up this afternoon

finished the words:

the motion would facilitate business.

The strain was thus relieved, and Pre-

ident Devers appointed a credentials com

SWAYED BY WILLIAMSON.

Speech of Congressman-Elect Car-

ries Convention With Him.

"Those individuals who have been lead

ing the opposition to the formation of this

association, and who have been the most

placed a single drop of water on an acre of land within the borders of the state."

Major A. F. Sears had followed Mr. Williamson with eagle eyes. The speaker

rectly in front of him, nor did he know Major Sears even by sight. Mr. William-

"But they have elsewhere," spoke up

"We'll take that up later."
Major Scars followed the speaker closely all through the address, shifting nervously in his chair or twitching his fingers

at each scathing enunciation, but main-

taining an immobile countenance.

The address was interrupted by frequent applause. At its conclusion E. A. McDanleis, of Baker County, who had vigorously opposed retaining the old officers, withdrew his objections. Mr. Will-

lamson had stampeded the convention

From that time forward it was all his. His influence perpetuated the old organ-

"Hurrah for Eastern Oregon!" yelled E. M. Brannick, of Portland.

first. President Devers invisted on the

T. G. Hailey, of Pendleton, nominated W. R. King for president. He said that his nominee, when a boy, had received

many a switching for wetting his clethes and shocs in irrigation ditches. The speaker took this as evidence of Mr.

King's therough education in irrigation, Sam White, of Baker, seconded the nomi-

nation, saying: "We are trying to re-ciaim Eastern Oregon, and not Multno-

M. E. Brink, of Crook, nominated A. H.

office. Mr. Frasier, of Lane, seconded the

On motion of 1. G. tunnimous. Ac-election was declared unanimous. Ac-Chairman Beach appointed Judge Hr

"I shall do all in my power for ir-

motion of W. A. Bell, of Crook, J.

On motion of Mr. Williamsen, W. R.

King was unanimously chosen vice-pres-

M. Moore was elected secretary by unani-

mous vote. W. T. Wright was likewise

Ernest Bross, of Multnomah, moved the

appointment of committees on resolutions, forestry and advertising, the one on reso-

lutions to consist of one representative of each county, the other committees of five members each. C. A. Johns' amend-

ment to leave off the forestry committee

prevailed and the motion thus carried.

At the instance of H. E. Reed, of Mult-

nomah, the committee on resolutions was instructed to report on permanent by-

The convention resolved that the pres

ident appoint a committee on legislation,

consisting of one representative of each

At the instance of Henry Hahn, of

Multnemah, provision was made for an executive committee of seven members.

On motion of Frank Devey, of Marion, the president and secretary were made ex-officio members of the executive com-

President Devers will announce appoint-

ments of committees this morning. The

committees on resolutions and legislation

(Continued on Page 10.)

to the chair.

rigation.

laws

mittee.

Johns of Boker

chosen treasurer.

carried unanimously.

taining an immobile countenance.

and Samuel Connell, of Multnomah.

JAS. E.

CAN WHISKY and the most popular amongst connoisseurs.

ROTHCHILD BROTHERS

PORTLAND,

OREGON

For Christmas Buy Your Kodak Friend a **Developing Machine**

The finest and most acceptable gift you can make any kodaker. Insures fine negatives with little work. Operated in daylight. No dark room. PLACE YOUR ORDER NOW AS THE SUPPLY IS LIMITED

BLUMAUER-FRANK DRUG COMPANY Importing Druggists

Assets 5331, 039,720.34

Surplus \$71,129, 042,06

"STRONGEST IN THE WORLD." L. Samuel, Manager, 306 Oregonian Building, Portland, Oregon

DR. FOWLER'S

"There's Life and Strength in Every Drop"

A BEVERAGE OR A MEDICINE

For Sale by All Druggists.

BLUMAUER & HOCH, Sole Distributers, Wholesale Liquor and Cigar Dealers

C. W. KNOWLES, Mgr



. . . \$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.00 per Day European Plan:

We take a "second pleasure" in presenting to the public the second publica-

CHANGE OF MANAGEMENT

W. G. McPherson. Esq., City—Dear Sir; It is but justice to you to let you know how well pleased I am with the furnace that you have just placed in my residence at 251 King street.

The best argument I can use is to say that we burn less fuel than we did in a smaller house and get more heat. Yours respectfully, W. R. MACKENZIE.

W. G. McPHERSON

Heating and Ventilating Engineer

47 First St., bet. Ash and Pine

In Regal Splendor For Thanksgiving

Our array of carpet styles offers exceptional opportunities for your choice

EXCLUSIVE CARPET HOUSE

J. G. MACK & CO. 86-88 THIRD STREET, Opposite Chamber of Commerce.



THE PORTLAND

PORTLAND, OREGON



\$3.00 Per Day

COST ONE MILLION DOLLARS.

