

PLAN FOR BIG FAIR

State Board Re-elects W. H. Downing for President.

\$20,000 FOR NEW BARN

Racing Purses Aggregate \$15,900. Exhibits Coming in Daily—This Year Will See Better Fair Than Ever.

SALEM, Or., March 26.—(Special.)—At the meeting of the State Agricultural Board tonight W. H. Downing was re-elected president.

Under the provisions of the \$20,000 appropriation for new barns and buildings five new barns will be built for cattle, four for horses, two for sheep and one for hogs.

The board intends to make this the greatest fair ever held in Oregon. Exhibits offered are coming in daily, and the purses will be larger than ever paid on the Pacific Coast.

The board decided to have everything in readiness a month before the opening. A visit will be made to the grounds tomorrow afternoon by the members and a plan of action outlined.

ARRESTED FOR LAND FRAUDS

Two Men Indicted by Idaho Grand Jury Served With Warrants.

BOISE, Idaho, March 26.—(Special.)—There were no indictments returned by the United States grand jury today, but it has been definitely learned that John Kinkaid and William Sweet have been arrested and are on their way here.

Kinkaid was a member of the State Senate during the Steunberger administration, from 1896 to 1900.

The L. M. Fritchard arrested yesterday is a lawyer who formerly lived here, but has been away for a considerable time.

Employer is responsible. Can be held liable for acts of men he employs.

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thus taking control of the property out of the widow's hands. Mrs. Dessert in her petition alleges that this will is invalid, and that Mr. Dessert was mentally incompetent when he signed it a few weeks before his death.

WANT LONG DISTANCE RATES Farmer Lines in Clackamas Looking for Best Proposition.

OREGON CITY, Or., March 26.—(Special.)—Delegates from the Farmer's Mutual and Independent telephone systems in Clackamas County will meet in this city Thursday morning for the purpose of entering into an agreement with either the Pacific States Telephone and Telegraph Company or the Home Telephone Company for switching service into this city, and also for long-distance service.

At the present time a nominal rate is paid and the business of the country lines is divided, and it is the desire of the farmers to connect up with one of the big companies. It is probable that the company making the best proposition to the farmers will get the bulk of the business, if not all of it.

Snow Falling in Montana. HELENA, Mont., March 26.—Snow began falling throughout Montana yesterday afternoon and has continued incessantly. While accompanied by a raw wind, the temperature has not fallen as far as expected, and no losses to livestock are expected.

The indications according to the weather bureau, are for continued snow and colder weather. Livestock interests, as a rule, are prepared to feed.

FARD YIELDS HIM \$16,500

SEATTLE HACKDRIVER CLEANS UP A FORTUNE.

Needed Money to Go to Arizona as Only Chance to Beat Game With Death.

SEATTLE, Wash., March 26.—(Special.)—Charley Brown, a hack driver, suffering from consumption, has beaten the game at Georgetown, a Seattle suburb, out of \$16,500 during the past three weeks.

He began winning at the start and never had a losing sitting. Last night this morning he closed up his three weeks' play by taking \$4000 from the Standard gambling house.

For the benefit of Brown and George L. Abbe, who has won as much as Brown, during the same length of time, three of the Georgetown gambling houses raised their limit from \$1250 and \$350 to \$100 and \$300.

Abbe went out to Georgetown three weeks ago to win an automobile, cleaned up \$6000 at the Standard, and has since won \$4500 more from the same house. He also beat the games at the Totem and Union Club heavily.

Abbe's gambling in King County is conducted at Georgetown, a suburb, where the brewery interest controls. All the games are owned by a syndicate.

CITY OWNERSHIP THE ISSUE Matter to Be Hotly Contested in Eugene Municipal Election.

EUGENE, Or., March 26.—(Special.)—The city election to be held here April 1 will be the thing of absorbing interest from now until that day.

The choice of Mayor and Councilmen will be made upon the question of municipal ownership of the water system. There is no other issue and can be no other that will interest the people here to any extent.

Today the municipal ownership candidates issued the following statement: A word to the voters of Eugene: We, the undersigned, nominees of the people's mass convention, believe the only way to redeem our city from the blight of bad water is for the city to own and operate its water system.

The people of the state demand it by reason of our having the State University; contemplated residents demand it; investment of capital demanded it. We have tried and begged for corporate relief, but have failed.

If elected, we pledge our sacred honor to erect levees wherever city will own and operate its water system.

J. D. MATLOCK, Candidate for Mayor. GEORGE FISHER, F. J. BERGER, L. N. HARRINGTON, F. J. BERGER, Candidates for Councilmen.

The "Citizens" ticket has not issued a statement as yet, but the position of the candidates is well known to be against any change in the ownership and control of the city water system.

The greatest contest will be between the two candidates for Mayor, J. D. Matlock, an ex-Councilman, a strong advocate of municipal ownership, and P. W. Osborn, the banker, who is as strongly opposed to the city owning its own water system.

PLOWS UP A SKELETON. Walla Walla Man Uncovers Remains of Unknown White Man.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., March 26.—(Special.)—Just outside of the city limits on Third street, G. W. Allen, superintendent of the racetrack, in this city, was plowing today when he turned over a mass of bones that proved to be those of a human being.

Corner MacMartin was called upon to take charge of the bones, which were entirely disintegrated and declared that they belonged to a young white man. He judged that the man was young on account of the excellent condition of the teeth.

The bones were buried in about a foot of earth and at present there is nothing to indicate by what means the unfortunate man came to his death, but it is supposed that he has been buried about ten years.

