DELAY NINETY DAYS

When Legislative Acts Go Into Effect.

WHAT THE REFERENDUM DOES

"Emergency Clause" of No Validity Under New Constitutional Amendment—Even Appropriation Acts Must Wait.

SALEM, Oct. 16.—(Special.)—The more one studies the new initiative and referendum amendment, the more there appears in it of interest and importance. One fact, the full import of which has never been realized, is that hereafter no act of the Legislature can go into effect for 90 days after the close of the session, except in the very rare cases of measures necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, peace and safety. This means that no ordinary act of the next Legislature, including appropriations, can really take effect until May 19, 1903. Any attempt to make a levy of special taxes to be collected in 1903 would therefore be fruitless, because the collection of taxes begins before that time, and the taxes become delinquent on May 1. The last Legislature passed an act making a special levy for the purpose of paying off the scalp bounty debt, and the tax was collected the same year. This cannot be done again, however.

The initiative and referendum amendment provides that petitions for the referendum may be filed at any time within 90 days from the close of the session. This means that the acts remain inoperative until the close of this period, for not until then can it be known whether the act will be referred to the people. Apparently this rule will apply alike to unusual measures and to the appropriations for the ordinary expenses of the state. It has always been the custom for the Legislature to pass the state appropriation bills and attach an emergency clause which put the acts into operation immediately, and the money became at once available. Now, even the members of the Legislature, seemingly, must wait 90 days after the close of the session before they can cash their claims for compensation. The appropriations for the state institutions might be placed under the class of exceptions, being for the safety of the state, though this state ran two years once without any appropriations, and did not seem to be in much danger. State warrants during that time drew a considerable sum of interest, and to that extent the state suffered.

A question has been raised whether the initiative and referendum amendment is now in force. The clause of the amendment which touches this point is as follows:

"Petitions and orders for the initiative and for the referendum shall be filed with the Secretary of State, and in submitting the same to the people, he and all other officers shall be guided by the general laws and the act submitting this amendment, until legislation shall be especially provided therefor."

It has been contended that the amendment is not now operative, and that is being used as an argument in favor of a special session. It is claimed that the initiative and referendum cannot be exercised until the Legislature has prescribed proceedings therefor. The language of the clause quoted, however, seems to show plainly that the amendment was intended to be in force and to be used prior to legislation on that subject.

BOY FINDS HIS FATHER.

Meets Him in Baker City After Separation From Childhood.

BAKER CITY, Oct. 16.—(Special.)—Recently two little bootblacks strayed into this city from the East and began plying their trade. One of the boys, Lenn Rockwell, learned that there was a man by the name of L. N. Rockwell working at the Baker City foundry. The boy was in search of his father, and he made it a point to see every man by the name of Rockwell in the various places he has visited on his way west from Denver. This Rockwell proved to be the man the boy was looking for. It seems that the elder Rockwell left Denver 12 years ago, leaving his baby son in the care of friends. He came out West, and after a time lost trace of his baby boy, but it was always his purpose to hunt him up when he had accumulated sufficient means to rear him in comfort. Fortune did not always smile on the father with favor, but he lived in hope. The father was overjoyed at finding his son again, and at once took charge of him, dressed him neatly and provided a comfortable home, and the lad is now attending school in this city.

The other boy, Lenn's chum, was not forgotten. He was provided with a job at the foundry with Mr. Rockwell, where he will be able to earn a good living for himself.

Mr. Rockwell, who is well respected by all who know him, is an expert patternmaker. He did not care to discuss the matter in regard to his separation from his son, further than to say that he was glad to have him with him.

Labor Candidate for Mayor.

A new candidate for Mayor of Baker City has been sprung in the person of William J. Lachner, who has been put forward by the labor unions of the city. Until yesterday there was practically no opposition to Mayor R. D. Carter for reelection, but the announcement of Mr. Lachner's candidacy puts an entirely new face on the municipal situation. Mr. Lachner is chairman of the Republican County Committee. He has taken a very active part in political affairs heretofore, and, now that he has entered the arena to contest against the re-election of Mr. Carter, he will probably continue to take a very lively interest in the municipal election.

Some of the labor organizations have been opposed to Mayor Carter for some time, but until Saturday last they were unable to agree on a candidate in opposition to Mr. Carter. The principal grievance is presented by the Plumbers' Union. They claim that the water works officials discriminate against union laborers and do all in their power against them. Mr. Carter denies this charge, and says, so far as he knows, there has been no such discrimination practiced.

