

LOOKS INSPECTED BY ADVANCE GUARD

Oregon City Awaits Coming of Other Delegates to Open River Congress.

NEW LOCKS SEEMS DEMAND

Every Town in Willamette Valley Expected to Have Representation When Convention Discusses Improvements.

OREGON CITY, Or., April 26.—(Special.) E. C. Giltner, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce of Portland; F. J. Fletcher, of Albany, and M. J. Lee, of Canby, accompanied by Captain Graham, of the Oregon City Transportation Company, made an inspection this morning of the Willamette River canal and locks. The first three are members of a committee, appointed at the Open River and Freight Rate Convention at Albany, to make an inspection of the locks, with a view to recommending their purchase by the State of Oregon under the United States Government, or the construction of new locks on the east side of the river.

New Locks Wanted.

There seems to be no likelihood that there will be a recommendation for the purchase of the existing locks. J. Lee, a member of the committee, is strongly in favor of the construction of new locks that will be adequate to handle the steam traffic.

Delegates to the convention are expected tomorrow from every point in the Willamette Valley. Complete arrangements have been made by the Commercial Club for the reception of the visitors, most of whom will reach Oregon City at 10 o'clock in the morning. They will be welcomed by a committee and escorted to the meeting place, where Dr. W. B. Carr, Mayor of Oregon City, will deliver an address of welcome and present the delegates with a golden key to the city.

County Judge Dimick will talk on "The Open River," and State Senator Hedges will deliver an address on "Unity, the Factor of Success."

The visitors will be taken on automobile and launch trips to the locks, and in the afternoon the business session of the convention will be held. It is planned to take the Oregon City Transportation Company's steamer at Canemah in the afternoon and come down through the locks, leaving the boat at Oregon City in time for the Commercial Club supper at 6 o'clock.

Complete plans have been worked out for the permanent organization of the Open River Association. Dr. W. H. Davis, of Albany, who was chairman of the convention, will report the action of the committee on permanent organization.

The committee has arranged the plan of membership. It is planned to organize so that each city in the Willamette Valley will be represented in proportion to its population, and there will be equal representation in the board of directors and action affecting valley interests.

The advisability of condemning the present locks and building new ones on the opposite side of the stream, will be discussed. At the 1909 session of the Legislature, \$300,000 was appropriated for this purpose. It is deemed advisable, and with the understanding that the money would be raised by the Federal Government would appropriate a like amount for the same purpose.

The rivers and harbors bill, recently reported from the Senate, provides for full appropriation required and it is believed there will be little difficulty in keeping it in the bill. With the full \$600,000, the locks are to be improved in some way. Just how or to what extent is the question to be considered by today's convention.

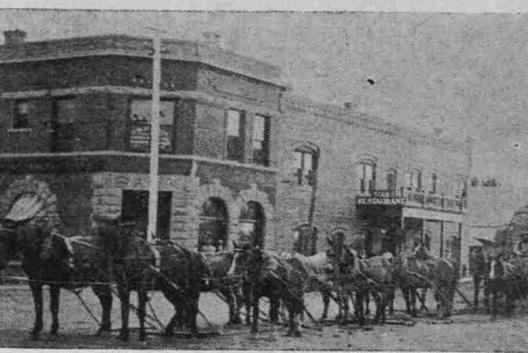
"At the Albany convention there was only one representative from Portland," said Secretary Giltner, of the Portland Chamber of Commerce yesterday. "The people up the valley charge that we do not evidence interest in their river concerns, matters, and I am anxious that there should be a full attendance from Portland."

The present locks are owned by the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company, which places a tariff on every ton of freight passing through.

Frank T. Sampson Dead. THE DALLES, Or., April 25.—(Special.)—Frank T. Sampson is planned to his residence in this city on Sunday last, was born in Marshfield, Mass., March 2, 1832. For about 28 years he had been a respected and prominent citizen of The Dalles. Mr. Sampson was married April 14, 1874, to Miss Isabelle Christie, of Boston. Six children were born, five of whom survive: Mrs. E. M. Williams, Mrs. W. J. Condon, Mrs. Olive R. Krier, and Misses Margaret and Frances Sampson, all of The Dalles. He was a half brother of Captain George E. Sampson, for many years a captain on the Columbia River. Besides his widow and five daughters, he is survived by two grandchildren and many other relatives. The funeral was held Tuesday afternoon at his residence by Rev. D. V. Poling, of the Congregational church. He was buried in the Oddfellows' cemetery.

Alleged "Slaver" to Be Examined. ASTORIA, Or., April 26.—(Special.)—The preliminary examination of Al Nathan, who was arrested by Inspector Bonham a few days ago on a charge of violation of the immigration laws, will be held before United States Commissioner Hamilton next Friday afternoon. A deputy from the United States Attorney's office in Portland will conduct the prosecution, while G. C. Fulton will appear for the defense. The specific charge against Nathan is that of bringing an alien woman into the country for immoral purposes. The maximum penalty for conviction under the charge is imprisonment for 19 years and a fine of \$500.

