

BILL BY AN EXPERT

Government Irrigationist Employed by Commission.

PREPARED FOR LEGISLATURE

Ontario Convention Elects Officers for the Ensuing Year and Decides on Portland for the Next Meeting Place.

ONTARIO, Or., Sept. 20.—(Special.)—The second day of the irrigation convention opened at the Opera-House this morning with a large attendance of delegates. The night train brought in a large contingent from the West, also a large visiting delegation from Boise and intermediate towns in Idaho. President Devers presided.

The first speaker of the day was Hon. Thomas G. Halley, of Pendleton, member of the State Commission to draft a state irrigation law for the winter. Mr. Halley explained that the commission had secured the services of a Government irrigation engineer, Mr. W. W. B. Baker, to prepare the draft of a bill which would be taken up by the State Commission soon. He explained that the United States Government would have to be a party to any government-aided irrigation schemes in this state, hence the necessity of having a bill passed which would meet the requirements of the Government officials.

The chief address of the morning was delivered by Judge J. H. Richards, of Boise, Idaho, on "The Home and Irrigation." Mr. Richards said that the irrigation law would be a boon to the farmer, and that the pursuit of agriculture and horticulture as a means of livelihood would produce the best class of citizens, both for the state and Nation.

Dr. Withcombe, of the State Agricultural College, delivered an interesting address on the Government irrigation project for Malheur County. Mr. Withcombe said that it had come to his knowledge that some of the irrigators in that valley were sacrificing their personal interests in order to further the Government project. Following on this suggestion, the doctor spoke of some length on co-operation as a factor in irrigation.

At the afternoon session the committee on organization reported the following officers for the ensuing year: President, E. M. Brannick, Portland; first vice-president, E. A. Lowell, Pendleton; second vice-president, F. W. McCall, Arcadia; secretary, W. W. B. Baker, Portland; treasurer, H. Devers, Portland.

Hon. J. N. Williamson was the chief speaker of the afternoon. Mr. Williamson had to deal with the delegates' capacity when he delivered his address on "Disposition to Be Made of the Range Lands of the Arid and Semi-Arid Regions." He spoke of the range lands with deliberation and postiveness. After dealing with the matter in all its phases, he said that in his opinion individual ownership was the best means of solving the problem.

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BAD RECORD OF A YOUTH.

Lester Lewis Now in Jail for Horse Stealing.

OREGON CITY, Or., Sept. 20.—(Special.)—Lester Lewis, who only recently completed a three years' sentence in the state penitentiary at Salem for burglary, was received at the County Jail this evening from Sherwood. He is now charged with the larceny of a horse and buggy on the 14th inst. from H. S. Bergman, a farmer residing near Sherwood. The stolen property was found in Portland, where the thief had sold the outfit.

The record of Lewis, who is only about 19 years of age, is bad. At the age of 6 years he was committed to a reformatory school in New York State, where he was detained until he was 15 years old. Soon after reaching Oregon, Lewis broke out of the store and postoffice at Wilsonville, and, being convicted, was sentenced to three years at the Salem penitentiary.

The remarkable nerve of the young criminal was evidenced from the fact that on the morning following the theft of the horse and buggy he deliberately drove into Oregon City, hitching the horse in the vicinity of the Courthouse, where he engaged in conversation the salaried Peter Nehren, his former keeper in the County Jail. From Oregon City Lewis is alleged to have gone to Portland and sold the stolen property.

ACTIVE CANVASS IN MARION.

Prominent Republican Speakers Will Take the Stump.

SALEM, Or., Sept. 20.—(Special.)—A short but vigorous campaign is to be conducted by Republican political leaders next month for the purpose of rolling up as large a majority as possible for Roosevelt and Lincoln in the coming election. So far as local work is concerned, the campaign will not open until October 1. State Chairman Charles A. Murphy are getting ready to do some effective work that will help show an increase in Republican strength in Oregon. At the request of State Chairman Frank C. Baker they have prepared a list of Marion County men who will probably take part in the public speaking and it is the plan to arrange meetings in all parts of the county so that the issues of the election may be fully presented before the voters. Among the speakers on the list are: T. T. Geer, Colonel E. Hofer, Frank Davey, Walter L. Toosa, Claud Gatch.

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PLAUSIBLE TRIP IN ALASKA.