What promised to be a very quiet election a week ago now shows every indication of being the liveliest election for Mayor ever held in Baker City.

Herder Loses Sheep.

A sheepherder who had charge of a band of 2500 sheep belonging to R. D. Castidy, of this city, while herding near Sanger last week, fell and injured himself, so that he was unable to look after the flock for several days. While he was laid up 1000 of the sheep strayed away and have been lost. Yesterday Mr. Castidy got track of 200 head and sent men to recover them. He is still 800 short, and the chances are that he will never find any more of them. It is a frequent occurrence that sheepmen will loose a hundred or more sheep from a large drove, and they will never be missed until they are counted up later. Mr. Castidy's loss is the heaviest ever reported by any sheepowner in Eastern Oregon. The herder who had charge of Mr. Castidy's sheep was alone when he met with the accident, and it was several days before assistance came to him. In the meantime the sheep strayed away. Straying sheep often mingle with other herds, and the owner is unable to locate them.

W. G. Drawley, who has just returned from a trip to the John Day country, says that the Pomeroy dredge, which was built and put in operation on the John Day River last Summer, is doing splendid work. It is a very powerful machine, capable of scooping up the gravel from the bedrock about 20 feet from the surface, a feat it accomplishes with ease, often bringing up boulders from one to two feet square.

The gold is exceedingly coarse and is easily saved. The dredge handles from 1500 to 2000 cubic yards of earth every day, and it is estimated that the gravel will average 50 cents to the yard. The proprietors do not give out any inside facts in regard to the yield of the ground they are working, but they say they are satisfied with results. There is ground enough along the river that is known to be rich in placer gold to keep several machines going for 50 years.

CROWDS VIEW STOCK.

County Fair at Colfax Attracts Many Visitors.

COLFAX, Wash., Oct. 16.—(Special.)—There were 1200 paid admissions to the Whitman County Fair today, and the programme was well worth witnessing. The management has spent much time and money in preparing a fine line of attractions, and the Fair is the best Whitman County has had for many years. The livestock exhibit is the best even seen in this county, and a wonderful advance in this industry is shown by the fine stock on exhibition. The cattlesheds, despite liberal additions before the Fair, are inadequate to hold all the fine cattle entered in the prize contests, and the same is true of the horse barns. The quality of the stock is exceptionally fine. There are more than double the number of entries and exhibitors seen last year, which surpassed all previous records, showing that the livestock industry has made greater advancement during the year than any other line of agricultural pursuits.

It has been admitted since the middle of the Summer that the fruit crop would be short this year, and the effects of the short crop are seen in the diminished number of samples of fruit shown, but the quality was never better. The same applies to the vegetable department, which contains many fine exhibits, but fewer than in former years. The list of midway attractions is the largest ever seen in Whitman County, while the racing is good. The purses aggregate $3000, and this fact has brought a number of fast horses to Colfax.

One of the most noted horses present is Funny, the pioneer race horse of the Palouse country. Funny was 23 years old last June and is still able to make a good race. He won the quarter-mile dash today in 26 seconds, with Kingbolt second and Virgie Ann third. Funny has participated in more than 300 races. John Dock won the gentleman's driving race, taking the two first heats of what was to have been the best two in three. The heats were one mile each. Dock won in 3:30 and 3:15. Prima won the three-quarter-mile dash in 1:18, with Rothschild second and Keno third. Loma won the half-mile dash in 0:54, with Cleopatra second and Nola H. third.

There will be horse racing, four races each afternoon, a balloon ascension and parachute jump; the cycle whirl, tightrope walking, trick bicycle riding and vaudeville performances each afternoon during the remainder of the week, with Governor McBride in attendance to deliver an address tomorrow afternoon.

STEAMER PATTERSON RETURNS.

Accomplishes Good Work in Coast and Geodetic Survey.

SEATTLE, Oct. 16.—The United States coast and geodetic steamer Patterson is in port again, having completed, under the direction of Captain J. F. Pratt, one of the most successful season's work in Behring Sea in her many years' service in Alaskan waters. Perhaps the most important piece of work was that of determining, in aid of navigation, the true position of St. Lawrence and Unimak Islands. Since Alaska was acquired by the United States, this Government has never done any regular coast and geodetic survey work with respect to Unimak and St. Lawrence, having relied upon the data as to their position supplied by the Russians years ago. Captain Pratt found their positions practically as recorded. The heads of these two islands are where the ships of the great Nome fleet and the Arctic whalers pass, going and coming. The Russians did very little detail work, relying chiefly upon surveys and data compiled by their exploration parties.

