

AGAINST THE FAIR

Citizens of Hillsboro Incensed at Portland Council.

WILL WORK FOR REFERENDUM

Prominent Forest Grove Business Men Join Them in Their Attack on the Prospects of the Exposition.

Washington County people are agitated at the action of the Portland City Council.

HILLSBORO, March 20.—(Special.)—The fact that the Portland City Council failed to give the proposed Hillsboro line a franchise that is available has awakened an antagonism in this city and at Forest Grove that is likely to breed trouble for the metropolis.

Prominent business men of these two places are up in arms, and they feel that the commercial interests of Washington County have been slumped in the face.

Acting upon these grounds telegrams have been sent from this place and Forest Grove, asking Hon. J. J. Whitney, of Albany, to send on petitions to have the Lewis and Clark Fair appropriation referred to popular vote.

NOT VERY ACTIVE.

Referendum League Movement in a Quiescent State.

ALBANY, Or., March 20.—(Special.)—The reported movement in Linn County to invoke the referendum on the Lewis and Clark Fair appropriation is yet in embryo.

President J. J. Whitney, of the Referendum League, recently organized in Albany, said today that there was a signature as yet to any petition to refer the Lewis and Clark Fair appropriation to the people, or if, indeed, any petition had been as yet circulated, he was entirely ignorant of the fact.

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MONTANA FAVORABLY DISPOSED.

Special Session May Be Called to Make Appropriations.

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Senators Kennedy and Whipple, leaders of the Helms and Clark factions, who are here, have been looking into the proposition of an extra session among the members of the Assembly, and they have found on every hand a desire to meet and make an appropriation.

It should like to see the Governor call the Legislature to an extraordinary session," said Senator Kennedy, "for the purpose of making an appropriation of \$50,000 for the exhibitions. Members of the Legislature undoubtedly will be perfectly willing to come to Helena, remain in session long enough to pass such a bill, not more than two days, and adjourn without putting the state to a cent of expense.

The state should pay the cost of this exhibit. Private individuals should neither be asked nor allowed to bear the whole expense. The people as a whole will reap the benefits, and they are entitled to share the burdens. Of course, if after the appropriation is made, those gentlemen who have so liberally subscribed to the fund should desire to leave their subscriptions up they should be allowed to do so; they would add so much to the splendor of the exhibit that Montana could make."

FIX CONVENTION DATE.

Linn County Republican Central Committee Has a Meeting.

ALBANY, Or., March 20.—(Special.)—The Linn County Republican central committee met in Albany today at the call of the chairman, Nathaniel M. Newport.

The secretary, L. M. Curt, reported that a number of extra copies had been moved out of the county, and recommended that the vacant places be filled by men selected by the central committee.

The new members selected in accordance with this recommendation were William Mitcham, in Oakville precinct, and John Conklin, in Redaville precinct. Every precinct in the county was represented by a committee of five members.

Worrell, F. M. Brown, W. W. Bailey, Damon Smith, J. H. Wallace, C. S. Mullen, J. R. Davis, Griff King, John Conser, E. L. Gilson, J. H. Turpin, Chairman, Nathaniel M. Newport, Secretary, L. M. Curt.

The question of apportioning the delegates to the county convention was discussed at length. It was decided to select the delegates on the basis of one for every 200 votes cast for the late Congressman Tongue in the June election, allowing each precinct also one delegate-at-large.

The committee named Thursday, April 2, at the hour of 11 o'clock, as the date and hour for holding the county convention. It was recommended that the primaries be held on Friday, March 27.

BUNCH OF M'BRIDE VETOS.

Tunnel Bill, Defective Youth School, Administration of Attorneys.

OLYMPIA, March 20.—Governor McBride today vetoed House bill 372, providing for condemnation of rights of way, including rights of way for tunnels. In disapproving the bill, the Governor refers to it as "an act making easy the taking or damaging of private property for corporate uses against the will of the owner thereof."

The Governor also vetoed House bill 353, the purpose of which is to compel counties to bear the expense of sending children to and from the Washington School for Defective Youth at Vancouver.

Another bill to receive the Governor's veto to day is House bill 265, reducing amount of daily credit on fines when secured by jail. The present rate is \$1 per day. This bill reduced the amount to \$1.50.

The Governor disapproved one section of House bill 425, which provided that attorneys must have had five years' practice to insure admission to the bar of this state upon certificate from courts of other states.

KNOWLES IS PROTESTED.

Prospective Register of La Grande Land Office May Be Disappointed.

