COMPUTES COST OF REPRODUCTION

Washington Railroad Commission Fixes Valuation of Roads in State.

UNIT QUANTITIES FOUND

Findings Will Be of Perpetual Use. Inquiry Is Exhaustive — Segregation of State From Interstate Business Comes Next.

OLYMPIA, Wash., June 28.—(Special.)—The Washington Railroad Commission has completed the task of ascertaining the unit quantities of all the factors used in constructing the three railroads in the state, the Northern Pacific, the Great Northern, and the Oregon Railway & Navigation Company. This information will be used as a basis for rate making primarily, and the tax commission will also use it in arriving at a basis of taxation of the roads. Through these unit quantities, the cost of reproduction of these roads has been arrived at.

The figures reported by the commission as to the roads of the state are as follows:

The amounts found by the Commission as to the amount expended, the cost of reproduction and present value of the roads is as follows:

Northern Pacific Railway Company.

Amount expended in the state to June 30, 1907, $83,382,722.40.

Cost of reproduction of property used for railroad purposes, $109,059,458.60.

Cost of reproduction of commercial, dock and warehouse property, $15,189,624.78.

Market value of railroad property, not including commercial, dock and warehouse property, $111,000,000.

Great Northern Railway Company.

Amount expended in the state to June 30, 1907, $45,660,112.56.

Cost of reproduction of property used for railroad purposes, $58,865,430.99.

Cost of reproduction of commercial, dock and warehouse property, $9,806,471.06.

Market value of railroad property, not including commercial, dock and warehouse property, $59,000,000.

Oregon Railroad & Navigation Co.

Amount expended in the state to June 30, 1907, $14,244,241.73.

Cost of reproduction of property used for railroad purposes, $15,676,252.13.

Cost of reproduction of commercial, dock and warehouse property, $550,000.

Market value of railroad property, not including commercial, dock and warehouse property, $16,500,000.

Instead of confining its investigations to the statute alone, it has extended its findings to cover all unit quantities, and the report shows the number of acres necessary to be cleared, the number of stations or square rods to be grubbed, and the number of cubic yards of earth, gravel, hardpan, loose and solid rock to be moved, and the overhaul connected therewith.

It also shows the number of ties necessary to be laid, the tons of rails, bolts, track fastenings, etc., necessary to be used; the number of miles of tracklaying and surfacing; the square foot area of all standard buildings, roundhouses, shops, etc.; the length of bridges, with the particulars, showing the quantities of iron, timber, concrete, etc., therein; the number of feet of tunnels driven and whether lined or unlined; the dangerous trees cut along the line; the number, kind and dimension of miscellaneous structures, and, in short, gives every unit quantity of labor and material capable of segregation.

Where the unit quantities would not express the true measure of cost by applying the prevailing prices, the amount allowed for the unit or service is expressed in dollars and cents. From these findings an engineer could, ten years hence, apply the then prevailing prices to these unit quantities, giving the cost of reproduction to this date. Betterments and improvements will be kept up by the engineer of the Commission, and thus the work performed will be permanent.

The testimony introduced at the hearing varied almost as much as it would in the ordinary condemnation case. The testimony of the Northern Pacific witnesses standing alone showed the cost of reproduction of its lines in Washington to exceed $151,000,000; the testimony of the Great Northern witnesses showed the cost of reproducing its lines to exceed $87,000,000, while the witnesses for the O. R. & N. Co. showed a reproduction cost exceeding $25,600,000, or a cost of reproducing the three roads of more than $87,500,000 in excess of the amount allowed by the Commission. The sums found by the Commission representing the cost of reproduction exceeded the original figure presented by the state's witnesses over $10,500,000.

The next important subject to be taken up by the commission is a division of the market value of property found to be used by the roads for railroad purposes between state and interstate business. Under the decision in the Nebraska rate case the commission cannot take into consideration in considering the return by the road, the profit derived from interstate business.

The railroads will be given an opportunity to examine the findings and present argument, if they desire, upon the correctness of the findings, or on the necessity of additional findings, and as soon as this is done expert evidence showing the value of the use will be introduced and findings made upon that branch of the case. This should all be accomplished during the coming month.

LARGE YIELD OF CHERRIES

Lewiston Canneries and Packing-Houses Refuse Fruit.