MEADQUARTERS FOR TOURISTS AND COMMERCIAL TRAVELERS

Special rates made to families and single gentlemen. The management will be pleased at all times to show rooms and give prices. A modern Turkish bath establishment in the hotel. H. C. BOWERS, Mgr.

> THE AEOLIAN COMPANY-New York Manufacturers of

Aeolian Orchestrelles

Aeolian Pipe Organs

THE PIANOLA M. B. WEI

AND

Traffic Manager.

PHOENIX, Aris., Nov. 18.-B. E. T.

PISTOL BALL IN HIS HEART STOCK BREEDERS ASSIGN Sulcide of Son of Great Northern Recently Paid \$15,000 for a Shorthorn Bull.

MONTEZUMA, Ia., Nov. 18.-I. I. Bigler Clark, son of Francis B. Clark, traffic amanager of the Great Northern Railway, driven to despendency, presumably on account of the conditions of his besides the state of the conditions of his besides the state of the conditions count of the condition of his health, took his life this morning. He was found dead with a pistol ball in his heart. His suicide was carefully premeditated and he left a note explaining to his wife and parents that he was tired of life and "could stand it no longer."

1200,000. The creditors, 55 in number, are mostly fine stock breeders in Indiana, lillinois and Iowa. The assets consist of two acres of land and 200 head of short-outle, among the number being a buil for which they paid 315,000 recently, the highest-priced animal of the breed in the world.

Irrigation Convention Is Matheur; O. L. Miller, of Baker; C. W. Elkins, of Crook; E. J. Frasier, of Lane. Organized.

A. H. DEVERS IS PRESIDENT

J. N. Williamson Carries the Day for Old Organization.

EASTERN OREGON PLAN FAILS

Delegates Accept Officers Chosen at Inception of Association, After a Stormy Debate-Carey Law Denounced.

Organized, appointed confmittees and elected the following officers:

President-A. H. Devers, of Portland. Vice-President-W. R. King, of Mai-Treasurer-W. T. Wright, of Union.

Heard addresses from George H. Will iams, Mayor of Portland: J. N. Willianuon, Representative-elect to Congress and State Senator from Crook, Klamath, Lake and Wasco Counties, and F. E. Beach, president of the Portland Board of Trade.

......................

A storm was brewing when the convention entered upon its work yesterday morning. Lowering clouds blew up from a dispute over organization. Several lightning flashes followed, and one or two claps of thunder. But the clouds rolled by after a smart shower of debate, sunshine returned and the discussions thereafter were irrigated by a full stream of

The trouble was about whether the convention should elect its own officers or should accept the officers of the Dregon Irrigation Association, chosen a month ago at the organization of the association Most of the delegates at first objected to the old organization. There were two reasons for this predominating sentiment. First-The irrigation companies resisted because they distiked the motives which had called the association together and regarded that association as a "close corporation," whose officers had been elected in "star chamber."

Second-Eastern Oregon delegates desired to have a president from their part

These two elements formed a powerful combination. But the combination was broken up by Mr. Williamson's address. The delegates well understood that Mr. Williamson was strenuously opposed by the irrigation companies, several representatives of which had reverely attacked the gentleman from Crook County. Mr. Williamson's speech was full of fire. It called the Carey law a "colossal failure" in the very state (Wyoming) where it had been most tried. It denounced the law as dangerous to the welfare of settlers and the state. It grilled those persons who had set upon him. Mr. Williamson did not assail the financial integrity of irrigation companies now operating in Oregon. He confined his attacks rather

to the inefficiency of the Carey law. "The history of the Carey act has proven that law to be a colossal failure," he declared. Mr. Williamson completely captured the

convention. The fire of his address melted opposition entirely. His speech was one of the most vigorous and effective ever heard in Portland. The Eastern Oregon alliance fell to pieces and withdrew its objections. A. H. Devers and J. M. Moore were re-elected unanimously as precsident and secretary respectively.