LA GRANDE, Or., March 20.—(Special.)—A protest has been filed at Washington against the appointment of J. W. Knowles as Register of the Land Office here. It is understood that certain parties have asked that his appointment be annulled on the ground that he is not a resident of the state.

This has occasioned surprise here, and Mr. Knowles hopes to be able to defend himself against any charges brought, relying on his long residence and good standing in La Grande and testimonials from prominent citizens as to his character. Mr. Knowles has strong support in Washington, and should be able to maintain his standing with the President.

TICKET BROKER IN CONTEMPT.

Fined \$300 and Sent to Jail for Two Days.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 20.—Adolph Oettinger, the ticket broker who was adjudged guilty of contempt of court by Judge Bloss about six weeks ago, J. W. Oettinger, was fined \$300 and sent to jail for two days, and a writ of habeas corpus today and remanded to the custody of the Sheriff.

Oettinger petitioned for the writ on the ground that he had no jurisdiction, but Judge Hebbard decided he had and so stated in a short opinion.

WHITTLESEY INDICTED.

Seattle's ex-County Treasurer Will Have to Answer.

SEATTLE, March 20.—The grand jury today voted secret indictments against ex-County Treasurer Charles F. Whittlesey and his wife, Ophelia E. Whittlesey, charging them with embezzlement. The indictments are the outgrowth of Whittlesey's first and second term short-ages, amounting in all to approximately \$3,000.

NORTHWEST DEAD.

Mrs. Margaret McFadden.

OLYMPIA, March 20.—(Special.)—Mrs. Margaret McFadden, 36 years of age, one of the pioneer women of the Pacific Northwest, died at her residence, 1015 North 1st street, at 10 o'clock this morning. She was the wife of Ophelia E. McFadden, the first Chief Justice of Washington Territory, died this morning in this city.

Judge McFadden, in 1854, came West by way of the Isthmus of Panama and located at Fort Vancouver, having been appointed Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of Oregon Territory, and the following year Mrs. McFadden and her children moved to Portland, where she joined the husband and father at Vancouver. They located in Olympia in 1860, Judge McFadden having become Chief Justice of Washington Territory after its creation in 1859, and Mrs. McFadden has lived here ever since. Seven of their eleven children survive them.

FOREST GROVE, March 20.—(Special.)—Mrs. C. W. Rosa, aged 71 years, died here today. Deceased was born in Kentucky and came here from Nebraska two years ago. A husband and several children survive her. Interment will be in the Naylor Cemetery tomorrow.

Mrs. Amanda Barnes.

M'MINNVILLE, March 20.—Mrs. Amanda Barnes died March 16 at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Sarah Smith, five miles east of McMinnville. Mrs. Barnes was born in Pennsylvania February 20, 1818. She had five children, three of whom moved to Iowa, and in 1853, with her five daughters, emigrated to Oregon. They settled near Amity, Yamhill County, for about six miles west of Portland, where they resided until the death of Mr. Barnes in 1871. Her five daughters still survive her. They are Mrs. Sarah Smith, Mrs. Mrs. Mrs. Flora Frisbie, of Yamhill County; Mrs. Elizabeth Shuckelord, of Washington County, and Mrs. Elizabeth Shuckelord, of Washington County.

Isaac M. Veatch, Early Pioneer.

COTTAGE GROVE, Or., March 20.—(Special.)—Isaac M. Veatch, one of Oregon's earliest and most respected pioneers, died this afternoon, aged 71 years. He was born in White County, Illinois, November, 1832, and moved with his father's family to Iowa in 1845. In 1853 he crossed the plains with his two brothers, E. E. and H. C. Veatch.

He was married in 1867 and was the father of five children, four of which survive him, two daughters, Lucy Ethel and Sylvia Stratton and two sons, Robert and Oscar.

Wellington Woods, of Montana.

HELENA, Mont., March 20.—Wellington Woods, a Montana pioneer, who came to Last Chance Gulch, near Helena, in 1854, died here today, aged 78. Mr. Woods built the first house in Last Chance Gulch and it was in his cabin that Helena was named. He was the first commissioner of Helena and organized the first court to settle the disputes of the miners.

Mrs. Adelaide Marsh, of Skamokawa.

ASTORIA, Or., March 20.—(Special.)—Mrs. Adelaide Marsh, wife of Sprague Marsh, of Skamokawa, Wash., died in this city at an early hour this morning from bronchitis, after an illness of several months. Mrs. Marsh was 55 years of age, and leaves a husband and several children. The funeral will be held tomorrow morning at Skamokawa.

