

### CRAWFORD HEARS SETTLERS' PLANTS

#### Attorney-General Tours Bend District as Member of Desert Land Board.

### CALLS GRIEVANCES SLIGHT

#### Thinks Settlers Who Demand Water for More Land Than They Pay for Will Have Little Standing in Claims Before Board.

BEND, Or., July 29.—(Special.)—A. M. Crawford, State Attorney-General and member of the newly formed Desert Land Board, has been in Bend investigating complaints recently made by settlers against the management of the Deschutes Irrigation & Power Co. who have a 200,000-acre segregation under the Carey act in the vicinity of Bend.

### Some Settlers Want Too Much.

"The chief point at issue and one that is of particular interest as having occurred elsewhere, is this: A settler buys, say, 20 acres; that is, he pays for 20 acres of irrigated land, and then, because of rock ledges or from a conformation which prevents water being led upon it. But after constructing his ditches the settler finds he is in possession of more than 20 acres capable of irrigation, and thereupon maintains that the ditch company must supply him with water for the extra acres of water. In my opinion—and I believe the Board will agree with me—the settler is not entitled to any further supply of water if he finds his irrigable acreage in excess of the amount contracted for, and if such case arises, must pay for the additional water required. And should the settler irrigate land with less quantity than is called for by his contract, the company must either refund money proportionately to the lack, or substitute other land."

### Contract Violated, Is Charge.

One complaint placed before the Board is that land has been sold under a contract which calls for such land from the "north canal," a ditch not yet built, which lands are at present irrigated with water taken from a totally different ditch. The Deschutes Irrigation Co. at a point several miles from the proposed north canal outlet. The contention is that such action jeopardizes the water rights of settlers on the land involved, the conditions of the contracts and the actual water supply being at variance.

Mr. Crawford refused to give any opinion on the legal status of the case, but, while stating that precedent seemed to show that as long as water was actually being put on the land, the source was of small consequence, said that the company would be obliged to build the north canal.

Tomorrow the Attorney-General ends his trip by a visit to Laidlaw, to investigate matters in connection with the defunct Columbia Southern project, the management of the valuable 2,000 acre segregation will probably be turned over to a new company as soon as the existing contracts are annulled and adjudication arranged satisfactory to the interests of the settlers.

### Settlers Question Crawford.

Yesterday a meeting was held at Redmond of 20 of the settlers on the segregation of the Deschutes Irrigation and Power Company. The object of the gathering was to question Attorney-General Crawford, concerning the questions at issue.

When speakers intimated that the settlers conceived their interests slighted by the previous board, and their requests for information and assistance ignored by that body, Mr. Crawford said to them that it was the intention of the present desert land board to give the most careful consideration to just such matters, admitting, as he said, that in his opinion the old board had perhaps committed some minor sins of omission, and these from a lack of understanding of their task.

"Until very recently," said Mr. Crawford, "the state authorities have entertained the mistaken notion that the supervision of the details of the act segregations, in whose formation contracts are entered into with both the state and the National Government, lies entirely with the authorities at Washington. Now, however, the responsibility of the state is understood, and its bodies of control are becoming both aware of the work that lies before them and, through study, capable of administering it."

A statement which evoked great satisfaction on the part of the settlers was that hereafter the dealings between the company and the board would be always open to the examination of the settlers themselves. The "sagebrush diggers," as one of their own speakers styled them, asked that regular reports of the discussions and arrangements entered into between the board and the company should be forwarded to the secretary of the newly-formed Water Users Association, so that its members might be in a position to understand what was going on and to present their side of the case when necessary should arise. Attorney-General Crawford expressed himself as heartily in favor of such a scheme, and promised that it would be put into immediate execution.

### PIONEER HOMESTEAD SOLD

#### Woman Who Saw Indian Warfare Retires From Active Life.

HARRISBURG, Or., July 29.—(Special.)—Mary A. E. Smith, widow of the late Hiram Smith, has just completed a deal whereby she disposes of her 550 acres of land situated six miles south of this city. The purchaser purposes to sell it in small tracts. Mrs. Smith has successfully conducted the affairs of this large farm since the death of her husband, 21 years ago. She is now in her 85th year. She was born near Wheeling, W. Va., in 1824. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fleming, were of that type of sturdy pioneers who sought the Western border at the earliest opportunity. Thus Mrs. Smith, during her girlhood, had the experiences of pioneer life in many states.

