It is likely that a public recep-

tion will be arranged for Thursday even-

While it is the President's wish to ac-

commodate the people, he asks in re-

turn due consideration at their hands that they may not impose upon him any

entertainment that would be an undue

tax upon his strength or energy, as the

Senator Fulton told the President that

he and the people of Astoria would like

him to visit the city by the sea. The

view the city to which much historic in-

terest attaches to view the work on the

Columbia jetty and the lower river of

which he has heard so much, but to

view the Upper Columbia, but thinks

Senators Foster and Ankeny also say

the President this morning and procured

his consent to stop off at Olympia for 70 minutes and a partial promise to make a brief stop at Ellensburg on his way East. The Senators are not entirely sat-

isfied with the arrangement for a tour

f Puget Sound, for they want the Presi-ent to see that waterway from one side o the other and to visit the more im-ortant towns, including Exerct, Port

Townsend and Whatcom, curtailing his visit to Seattle, if need be. They will see the President again tomorrow in the hope of inducing him to change his plans

for a trip on Puget Sound.

As the Washington delegation has planned to join the President at Portland and except him through that state, so

the Oregon delegation expects to meet the President at the California line, or at Salem, and remain with him until he

because of the shortness of time.

trip at best will be a hard one.

the President in person,

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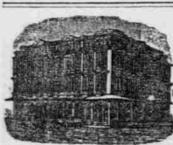
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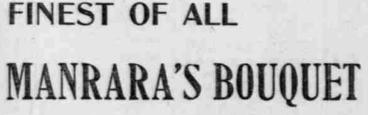


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President's Visit to Oregon Metropolis.

HIS ITINERARY ARRANGED

He Will Stop at Ashland and Salem in Oregon.

WILL BE GUEST OF CITIZENS President expressed a desire not only to

Committee of Council and Pair Board Will Arrange Programme-Plans Completed for Two Months' Tour in West.

THE PRESIDENT'S TOUR. .April 25 to 29 .April 30 ..May 1 /

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Wash

will arrive in Portland at 2 g'clock in the

afternoon of Thursday, May 21, will spend

the entire afternoon and night in the

Oregon metropolis, unless present plans

are changed, and will leave for Tacoma

the next morning at 9. Senators Mitchell

and Fulton and Representative Williamson called on the President this morn-

ing to talk over plans of the proposed

The President said his itinerary was entatively made out, but might have to

be altered in some particulars. It was

his present intention, however, to cross

into Oregon during the night of May

20, and proceed northward to Portland,

He expects to make but one stop, at

Salem, where he will remain an hour or

more, long enough to view the town and

o the President, inasmuch as his route

ay through many important towns, that

he should make short stops at Ashland,

Roseburg, Eugene, Albany, Oregon City

and Grant's Pass, but the President

doubted very much if he would have time

for these visits, brief though they might

By reaching Portland at 2 o'clock,

President Roosevelt will have opportunity

o drive about the city, viewing the

most important points of interest before

dark. He intends to defer largely to the wishes of the people of Portland dur-

ng his visit there, and to that end asked

with Mayor Williams with a view to ar-

ranging a definite programme for his

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eet the people. The delegation suggested

igton. March 16.-President Roosevelt

HIS COMPLETE ITINERARY. Journey Extending Throughout the

Great West to the Pacific. WASHINGTON, March 16.-Several enators and members of the House of Representatives from Western States to

day had conferences with President Roosevelt concerning his approaching tour of the West and Northwest. Dates tour of the West and Northwest. Dates for the President's visits to cities of the several states to be included in his journey were discussed. A few changes were made, but the itinerary of the trip practically has been completed, with the exception of the time of arrival and departure of the President from a few places. The itinerary now is in the hands of the railroads for exact determination of the running time.

ment there has not been completed. From Chicago the President will go to Madison, will address the Legislature in the State-house. Thence he will go to Wautauk-shee, and then to Milwaukee. He will be entertained at a banquet by the Mer-chants' and Manufacturers' Association

stop at La Crosse, the President will go After a brief stop there he will go to Yankton, Mitchell and Aberdeen, S. D., and Edgeley, N. D. On the morn-ing of April 7 he will reach Fargo, N. D., during that day will visit Jamestown, Bismarck and Medora, all in North Da-

He will visit Livingston, Mont., on esday, April 8, and will arrive at Cinnabar, Mont., at noon of that day. 24. President Roosevelt, accompanied by Secretary Root and John Burroughs, the poet-naturalist of New York, who has been justed to

to be arranged so as to enable seet the people, and yet to avoid all iring features such as speeches or ban-

ing, to allow the people of Portland and others who may assemble there to meet Governor Stops the Lieu Whether or not the President will spend the night in his car or at the hotel Land Business. rill be for the local authorities to say.

