

WASHINGTON ROAD

Delegates From Larger Counties May Ask Repeal of State-Aid Act.

ENVOYS STORM ABERDEEN

Bitter Battle Between Big and Small Districts Likely to Be Waged In Convention Today—Some Want County Control.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Feb. 22.—(Special.)—Good delegates assembling here are divided as to the desirability of the state aid roads law and it appears that opponents are in the majority.

The state highway commission's urging repeal of the statute will be adopted over the heads of delegates from some of the smaller counties, who are the main advocates of the law.

The principal objections by the small counties is that appropriations for state aid roads have been frittered away on useless surveys. A proposed road up the Lewis River valley is cited as one instance where money is alleged to have been wasted on surveys.

Road Selected Disliked. Through the efforts of the Cowell County delegation an appropriation of \$10,000 for a state aid road was secured and the State Highway Commissioner sent a party into the field, which expended \$600 of the appropriation and located a road where no one wanted it and that had nowhere in particular.

The larger counties are contending that they are taxed under the provisions of the state aid law for merely locating roads. On the other hand, the smaller counties that are opposing the law say they pay approximately the full tax for the road-building they get even with state assistance and can do the work to better satisfaction and more economically than the Highway Commission has so far accomplished it.

Protests Oust Commissioner. Not long ago Governor Hay removed M. Snow as State Highway Commissioner, giving "unfitness" as the reason. This removal followed numerous protests against the work of the Commission on the ground that an exorbitant proportion of appropriations was expended for surveys. Friends of the law say that H. B. Bowby, the new engineer of the Commission, has not yet had an opportunity to show what he can do.

Washington raises a road fund for trunk lines and state aid roads by levying a state tax, which is added to the annual state levy and is paid by the several counties on the basis of their assessed valuation. Some counties are those for which half the cost is proportionately paid by the state fund and the counties benefited. The state aid money is appropriated by the Legislature and the fund is subjected to the usual logging incident to legislative appropriations.

The result is that some counties which pay a high proportion of the state tax in effect contribute to the building of roads in other counties, which are far away. In some of the small counties where roadbuilding is not difficult the plan has worked well. In the medium-sized counties, however, it is estimated that about as much money returned to them as they contribute to the state fund, the sentiment seems to favor ending the system of county road building by the counties themselves.

Some of the upholders of the law are charging that the existing county road building is a waste of money and that the State Highway Commissioners, who desire to have the handling of all the money themselves.

It is expected there will be an attempt to repeal the law in the next Legislature and the action of the Good Roads Association will likely have an important bearing on the result.

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Idaho Shippers Will Send Stock and Grain Here.

LAST LARGE TRACT IS SOON TO BE GIVEN OVER TO SETTLEMENT THIS YEAR

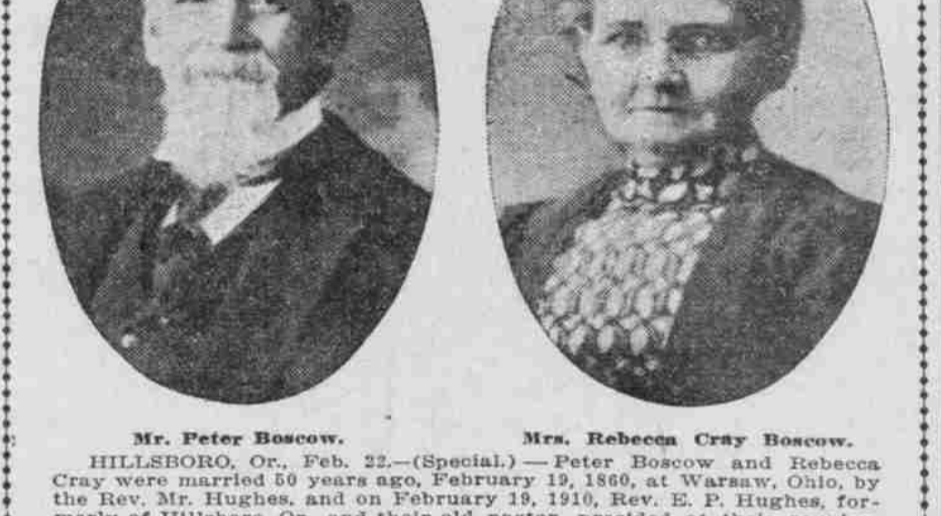
North Yakima Reservation to Be Given Over to Settlement This Year

APPRAISERS ARE AT WORK

Already Preparations Are Being Made in City of North Yakima for Thousands Who Are Expected to Make Filings for Lands.