The outcome was really a vindication of Mr. Williamson, and the Portland members of the association who were said to have "set things up." Until about \$ o'clock the tide was strongly against the old organization. The irrigation companies the night before had made a defensive and offensive alliance with the Baker County delegation. Both parties to the deal "stood pat," but other Eastern Oregon counties, particularly Crook, threw their weight into the counter scale. The convention held two sessions-morn-

ng and afternoon. Mayor Williams delivered a very pleasing address of welome in the morning, and then the convention tried to organize. This was a here job. It wrestled with the trouble for some time, and ended up by appointing a committee on credentials. Then the question of whether the convention was already organized came up, and the sparks flew. Mr. Devers provided as president of the association, and maintained that this position entitled him to the chair. When he had called the convention to order, he had counseled harmony, but discord threatened to get the upper hand. 'We can accomplish nothing by fighting," he had sald. "Harmony should prevail." E. A. McDaniels, of Baker City, contended for a new organization, and moved the appointment of a committee on permanent organization. The chair ruled him out of order. Mr. McDanjels protest-

"The chair rules you out of order." replied President Devers, "and invites an

appeal." . Mr. McDaniels-I understand that this is the second meeting of the association. The by-laws provide that new officers shall be chosen at the second meeting. Sam White, of Baker County-We understand that the present officers hold their positions until this meeting.

E. J. Fraser, of Lane, calmed the grow-

Mr. McDaniels-I withdraw it on the inderstanding that my appeal be taken

mittee, composed of W. G. Thompson Malheur; O. L. Miller, of Baker; C. W. Gen. Odell's Big School Land Scheme.

Mr. Williamson's address was the chief STATE CIVES UP CLAIMS event of the afternoon. A dramatic climax was reached when the speaker had

When Promoter Finds Out vindictive in their attacks, are men who What Is Mineral. much as one foot of ditch or canal or

was not aware that Major Sears was di- OVER 100,000 ACRES INVOLVED

son looked hard at the row of auditors in front of him, among whom was Major Sears, pointed his finger unconsciously at Buyer Must Pay \$5 Per Acre for Lieu gentleman and uttered the words Lond, but He Can Get Base Land From Odell Major Scars. Mr. Williamson stopped, looked at the Major hard, and replied decisively; for \$4.

SALEM, Or., Nov. 18 - (Special.) - General W. H. Odell, ex-clerk of the State School Land Board, is the man who is engineering the proceedings by which it is proposed to declare large tracts of land in Baker and Malheur Counties to be mineral in character. The Oregonian's dispatches from Baker City, published in Monday's paper, stated that the amount of land involved is 100,000 acres. It is learned upon inquiry of General Odell that the tracts in Baker and Malheur Coun-President Devers then insisted that the convention proceed to the election of offi-cers, and A. H. Tanner, of Multnomah, ties aggregate but 64,000 acres, but that other tracts in Grant County are in process of adjudication to the amount of put this wish in a motion. Mr. McDaniels offered an amendment that a committee on permanent organization be named nearly 40,000 acres, so that General Odell is now interested in proceedings for the adjudication of the character of about original motion, and called F. E. Beach 100,000 acres. It is Odell's purpose to have this land declared to be mineral, where-The amendment was lost by a vote of upon it will be relinquished by the state to 96. The original motion was then and he will sell the base thereby created

to whomsoever may wish to buy, Not Out for His Health. In the General's own language, he is not working for his health, but expects to sell the base for enough to pay him for the trouble and expense of his operations. He says the estimate of the Baker City people that he will realize \$375,000 from the transaction is too high. His present price for bose is \$1 50 per acre above the state's price of \$2.50 per nere, which would give him \$150,000 to pay his expenses.

Devers, saying that the man who had prepared the way for the convention as Mr. Devers has done was criticd to the Since the state has raised the price of Heu land to \$5 per acre, excepting thereomination.

George W. Barnes also seconded the nomination of Mr. Devers. "It would be a shame to yote down the man who brought us here," he declared. from lands which will be secured under General Odell's present proceedings, all persons except General Odell are shut out of the lieu-land business, and he may be Mr. Devers received 128 votes, and Mr. able to realize more than \$1.50 per acre for the base he is now creating. Should On motion of T. G. Halley, Mr. Devers' all things work in his favor, he may be able to take in \$250,000 by the work he has in hand, though a portion of this sum and J. D. Lee, of Marion, to escort Mr. Devers to the chair, Mr. Devers, in a neat speech, thanked the convention and adjudication.