LEWISTON, Idaho, June 28.—(Special.)—Up to date about 25 carloads of fancy cherries have been shipped from Lewiston-Clarkston and Snake River orchards. Cherry-picking and packing is now at its height, and it is estimated that the yield of this fruit in this section will amount to over 200 carloads. In the Clarkston-Vineland orchards, it has been necessary to restrict cherry-picking operations, for the reason that the packing-houses cannot obtain enough help to handle the tons of fruit now being delivered. At the canneries the situation is much the same, two of them having been compelled to refuse fruit until they could get the large amount that was in waiting through the process. Orchards are producing 200 to 400 pounds to the tree.

PROGRAMME FOR FOURTH

Vancouver to Have Exercises and Field Sports.

VANCOUVER, Wash., June 28.—(Special.)—Following is the programme of exercises to be given July 4 at the City park at 11:30 A. M.:

Selection.....Fourth Artillery Band
Invocation.....Rev. H. C. Templeton
Song .....Double Quartet
"Stern Old Land."
Reading ..Declaration of Independence
W. S. T. Derrh.
Solo .....'Star Spangled Banner"
Miss Ann Ditchburn.
Patriotic Address..Charles A. Reynolds
"America," by the audience.

The field sports at the High School grounds at 2 P. M. will be:

100-yard dash, pole vault, 120-yard high hurdle, broad jump, 220-yard hurdles (low); high jump, relay race, 50-yard dash for boys under 12 years.

Special event, 100-yard dash between Dart of Portland High School and Roberts, of the University of Oregon.

Veterans to Celebrate at Cornelius.

CORNELIUS, Or., June 28.—(Special.) The Washington County Veteran Association will meet here next week, commencing July 1, for a three days' annual encampment, and on July 4 the meeting will be closed by a rousing celebration. The encampment will be held in the city park, north of the village. No other town in the county will hold a celebration.

Fourth at Cathlamet.

CATHLAMET, Wash., June 28.—(Special.)—Final preparations are being made for the Fourth of July celebration here on a big scale. There will be an oration by Hon. J. C. McCue, of Astoria, fields sports, a ball game and fireworks and ball at night. Large delegations from neighboring towns will participate.

$1000 IN HOBO'S POCKETS

"MILLIONAIRE TRAMP" IS ARRESTED AT HOOD RIVER.

Gives Name of John Smith and Says He Has Been Sheepherder. Money Put in Bank.

HOOD RIVER, Or., June 28.—(Special.)—Since Saturday, Hood River has been entertaining the millionaire of Hobodom, in the person of John Smith, who was arrested here with no less than $1000 in currency on his person.

The discovery that Smith had this large amount of money concealed in his dilapidated garments was made by accident by City Marshal Ganger, who was rounding up a large gang of tramps. When accosted by the Marshal, Smith paid no attention and continued walking down the track. The Marshal drew his gun and brought him to a standstill. His actions having aroused the suspicions of the arm of the law, a search was made, and the first thrust of the Marshal's hands into his clothing brought forth a big wad of bills of large denomination.

Smith was immediately placed under arrest, but resisted so strongly that the aid of several men in a near-by flouring mill was necessary before he could be handcuffed. Only with difficulty was he taken to the City Jail, where a further search revealed that he had in all in his possession about $1000 in currency. Much of the money was in $100 and $50 bills and was rolled up and wadded into brass cartridge shells. The few dollars he had in change was in an old tobacco bag.

For a long time he refused to reply to questions except to say that his name was John Smith. Later he stated that he had been working as a sheepherder in Idaho, near Boise. Since then he has maintained a stolid silence.

His clothing is ragged and unkempt beyond description, and at the time he was arrested Smith was in the company of 50 or 75 hobos, who it is thought, had they known of his unsuspected riches, would have dealt roughly with him.

After being placed in the jail, Smith's money was put in the bank, and, unless the authorities here, who have telegraphed the circumstances and his description to the police of several cities along the O. R. & N. Railroad, hear from them by tomorrow, he will be released.

Improvements in Marshfield.

MARSHFIELD, Or., June 28.—(Special.)—Two important improvements have been started in Marshfield. The contractors have begun driving piles for the new Chandler Hotel, and it is stated that the building will be pushed to completion with all possible speed. Another improvement which has been started is the asphalt pavement on Front street. A force of men has been put to work and all the machinery is here. It is expected to have the pavement finished soon.

ASK CALE TO GET OUT OF CONTEST

Five Candidates Now in Field for Congressional Delegate From Alaska.

WANT PARTISAN POLITICS

Leaders Wish Party Man Sent to Congress, and Party Has Never Before Entered Into Contests. Story of Warring Candidates.