NORTH YAKIMA, Wash., Feb. 22.—(Special.)—With the opening of the Yakima Indian reservation to public entry and settlement this coming sea-

GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY FITTINGLY CELEBRATED BY HILLSBORO FAMILY.



HILLSBORO, Or., Feb. 22.—(Special.)—Peter Boscow and Rebecca Cray were married 50 years ago, February 13, 1860, at Warsaw, Ohio, by the Rev. Mr. Hughes, and on February 13, 1910, Rev. E. P. Hughes, formerly of Hillsboro, Or., and their old pastor, presided at their reunion, which was held at their residence, where a few of their many intimate friends and acquaintances of olden days gathered together under the same roof as they had done in the past.

son, about the last large parcel of Government land in the Northwest is understood a modified franchise will be presented to the Commissioners for their signatures.

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MANLY SEEK OFFICE

Salem Postmaster's Term to Expire in Few Weeks.

FARRAR STILL HAS HOPE

Statement-One Candidate Hopes to Force Concession—Hawley May Defeat Selection Until After Coming Autumn Elections.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 22.—(Special.)—The term of Squire Farrar, postmaster at Salem, expires in a few weeks, and there is a great deal of speculation as to his successor.

Farrar hopes to succeed himself, and is considered one of the strong candidates for the place. However, there are several active candidates, some of whom have substantial backing.

John Roland, ex-County Clerk of Marion County, and admittedly an able office man, has some influential backing. W. P. Babcock, school director and manager of the Salem Flouring Mills, has the support in large measure of the younger element of the city.

H. D. Patton, member of the Legislature in the last session, is a candidate, but his chances are not considered bright, because of his Bourne tendencies. He was a State Representative in the House, and his friends hope that he will be recommended by Mr. Hawley as a concession to the State.

ALBANY IS HIT BY FIRE

FLAMES DESTROY BUSINESS CENTER OF TOWN.

ALBANY, Or., Feb. 22.—(Special.)—With 23 blocks of hard surface pavement as the result of its first year's work in road improvement, Albany will soon begin its second paving season. Plans are being carried forward for the

PORTLAND BOY GAINS DEGREE SIX MONTHS AHEAD OF HIS CLASS.

COE A. MCKENNA, A. B., Honored by George Washington University.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—(Special.)—George Washington University, at Washington, D. C., today conferred the degree of Bachelor of Arts on Coe A. McKenna, of Portland, Or., a half year ahead of his class.

NEHALEM JETTY IN VIEW

Commission to Sell \$50,000 Bonds to Deepen Big Channel.

NEHALEM, Or., Feb. 22.—(Special.)—The Commissioners of the Port of Nehalem have adopted resolutions providing for the sale of \$50,000 of bonds to secure funds to construct a jetty at the mouth of Nehalem Bay to provide a ship channel to the sea with a depth of 20 to 22 feet.

These bonds are issued to have 10 per cent of them mature each year after July, 1910. The entire amount will be retired at the end of ten years.

NOTICE LAURELHURST The Addition With Character. Selling faster than any other residence tract in Portland and for the simple reason that it is being more highly improved—is closer in and on two carlines, and lots are selling for less than other tracts ask for much poorer lots. Do you doubt this? See LAURELHURST

FORGER CAUGHT, OWNS UP

Various Places in Portland Victims of Bad Checks.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Feb. 22.—(Special.)—E. B. Burke, alias J. R. Brutice, passed a forged check for \$20 on Paul & Bryant and one for \$5 on Allen's cigar store last night. He was arrested in a local hotel at 4 A. M. today, and later confessed. He told the police that within the last six weeks he had forged two checks in Spokane, one for \$25 and another for \$16; in Portland five checks — on Merrill's roadhouse for \$25, on the Seven-mile house for \$10, on the Calumet house for \$20, on the Lake View house for \$10; and a \$25 check in Tappanish, Wash.

The two checks passed here were drawn on the Citizens' National Bank and signed by J. R. Brutice, the name Brutice being an assumed name. He is about 23 years of age and well dressed. He says he is a civil engineer.

THE HOME INSURANCE COMPANY

Table with financial data for The Home Insurance Company, including capital, assets, and liabilities.

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