In addition to determining their position, the Patterson accomplished much in the way of map work, surveys and soundings. She had good weather most of the season, which enabled her to accomplish about as much this year as usual, despite the fact that she left for the North three weeks later than in the past. She sailed July 9 from this port.

NO ACTIVITY IN HOPS.

Dallas Sale at 25 Cents Has Stopped Movements in Salem.

SALEM, Oct. 16.—(Special.)—The 25-cent hop sale at Dallas has put a stop to hop transactions at Salem. Inquiry among dealers today shows that growers are more firmly than ever holding for two bits a pound. The highest offer made by a Salem dealer, so far as learned, is 24 cents, which George L. Rose offered for a crop at Independence. Nearly all dealers have orders at 23 to 23½ cents for choice. T. A. Livesley & Co. say that it is difficult to buy hops of even medium quality at prices for choice, for the growers all think they have choice hops.

"There won't be anything of consequence doing in hops unless they go to 25 cents," says Mr. Rose. "Even if they should fall off 2 or 3 cents the growers would not believe the market was falling. They have made up their minds to 25 cents, and if the papers should report a drop the growers would say it was just a scheme of the dealers to scare them into selling."

Mr. Rose says it is hard to buy prime hops at 23 cents and just as hard to sell them for that price, so there is no activity.

Changes in Northwest Postoffices.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Oct. 16.—On October 31 the postoffice at Timon, Coos County, Or., will be discontinued, mail going to Parkersburg.

On the same date the office at Midford, King County, Wash., will be abandoned, its mail going to North Bend.

A postoffice has been established at Summerside, Snohomish County, Wash., to be supplied by special service from Everett. John H. Kelly has been appointed postmaster.

Star service is to be commenced on October 21 from Friday Harbor to Roche Harbor, Wash., a distance of 10 miles, to be covered by three round trips a week, including box delivery. The contract runs until June 30, 1906.

Star service has also been established from Fort Yukon to Bettles, Alaska, by way of Coldfoot, one round trip a month, except May and October, the weight of the mails not to exceed 150 pounds per single trip. This contract also expires June 30, 1906.

Northwest Pensions.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Oct. 16.—Pensions have been granted as follows:

Oregon—Originals, Thomas T. Struble, Portland, $6; John W. Hendricks, Hood River, $6; John W. Gault, McMinnville, $6. Increase, reissue, etc., John C. Giltner, Forest Grove, $12; William M. Hepburn, $12.

Washington — Increase, reissue, etc., John Glaspey, Pullman, $12; Francis M. Cox, Cle Elum, $12; Gilbert M. Ward, Shelton, $8; Albert Caldd, Fishers, $8 (War with Spain); Carl J. Seizer, Tacoma, $14; Ira B. Hewitt, Snohomish, $10; Anton Best, Olympia, $10; Madison N. Coleman, Green Lake, $8; Reuben F. Cratty, Vancouver, $17.

PLEASED AT ROSEBURG

BAPTISTS REGARD IT AN IDEAL CONVENTION TOWN.

High-Water Mark in Attendance—Address by Dr. A. O. Williams—Meeting of Missionary Board.

ROSEBURG, Oct. 16.—(Special.)—This is decidedly and pre-eminently a convention town. Its inhabitants combine in their make-up great versatility of genius, great literary culture and political sagacity. They possess the Pauline ability of being all things to all men; are not sectarian in their ideas, and have no prejudice against the clergy.

Were it possible to visualize everything that happens at a convention of significance it would make a most interesting document. Fortunately, however, it is too large to put into a diagram. Indeed, it is probable that the best parts of it can neither be taken down nor reported. Discounting all the wearisome detail and machinery of which all conventions are too full, this Roseburg covnention is under the power of new and great inspirations. The delegates are full of a turmoil of new things, which indicates that the Creator is never through with a man unless the man is determined to have it so. As Dr. C. A. Wooddy put it, "This convention marks the dawn of a new day for Oregon Baptists." Never in all their history have they been so near together and so thoroughly united as today."