Major Evans Returns Much Pleas

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YANCOUVER BARRACKS, Wash., Sept. 20.—(Special.)—Major Robert K. Evans, Adjutant-General of the Department of the Columbia, arrived at the post today from Alaska. He has completed the inspection of the Lacram, for which purpose he was separated from General Funston's party at Dutch Harbor. The Major says that Alaska is one of the finest countries he has ever seen. He reports a very pleasant trip with good weather the entire journey through. He says that the fertility of our frozen North is manifested by the abundance of vegetable products that is grown there during the summer.

The Major was especially pleased with the telegraphic system, which he considers the pride of Alaska. He reports the wireless system doing excellent work, possible as the distance of the people who live in the vicinity. He will take charge of his official duties at once, relieving Judge-Advocate Walter A. Bethel, who has performed his duties during his absence.

SPREAD LYE ON APPLES.

Twin Children Are Horribly Burned at Vancouver.

YANCOUVER, Wash., Sept. 20.—(Special.)—As a result of eating lye (the twin daughters of Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Martin lay at the point of death for several hours yesterday and last night at the family home on the corner of Ninth and I streets. The poison was taken by the children just before noon yesterday. They were in the yard playing and found an old can which was partially filled with lye. Apparently the children had spread this on some apples which they were eating. They were fearfully burned and for a time it was thought that death would surely result. From a later report, however, it is learned that they will recover from their injuries.

INDIANS FIND AMBERGRIS.

Hundred-Pound Chunk is Valued at \$64,000.

SEATTLE, Wash., Sept. 20.—Three Alaska natives last week found ambergris valued at \$64,000. News of their fortune was brought to Seattle by the steamer Dolphin. The ambergris is now on exhibit in Ketchikan and will be shipped south on the next voyage of the Dolphin. While fishing near Dixon entrance the three natives saw the ambergris floating in the water. It weighed 100 pounds. The Indians will receive not less than \$64,000.

BRIDEGROOM FEARS FOR LIFE.

Swears Out Warrant Against Threatening Father-in-Law.

CORVALLIS, Or., Sept. 20.—(Special.)—Yesterday John Thayer married Miss Flora Rhodes, and this morning he swore out a warrant for the arrest of the bride's father. The old gentleman objected to the match, and when he heard of their clandestine wedding he swore out a warrant for the bridegroom and went for his shotgun. The wedding party left in hot haste for town, and the warrant is the consequence.

Mad Over Unknown Woman.

YANCOUVER, Wash., Sept. 20.—Suffering with a peculiar desire to wed a woman whom he had seen but a few times, Henry Tellman has been adjudged insane and ordered committed to the Washington asylum, and was taken away this afternoon. Tellman appears perfectly rational on all subjects except that he is bent on marrying a young woman whose name is in the minds of the police. He is now in a state of mental ravings, and while in this condition it was feared he might do harm to himself and others. He is being held in the asylum for his own protection, but it appears to have gone mad. Tellman is a native of Germany. He came to Washington six years ago from Minnesota.

Field Day at Vancouver.

YANCOUVER BARRACKS, Wash., Sept. 20.—(Special.)—Saturday, September 24, has been designated for the regular field day exercises at the post. The order was issued by the commanding officer, and one of the amusements to be had is a shooting. At the rifle and pistol competition good shooting is warranted, as some excellent shots will participate in the event. The relay races always are exciting and actively contested.

Trial on Second Murder Charge.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 20.—Mrs. Cordelia Zoltka, who is under sentence of life imprisonment for the murder of Mrs. J. P. Dunne, appeared in Superior Court today to answer to the charge of having murdered Mrs. Ida H. Deane. It being shown that the transcript of the evidence today in the lower court where the preliminary examination was held was not yet filed, the case was continued until October 1 for trial.

Shelves for State Library.

SALEM, Or., Sept. 20.—(Special.)—State Librarian J. B. Putnam has procured four new oak bookcases, with shelves on both sides, having a capacity of 1600 books to each case. The new cases will be added to the library equipment which was made necessary by the accumulation of books which have been piled up on the floor, tables and shelves.

Photographers of the Northwest.

TACOMA, Wash., Sept. 20.—The Photographers Association of the Pacific Northwest, embracing Washington, Montana, Idaho and British Columbia, will convene tomorrow for a three days' session. A large exhibit of Washington will be made, and demonstrations given in printing by electric light, using the violet ray and other latest achievements in photography.

Cathlamet Residence Burned.

ASTORIA, Or., Sept. 20.—(Special.)—The residence of Mrs. E. F. Cathlamet was destroyed by fire last night with all its contents. The members of the family were away at the time so the origin of the fire is unknown, but it is supposed to have been caused by a defective gas stove. The loss is estimated at \$1000 with no insurance.

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