

# PALMER IS OFFERED AT PRESS STORIES

### Refuses to Deny Anything, Then Suddenly Grows Very Angry.

## REPORTER ROUSES LAWYER

### Ex-Judge Root's Partner Very Sensitive When Questioned Regarding Report He Had Been Ousted by Law Firm.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 10.—(Special.)—"I guess that when the Legislature gets ready to meet I will know it a lot quicker than I will by reading manufactured reports made against me just because, while I was chairman of the Republican state central committee, I turned down a bunch of newspapermen who persistently misquoted me and to whom I declined to give out further news."

## HARDENED AGAINST NOTORIETY.

"How about the Richardson case?" was asked. "There is nothing to it," exclaimed Mr. Palmer, interjecting a few spectacular remarks for the occasion. "There is just as much to that as there is to the report that I attempted to steal Soap Lake." Just as much to that as there is to the report printed that I was tax agent for both the Northern Pacific and the Great Northern.

## REPORTERS HIT VULNERABLE SPOT.

"If there is nothing to these stories Mr. Palmer, why do they become so persistent and so often?" "For the reason I told you. Because I made the newspapermen do business outside in the hall and refused to be quoted or misquoted further."

## MEIGS WILL BE SPEAKER

### Yakima Man Has Promise of Support From 49 House Members.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 10.—(Special.)—Twenty-nine members of the Lower House of the next Legislature have either signed an agreement pledging themselves to vote for L. O. Meigs, of North Yakima, for speaker, or written letters assuring Meigs that he would have their votes. Nine other members have made verbal pledges to Meigs and still another has offered his vote on conditions that it may be acceptable.

## SALMON PACK IS LIGHT

### Less Than Half of 1907 Output, According to Seattle Estimate.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 10.—(Special.)—Estimates of the 1908 salmon pack, announced today by the Kelly-Clark Co., the leading salmon brokers, give the total for the year, including the red Spring pack, at 26,277 cases, as compared with 70,155 cases last year. The total value of the pack is given at \$1,635,300.40.

## PUBLIC SEEKS FOR FACTS

### Publicity on Railroad Business Cannot Be Throttled.

PULLMAN, Wash., Dec. 10.—(Special.)—"Let the people have the facts" is the keynote of the address delivered this evening at the wheatgrowers' convention, here, by Chairman Harry Fairchild, of the Washington Railroad Commission. He took for his topic: "Is an Increase in Rates Necessary to Allow Us to Restore Confidence in Railroad Securities?"

Commission to ascertain the value of the railroad property in Washington. Between the figures prepared by commission experts and the railroad interests there is a wide difference. Northern Pacific witnesses, under oath, testified it would cost to reproduce its property in this state now, exclusive of equipment of \$12,714,708, while the commission found the cost would be but \$94,543,212. The O. R. & N. valued its property in Washington at \$35,819,834, while the commission valued it at \$17,000,000. The Great Northern valued its property at \$96,637,888, while the commission fixed the value of its lines at \$59,577,212.

He says there is lack of exchange of proper confidence, and thinks this should be mutual; and points out that when the farmer and grain owner meet the railroad men, the railroad men know to an exact certainty the value of land, the expense of cultivating and harvesting, in other words exactly what wheat will cost the farmer and what freight it will pay to give the farmer a fair margin of profit. But here the interchange of confidence ceases.

## JOHNSON JURY IS CHOSEN

### PERDUE SLAYER MAKES SELF-DEFENSE CLAIM.

Two Men Quarreled at Timber, in Washington County, on Morning When Victim Was Slain.

HILLSBORO, Or., Dec. 10.—(Special.)—The trial of Walter Johnson, charged with the murder of Elmer Perdue, above, in Washington County, early in the morning of July 2, 1908, commenced in the Circuit Court here this morning with T. A. McBride on the bench, E. H. Tongue, District Attorney, and T. H. Tongue, George W. Wacker, Charles Adams, F. L. Kent and T. S. Townsend, Mrs. Max Hofer sang.

The jurors were accepted after 25 men had been examined. Bryce Wilson, of Timber, was the first witness sworn, and he testified that on July 2, 1908, Johnson and Perdue were at his house and introduced himself, and he heard the defendant call his companion "Elmer." This was the last that he saw of either until after the murder. He could not identify Perdue, except as to the clothes, when the remains were found, as the man who was with Johnson, as the body was too badly decomposed.

Johnson's defense, as it appears to the outsider, will be that he killed Perdue in order to keep from being killed himself, as it is understood that he contends that Perdue started for his gun during this altercation, and that he shot as the other was reaching for the weapon. That he admits the killing, claiming self-defense and that then his chaotic state of mind robbed him and thought only of covering up the deed, seems to be the real defense.

## FEWER LICENSES ISSUED IN 1908.

MINNIVILLE, Or., Dec. 10.—(Special.)—The number of hunters' licenses issued for 1908 will fall far short of the number issued in former years, which fact the County Clerk attributes to the better of some hunters that a license can be used for 12 months from the date of its issue, and the laxity of the game wardens in not scrutinizing closely the dates of issuance of the papers. There were 584 licenses issued in this county in 1905; 1107 in 1906, 1015 in 1907, and only 923 thus far in 1908.

## WILL CREATE PORT OF ASTORIA.

ASTORIA, Dec. 10.—(Special.)—Complete returns from all precincts did not change the result of yesterday's city election as already published, excepting that George Kaboth and C. J. Curtis were elected as Councilmen from the Second ward by a close vote. The charter amendment to create a port of Astoria was adopted, but the amendments providing for the construction of a sea wall and appropriating money for advertising purposes were defeated.