The convention reached high-water mark in attendance and enthusiasm last night, when Dr. A. O. Williams delivered a memorable address on "Our Country and the Kingdom." It would be well for us, amid the hurry and bustle of life, to stop and count our blessings and consider our reconsibilities. It would cause us to cease our murmurings and declare with the Psalmist, "Our lives have fallen unto us in pleasant places." We ought not to be unmindful of the great heritage we have in the resources of this country. It is the granary of the world, the asylum for the oppressed of all lands. We have also a heritage of great wealth, with which comes also a great peril. We ought to pray that this enormous wealth might become wings in the spread of the Gospel. We have a heritage of civilization, of education, and a marvelous heritage as a denomination that has come to us through our ancestors. With the forces we now have and our faces turned towards the future, and with our forces organized as they never were before in our history, God will demand of us that we press forward and possess the land. Every sermon preached in his name, every chapel that points its spire heavenward, has its effect and hastens the time when the kingdoms of this world shall become the kingdom of our Lord and his Christ.

The missionary board of the convention met during the day and outlined the missionary work for the year. About $11,000 was appropriated for the support of the missionary pastors and other missionary workers. Rev. George R. Varney was reelected general missionary for the state with great unanimity. The morning session was devoted to woman's works, Mrs. Anna Pickthorne, of Montavilla, presiding. Interesting addresses were made.

In the afternoon the young people held a session, Rev. C. A. Nutley, of Gresham, presiding. A. L. Veazie, of Portland, was elected president of the Baptist Young People's Union; vice-president, Miss Edna Ahlen, of Albany; recording secretary, Hunter Howard, of Portland; corresponding secretary, Miss Carrie O. Millspaugh, of Portland; treasurer, Mrs. A. Pickthorne, of Montavilla; junior leader, Mrs. W. S. Bower, of Baker City.

CHEHALIS COUNTY POLITICS.

As the Campaign Advances, Both Parties Bestir Themselves.

ELMA, Wash., Oct. 16.—(Special.)—Considerable interest is being manifested in Chehalis County politics. It was thought at the beginning by both parties there would be little energy shown in the contest for its various officers. The Republicans feeling secure, they planned no vigorous policy and the Democrats, feeling that opposition would be useless, led many to think the whole affair would be insipid and lifeless. But party leaders, especially the leading daily, weekly and semi-weekly papers, have stirred up the hosts, and it is fast becoming of more than usual interest. The saloon and gambling elements have organized a combine in Aberdeen against Joe Graham (Rep.) for Sheriff, and have energetically sought to extend it over the county. On the other hand, the Prohis have indorsed Graham on his anti-gambling record as Marshall of Aberdeen. Mrs. K. H. Moore, Democratic candidate for School Superintendent, being the only woman in the field, is thought to give her some advantage, especially as Williams (Rep.) is quite wealthy. F. L. Morgan, of Aberdeen (Rep.), will stump the county in his race for Senator, while his opponent, O'Donnell, owing to recent heavy losses from fire, will remain at home, but his friends will push his claims. O'Donnell has served six years on the county central committee and several years as state committeeman.

The Democrats have assumed the offensive and have opened the campaign with considerable energy.

The Republican leaders feel safe in the hitherto secure majority of their party in the county, and seem to manifest no uneasiness.

The Vidette, of Montesano, has surprised may by showing a strong tendency to neutrality. It has hitherto been a strong Republican paper.

BODY OF UNKNOWN MAN.

Found at Point Adams, Supposed to Be That of a Sailor.

ASTORIA, Oct. 16.—(Special.)—The body of an unknown man was found on the beach near the Point Adams Lifesaving Station by a soldier from Fort Stevens this afternoon, and brought to this city tonight. The remains were those of a man about 25 years of age, six feet in height and weighing fully 175 pounds. The man was smooth-shaved, had sandy hair and was dressed in a white woolen shirt and overalls, with no shoes or stockings. Around the neck and under the arms was a rope, as though used to tie a bundle on his back. The deceased was evidently a sailor, as he carried a sheath knife in his belt, and he is supposed to have been either J. D. Firgussen, of Gold Swait, Tex., or J. B. Hudson, of Sterling, Ill., the men who were drowned on the night of September 29 while attempting to escape by swimming ashore from the British ship Australia.

HEROIC EFFORT SAVES TOWN.