In accordance with the President's wish, the Senators today telegraphed to Mayor Williams asking him to formulate a programme as early as possible that it may be submitted to the President for

NEW FORM OF DEED IN USE

Chamberlain Says Credit of State Shall No Longer Be Hawked About for Benefit of Lieu Land Ring.

SALEM, March 16.-(Special.)-The Heu Governor Chamberlain has refused to to \$1.50 an acre for the base shows that he make any more selections of lieu lands which have fallen down. In answer to make any more selections until it has is not honorable for them to sell bad base been finally determined what amount of for good money. The operators are the those already made will fail. If the quantity is large he will continue his refusal tions, and if the purchasers have lost title may permit selections in all cases where the purchasers furnish the base and pay If the state had been the sole party in the state the difference between the present value of the base and the amount they have already paid for lieu land. His determination is that the credit of the state shall no longer be hawked about by lieu consequence of Governor Chamberlain's

tain small circles where the effect of the The party will leave Washington on the morning of April 1, and will proceed directly by the Pennsylvania Ralifond to Chicago, arriving there the next morning. April 2 will be spent in Chicago, but the programme for the President's entertain-programme for the President's entertainapproached the Governor this morning for a full statement of the nature, purpose where on the morning of the 3d he and extent of this radical change in Ore-

gon land policy.
"It is reported you have stopped mak-

"I have not stopped, for I never commenced," was the reply. "With the exception of one or two instances in which to St. Paul, and thence to Minneapolis, leaving the latter city late that night and arriving in Slour Falls S. D. the next the selection was made for the benefit of state does not want to wait."

"Then, let him take his remained in Slour Falls S. D. the next the state, I have made no selections of "Then, let him take his remained in the state of the stat

"Is it true that you have determined not to make any selections?"

No Selection for a Year or Two.

"I shall not make any unless I find that the amount of previous selections which fall down is very small. In any event, I shall not make any new selections upon Cinnabar is at the entrance to the Yellowstone Park. The President's train will proved by the Federal Land Department. be sidetracked there until Friday, April This means that no selections will be This means that no selections will be made for a year or two, except for and in the name of the state, after the state been invited to accompany the party on has acquired title. I intend to wait and the trip, will make an extended tour of see where we are at before I proceed. It has acquired title. I intend to wait and has been reported that a large amount of the selections made in the last three or

OPERATORS ARE WORRIED

Basehunters Get a Few Pointers on "Honor,"

perators and purchasers are in sore

ing lieu land selections, Governor," was

eral Land Office or the Department of the Interior, I get the information, from what is creditable authority, that there will be some disapprovals, and the ques tion to be determined is what the extent of the fallen selections will be. If the department disapproves so large a quan tity that it would work a great injustice to the state to use other good basis to set up the fallen lands, then I shall refuse to chasers apply to the land board to have the purchase price refunded:

"But the lieu land people tell me that the state is in honor bound to make its titles good," was suggested.

"The state is bound to no such thing, either legally or morally. I believe that when the state sells a man school land in place the purchaser should be protected to the extent that the state will not be a party to proceedings which are intended to divest him of title. But there is no argument upon which the state can be held liable to protect the title of a man who has purchased lieu land upon mineral basis.

"But the state gave a certificate of sale or a deed over its seal, did it not?" Buyers Must Look to Operators.

