Catlin, better known as Warm Spring Johnny, an old Indian scout, has been appointed Deputy Game Warden, and will make the protection of game in this part of the valley an issue.

Lebanon Paper Mills Incorporated.

ALBANY, Or., Sept. 15.—(Special.)—McNeill Bros. & Callaghan, proprietors of the Lebanon Paper Mills, today filed articles of incorporation with a capital stock of \$300,000. The head office will be at Albany. Heretofore the head office has been at Lebanon. The company has a fine water-power at Niagara, up the river, which is being utilized for utilizing which have been begun.

Dallas to Have New Water System.

DALLAS, Or., Sept. 15.—(Special.)—An action was held in this city today to decide whether or not the city should issue bonds to the amount of \$25,000 for the purpose of entering into a contract with H. V. Gates to construct a system of waterworks, and by a vote of 125 to 45 the proposition was carried. Work will commence on the plant in the next three weeks.

Henry Martin Boncutter Murdered.

EVERETT, Wash., Sept. 15.—The man who was murdered Saturday at Monroe is not Henry Martin, but Henry Martin Boncutter, of Coeur d'Alene. Emmett C. Mitchell and Philip W. Hager, two ex-soldiers of the First Washington Regiment, are held for trial in the matter.

Man Horribly Mangled at Everett.

EVERETT, Wash., Sept. 15.—Charles Alexander, a logger, was struck last night by a Great Northern train, and was horribly mangled, and his right arm was amputated at the Everett Hospital. It is thought he will die.

Another Logging Camp Victim.

EVERETT, Wash., Sept. 15.—(Special.)—John Grulander, a Finlander, died here today as the result of a broken heart. He received in Stimson's logging camp, near Marysville.

RAILWAYS RESPONSIBLE

LIABLE FOR DAMAGES IN GIVING
PASSENGERS WRONG TRANSFERS.

Washington Supreme Court Renders
Emphatic Decision in Case In-
volving Street-Car Companies.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Sept. 15.—(Special.)—The Supreme Court has decided that a street railway company is responsible for mistakes made by its conductors in the matter of issuing transfers to branch lines, and that a person who may be ejected from a street car because he does not possess a proper transfer is entitled to recover damages against the company if the fault of the mistake lies in the conductor who made the transfer.

Henry Lawake, of Tacoma, brought suit against the Tacoma Railway & Power Company for damages for ejecting him from a car to which he had transferred. He alleged that he had asked for the right transfer, but that the conductor had made a mistake. A demurrer to the

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RETRIBUTION FOR CRIME.

Indian Meets Death as Terrible as
That of His Victim.

SAN BERNARDINO, Cal., Sept. 15.—George Bruce, a notorious Indian outlaw, whom officers of the Southern California army have been hunting for several months, has met death in a manner as terrible as that of his victim, Victoria Maria, a comely young squaw, of Imperia.

Several months ago Bruce murdered Victoria Maria by choking her into insensibility, then burying her alive. He was arrested and his preliminary examination held at Heald, but while officers were sitting with his prisoner in the courtroom, the Indian made a successful dash for liberty. For months the desert has been scoured by officers and Indians, for the latter was as anxious as the officers to capture the murderer.

Word reached this city today that not only had the outlaw been captured by the Indians, but that he had been put to a most terrible death. The capture was made in Southern Nevada, a few days ago, and no time was lost in the execution. A rope was fastened by a slipknot around his neck and with the other end tied to the horn of a saddle, the murderer was dragged for over a mile across the rock-strewn desert. The body, which was horribly lacerated, was then thrown on a huge pile of wood and burned.

STENOGRAPHER SUICIDES.

Cecilia Phillips, of San Francisco,
Takes Cyanide of Potassium.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 15.—Miss Cecilia Phillips, a stenographer, 22 years of age, committed suicide today in the Angeles Hotel by taking cyanide of potassium. She was recently a resident of Buffalo, N. Y., and while here was extremely despondent. To a young friend whom she had known a few years ago in the Angeles Hotel she had written a letter, in which she stated that she intended to end her trouble, but did not take him into her confidence. The following note was found in her room:

"In case of accident, notify Dr. Thomas C. Phillips, The Lorraine, Buffalo, N. Y., also Dr. T. H. McKee, 91 Broadway, Buffalo, N. Y."

ROBBERS BLOW OPEN SAFE.

Smash Things in Eugene Flouring
Mills, But Get Nothing.

EUGENE, Or., Sept. 15.—(Special.)—Robbers last night broke into the Eugene Flouring Mills and blew open the large safe, a sledge-hammer was used to knock off the knob, and then some powerful explosive was poured in and exploded. The front of the safe was shattered, but there was only \$10 in the safe, and that was in the cashbox, and was overlooked by the robbers. Their methods show that the robbers were familiar with the premises, but there is no clue to their identity.

RELEASED FROM QUARANTINE.

Eleven of the Fourteen Ilwaco
Smallpox Patients Discharged.

ILWACO, Wash., Sept. 15.—Of the 14 cases of smallpox in this city, 11 are convalescent. The premises have been fumigated and the patients released from quarantine. The authorities will lift the quarantine from Port Canby in a few days. The disease has been confined to three rooms of the patients were confined. Dr. Planke, the health officer, is confident that the disease has run its course, and that there is no fear of new cases.

FORGER OFFERED GOOD BANK POSITION.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 15.—The Bulletin says: Charles Becker, the king of forgers, who is now in San Quentin prison, has been offered a good position in the city of San Francisco, but on the condition that he will remain in prison until his term of imprisonment expires. His offer will be that of an expert in the bank and his duties will be to pass upon the genuineness of the paper that might be presented to the bank. The offer is in doubt of. He has been offered a salary of \$300 a month.

ASTORIA Circuit Court Convenes.

ASTORIA, Or., Sept. 15.—(Special.)—The September term of the Circuit Court was convened here today by Judge McBride, and during the session a large number of formal orders were handed down. There are civil cases on the docket, but only two criminal cases, one of them being that of Matti Jarvi, charged with the murder of his father.

TO Handle Pacific Cable Next.

VICTORIA, B. C., Sept. 15.—The steamer Colonias, which on Wednesday will start to lay the British cable from here to Fanning Island, will, upon the completion of the work, return to England to lead the cable for the American cable from California to Honolulu, and thence to Manila.

Victorians See Meteor.

VICTORIA, B. C., Sept. 15.—A brilliant meteor shot across the city about 8 o'clock this evening. It came across the Olympic Mountains and passed directly over the city.

Big Timber Loss Near Victoria.

VICTORIA, B. C., Sept. 15.—Rush fires are still burning throughout the district, and, although the wind has blown away the smoke, an immense amount of valuable timber has been destroyed.

New Free Delivery Route.

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ington, Sept. 15.—(Special.)—Two rural free delivery routes have been ordered established November 1, at Cheney, Spokane County, Wash., with two carriers.

TAKEN TO HOSPITAL.

One of the Saddest Cases Seen for a
Long Time.

The man who was taken to the hospital today, simply because he failed to take his medicine yesterday, when that act might have braced him up until the effect would have restored him from his nervous prostration, is, indeed, to be pitied. "Cupido" is one of those stimulants and cleansers that have the combined faculty of removing every obstruction from the system, and restoring the patient to a state of health, that gives sunny brightness to one's disposition.

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