

# CHAMBERLAIN HAS VICTORY OVER IRIGATION

## Oregon Governor Acclaimed President of the National Irrigation Congress.

## VICTORY FOR SACRAMENTO

On the Second Ballot the California City Wins the Next Assembly Over the Well-Presented Claims of Jamestown.

**NEW OFFICERS CHOSEN.**  
President, Governor George Chamberlain of Oregon.  
First Vice-President, John Henry Smith, Salt Lake City.  
Second Vice-President, H. B. Maxson, Reno, Nev.  
Third Vice-President, George W. Easton, Portland.  
Secretary, D. H. Anderson, Chicago.  
Convention city, Sacramento, Cal.

BOISE, Idaho, Sept. 6.—The fourteenth National Irrigation Congress closed its sessions this evening after voting to hold the next congress at Sacramento, Cal., and electing as president of the fifteenth congress Governor George E. Chamberlain, of Oregon. The enthusiasm of the Californians over Sacramento's victory was the more pronounced because of the narrow margin by which the victory won. The attractions of the Jamestown Exposition had been cleverly presented, and on the first ballot for the convention city, Jamestown was in the lead. Sacramento won on the second ballot, with 207. Jamestown received 155 votes. Oregon adopted the unit rule early and at an early morning session. Sacramento was the convention city for 1907.

Governor Chamberlain was the unanimous choice of the congress. In proceeding and when he was escorted to the platform and expressed his appreciation of the high honor accorded him by the representatives of 30 states. The governor was given a tremendous ovation. Governor Albert E. Mead, of Washington, presided at the final session and introduced the new president. President Chamberlain said:

I assure you that this great honor conferred upon me is appreciated, because it came unsolicited. I promise you the best effort of my life will be devoted to the interests of irrigation during the coming year.

**Anderson Elected Secretary.**  
There was some evidence of discord in connection with the election of a secretary. D. H. Anderson, a Chicago publisher, was the choice of the nominating committee. The election was a hotly contested one. The Federal Reclamation Service were urged against him, but the convention endorsed the nomination.

**Papers Read in the Morning.**  
Monti B. Gwynn, chairman of the executive committee, presided this morning when the closing session of the fourteenth National Irrigation Congress was called to order.

**Objection to Discussion of Tariff.**  
An Idaho delegate protested against the time of the congress being given over to the discussion of the tariff. Governor Mead, of Washington, who had been called to the chair, suggested that the speaker confine his remarks to irrigation and its related subjects. Mr. Gwynn insisted that this tariff issue was inseparable from the growing of sugar beets. Committee on credentials reported an attendance of 115 delegates, representing 30 states.

**CLEANING UP THE SIDETRACKS**  
Northern Pacific May Be Compelled to Extend Freight Embargo.

TACOMA, Sept. 6.—(Special.)—While the movement of cars has been satisfactory, yet Northern Pacific officials do not think that the embargo, set originally against forest products and later widened to include all freight but perishable goods, will be lifted until Saturday night. There was some hope earlier in the week that the order could be rescinded today or tomorrow, but that hope seems to have vanished.

**WEDDERBURN, Curry County, Or., Sept. 2.—(To the Editor.)**—As a suit entitled State of Oregon vs. R. D. Hume has been decided adversely to the state at the term of the Circuit Court just terminated in this county, and as it is a matter in which all the people of the state are interested in some degree, while others are concerned in a business matter, I respectfully ask space in The Oregonian to place the matter before the public in as brief a manner as possible, consistent with a due explanation of the causes which led to the suit, and the proper justification of myself in bringing about the action.

**ILLUSTRATED PLACARD POSTED IN SEATTLE HOTEL.**  
Friends Procure Extraordinary Attention for R. T. Hardy and His Wife on Honeymoon.

SEATTLE, Wash., Sept. 6.—(Special.)—When Ralph T. Hardy and wife, of Sacramento, registered at the Butler Hotel they found a great placard posted over the clerk's desk warning the general public of their disappearance and facetiously calling upon the public to stop them and offer congratulations. All the hotel attendants and most of the guests knew of the couple's coming and knew they were on their honeymoon. Strangers greeted them effusively and the hotel employees were scrupulously polite and attentive.