How "Bose" Is Secured. After all that has been published in the

newspapers of Oregon regarding the methident. Mr. King was escorted to the ods of handling school and lieu lands, platform by Mr. Williamson and C. A. there are many who have but a vague idea of the way the lands are disposed of. Briefly stated, the General Government donated to the state every 16th and 26th section-of public land, save and except mineral lands, lands which have been previously occupied, etc. If, therefore, school section be found to be mineral in character, the state does not acquire title to such section, but the Government retains it and permits the state to take other lands in lieu thereof. The section thus lost to the state is called "base," and the section taken in its stead is called "lieu" land. The state does not sell "base," but sells lieu land. The means by which operators make money out of the mineral sections is clear. The state refuses to take any proceedings to determine which lands are mineral, but leaves this work to private enterprise. General Odell, who is the principal operator in mineral base, sends out men to search for mineral school land, and for witnesses who can establish its mineral character by their testimony. Having secured their knowledge and testimony, General Odell is prepared to furnish "base" for any person who wants to buy lieu land. When a La Grande.

for the purchase of lieu land, he is told that he will have to furnish the base. Upon inquiry he finds that General Odell and perhaps one or two others have base for sale. From these operators he secure: the required amount of base and uses it to secure the desired tract of Heu land. He pays the operator about \$1 50 per acre for the base, and the state \$2.50 for the Heu land, so that his land costs him \$4 per acre. Much of the base has been sold at \$1 per acre, but the price is now \$1 50.

State Gains by Transaction.

It will be seen by this statement of the

case that there is not necessarily any fraud upon the part of the operators in nor is the state defrauded by the transaction. If the 100,000 acres of land in Eastern Oregon how under process of adjudication are really mineral in character, then no fraud is committed when sater, then no irrain is committed when the facts are presented before the United States Land Department, and the lands are declared to be mineral. If the state sells the 199,000 acres in place, it re-ceives \$1.25 per acre, or \$150,000. If, how-ever, this land be declared to be mineral, the state will receive lieu land in the place. the state will receive licu land in the place of it, and can sell this lieu and for 42 50 per nere, or \$250,000. If General Odell succeeds in his project in Eastern Oregon, the state will be \$150,600 ahead by the transaction. If the General can clean up another \$150,000, he will be well repaid for his efforts. He has had two men working in Eastern Oregon two Summers looking up micera! lands, and is at some expense on their account.

The mere announcement that there is possibility of an ex-clerk of the School Land Board making \$250,000 out of a deal in mineral school sections causes many people to suspect something wrong. If anybody is being swindled by the transaction, it is not the state, unless the action, it is not the state, unless this state could with profit employ men to go out and hunt "base" at state expense. If the Government is induced to give up good timber lends for worthless lands, it is manifestly the loser by the transaction. but it would not be the first time the United States had lost in that manner. The railroads and military-road companies are permitted to exchange lands in that manner, and there is no reason why the state should not also.

Should State Hunt "Base"? The law makes it the duty of the State Land Agent to ascertain what lands have been lost to the state, and to select other lands in Neu thereof, but that official has never performed that duty. The Gov-ernor, who has exclusive charge of this work, and in whose name all applications for lieu land are made, has held to the opinion that it is best to leave the work of hunting mineral base to private enter-prise. If the state could send out an agent to examine the land and prove its mineral character at 25 cents an acre, or \$25,000 for the tract General Odell now has under process of adjudication, it is apparent that the state would make over \$100,600 by doing the business in that way. It is probable, however, that there are not very large profits to be made by op-erations in "base," for there are only one or two men who make a business of it. Odell Has Lieu-Land Monopoly.

From the facts that have developed thus far, it is apparent that everything has been coming General Odell's way. Last Soring State Land Agent L. B. Geer suspended making applications for lieu land, and resumed this work about six weeks ago. About the same time General Odell had completed his investigations in Eastern Oregon and began his proceedings for the adjudication of the 100,000 acres of school land alleged to be mineral. About two weeks later the State Land Board doubled the price on all lieu land except that selected on mineral base aiready adjudicated or now in process of adjudica-tion. For all practical purposes thi means \$5 per acre for all lieu land except would have to be paid out in expenses of that secured through General Odell, which addudication will be sold at \$2.50 per acre. When asked regarding this matter today, General Odell said that the order raising the price practically puts a stop to all lieu-land business except that already under way. Should a forest reserve be created con-teining unsurveyed school sections, the state would have a few sections of lieu land to sell as a result, but otherwise General Odell has practically a monopoly the Heu-land business henceforth, Whether the advance in the price of lieu land will enhance the value of his "base," time will tell.

Odell Has Nothing to Conceal, There is one thing about General Odell's operations which saves them from the suspicion which would attach to those of almost any other person who might be doing the same business under the same circumstances. This is the General's willingness to give any information asked for regarding his operations. Of course, he will not give away the information he has secured regarding the location of mineral lands, but he makes no secret of his methods of doing business. When he saw a chance to make a neat little fortune out of lands in Eastern Oregon, it would scarcely be expected that he would put anybody "next" until after he had begun the proceedings by which he proposed to make the money. His notices are pubmake the money. His notices are published in the weekly papers at Huntington, Canyon City and Mitchell, according to the location of the lands he is seeking to adjudicate. The hearings will be had before notaries designated by the land office officials at Burns, The Dalles and

Oregon Under Official Mistrust.