"That is true, but the state did not war

rant title. The purchaser of lieu land did not deal with the state alone. Before the dealt with the state, he went to a mineral base hunter and bought his base for the selection of lieu land. He knew, or ought to have known, that his title to the lieu land depended upon the validity of that base. The state took the base be no right to look to the state to make his title good. The very fact that he went to and business has come to an abrupt end. a dealer in base and paid from 75 cents did not depend upon the state entirely for on mineral base, even for the purpose of his title. I know that the lieu land opsetting up selections heretofore made, but erators claim that the state is in honor bound to make the titles good, but they every application that has been made the cerainly have a strange sense of honor Governor has declared that he will not It does not seem to occur to them that it ones who have profited by those transato proceed. If the amount is small, he to their lands, let them look to the men effecting the sales of lieu land, and had received all the money, then I would say that the state is in honor bound to make the titles good."

"But some of the lieu land men tell me land operators for their own gain. As a that they are willing to furnish new base in the place of that which has failed, and taking this firm position, the lieu land thus set up the lieu land selections without any cost to the state," the reporter

added.
"But what kind of base?" asked the Governor. "How are we to know that Governor. How are we to know that the new base is any better than that which has fallen down? To substitute one piece of invalid base for another would only be putting off the day of reckoning, and would give the purchaser of the land that much more show of claim upon the honor of the state. Besides, any base they might furnish in the ciaim upon the 'honor' of the state. Be-sidez, any base they might furnish is the property of the state. I say that the only safe and proper way to proceed is to wait until the Federal Land Department has finally passed upon all the selections, and then we can tell what is best to be done. The way the state has been selling lands. The way the state has been selling lands The way the state has been selling lains when there was reason to expect that the titles might fall is discreditable, and the sooner it is stopped, the better it will be for the state's 'honor. I may be wrong in taking that position, but if I am to make a mistake, it will be an error of omission, and not of commission. The state has been soing it blindly too long, and should and not of commission. The state has been going it blindly too long, and should wait until there is some light upon this mportant subject."
"But the man who has a deed from the

lieu land operators for the money he has paid them. If any man has paid \$20 to a base-hunter for the base upon which to purchase 20 acres of land from the state, and the base has failed, the sooner the purchaser gets after the man who sold the base, the better chance he will have of getting his money. If a man has paid good money for bad base, I hold that the base-hunter is in honor bound to pay back oney. There in another phase of the question that you might think

about. "Innocent" Purchasers. "But, see here, Governor, I am told that a large proportion of this lieu land has passed into the possession of third per-sons, who stand as innocent purchasers,

"There you are again; the same

First, it is the honor of the state. and then it is the poor, innocent purchaser. Now, let me tell you that the men who buy most of this lieu land are not as ocent as you might suppose. They are not homeseekers who have invested all their money in a tract of lieu land. Most of them are men who have had enough experience in land matters to know just what they are doing. But suppose they are what you might call 'innocent pur-chasers.' How far does their innocence extend? Every man who buys land in these days is expected to have the title examined by a competent person, especially if he is dealing with private parties, as all these 'innocent purchasers' were. Any abstractor or attorney could tell an intending purchaser that the title to lieu land is not perfect until the base upon which it was selected has been final-ly approved. The deed from the state is warranty, but is really a quit-claim, and the purchaser must look out for his title. The rule of caveat emptor let the purchaser beware is applicable in all cases of this kind.

Must Look to Operators for Title. The state once gave away \$5,000 acres of good base to set up fallen lieu land selections. I am informed that this was not a total loss, for some of the base was not a total loss for some of the base was afterward soproved. Nevertheless, it was then demonstrated that the sections are likely to be disapproved and that the title to lieu land is not perfect until the department at Washington has finally pressed upon the adjudications. The lieu land operators know this. The Oregonian and other newspapers wave wide puband other newspapers gave wide puband other newspapers gave whose pulletty to the way the lieu land business had been conducted. Land Agent T W. Davenport explained it in his report. No one can be heard to piesd ignorance of the subject, for a word of inquiry at the Land Department would give all additional in formation desired. I believe Lond Agent Davenport was right in using good base to set up the fallen eelections, for then, perhaps the purchasers did not know the real legal status of lieu land. Since that however, there has been no room loubt, and those who bought Heu land through the agency of operators in mineral base must look to those operators or their titles.

and we are going to find out the exact situation with regard to lieu lands." Under the inst administration it was the custom of the Governor to sign a

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Dead in Tuamotu Islands Number 600.

ONE-FIFTH OF POPULATION

Swept Into Lagoons and Beaten to Death on Rocks.