Mrs. C. E. Eliston, of Oregon City.

OREGON CITY, March 20.—(Special.)—Mrs. C. E. Eliston died last night at her home in Oswego, Oregon, at the age of 32 years. She is survived by a husband and six children. The body was taken to Amity, and the funeral held there this afternoon.

PLES ARMSTRONG'S TRIAL

CHANGE OF VENUE IS SOUGHT BY HIS COUNSEL.

Claims That Threats Have Been Made Against Prisoner and Himself—Case Taken Under Adjudication.

BAKER CITY, Or., March 20.—Ples Armstrong, the murderer of Missie Essinger, was brought back from Portland today and his attorney, George J. Bently, appeared before Judge Eskin this afternoon and moved for a change of venue to Umatilla County. In support of the motion he filed an affidavit signed by Armstrong in which the defendant said that he does not believe he could secure a fair and impartial trial in this county, owing to the fact that the people are prejudiced against him; in proof of which he cited the attempt to lynch him three weeks ago.

Attorney Bently filed an affidavit signed by himself to the same effect, and also stated that it had come to his knowledge that threats had been made that unless

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APPOINTED HEALTH OFFICER AT COOS BAY.

DR. E. E. STRAW, OF MARSHFIELD, OR.

MARSHFIELD, Or., March 18.—(Special.)—Dr. E. E. Straw, recently appointed Health Officer at Coos Bay, was born in Wythe County, Virginia, in 1871. He is a graduate of the medical department of Vanderbilt University, of Nashville, Tenn. Coming to Oregon in 1899, he located at Marshfield in 1901, where he has been engaged in the practice of his profession.

ARMSTRONG was convicted of murder in the first degree, he would be shot and his attorney would be in danger. Just before arguing the case Mr. Bently filed another affidavit which stated that at a meeting composed of citizens residing in the neighborhood of the murdered girl, a vote had been taken on the proposition to hang Armstrong, and the question was decided affirmatively.

District Attorney White presented a number of counter affidavits signed by county officials and prominent citizens in which they stated that it was their belief that prejudice against Armstrong only existed among citizens in the vicinity of Haines and Rock Creek, and that, in their opinion, a fair and impartial jury could be obtained from the taxpayers of this county to try the case.

After hearing the arguments of counsel, the Judge took the case under advisement until tomorrow morning.

REVOLVER USED BY BENSON.

When Recovered Still Had a Charge Left in It.

OLYMPIA, March 20.—(Special.)—The revolver which Christ Benson shot at Jailer David Morrell has been found. It was located through Phil Skillman, Benson's attorney, who notified the County

Attorney and had it turned over to him. Mr. Skillman, when seen, today, would not say where the weapon was found, and Deputy Sheriff McClelland, who was sent to get it, refuses to say.

The revolver shows that four shots were emptied, instead of three, as at first reported, and all four have been accounted for. The fourth, which had not been found up to this week, was located in a pile of cloths and other refuse which had been thrown out of the jail after the crime.

Two bullets were taken from Morrell's body and one was picked up from the door of the jail, which accounts for the relief of Thurston County. After the Preston street play was principally endeavor to bring an agreement from the successful candidate that his brother would be protected in his position as Postmaster at Seattle. J. M. Frink and had a score of others were undermining the Preston street play by their appeals for personal support.

WILSON AND FURTH URGED THE DEAL WITH THE OUTSIDE SENATORS IN THE HOPE THAT TWO YEARS HENCE ONE OF THE TWO MIGHT BE THE LEGATEE OF THIS STRONG.

To carry out this plan further Wilson recently moved from Spokane to Seattle, and through the Seattle Republican, a colored men's organ that sometimes acts as a mouthpiece for the Post-Intelligencer, Wilson declared he had taken up his permanent residence here.

Under the circumstances it is hard to believe that Wilson, Furth, Frink, Hughes, Stewart and a score of other politicians will leave any stone unturned to prevent the suits against Bletcher coming to trial. Some of the King County men have probably been misrepresented, but there are too many big politicians shielded behind these attacks upon the King County men to permit the case to go on without a fight to prevent it.

NO PREMIUM ON INCOMPETENCY.

State Cannot Suffer for Errors of County Officers.

OLYMPIA, March 20.—(Special.)—R. Lee Purdin, Treasurer of Kittitas County, was before Governor McBride today, urging the executive not to veto the items in the general appropriation bill for the relief of Purdin. When found in Yakima and Thurston Counties. After the close of the interview Mr. Purdin stated that his mission had been unsuccessful, and that the items would be vetoed.