In 1832 Mr. Fleming moved his family to Fox River Valley, about 40 miles from Chicago. Very soon the country was overrun and made desolate by the Black Hawk War. At the onslaught

15 of their neighbors were massacred and scalped. Mr. Fleming was summoned from his field work to assist in protecting the remaining women and children, who were placed in the bed of a large freight wagon, to which was attached 20 span of oxen, the men and boys forming a guard. They started in the afternoon and arrived at the Government fort in Chicago at noon the next day in a sorry and disheartened plight.

Mrs. Smith was only 8 years of age at that time, but the thrilling events which transpired and their escape are indelibly impressed upon her memory. Mr. Fleming then moved with his family to the neighborhood of Indianapolis, where he remained until 1840, when he went to Missouri, buying land in Platte County.

In 1843 Mary Fleming was married to Hiram Smith. They made their home at Smithville until 1853, when they crossed the plains by ox teams, arriving in the Willamette Valley in October, and settled upon the land just sold. Hiram Smith died April 12, 1883, closing an honorable career of great usefulness. Mrs. Smith has no children of her own, but since in Oregon she has found scope for her motherly in-



Mary A. E. Smith, Aged 85, of Harrisburg, Who Has Just Given Up Management of Large Farm.

stincts in the rearing and education of six orphaned children, who now bless the fate of having been committed to the beneficence of such an exemplary foster-mother. Mrs. Smith is remarkably vigorous in mind and spry for her age. She has bought a comfortable home in Harrisburg, where she can rest from the heat and burden of the day.

### BOILER EXPLODES, 3 HURT

#### Dropping of Crownsheet Responsible for Accident at Marion.

SALEM, Or., July 29.—(Special.)—By the explosion of the boiler on a freight train near Marion, 15 miles south of Salem, the Southern Pacific Railroad this morning, three trainmen were injured and considerable damage done to the train. The injured men are: Charles M. Hoberg, of 343 Oak street, bruised; H. Kane, 455 Ross street, broken rib and bruised; and Walter Davis, 190 Broadway, scalp wound. Hoberg was taken to Good Samaritan Hospital and the latter two were sent to their homes in Portland.

The accident was caused by the dropping of the crownsheet of the boiler, which was followed by the explosion. Superintendent Fields is at a loss to account for the cause of this and is conducting an investigation into the accident. It is believed that some disgruntled former employe of the company or tramp had been tampering with the machinery.

### NEW ROAD TO CENTRALIA

#### City Will Be Junction Point for North Coast Road, Agent Says.

CENTRALIA, Wash., July 29.—(Special.)—Centralia is to have two more transcontinental railroads. For several months there have been whispers here to the effect that the North Coast Railroad would come to Centralia. Today D. D. Long, purchasing agent for the Spokane division of the North Coast, made the announcement here that he has maps showing the route of the proposed line, which he is willing to show, and that Centralia is to be a junction between a north-and-south line and one running east and west. The latter line will be Portland and the northern Seattle.

### GUN CARRIAGE OVERBOARD

#### Twenty Tons of Steel Ship From Barge Into Astoria Harbor.

ASTORIA, Or., July 29.—(Special.)—Contractor Lebeck met with hard luck Wednesday afternoon while removing one of the gun carriages from Fort Columbia under a contract with the War Department to bring it to Astoria for shipment after having delivered there a larger disappearing gun and carriage. After the carriage had been safely placed on the barge and a start made, the captain of the boat towing it found that the barge was leaking and to prevent it sinking in deep water beached for the shore. Just as the beach was reached the barge gave a list sufficient to permit the carriage, weighing over 20 tons, to slip into the water. This was at high water, and at low tide the carriage is exposed on the sandy beach a short distance above McGowan and can be recovered, probably without any damage.

### LOCAL OPTION VOTE ASKED

#### Whitman County "Drys" Start Campaign for Special Election.

GARFIELD, Wash., July 29.—(Special.)—The temperance forces of Whitman County held a convention at the First Methodist Church today. The meeting was presided over by H. M. Marvin, president of the Whitman County Civic League. It was decided to take steps to call an election on the local option law in every incorporated town and also in the county unit. The executive committee, F. J. Wilmer of Rosalia, R. C. McCroskey, Garfield, and H. M. Marvin, were selected to have entire charge of the campaign. Nearly every town in the county was represented and great enthusiasm was shown. The election is to be called the first Tuesday in November.