GIVEN LARD; Woman May Live. HILLSBORO, Or., March 26.—(Special.)—Mrs. William Beard, residing above Banks, in the northern portion of Washington County, took carbolic acid yesterday afternoon with suicidal intent. Her little daughter ran to a neighboring house and secured help. Lard was administered, and the woman will survive. Family trouble is the reason assigned for the act.

Prize Goes to Endicott. COLFAX, Wash., March 26.—(Special.)—Endicott won the \$20 prize for bringing the largest delegation to the Women of Woodcraft district convention held at Colfax last night. Farmington won the medal for getting the most members since August 1. After the Colfax lodge put on the initiatory work a large banquet was served.

KISER PHOTO CO. Scenic Photos—Lobby Imperial Hotel. SEE PAGE 12.

EXEMPTION UP TO \$500

DECISION BY STATE ATTORNEY-GENERAL. In Washington State Assessments Are Based on 60 Per Cent of Actual Value.

OLYMPIA, Wash., March 26.—(Special.)—A decision of Assistant Attorney-General Falkner today would have the effect of annually increasing the personal property exemption from the \$300 provided by the constitution to \$500. Because of the generally accepted suggestion of the Tax Commission that all property in the state be assessed at 60 per cent of its real value instead of the full 100 per cent required by the constitution, the question came up whether 60 per cent of the \$300 legal exemption should be allowed, and the Assistant Attorney-General held the \$500 must be deducted as this will come from the 60 per cent it will be practically equal to \$300 exemption.

SALOONKEEPER IS ON TRIAL. Expects to Prove He is Not Man Who Robbed Thornburgh.

HILLSBORO, Or., March 26.—(Special.)—The case of the State of Oregon vs. Walter Beard, a Banks saloonkeeper, is on trial in the Circuit Court. Beard is charged with having robbed William Thornburgh, a rancher, of over \$400, and as Thornburgh was under the influence of liquor at the time of the robbery, Beard will be charged with a crime of a doubtful nature. Charles Paton, a negro, who was at the saloon when Thornburgh was robbed, has already confessed to having received a part of the stolen money, and will be sentenced Saturday. The defense will attempt to prove that Beard had nothing to do with the theft, and the claim is made that if Thornburgh was robbed the negro is the party who parted him from his coin.

SELL OLYMPIA TIDELANDS. Public Sale of 790 Lots Set for March 30 at Capital.

OLYMPIA, Wash., March 26.—Lands made by the state for many years will take place at the office of the County Auditor here March 30. About a year ago application was filed in the office of the Commissioner of Public Lands asking for the appraisal and sale of approximately 790 lots of the tide lands of the first class in the Olympia harbor. The lands are scattered in patches along the entire waterfront within the city limits. It is not known what interests are behind the application.

MEAD REAPPOINTMENTS. OLYMPIA, Wash., March 26.—Joseph M. Snow, of Spokane, was today reappointed by Governor Mead as State Highway Commissioner for the coming year.

AT THE HOTELS. The Portland—R. B. Brown, St. Louis; S. Nieberger, E. B. Ovelman, Chicago; L. A. Tilden, Seattle; W. E. Haselwood, New York; G. J. Dexter, Grant's Pass; J. Albert, city; F. E. Farnley and wife, W. Woods, Denver; E. Z. Ferguson, Astoria; W. Haraden, Seattle; C. H. M. Greenwald, Astoria; H. R. Macchaffery, Chicago; C. H. Harris, Kelso; Dr. T. Parker, Klamath Falls; E. R. Bradley, Valley City; J. A. Balaguer, M. D. and wife, Colfax; J. G. Weatherman, J. M. Hackett and wife, Aberdeen; J. F. Baker, La Grande; A. Spring, H. J. Hughes, Fairbank; W. S. Taylor, St. Louis; T. I. Lyons, Bowbelle; W. Shaw, Eugene; B. A. McCormick, Tacoma; C. R. Childs, Klamath Falls; J. M. Hindman, Albany; W. J. Wilson, Toronto; Mrs. Shelly and daughter, Eugene; L. G. Brown, Salt Lake; C. H. Smith and wife, Minneapolis; A. Geiser, Baker; W. H. B. Kent, H. O. Stabler, U. S. Forest Service; W. S. Hamilton and wife, Hamilton, Roseburg; T. M. Holland, Seattle; M. Haggard and wife, Walla Walla; R. F. McFarland, Salem; Mrs. M. G. Winlock, Seattle; E. A. Lynch, Tacoma; Nashville; P. C. Boyd, Houston, Tex.; A. G. Tilden and wife, San Francisco; G. L. Harris and wife, Kalamazoo; Mrs. C. R. Hudson and son, Spokane; W. C. Merritt, Tacoma; W. R. Sellers, Bend; S. E. Burdett, New York; C. Cleveland, Gresham; C. Leclaire, Astoria; L. M. Sims, F. M. Camp, Klamath Falls; J. Bowman, Condon; M. Melnis and wife, The Dalles; G. L. McMurphy, E. S. Stout, The Dalles; H. E. Hudson, Philadelph; Larkin, Colfax; J. L. Humphrey, C. Christian, Spokane; W. F. Frasier, Jr., Portland; W. F. Yakima; W. B. Fabron and wife, Coquille; V. M. Fawcett, R. C. Wilson, E. East, Seattle; A. N. Simmons, Vancouver; D. N. James, Salem; E. B. Cade, W. H. Lopp, Seattle; A. N. Page, Minnaopolis; R. East, Seattle; A. N. Simmons, Vancouver; W. E. Bishop, E. Rodbeck, B. E. East, Chemung; L. E. Reese, B. E. East, Chemung; Mrs. Withrow, Eugene; Nolan and wife, J. Tanner, Tonopah; R. J. Ginn, Moro;

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