The items aggregate \$20,000.72, as follows: Kittitas, \$7,000.00; Yakima, \$13,000.00; Thurston, \$1,000.72.

The amounts represent portions of the state taxes due from the respective counties that were paid as the result of clerical errors on the part of county officers. The arguments against returning the

money to the counties is that the State Board of Equalization has only the County Auditor's statements as a basis for equalizing the taxes due the state, and to change the figures in a few counties after the state levy has been fixed and the property equalized for that purpose throws an unequal burden on other counties.

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DRYDOCK AT ST. JOHNS

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is far the most accessible location offered, and I have only two reasons for objection to selection. First, there is not room enough between the shore and the harbor line for locating the dock and the necessary connections; second, there is not enough river frontage to provide room for vessels entering and leaving the dock. I have made out a sketch of the proposed location of the dock upon this point, and drawings being submitted to you herewith.

You will note that it will be necessary to excavate a basin for the drydock to the depth of about 20 feet below the edge of the bank on shore. The top of this bank is located at a vertical distance of 25 feet above the bottom of the proposed basin, and while the material of which the bank is composed seems to be quite compact and unbroken, it will stand at quite an acute angle. I do not consider that it would be safe to place the dock along the bank as it is shown on the cross-section. These sections allow for a side slope of the excavation of one to one, and a vertical distance of about 25 feet above the bottom of the basin. I find a considerable pile of ballast lying near the south end of the dock, and it would be inadvisable to begin excavating the basin further south than I have shown on the plan. The material of which the bank is composed seems to be quite compact and unbroken, it will stand at quite an acute angle. I do not consider that it would be safe to place the dock along the bank as it is shown on the cross-section. These sections allow for a side slope of the excavation of one to one, and a vertical distance of about 25 feet above the bottom of the basin.

I have shown the connecting wharf about 10 feet on the outside of the dock, which would reduce the distance between the drydock and the wharf to about 50 feet. I am strongly of the opinion, however, that it would not be wise to omit the wharf, as it is shown on plan "D." I have shown the drydock attached to the entrance up stream. This will overcome the difficulty of getting into the dock past the Irving warehouse, but would raise a worse objection, viz., entering the dock with the current.

By the estimate annexed herewith you will see the cost of the drydock site with berth prepared, I estimate at \$12,500. The location is so favorable that I do not consider this cost excessive, but, in view of the objections stated above, it does not seem to me advisable for you to locate the dock at this place.

Hartman, Thompson & Powers have offered 100 feet of water front near St. Johns, adjoining the Brazee tract, which was mentioned in my former report. I have had borings made on this property, and find that the material to be excavated would consist entirely of sand. I submit with this plan showing the proposed location of the dock on this property. The dock located as shown, it will be possible to secure an entrance for ships free from cross-currents. A basin of dead water can be provided for ships awaiting to be drydocked or have come off the dock. The river is wide and ample room is available for navigation. The drydock would be reached by any proposed site, except the Victoria dock, and not much trouble is anticipated in maintaining the dredged channel. There is a sidetrack adjacent to the property, and the St. Johns electric line is within a convenient distance. The site can be prepared so that it will be safe from freshets and driftwood, and the dredged material can be used to raise the level of the adjacent land. The material being sand, it will make a very compact and desirable fill.

The cost of this site, viz., 100 feet offered at \$10 per front foot, with berth prepared for the drydock, I estimate at \$4,500. In view of the advantages which this site offers, I recommend that the Victoria dock site be abandoned. Mr. Lockwood's estimate of the cost of preparing the Hartman, Thompson & Powers site is as follows:

Excavating approach, \$2,000 yards; excavating basin, 125,000 yards; total 127,000 yards, at \$6.00.....\$770,000; Bulkhead, 200 feet, at \$25.00.....5,000; Wharf, 120,000 square feet, at \$20.00.....2,400,000; Anchorage, cables and slip.....3,000; Incidental and contingencies, 20 per cent.....600,000; Cost of site.....14,000.

Total.....\$1,180,000. The Victoria dock site estimate follows: Dredging, 100,000 cubic yards, at \$15.00.....1,500,000; Filling, 100,000 cubic yards, at \$20.00.....2,000,000; Dredging basin, 50,000 yards, at 15c.....7,500; Incidental and contingencies, 20 per cent.....1,500; Wharf, outside dock, 20,000 square feet