Action of James McDonough Averts Destruction by Fire.

STARBUCK, Wash., Oct. 16.—(Special.)—The entire destruction of Starbuck by fire was narrowly averted tonight by the prompt and heroic efforts of James McDonough, a cigar dealer of this place. With strength given him by the excitement of the occasion, he broke in the front door of A. M. Baker's drug store, which he discovered to be on fire as he passed on his way to supper, and dragged out 10 gallons of wood alcohol almost surrounded by flames. An oil lamp left burning in the front end of the store while the proprietor had gone to his evening meal exploded, fell to the floor and ignited the floor and counter. Shouting "Fire!" as he fought against the flames, with determined will and indomitable courage, McDonough was soon reinforced with a bucket brigade, which managed to get control of the fire. A valuable showcase and contents were badly damaged. This is partly covered by insurance.

E. M. Geiger, of Eagleton, Wash.

WORKED ON FIRST ISSUE OF THE OREGONIAN

CHEHALIS, Wash., Oct. 16.—(Special.)—E. M. Geiger, of Eagleton, Lewis County, Wash., has recently passed his 80th birthday. Mr. Geiger came to the Coast more than 50 years ago. He is a printer by trade, and before coming West conducted a successful printing business in Cincinnati, O., and Peoria, Ill. Mr. Geiger worked on the first issue of The Oregonian, and afterwards had a business in Portland. He came to Chehalis about 30 years ago, and was engaged in business here for a while, but for a long time has been farming on Bunker Creek. He belonged to the Oregon Pioneers' Association. Although in good health, he does not leave home very often, but was in Chehalis recently, and, with the instinct of an old-time printer, made his way to the local printing offices for a chat with the boys.

WELL-KNOWN MAN IMPLICATED.

Hugh Hagan, of The Dalles, Charged With Cigar Store Robbery.

THE DALLES, Oct. 16.—(Special.)—Hugh Hagan, a well-known young man of this city, was arrested here last night on the charge of having robbed B. H. Grant's cigar store Monday night. Suspicion of the officers was aroused by the information that Hagan had exchanged a large number of quarters, dimes and nickels for currency at a local saloon. A hearing was had in the Justice's Court today, at which he was bound over in the sum of $500 to await the action of the grand jury. Hagan is the son of the late John H. Hagan, a pioneer rancher of this county.

WASHINGTON SCHOOL WORK.

Summary of Important Features by State Superintendent.

OLYMPIA, Oct. 16.—(Special.)—State Superintendent R. B. Bryan has completed a comparative statement which gives a summary of the important features of the school work and statistics for the years 1900, 1901 and 1902. In most particulars the statement shows that the schools are advancing rapidly. While the average days of school taught is lower for 1902 than for the preceding year, the reason given is that a great number of new districts have been formed in the eastern part of the state, where the country is settling rapidly, and, by reason of their lack of preparation for work, or the late formation, many of the new districts reported only a few days of school taught during the year, thus bringing down the general average.

In the apportionment of school moneys the year 1902 shows the greatest amount of the three, but in 1901 the amount was lower than in 1900. The reason for this is that in 1900 the counties were still collecting taxes that had become delinquent during the hard times. The apportionment for 1902 shows more properly the healthy increase in receipts from current taxes than has existed for the last two years.

The statement follows:

	1900.	1901.	1902.
Number census children	139,097	152,541	168,582
Total enrolment	115,104	123,331	136,624
Average daily attendance	74,717	81,400	91,333
Average days school was taught	107.8	119.5	116.3
Average salaries, male	$ 50 32	$ 54 79	$ 55 42
Average salaries, female	42 21	45 85	44 98
Apportionment of school moneys—			
State fund	$1,050,206 05	$ 962,753 03	$1,235,266 24
County fund	127,973 40	177,223 25	120,104 75
Total	$1,178,179 45	$1,129,976 28	$1,385,370 99
Value of school property	$5,437,555 00	$5,970,567 00	$6,896,407 00
Receipts from all sources	3,156,185 52	3,367,967 82	3,918,062 62
Total expenditures for school purposes	2,529,103 27	2,484,258 28	2,947,561 02
Bonded indebtedness	3,344,075 00	3,437,842 21	3,729,450 00

COAL CAR RAN AWAY.

Jumped Track and Killed a Man on the Sidewalk.