### ROAD WORK HURRIED

#### Tillamook Expects to See Iron Horse Here Next Summer.

### DAVIS INSPECTS GRADING

#### Engineer Pleased With Progress Made by Contractors—Over 600 Men Are Employed Near Tillamook End of Line.

TILLAMOOK, Or., July 29.—(Special.)—Engineer George L. Davis, of the Pacific Railway & Navigation Company, has been making an inspection at both ends of the railroad. He is greatly pleased at the manner in which Contractor Sweeney is organizing his forces, getting the equipment in and in getting to work. Sweeney has 600 men employed at the east end of his contract, and over 100 men at Nehalem, which will be greatly augmented within the next few weeks. Arrangements have been made to start work on the tunnels at once, and this work will be continued throughout the winter by the different crews organized for that work.

### EXPERTS TALK IRRIGATION

#### Meeting at Eugene Promises Good Attendance.

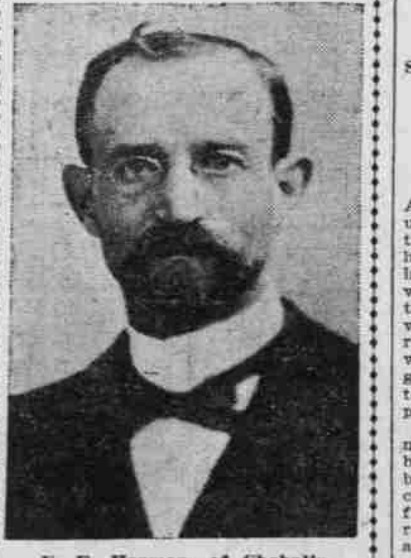
EUGENE, Or., July 29.—(Special.)—The mass meeting called by the promotion department of the Eugene Commercial Club, for Saturday, to discuss irrigation for this section of the Willamette Valley, promises a good attendance. The meeting will be opened by an address by Helmut W. Thompson, followed by another by Tom Richardson, of Portland, on "The Future of the Willamette Valley, if Irrigated." Professor S. Porter, of California, Chief of the United States Irrigation Investigations, will speak on "What Irrigation Would Mean for the Willamette Valley." H. L. Holgate, division superintendent for Western Oregon, will deliver an address on the "New Water Code," and ex-Governor Geer will speak on "The Benefits of Irrigation." Arthur P. Stover, of Portland, irrigation expert, will speak on "What Irrigation Has Been Shown to Do in Oregon." The closing address will be made by Dr. T. W. Harris, of Eugene, whose subject will be, "How I Became Converted to Irrigation."

### RAILS REACH CENTRALIA

#### Twin City Traction Company Will Distribute Iron on Streets.

CENTRALIA, Wash., July 29.—(Special.)—A carload of streetcar rails is in the Northern Pacific freight yards here and another carload in Chehalis. They are consigned to the Twin City Traction Company, which holds franchises to build and operate a streetcar system in Centralia and Chehalis and between the two cities. The arrival of the rails has put new confidence into the streetcar project. The holders of the franchise are A. Welch and W. J. Patterson, of Portland, and Theodore Hoess, of Centralia. Mr. Hoess stated today that the rails would be distributed along the streets specified in the franchise, but as to when construction work would begin he could not say.

### LEWIS COUNTY PRESENTS A CANDIDATE FOR CONGRESS.



U. E. Harmon, of Chehalis.

CHEHALIS, Wash., July 29.—(Special.)—Lewis County Republicans are anxious to see U. E. Harmon, a prominent local attorney, nominated for Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the death of F. W. Cushman. Mr. Harmon is in daily receipt of letters from influential Republicans in the district, assuring him of their support.

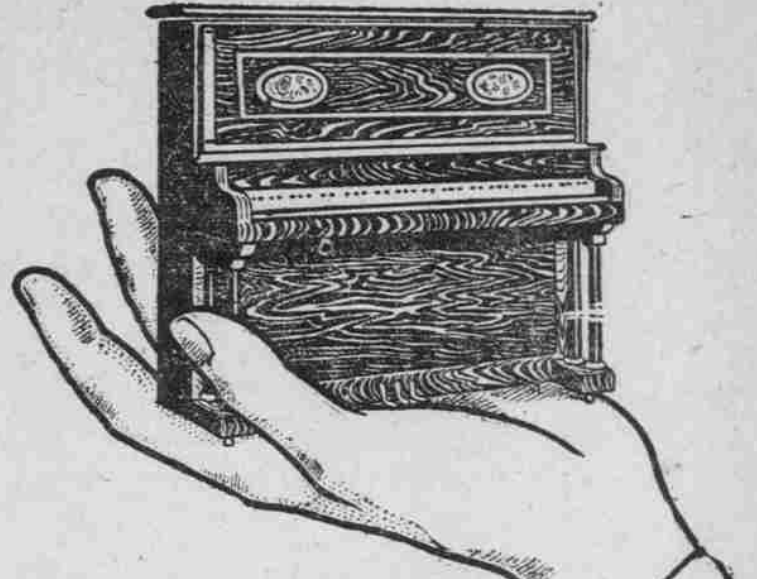
Mr. Harmon was born near Kalamazoo, Mich., in 1864. His parents moved to Union County, Ill., in 1888, where they lived until 1923 when they came to Washington. He and his people settled on a homestead about six miles from Chehalis and while living there, Mr. Harmon began teaching in the public schools of the county. In 1893 he was elected County Superintendent of Schools, and re-elected in 1891. He studied law during his term of office and was admitted to the bar in 1895.