STRUGGLES OF THE SURVIVORS

Famine Follows Storm and Poison Adds Its Terrors-Americans Save Many Lives by Condensing Water-Relief Mensures,

swept over the Tuamotu Islands, in the South Pacific Ocean, in January cor firm all earlier stories as to

fifth of the population, and the loss is about \$500,000, which ultimately falls on the white traders.

Hunger and thirst threatened to kill the survivors, but a Mormon mis ary rigged up a condenser for water and and Italian men-of-war gave

PAPEETE, March 4, via San Francisco, March 16 - (Correspondence of the Assoclated Press.)-The latest intelligence rela or Low Archipelago, dicates that the fatalities will num-The loss of property will be \$500,000. Relief measures have been in-The huricane and high water stituted. acted during January 14, 15 and 16. Hikuera 377 deaths occurred, in most instances famong the visitors from other islands sojourning there during the diving season. One hundred and forty-two leaths are reported from six other small islanda. In this report there is no record of the unknown dead, and it is believed that the total number of fatalities in the entire archipelago was not less than 500. On the islet south of Hikuera 262 natives

perished, being swept into the lagoon and again into the great sea, lacerated terribly by contact with rocks, coral and debrie of all sorts. Upon some unfortunate ones coconnut tres fell either malming or killing them outright, or holding them down beneath the water until they On the awful night of January 15, when

the darkness came and a driving downpour of rain stung their faces and naked bodies, the parents tied their little children his money back, to their backs and sought safety. Over The State Land Department will return their heads rolled the mighty wave, and him what the state has received with 5 when the surges retreated, the infants and per cent interest. He should look to the half-grown boys and girls succumbed. the half-grown boys and girls succumbed. The father or mother would vainly endeavor to retain the corpses of their dead, but usually at length had to abandon Tying themselves to cocoanut trees, some at last fell with them; others excaped, clinging to the trees temporarily and at other times able to catch held of something else, and so, between the breakers, reached safety after many hours of hardship. About 30 natives, including a young girl, swam across the lagoon, and, after five or six hours, battling with the waves, succeeded in landing safely on the leeward side of the island. Those who perished in their attempt, however, were far more numerous than those who suc-

Danger in the Lagoon The sea in the lagoon was as unsafe, by

eason of the debris floating on its sur face, as was the ocean outside. The depth of water in most parts of the island was from 15 to 30 feet, but the meeting of the waves from the outside, and those forced eress the lagoon frequently made the The gale found the natives weakened

rom a virulent form of measles that had me epidemic; otherwise more might have been spared in the struggle with the Those who survived were the nes who were able to leave the main ellinge and cross several dangerous low stretches where the waves washed into the lagoon, wading neck-deep, aiding one another and holding to debris and gradunily withdrawing from the danger to a slightly more elevated section on the

Messrs, Cheffield and Allen, elders of the Mormon church, and Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert, of the Latter Day Saints' Mission, in a report to United States Consul Doty, give grewsome details of the disaster. The Gilberts lost one shelter when a cocounut tree fell, but secured another in a high stump of a booran tree. The water, which had all but submerged them completely, now only reached their feet. The wind threatened to tear them from their position again and again, and so these Americans passed that awful night. In the morning the scene of horror that met their eyes on every side was harder to endure than the terrors of the night, frightfully mutilated, Согряев. strewn about, and there were living beings with unsightly and most painful wounds. in some instances only one out of a Upon the barren family had survived. reef many bodies had lodged, and, as the brown skin had been scraped off by the coral, the gheetly appearance of corpses were hard to bear. Out on the surface of the deep, the sharks were seen devour many bodies, while in the lagoen bodies were floating upon the debris-a most unsightly maze.

The story of the fatality in Moraku, where 95 out of 100 inhabitants perished,

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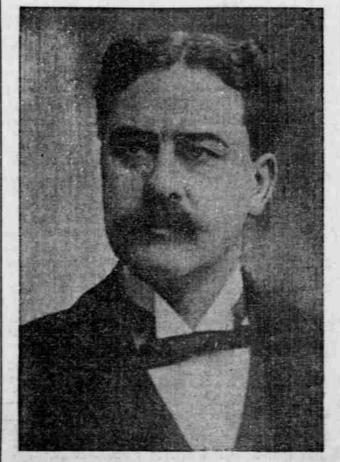
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