SEATTLE, Wash., June 28.—(Special.)—Tom Cale, delegate in Congress from Alaska, is on his way west from Fondulac, Wis., where he has been visiting relatives, to meet an ultimatum that he withdraw from the fight for delegate this year. With five candidates in the field Cale will be served with notice when he reaches Seattle that "Jack" Ronan, of Fairbanks, the regular Democratic nominee, expects to make good an old pledge of reciprocal support and that the mixed Fairbanks and Tanana country voting populace does not want to be interfered with when it chooses between Ronan, ex-Judge James Wickersham and Major John P. Clum, postmaster at Fairbanks. The Fairbanks country from which Cale hales, does not concern itself so vitally with the regular Republican nominee, John W. Corson, of Nome, as it does with four candidates from the same section.

Those who guess at Cale's actions with the best knowledge of the man do not believe he will do anything before he reaches Fairbanks.

There is nothing like the Alaska delegateship fight in any of the Western politics and as the fight must be settled this Summer before the other Congressmen are elected it has a peculiar interest. They are trying to introduce partisan politics in Alaska this year, whereas, in the only preceding delegate election, personality was the only factor.

Leaders Want Partisan.

John W. Corson, of Nome, an attorney prominent in Washington politics during the early days, is the regular Republican nominee. John Ronan, head of the Mine-owners' Association in the Fairbanks-Tanana country and a sourdough who has spent years in the Yukon River country, is the Democratic candidate. The party leaders have sent word out from Washington that they want a partisan of some kind sent from the North and the underwriting the two National parties have given these two candidates may figure prominently before the campaign is over.

Cale was nominated by a bolters' or rump convention which a faction of the Republicans held at Ketchikan last month. Cale was cutting wood on the Yukon when a miners' convention held in Fairbanks discovered him two years ago and he was elected as a non-partisan. He proclaimed himself as such in the congressional directory and several times during the past Winter refused to accept a partisan nomination for Congress.

Cale Nominated in Rump Convention

An anti-Corson faction in Nome, which had transportation, mining and factional entanglements, was responsible for Cale's nomination by a rump convention. The story of Alaska political complications is so involved that a complete understanding is almost impossible. But a fair idea can be had of the situation when it is explained that proxy holders for contested delegations from Nome, Fairbanks and Ketchikan made up a convention that sent a contesting delegation to Chicago and nominated Cale. Up to the time the nomination of Cale was proposed Seward, Valdez and other districts "to westward" participated, but in the Cale nomination they refused to join. The National convention settled the question of party regularity by seating the delegates from the Corson convention.

Were that all, the delegate fight would be simplified. But complications really began two years ago. When Cale was made the miners' candidate in 1906, "Jack" Ronan was his principal supporter. At that time operators and mine laborers were working in harmony and Cale was really a candidate of the operators, among whom Ronan was a leading factor. So grateful was Cale that he pledged himself to support Ronan in turn, if the latter ever needed him.

Ronan Democratic Nominee.

Subsequently the strike in the Tanana country occurred. Ronan became a leader among the operators and was on "the outside" all last Winter to employ men and send them inside to break the strike. At the same time he was here Ronan had money invested in the Fairbanks newspaper that took such a prominent part in the miners' union fight that it was boycotted by Fairbanks business men.

Ronan was not a candidate for the Democratic nomination for delegate, but when it was offered him at Juneau last month, he figured on Cale's support and agreed to accept. The Republican convention at Ketchikan which nominated Corson was held May 12; the Democrats met and named Ronan at Juneau on May 19. On May 25 a statement announcing that Cale had decided to run again was printed for the first time.

Now comes a statement from Cale that he realized all along that he was tied up to Ronan and that he really did not want the job anyway. But, Cale says, he was prevailed upon by prominent Alaskans to enter the fight and did not know at the time he made his announcement that Ronan would be in the race. Ronan has started a speaking campaign in Alaska, wherein he declares Cale threw him down.

WORK DRAWING TO CLOSE

SATURDAY LAST OF CLASS DUTIES AT SEASIDE.

Excellent Lecture Courses Concluded by Men and Women Who Have Traveled in Many Countries.

SEASIDE HOUSE, June 28.—(Special.)—Saturday was the last day at the conference of the Young Women's Christian Association for regular class work and discussion gatherings. Miss Southmayde, of Seattle, finished her splendid course of seven lessons on the Gospel of St. John. Her knowledge of the Bible as a whole has enabled her to fill out the lessons on John with studies from both the Old and New Testament. Dr. Brooks, of Oakland, also finished his most enthusiastic class work on the "Book of Psalms."