LANDS, FORESTS, WATERS

Frauds, Exposures and Conflicting Stories.

IRRIGATION ON THE DESCHUTES

Rival Claimants as Well as Government Inspection May Cause Delay in Starting Works-Inspector Green's Report.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Nov. 18. - "An intense preludice and suspicion prevalls here on all matters Oregonian, owing to the recent timber fraud exposures and the exitation and conflicting representations made through the public press and private channels respecting the proposed forest reserves and irrigation projects," said A. M. Drake, of Bend, to The Oregonian correspondent today. While urging early consideration of Inspector Green's report as to the character of the lands selected by the state with a view to their reclamation by the Pilot Butte Development Company, Mr. Drake has come in close touch with many Government officlais handling land matters, and it is upon their expressions that he bases this opinion. He added:

"It is doubtful whether any early action can be had on the state desert land selections unless by special request of the state on grounds of public urgency. The department views with distrust many of its local officials in the state. There are but few available inspectors and mass of matter already awaits investigation. It is the rule of the department that matters be acted on in their regular turn, and although Inspector Green's reports are on hand on most of the Oregon lists, including those in the Deschutes Valley, the tenor of the reports will not be disclosed until the case is acted upon. List No. 6 of the Pilot Butte Company promises to be further delayed by reason of protests instituted by C. C. Hutchinson, supported by requests for delay from Senator Simon, as well as by personal requests to the Commissioner by influential

CONTENTS OF TODAY'S PAPER.

First Day of Irrigation Convention. Oregon Irrigation Association Convention is organized by retention of first officers. Page 1, t. H. Devers is elected president and J. M.

Moore secretary. Page 1.

Congressman-elect Williamson attacks the Carey land act. Page 10. F. E. Beach tells how irrigation will quicken commerce of state. Page 11. Government engineers view enthusiaem of convention with approval. Page 11.

Today the real work of the delegates will begin. Page 11. Foreign. Uribe-Uribe writes advising his fellow-revolu-

tionists to make terms with Colombian Gov-

ernment, saying United States' intervention killed Liberal cause. Page 3. Europe is having a spell of cold weather. British troops are reported to have met heavy

opposition on the Afghan frontier. Page 3. Domestic.

Southern Republicans will boom Hanna for the Presidency to spite the Preside Express messenger shoots train-robber dend

near Trinidad, Colo. Page 3. President got no shot at bear in four days' hunt, and party broke camp. Page 2. Vice-Governor Wright, or the Philippines, reached his home in Memphis, where Pres-ident will greet him today. Page 2.

Secretary Nichols and Director Clough.

Northern Securities Company, tell purchases of railroad stocks. Page 7. MacVeagh finishes with Mitchell and other at-torneys take up examination. Page 2. Salaries of president and secretary of Amer-ican Federation of Labor are raised. Page 4.

Pacific Coast.

Government officials at Washington look upon Oregon with mistrust because of timber frauds and conflicting representations regarding forest reserves and irrigation. Two more forest reserves are to be created in

Northeastern Oregon. Page 1. Oregon's Winter scenery is described at Corvallis. Page 6. J. J. Smith, of Enumciaw, to be president of

Washington State Senate. Page 6. North Yambill suffers a \$20,000 fire loss Page 6. Sports.

Oregon Agricultural College manager chal-lenges Albany for a game at Salem. Page 5, Captain Watts, of the University of Oregon team, challenges any team in the North-west. Page 5.

Rules for aquatic sports changed. Page 5. American Amateur Union adjusts several rules

and adopts records. Page 5. Commercial and Marine.

Oregon prune yield 13,000,000 pounds. Page 13 Cereal markets strong and higher at Chicago, Continued liquidation on New York Stock En

change. Page 13. Hearing of marine engineers' case at San Francieco. Page 14. Steamer Willapa sold for Puget Sound service

Portland and Vicinity.

Council in committee of the whole recommend passage of Fiegel oil ordinance. Page 16. Oregon Bar Association meets in annual ses-sion. Page 16.

Representative Thomas H. Tongue urges irri-gation interests to avoid conflict. Page 11 Board of Public Works discusses disposal of Mechanics' Pavilion. Page 14.

Noted educator will visit Columbia University

LABOR LEADERS WHO DISAGREE



T. J. Shaffer, President of the Amalgamated



Samuel Gompers, President of the American Federation of Labor.