SEATTLE, Oct. 16.—An electric coal car broke away from the motor car today on the crest of the Jackson-street line, and, dashing down the hill, left the track near the bottom after a quarter of a mile run, and, striking William Perry, a cook, who stood on the sidewalk, killed him instantly. The car knocked a telephone pole down and upset.

Capital Brevities.

SALEM, Oct. 16.—(Special.)—J. F. Markley, who was yesterday convicted of the killing of John D. Fain at Champoeg last June, has transferred all his real property to his brother, C. R. Markley, of Iowa. Markley's attorneys have not yet decided whether they will ask for a new trial.

Paul Vandersol has brought suit against the Oregon Shoe Company, of this city, to recover $20, alleged to be due him as a balance on his wages as clerk in the defendant's store.

The Salem cider and vinegar factory has consumed already this season 150 tons of apples.

Nettie Carmichael was brought to the Asylum today on a commitment from Baker County. Her home is at Pine Creek, and she is 34 years old.

Harvey S. Craig, the 18-year-old son of Hon. David Craig, of Macleay, has been appointed a cadet at the Naval Academy at Annapolis. He will take the entrance examination November 12.

Fugitive From Dallas Captured.

DALLAS, Or., Oct. 16.—(Special.)—R. G. Marsland, who escaped from the County Jail at this place, last Saturday night, was captured near Corvallis early this morning. Marsland was first recognized by a resident of Suver, who immediately telephoned Sheriff Ford. Early this morning the Sheriff and deputies captured him as he was walking on the railroad track near oCrvallis.

Sentenced to the Penitentiary.

ROSEBURG, Oct. 16.—(Special.)—The court yesterday sentenced to one year each in the penitentiary, Joe Carter for larceny, and Arthur Sinclair and Edwin Wayne for receiving stolen goods.

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SECOND FT. STEVENS FIRE

INCENDIARIES ATTEMPTED DESTRUCTION OF POST STABLES.

By Active Work Flames Were Extinguished—No Clew to Perpetrators—Several Men Suspected.

ASTORIA, Oct. 16. — (Special.)—Fort Stevens has again been visited by firebugs, and twice within the past two weeks there have been reoccurrences of the attempted incendiary work similar to those which happened some months ago. While these two last attempts have not been successful in accomplishing their purpose they were so carefully planned that the parties mixed up in the affairs were not caught, and, although suspicion rests on several of the enlisted men, the officers do not feel justified in arresting them on the slight evidence at hand.

About two weeks ago one of the old barrack buildings was discovered on fire during the night, and the entire post was aroused to extinguish the flames, which was accomplished before any great amount of damage was done. An examination made on the following day showed that the fire was undoubtedly of incendiary origin, but no clew to the perpetrators was found. The night guards about the post were doubled, as was done before when similar acts of vandalism had been committed, and no further trouble resulted until shortly after taps last night, when flames were discovered in the stable adjoining the old post hospital, a building that is now used as a storehouse by the engineering department. A general alarm was turned in, and by active work of the entire post the building and its valuable contents were saved, although the door had been almost completely destroyed before the fire was discovered.

An examination today showed that this fire was also of incendiary origin. Every effort is being made by the officers in charge to discover the guilty parties, but they have thus far been unsuccessful.

PUMPING STATION DESTROYED.

Officers Are Alarmed and Guard Is Increased to Fifty Men.

ASTORIA, Oct. 16.—(Special.)—The old pumping station at Fort Stevens was destroyed by an incendiary fire this afternoon. The building had been abandoned, and the loss is practically nothing, but the occurrence of so many fires has so alarmed the officers that tonight the guard was increased to 52 men.

DIFFICULTY SECURING JURORS.

Thomas H. Lowell on Trial at Roseburg for Killing H. L. Roadman.

ROSEBURG, Oct. 16.—(Special.)—Nearly all day yesterday the Circuit Court was occupied in trying to secure a jury for the trial of Thomas H. Lovell for killing Horace L. Roadman, near Wilbur, in this county, last July. After exhausting the regular panel but six jurors had been secured. The remaining six were selected today, and the trial begun. Lovell pleaded self-defense.

In selecting the jurymen, William Porter, on being examined, caused a sensation by declaring he believed a juror should be allowed to hear the evidence and prepare his verdict without receiving any instructions from the court. In fact, he did not believe in a court imparting instructions to a jury at any time. He was promptly dismissed from the case and from further service during the term.