# BITTER WARRIORS MEET IN SALEM

### Demand Law Compelling Farmers to Deliver Clean Cream.

## INSPECTORS TELL OF WORK

### Startling Conditions Corrected by Mrs. S. A. Yoakum in Coos County—Dr. Hutchinson's Address Starts Applause.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 10.—(Special.)—"Better cream" is the slogan of the annual meeting of the Oregon Dairy Association, which convened in this city today. It was the prevailing sentiment in the discussions that there should be enacted a stringent and comprehensive law which will compel or induce dairymen to keep their cream clean and sweet until delivered to the creamerymen. A committee consisting of Dr. James Withycombe, of Corvallis; William Schulermer, of Hillsboro; J. W. Bailey, of Portland; C. E. Frazer, of Corvallis; and Harry West, of Scappoose, has been appointed to outline a bill which the Legislature will be asked to enact.

## MOVE TO ANNUAL TOWNSHIP PLAN.

CHEHALIS, Wash., Dec. 10.—(Special.)—The damage suit of Marion Howell, of Centralia, against Dr. J. E. Dumon, of that city, still drags along in the Superior Court. Howell alleges that at the Dumon Hospital a leg, which was broken was improperly set, the injury mending in such a way as to leave him a cripple for life. All the Chehalis and Centralia physicians have been called into the case as well as some outsiders.

## OPEN ORTING LINE TODAY.

TACOMA, Dec. 10.—The opening of the new Orting branch of the Puget Sound Electric Railway, making a short line of nine miles between Tacoma and Puyallup, will be celebrated tomorrow by a special excursion of the officials of the two cities. The train will be headed by President Furth, General Manager Dimmock and other officers of the company.

## CRACKSMEN ACTIVE IN BELLINGHAM.

BELLINGHAM, Dec. 10.—Postoffice substation No. 5, at Elk and Chestnut streets, was entered by burglars last night and about \$200 in stamps and one book of postoffice money-order blanks taken. Three other places were burglarized, the total value of the loot being less than \$500. The cracksmen were evidently amateurs.

## TO DREDGE STEWART RIVER

### Americans With \$10,000,000 Capital Will Seek Alaska Gold.

DAWSON, Y. T., Dec. 10.—Official information has been received here of the registration at Ottawa, Canada, of a new \$10,000,000 American company to operate hydraulic and dredge at the head of the Stewart River.

at the head of the river, which will aggregate 30,000 horsepower. They will also erect one big American dredge the coming Summer.

## FROZEN DEAD NEAR BAKER

### Walter Pardee Loses Way in Mountains and Perishes.

BAKER CITY, Or., Dec. 10.—(Special.)—Walter Pardee, 30 years old, whose home is in Meriden, Conn., and who has been in Eastern Oregon for a year trying to regain his health, was found frozen to death in the Elk-Horn Mountains, west of this city, today. He left Bourne yesterday afternoon and evidently lost his way.

## CRACK SAFE, GET \$1500

### Robbers Make Rich Haul in Saloon at Chinook.

ASTORIA, Or., Dec. 10.—(Special.)—The safe in the Bureau saloon, at Chinook, belonging to Larson & Tongue, was robbed last night and about \$1500 in cash taken. It appears that the outside door of the safe was left unlocked and the inner door was broken open with an axe, which was found lying on the floor of the saloon. No trace of the robbers has been found.

## PATIENT SUES HIS PHYSICIAN.

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## MATHEWS' DEATH MYSTERY

### Coroner's Jury Falls to Account for Sudden Demise.

EUGENE, Or., Dec. 10.—(Special.)—The Coroner's inquest today accomplished nothing in clearing up the mystery of the death of Jacob Mathews, who was found dead Sunday in a cabin on the Walker place, between Springfield and Eugene, and who was thought to have been murdered, inasmuch as his pockets

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**Pioneers Ride on First Train.**  
LEWISTON, Idaho, Dec. 10.—(Special.)—The first train from Grangeville to Lewiston over the new Prairie line of the Northern Pacific arrived here at 11:25 yesterday morning, bearing 55 excursionists from the Camas Prairie metropolis. Thus Grangeville loses the distinction, which it has held for many years, of being the largest city in the United States without a railroad. General Agent W. J. Jordan, of the Northern Pacific, had

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The season's second Piano Recital will be given at Ellers Recital Hall this evening at 8:20 o'clock, with an unusually attractive programme.

Miss Kathleen Lawler, soprano; Mr. Charles E. Couture, tenor; and Mr. Tom J. Zan, baritone, have each consented to render several selections.

Miss Lawler possesses a rich soprano voice of great range, and is always enthusiastically received by Portland audiences.

Mr. Zan's splendid baritone has delighted many Portland people, and is too well known to require further mention here.

Mr. Couture has a tenor voice of unusual brilliancy and, although a recent arrival in Portland, has made a decided hit whenever he has appeared.

A superb Stock Pianola Piano will be used for the occasion, and Mr. Louis P. Bruce will act as accompanist, also rendering a few choice selections during the evening.

These recitals will be given every Friday evening and all are cordially invited. To avoid overcrowding, however, admission will be by reserved seat ticket only.

By calling at our store, at any time before Friday evening two complimentary tickets each good for one reserved seat, may be secured. Ellers Piano House, 223 Washington street.

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