Mr. Laflamme, of the student volunteer movement, has divided with Mrs. Mossman the mission study hour. Mr. Laflamme is well known all over the country for his splendid work among student volunteers.

Miss Margaret Matthew, who is soon to go as a student worker to Japan, has conducted the student conferences for the last two sessions at Seaside. Miss Elizabeth Harris, also of the student volunteers, has been in attendance at this time and has done a strong personal work. Miss Campbell, who is in this country on a furlough from her teaching in a college in Japan, has given some interesting talks on her work in that country and has added greatly to the missionary interest.

The band of student volunteers, ten in number, has held meetings each evening. Mr. Laflamma has given them a policy for the coming year as the college work goes on. He advises a meeting each week for prayer and study, and strongly urges these young volunteers not to set themselves on a pedestal, but to be at the front in athletics and all college interests. "We want missionaries who are the pick of the colleges, strong, bright, earnest workers, and we are getting them."

Miss Constance MacCorkle presided in the conference for city workers. The subject was the "Religious Department." She told of Portland's work in the Sunday services and Bible classes and praised the faithful committee work that has been done. Miss Huggins, of Tacoma, told of the large Bible class for women, 50 in number, held in their association. The work in Bellingham, Wash., under Miss Day is only five months old, but is promising good results.

A splendid talk was given at the evening service by Miss Annie Reynolds, who was for 10 years on the international committee, and in that capacity has visited most of the countries of the world. Her subject was the "World's Work in Y. W. C. A."

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DEAL FOR ELECTRIC ROAD

Stone & Webster Negotiate for Purchase of Everett Interurban.

SEATTLE, Wash., June 28.—(Special.)—Stone & Webster interests have practically concluded negotiations for the purchase of the Seattle & Everett interurban line under construction by Fred E. Sander and his associates. A price has been ratified by the stockholders in the road.

The amount to be paid is declared to be satisfactory to the principal owners of the line and the deal will be concluded probably within a week. Details of the transfer have not been given out, and it is improbable that the consideration will be made public. Negotiations have been in progress for several weeks.

Stone & Webster have been anxious to link the Everett line with the chain of electric roads that will be built between Seattle and Bellingham, and when the transfer is completed construction will be rushed. The road is already constructed beyond Lake Ballinger, 15 miles from the city. A project has been afoot for some time for a branch line to Edmonds, and this will be put through by Stone & Webster.

BEST FOR HOME PEOPLE

Eugene Plans Monster Fourth for City and County.

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The great feature of the day will be the parade, which will likely include over 50 floats, for 45 are already arranged for. Hon. Robert Smith, of Grants Pass, will deliver the oration, and the Eugene Military and the Creswell bands will furnish the music. Some of the best athletes in the Northwest will be here to take part in the sports. Fred Moullen and Eberle Kuykendall will give an exhibition in pole vaulting.

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POLITICAL DISCUSSION THROUGHOUT THE STATE

Oregon "High Up in Column of Stupidity and Nonsense," One Newspaper Declares.

Tillamook Herald.

If there ever was a time in the history of the State of Oregon when fooling the voting public was the chief method of the tricky politicians in accomplishing their ends, that time is the year 1908. Everything is fair in war and politics, we are told, but this misrepresentation and duping of voters has come to a serious point and now that we have the initiative and referendum, it is going to cause all manner of trouble and damage; cost a barrel of money and place the State of Oregon high up in the column of stupidity and nonsense.

Stop and consider for a moment the means that were used at the last election to secure the passage of some of these measures before the people and the campaign trickery and misrepresentation used by candidates for election. Truly, it cannot be known sufficiently well to the whole voting public for there are many who say "I have no interest in politics," and again many voters subscribe to but one paper and a few to none at all, and such have either no inclination to do their proper duty for upraising the good of the land, or have that foolish notion that "my vote is but one and can make no difference."

If there ever was a time when the safety and prosperity of the State of Oregon was threatened, it is now. Foolish laws have been passed and in a foolish way, misrepresentative men have been elected by unscrupulous methods and deceit, combined with their skill as politicians, and things have come to pass that lead a person to agree that "there are more fools than wise men." What are we going to do about it? We are all in the boat, but it does seem that some of the laws enacted at the last election show a dreadful amount of ignorance on the part of the voting public.