**Report of Resolutions Committee.**  
The report of the committee of resolutions, as presented to the congress, expressed the hope that the Governmental Irrigation works under construction and in contemplation will be pushed to an early completion; heartily approves the efficient and thorough work of the Federal reclamation service and expresses the fullest confidence in the honest and ability of that service's interest; commends the earnest and efficient work of National Weather Bureau; commends the work of the Federal Agricultural Department in its irrigation and drainage investigations.

**Report of Resolutions Committee.**  
The report recommends that the Irrigation Congress authorize its president to appoint a committee of five members to carry on a campaign of publicity in relation to irrigation. It is authorized to employ a secretary at a salary of \$25 a month. It also recommends that the Federal Forest Service in its efforts to maintain and improve the country's watersheds, favors the passage, with certain amendments, of Senate bill No. 4623, relating to the relinquishment of reservoir sites, with the privilege of reserving the land, expressing the opinion that Government enterprise for reclamation should

not unnecessarily interfere with prior private enterprise; indorses the Federal Department of Agriculture's experiments in dry farming in the semi-arid regions; recommends the enforcement of Federal law prescribing penalties for unlawful interference with Federal headgates and other irrigation works.

**Protest on Philippine Sugar.**  
The committee recommended the following resolution in relation to the tariff on sugar from the Philippines:

Resolved, That the sugar industry in irrigated America returns to our farmers an annual revenue of over \$20,000,000, and as the production at home of the sugar we now import from the tropics would afford our farmers an additional annual market for nearly \$100,000,000 of beets, and as it has been urged that the United States congress further stimulate the sugar industry of the Philippine Islands to produce all or a portion of the sugar which the arid land of America has helped to produce;

Therefore, we protest against any further legislative concessions in favor of Philippine sugar, and we urge the enactment of laws which will protect the sugar production of this country, and that this great industry of arid America be fully developed.

In conclusion the resolutions express thanks to the people of Boise for the manner in which the delegates were entertained and compliments the retiring officers of the congress.

**Minority Report Is Rejected.**  
A minority report was presented by Oregon Congressman Underhill, and the committee voting a demand that the Federal Government authorize the issuance of 2 per cent bonds, running 20 years, to finance and carry out "all practicable irrigation projects in the United States."

Opponents of the minority report maintained that the Federal Government cannot afford such a demand to Congress at this time. Congressman Reeder, of Kansas, voicing his opposition, said the Eastern States are not in a position to help them. They had little faith in the success of the reclamation law now being put on trial. In this connection he quoted Speaker Champ Clark as having said ten minutes after the passage of the reclamation act: "Reeder, that's the biggest and slickest steal I have seen since I have been in congress."

**Roosevelt Given All Credits.**  
Senator Dubois, of Idaho, indorsed the reclamation law, and in his address stated that but for the personal efforts of President Roosevelt the reclamation act could not have been passed. By a decided vote the congress voted to table the minority report.

**Two Committees Appointed.**  
The report of the resolutions committee as thus amended was adopted, and the chairman named as the committee Edward Mead and Morris Egan, of the reclamation service; Frank Freeman, California; Richard Washington, and J. M. Lewis, Oregon.

As the committee on publicity for the reclamation law was organized, the chairman named Professor Fortier, California, and Messrs. Hurd, Arizona; G. R. Reeves, Nevada; Gouley, Colorado; F. H. Ray, Montana. Adjourned sine die.

**Correspondents Coming to Portland.**  
SHOSHONE, Idaho, Sept. 6.—(Special.)—Nine Washington correspondents who have been attending the Irrigation Congress at Boise, spent today inspecting Twin Falls and Minidoka irrigation projects. They left for Portland, where they will be guests of the Commercial Club. The party includes:

Mrs. E. Bennett, San Francisco Chronicle; Gilbert Gardner, Newspaper Enterprise Association; Charles S. Smith, Associated Press; H. W. Schulz, Spokane Review; R. W. G. Taylor, Portland Post-Journal; J. Washington Times; M. H. Thorpe, Forestry and Irrigation; H. B. Nesbit, Kansas City Star, and Harry J. Brown, Portland Oregonian.