WOMAN BURNED TO DEATH.

Falls Into Fireplace at Her Home in a Spasm of Fits.

ROSEBURG, Oct. 16.—(Special.)—Mrs. William Marshman, aged 48 years, was burned to death last evening by falling into an open fireplace at the family home near Wardton, 12 miles west of here. She was subject to occasional fits, and during a few minutes' absence of the other members of the family was evidently attacked with one of these spasms, and was so terribly burned that she expired in a few minutes after being discovered. She had been about the place in her usual health during the day. Her husband, three sons and a daughter survive her.

Notes From Vancouver Barracks.

VANCOUVER BARRACKS, Oct. 16.—(Special.)—Major Harry L. Rees, paymaster, relieved Captain William B. Schofield, October 12.

Captain Schofield, who has been stationed in Portland for some time as paymaster of the Department of the Columbia, has been ordered to San Francisco to report to the commanding General there.

A board of survey composed of Major S. C. Richmond, Captain Thomas L. Smith and Lieutenant Robert O. Van Horn was called yesterday to discover when certain subsistence stores had been opened and part of their contents removed, which the chief commissary officer had shipped to Fort St. Michael, between June and September, 1900.

Second Lieutenant Dennis M. Cheston, Jr., Seventeenth Infantry, has gone to Fort Lawton to join his company.

Major A. B. Dyer and Captain H. L. Hawthorne returned this week from Walla Walla, where they had been examining the gunners of the Tenth and Thirtieth batteries of field artillery.

Claire D. Sawyer, company F, Seventeenth Infantry, was tried and found guilty of desertion and fraudulent enlistment by a general court-martial convened here. He was sentenced to 18 months' hard labor at Alcatraz, besides being dishonorably discharged and forfeiting all his pay and allowances.

Captain William C. Langfitt, who is well known in Portland, having been stationed there for some time as engineer officer, has been detailed to fill the position of engineer officer on General Randall's staff, which has lately become vacant by Major W. A. Abercrombie being ordered to the Philippines.

Astoria Brevities.

ASTORIA, Oct. 16.—(Special.)—The 1901 delinquent tax roll, amounting to $3617 76, was turned over to the County Clerk by the Sheriff this morning. The clerk will check over the roll and within 10 days will return it to the Sheriff, who will then make preparations for selling the property. The delinquent roll this year is the smallest in years.

United States Assistant Engineer W. E. Morris, who has been in charge of the removal of the Silvia de Grasse Reef, has been ordered to The Dalles, to take charge of the survey work in connection with the proposed Government canal around the dalles of the Columbia.

H. A. Young has sold his Oak Point wood business, shingle mill and some timber lands to Ed Anderson, of Stella, for $20,000. Mr. Young still retains a large body of standing timber in that section.

Found Dead on Mount Hood Road.

HOOD RIVER, Oct. 16.—(Special.)—Dr. Douglas Riggs was found dead yesterday on the Mount Hood road. He had left his team standing on the road, tied up the lines, and had lain down beside the wagon, where he was found.

The Coroner was called to Myrtle tonight to hold an inquest over the body of a man who died suddenly yesterday. The man left the dining-table and died in convulsions a few minutes afterward.

Fined for Getting Girl Drunk.

CHEHALIS, Wash., Oct. 16.—(Special.)—Grove Meyers, a young Centralia shingleweaver, was fined $100 yesterday by Justice White, of Chehalis, for furnishing a girl about 14 years old with liquor last Sunday and getting her drunk. Another girl about 18 years of age, who was mixed up in the same affair, and Meyers' male companion took a night train Tuesday, presumably for Seattle.

Examining Candidates for the Bar.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Oct. 16.—(Special.)—The regular examination of candidates for admission to the bar began this morning, with a board of examiners consisting of Attorney-General W. B. Stratton, Supreme Court Clerk C. S. Reinhart, and Assistant State Librarian C. Will Shafer. There are 12 candidates writing the examination.

Dentist Shot in a Quarrel.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 16.—Dr. Robert J. Blake, a dentist, was shot and fatally wounded today by Dr. B. F. Stoll. Blake was in the employ of Stoll, who reprimanded him for doing private dental work to the prejudice of firm work. A quarrel followed, culminating in Blake's receiving three shots in the body.

The Dalles Issues Pamphlet.