It has always been the duty of every man to take sufficient interest in politics to vote intelligently, to search both sides of every question, and to get all the knowledge of an issue he can, not only for himself but for his friends and neighbors. It has now become more than duty—the salvation of the State of Oregon depends on it, and if at another election there are passed as many crazy laws, are elected as many more unrepresentative men as at this last, and we believe this last election will surely encourage every crank to bring out his hobby for the people to vote on, Congress will have to commit the State of Oregon to the asylum for the politically incompetent. The last election proves conclusively that people do not vote intelligently, the fact that the two fish laws which passed are completely incompatible and both cannot be just, is alone enough to prove it.

The Freaky Recall.

West Side Enterprise.

The most trying situation which ever confronted a great people is that which Oregon now faces in her complicated election system. Wise men of the state are beginning to recognize the demerits of initiative and referendum, but how to get out of it and back to fundamental simplicity is the worry of the better minds of Oregon. The adoption of this measure was an unfortunate circumstance to the state, done in a weak moment. The folly of it is becoming more and more apparent. Initiative and referendum are destined to become the parents of our greatest humiliation. The offspring is already embarrassingly prolific. In that of the recall, which was born in June, along with 19 others, we have a measure in the operation of which, when called into force through a spirit of dissatisfaction, malice, jealousy, or for any reason, against an honorable and scrupulous officer, we ought to find sufficient reason for the arousing of public apprehension for Oregon's political safety.

But Here Is Another Tune.

Coos Bay News.

The recall is one of the new powers of the people which they have created for themselves, and which is ridiculed and scouted at and assailed as visionary and populistic and an evidence of craziness by all the organs of standpatism and vested or habituated wrongs in the country; but the people of Oregon need be neither ashamed nor alarmed at these objurgations. They know, and those of other states know, that in many instances in the past they have been veritably sold out by men elected to serve them. Many public servants—more in some other states than in Oregon—have proven manifestly and in some instances notoriously false to the trusts reposed in them. This is probably less the case now that it has been in the past, but there is still need, and always will be need, of the people having within their hands the power, the machinery, with which to put a clearly unfit man out of office. This is a power that should not be lightly employed, should be but sparingly used; yet the people should always have it ready for use in any extreme case.

Democrats Throughout Virginia.

New York Sun.

A dispatch to a Washington paper sets forth that "Democrats throughout Virginia are exultant today over the nomination of Taft in Chicago by the Republicans." This note of joy is explained by a statement to the effect that Taft is the weakest candidate his party could have selected and that this seems to be a year of Democratic opportunity. So "Democrats throughout Virginia" are exultant over the prospect of nominating Bryan at Denver, and see the bow of promise whenever they can lift their eyes. But the men of Virginia who think, who stand for something of real consequence, and who are indispensable to anything in the nature of a representative demonstration, are not exultant over the prospect of Bryan's candidacy. They will not vote for him next Autumn. It is even possible that a man like Taft, pitted against so negligible an adversary, may carry the state.

A Short Essay.

The Oregon Mist (St. Helens.).

Worse disaster would have befallen us had Mr. Cleveland been in harmony with his party on financial measures. He stood as a rock between the Nation and the money fallacies of Mr. Bryan, and for this the country owes him a tribute of gratitude. To say that the Democratic party has profited by experience and may now be trusted to avoid former errors is a mere surmise without a basis of fact. Whatever there is of good in the principles advocated by Mr. Bryan is more likely to be enacted into law by a Republican President, backed by a Republican Congress, than by the opponents of the party that placed Roosevelt in the Presidential chair, gave its support to his measures and now has nominated for the Presidency his chosen successor.

Muddy Campaigns.

Albany Democrat.

The papers will now be busy throwing mud at Mr. Bryan, one of the cleanest public men the world has ever produced, a man whose life has been consistent. The campaign for the election of Mr. Taft seems to be based on hitting Bryan. It probably doesn't disturb Mr. Bryan, but it is not pleasant, nevertheless. Nor should the campaign for Mr. Bryan be based on throwing stones at Mr. Taft. The records of the men are up for consideration, and it will be timely and proper to study them. But it is time dirty campaigns were stopped.

Where Jonathan Fell Down.

Grant County News.

W. H. Taft has been nominated by the Republicans for President and J. S. Sherman for Vice-President. These were the candidates of Senator Fulton, one of the most prominent National figures in the convention, who says they will be elected. Jonathan Bourne, also conspicuous, but by his folly, says he does not think they can be. But the late Jonathan also spake and said that Roosevelt would be renominated, whereas he got but three votes in the convention. The mistake of Jonathan was in not springing Statement No. 1 on them.