The party will go from Portland to San Francisco, and return to Washington by various routes.

**To Visit Twin Falls Tract.**  
BOISE, Idaho, Sept. 6.—(Special.)—Governor Mead, of Washington, left with 50 other delegates tonight to visit Twin Falls and other points on the Snake. Governor Chamberlain left for Portland, where he has an appointment tomorrow morning.

A considerable number of the Washington and Oregon delegates joined the excursion. There were 11 cars filled to their utmost capacity when the train pulled out. Among those going to see the remarkable irrigated tract at Twin Falls was H. L. Pittcock, of the Oregonian.

**ROGUE RIVER NEGLECTED**  
VETERAN CANNERYMAN REFUSES TO PAY LICENSE.

Suit Pressed by State Is Won by R. D. Hume, and He Tells Why He Would Not Pay Tribute.

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The suit of the state against me was for the refusal to pay the yearly cannery license and was brought by information filed by the District Attorney, George M. Brown, Esq. The case was tried by the Hon. James W. Hamilton, Circuit Judge, who held that the part of the law which compelled the cannery or cold-storage operators to register was unconstitutional and void.

Having for many years heretofore been a great interest in the preservation and propagation of salmon within the state, as well as the whole Pacific Coast, it may come as a surprise to many of my friends and to those of the public that have read my writings on the subject of protection for the salmon of the Coast, that I should be the first to resist the payment of a tax for the support of hatcheries. In explanation of this question, I will say that until the present year I have generally been the first to pay the license tax, and would have cheerfully continued to do so, had I not become discouraged by the neglect of the state to give proper attention and protection to Rogue River, which is a salmon stream second in importance only to the Columbia and the only one outside of that stream that has a spring run.

There has been a studied neglect in providing fishways to enable the salmon to reach the spawning grounds, to such an extent that instead of taking

# GREEN SKIFFS ARE SUSPICIOUS CHARACTERS LANDED FROM CRAFT AT LADU FOR FOOD.

## ARE THREATENING IN MIEN

While Storekeeper's Wife Filled the Order, Stranger Paced the Floor in Nervous Fashion, as if Anxious to Get Away.

**SCHOONER CARMEL LAUNCHED**  
New Vessel Slides From Ways of Lindstrom Bros. at Aberdeen.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Sept. 6.—(Special.)—At the Lindstrom ways this afternoon the schooner Carmel, built for Beadle Bros. of San Francisco, was launched. The Carmel is 600 tons burden and will carry 70,000 feet of lumber. She is of the same type as all the vessels built on Gray's Harbor and will have east, when completed, \$30,000.

The trouble with the carpenters at the Lindstrom yards was settled today by the men, the Lindstrom Company having been involved in the difficulty.

**DRIVEN OFF BY SHOTGUN**  
VASHON ISLANDER IS NOT PERMITTED TO LAND.

**House Has Been Burned, and Thos. Leach Lays the Blame on the Bridges.**

TACOMA, Wash., Sept. 6.—(Special.)—The home of Thomas Leach, at Clam Cove, on the south end of Vashon Island,

**DEATH OF OREGON PIONEER.**  
John Kay Sampson.

FAIRDALE, Or., Sept. 6.—(Special.)—John Kay Sampson, a pioneer of the early '50s, died at his home near Fairdale, Yamhill County, on August 29, aged 75 years. Mr. Sampson came West with three brothers in 1852 and after a season in the gold mines of California, settled in Yamhill County and engaged in the lumber business. Three years ago he retired from active business and has since lived a quiet life on his farm near Fairdale.

was destroyed by fire Sunday night, and Leach claims that the fire was set by the Bridges gang.