THE DALLES, Or., Oct. 16.—(Special.)—A 15-page pamphlet, issued by citizens of this city for the purpose of advertising Wasco County and The Dalles, has just made its appearance, and will be distributed to the number of several thousands. The soil, climate, crops, timber, land values, rents and general resources of the county are set forth therein for the information of homeseekers and investors. Several cuts of public buildings, harvesting and hauling crops, together with various enterprises are included in the pamphlet. The general distribution will be taken charge of by the O. R. & N. Co.

Tenth Battery Leaves for Minnesota.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Oct. 16.—Arrangements have been made for the departure of the Tenth Battery, field artillery, from Fort Walla Walla Saturday afternoon. On a special train consisting of 16 cars, the batterymen, guns and horses will make the trip to Fort Snelling, Minn., in five days, stopping each day to rest the animals and feed and water them.

For Trial in Supreme Court.

SALEM, Oct. 16.—(Special.)—Cases were today set for trial in the Supreme Court as follows:

October 27—United States Mortgage & Trust Company vs. McClure.

October 28—Duntley vs. Inman, Poulsen & Co.

October 29—German Savings & Loan Society vs. Kern.

John G. Porter, of Oregon City.

OREGON CITY, Oct. 16.—John G. Porter, Deputy County Assessor, died late this afternoon, aged 67 years. He came to Oregon in 1886, and was prominently identified with the interests of the county, and was a man of prominence in Republican politics. He left a wife and two daughters—Fannie G. and Kate L.—who teach in the Portland public schools.

Spawning Continues on Rogue River

OREGON CITY, Oct. 16.—(Special.)—Eggs are still being taken by the United States Fish Commission on Clackamas and Rogue Rivers. Wednesday's Oregonian conveyed the impression that spawning in Oregon waters had ceased, but this is true only of the Columbia River. Spawning will continue on the Rogue and Clackamas Rivers until some time in November.

Filloon Made Recorder at The Dalles

THE DALLES, Or., Oct. 16.—(Special.)—John M. Filloon, of this city, has been appointed by the City Council to the position of City Recorder, to take the place of C. E. Sanders, who has tendered his resignation. Mr. Sanders will leave for Boise, Idaho, where he will campaign in the interests of the Democratic party.

Examining Route for Rural Delivery

CHEHALIS, Wash., Oct. 16.—(Special.)—Special Agent E. C. Clement, of the Postoffice Department, will be in Chehalis tomorrow and make an examination of the proposed Chehalis-Boistfort rural delivery route. Saturday morning Mr. Clement will conduct an examination of candidates for rural delivery carriers.

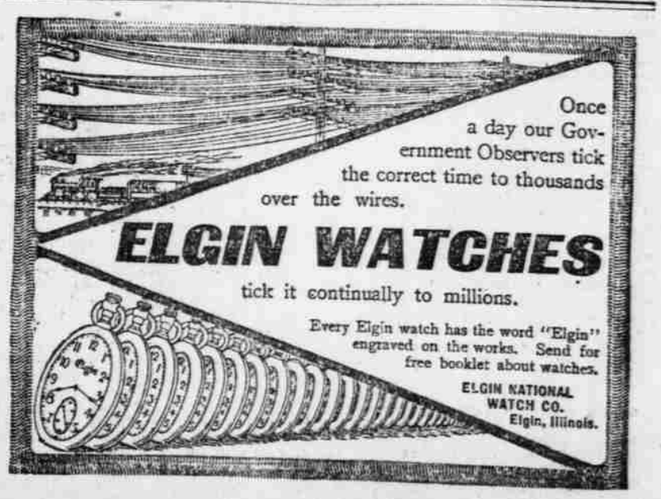
Junior Class Officers Chosen.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Oct. 15.—(Special.)—At their meeting yesterday, the juniors elected the following officers: President, Virginia Cleaver; vice-president, Leo Swift; secretary, Rosa Dodge; treasurer, Lulu Currin; sergeant-at-arms, Louis Dodge.

Extension of Telephone Service.

CLATSKANIE, Or., Oct. 16.—(Special.)—The Pacific States Telephone Company has extended its service from Clatskanie to Runyon, Quincy and Maygar. Runyon is supplied with a shingle mill turning out 20,000 shingles a day.

Killed in Elevator Accident.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 16.—William Wanamaker, a young piano tuner, recently from Salem, Kan., was crushed to death this evening in an elevator accident.

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