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### ONTARIO MEN COMING

#### DELEGATION TO MEET BALLINGER IN PORTLAND.

#### Secretary of Interior Will Be Urged to Recommend Building of Malheur Project.

ONTARIO, Or., July 29.—(Special.)—A rousing meeting of the landowners under the Malheur Government irrigation project was held at the opera-house this evening. The owners of land representing over 75,000 acres were present, many coming from a distance of over 20 miles. The meeting was called for the purpose of sending representatives to Portland to meet with Secretary of the Interior Ballinger and the reclamation engineers and to urge the approval of the Malheur project. It was the unanimous wish of the meeting, in case the project could not be completed at once, that it should be taken up and given its place and constructed in units as rapidly as the funds would permit, and that the funds received from Oregon, for the present and future years at least, should be used for the construction of this and the other projects within this state. The representatives were given full authority to act for the landowners, and were instructed to do everything possible to assist the Secretary and the Reclamation Service in devising ways and means for taking up and completing this project.

### SOCIAL CLUBS GIVEN BLOW

#### Must Have License to Sell Liquor, and Cannot Sell at All on Sunday.

OLYMPIA, Wash., July 29.—(Special.)—A decision of the State Supreme Court rendered today, will make all social clubs in the state dry on Sundays and arid all other days of the week,

also, unless regular liquor licenses are taken out.

J. R. Baughman, steward of the Spokane Club, was arrested for violating the city ordinance by serving liquors to club members without a city license. He was convicted, and appealed. The State Supreme Court says the mere fact that liquors are bought by the corporation and served to stockholders does not prevent the transaction being a sale, and that the title of the ordinance which relates to bar rooms and saloons is entirely sufficient to cover the exclusive club of Spokane, because the room where liquors are served is no different than a bar room. The conviction is affirmed.

### DRAKE HELD FOR MURDER

#### Discharged at Preliminary Hearing, South Bend Youth Is Rearrested.

SOUTH BEND, Wash., July 29.—(Special.)—According to his promise made to his attorney last Monday night upon being discharged from custody at the conclusion of his preliminary hearing before Justice M. D. Eibert, on a charge of murdering Alfred Stringer last Sunday morning, Clinton E. Drake remained at his home yesterday, when he was arrested on an information charging murder in the first degree filed by Prosecuting Attorney O'Phelan.

### 20-CENT OFFER PENDING

#### Polk County Hopgrower Delays in Accepting Price Offer.

SALEM, Or., July 29.—(Special.)—Hop men report that 20 cents for 1909 hops is being freely offered. Julius Pinus today offered William Percival, an Independence grower, 20 cents a pound for 50,000 pounds, and the offer is still open, with the probability that it will be declined.

### Morrow Delegates Named.

HEPPNER, Or., July 29.—(Special.)—The County Court of Morrow County has appointed J. R. Olden, G. W. Swaggart,

traveler, was arrested by Sheriff Pomroy this afternoon on a bench warrant issued from the Circuit Court and charging him with gambling. He was released on \$100 bonds to appear for trial. Morton is one of four commercial men who were arrested some weeks ago of playing draw poker on a train between here and Clifton.

### PLAYED POKER, IS CHARGE

#### Paul C. Morton Accused of Gambling on Astoria Train.

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### PAUL C. MORTON IS TRAVELING REPRESENTATIVE FOR MASON, EHRMAN & CO.

Paul C. Morton is traveling representative for Mason, Ehrman & Co. He lives at 221 Tenth street. Mr. Ehrman regards the indictment as trivial.

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