Leach, who is a well-known character, was absent from his home Sunday and Monday. Yesterday he was notified through a letter from one of his neighbors that his house had been burned to the ground. He hired a launch and proceeded to the scene. Before he could make a landing, the Bridges, armed with shotguns, appeared on the beach and forbade him to set foot on shore under penalty of instant death. He was not prepared to resist, and so he took a launch about and came back to Tacoma.

The feud between Leach and the Bridges is of more than a year's standing, and dates from the escape, last July, of the convicts from McNeil's island.

**GAULT IS CHOSEN PRESIDENT**  
Noted Northwest Educator Goes to the University of South Dakota.

TACOMA, Sept. 6.—(Special.)—Franklin P. Gault, for the past 15 years one of the most prominent educators in the Northwest, has been tendered the presidency of the University of South Dakota at Vermillion, and today wired his acceptance.

Professor Gault came to Tacoma from Iowa in 1888 and for four years served as superintendent of the Public Schools. He was then elected president of the University of Idaho, at Moscow, and remained there for two years, returning to Tacoma to assume the responsibility of establishing the new Whitworth College as an educational power in the Northwest.

**Laborer Passes a Forged Check.**  
PENDLETON, Or., Sept. 6.—(Special.)—J. T. Neil, a young farm laborer from near Elgin, arrested early this morning for having passed a forged check for \$150 on Louis Moses, a local clothing merchant. The young man carried the check to the evening and asked to buy clothes. He selected \$10 worth of goods, and received in exchange for the check \$4 in cash and a due bill for \$70.48. He was arrested while he was boarding the late train for Portland.

The due bill was found torn in two in the tender, while he had \$15 in cash on him when arrested. The prisoner says his parents live in Elgin.

**Cushman to Speak at Aberdeen.**  
ABERDEEN, Wash., Sept. 6.—(Special.)—Congressman Cushman has accepted an invitation to speak before the Young Men's Republican Club. The club was organized last week for more effective work by young men during the county and state campaign.

**LOW RATES EAST.**  
September 8 and 10 the Chicago & Northwestern Railway will sell low-rate round-trip tickets to all points East, with return limit of November 15. One fare for the round trip to Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul, etc. Favorable stopovers to reach the spawning grounds, to such an extent that instead of taking

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As a result of Mr. Gillette's report, the commission today adopted the following drastic order:

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to defendant during the progress of the suit. The amount thus tied up will aggregate \$80,000.

Oregon C. Wikom, of Elgin, asks for a divorce from his wife, Nora J. Wikom, alleging she makes life for him a burden.

Mrs. Susie I. White asks that a divorce be granted her from her husband, J. H. White, on the grounds of desertion and non-support.

Many McFall prays for a decree of divorce from her husband, C. C. McFall, alleging cruel and inhuman treatment.

**Crushed to Death Between Logs.**  
RAINIER, Or., Sept. 6.—(Special.)—Joe Freeman, a logger at M. T. O'Connell's logging camp, a short distance below this place, was crushed to death this morning by being caught by two logs at the head of the chute. A load of logs had just been loosened from a logging train preparatory to sliding them down the chute to the Columbia. Freeman stood between the logs and the chute and could not get out of the way before the logs struck him. He was unmarried and has relatives at Clatskanie.

**Pig-Iron Plant to Be Reopened.**  
PORT TOWNSEND, Wash., Sept. 6.—(Special.)—The pig-iron producing plant of the defunct Pacific Steel Company, located at Irondale, a suburb of this city, was today bought at receiver's sale for \$40,000 by J. A. Moore, a millionaire real estate man of Seattle. Moore states the plant will be operated to its capacity, 50 tons daily, as soon as repairs and renovations amounting to \$20,000 are made.

**HORSE RACING IS FEATURE**  
DISTRICT FAIR AT ROSEBURG OPENS WITH FINE PROSPECTS.

Exhibits of Agricultural Products and Stock Are the Best Ever Shown.

ROSEBURG, Or., Sept. 6.—(Special.)—The district fair for the Second Oregon District is now in session, having opened in good order yesterday. The display of agricultural products is the best ever