FREIGHT TEAMS TO DISAPPEAR BEFORE CENTRAL OREGON RAILROADS.



SCENE AT VALE, PRESENT RAILROAD TERMINUS. With the building of a railroad up the Malheur River through to the abandoned freight team of the kind shown in the accompanying picture will pass away from Oregon. The picture was recently taken at Vale, the railroad point at which Burns and the great Harney Valley must obtain supplies, although nearly 140 miles distant. It is believed that, outside of Alaska, there is no other place in the United States where goods must be freighted for so long a distance by teams as between Vale and the interior points of Oregon. The recent announcement that the Harriman system had commenced the construction of a road from Vale up the Malheur River, along the old survey of the Corvallis & Eastern, originally the Oregon Pacific, has promised to open the Harney Valley to modern farmers. This valley, with the exception of the Willamette, is said to be the largest one in Oregon, but as it is so far from railroads, nothing is produced there which cannot be driven to market on foot.

INNOCENT MAN IS FREE

FATE PLAYS STRANGE PRANKS WITH CHARLES ROLLINS. Fined for Murder, He Refuses to Testify, Fearing to Reveal Identity and Shock His Mother.

BOISE, Idaho, April 26.—(Special.)—A strange fate befell Charles Rollins of Wallace, Shoshone County, Idaho, to the penitentiary under sentence of 40 years, and then saved him from that awful prospect when a few days ago it brought his case before the state pardon board and gave him his liberty. Even he cannot account for the strange turn of events in his somewhat remarkable case.

Refusing to divulge his true name when arrested purely on circumstantial evidence as the murderer of a man by the name of Vincent, at Wallace, declaring that to do so would bring a great sorrow and probably certain death to his aged mother, Rollins remained silent and because of his non-committal attitude was subsequently found guilty and sentenced the long term of servitude in the penitentiary for murder in the second degree. It was after his arrival at the penal institution that some of the facts came out about this man. His true name was discovered to be Charles Rondo. His attorney petitioned the pardon board for a full pardon on the grounds that the prisoner had been the victim of a remarkable series of circumstances, prominent among which was his refusal to take the witness-stand on his own behalf because he never had received a true name and thus endanger the life of his mother.

murdered in Wallace in August, 1908, the victim of thugs. He was shot in the leg and died from blood poisoning. Two men were placed under arrest for the crime a few days before and positively identified by Vincent's companions. Each established an alibi and was released. Rollins was arrested two weeks later, when recovering from a black eye. He was positively identified, although not resembling either of the others who had been first accused. The witnesses stated on the stand that their identification was rendered more certain of Rollins through the bruised optic. Several witnesses testified that Rollins' eye was black on a date prior to the crime. It was this conflicting testimony brought to the attention of the pardon board which played a strong part toward securing the pardon. Rollins persistently maintained his innocence.

FISH PLENTIFUL BUT COY

Natural Food Plenty, So Artificial Bait Does Not Tempt. SPRINGFIELD, Or., April 26.—(Special.)—Although there seems to be an unusual amount of fishing this year, especially so early in the season, anglers coming back from the McKenzie river report an indifferent success. The two big reports of the season had a tendency to bring out a larger number of the lovers of the flyable sport. It is that there are plenty of fish but they will not even nibble at the hook. It is somewhat too cold and the streams are too full of food to tempt the critter to ailed and cautious fish to leave the shady hole.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE STUDENTS ELECTED TO EDIT PUBLICATION AT STATE SCHOOL.



OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE. Corvallis, April 26.—(Special.)—O. B. Hardy and D. S. Young have been elected editor and manager respectively of the Oregon Countryman, for the coming year. Both men are Juniors in the school of agriculture. Hardy comes from Bend. For the past year he has acted as Northwest editor on the Barometer. Young has been a member of the Countryman staff during the present college year. The Countryman is published by the agricultural students and has a large circulation among the farmers of the state. The publication is only completing its second year and has already given promise of taking a place as one of the popular agricultural journals of the Northwest.

IDAHO FRAUDS TO BE PROBED LATER

Governor Brady Will Defer All Investigation Until Next Legislature Meets.

HIS CONDUCT CRITICISED

Land Officials Defend Their Course in Obtaining State Lands While in Office—Expense of Inquiry Now Considered Too Great.

BOISE, Idaho, April 26.—(Special.)—Governor Brady tonight declared he would urge at the next session of the Legislature that a searching inquiry be made into the alleged corrupt methods used by state officers and subordinates in acquiring state lands for their own use. This means that the resignation of Register Church, of the Land Office, and the subsequent confession and exposures are to be followed up and the guilty ones vigorously prosecuted.

Other members of the State Land Board, including Attorney-General McDougall, Secretary of State Landson, and the Superintendent of Public Instruction, Miss Belle Chamberlain, today declared they considered their actions in obtaining the lands while in office open and above suspicion.

Assistant Prosecutor Gets Land. It developed today that Assistant Attorney-General Peterson, while in that office, acquired a sixth interest in the Hedberg Carey act project and acted as one of its legal advisers while the project was in progress of formation. He was offered and refused \$15,000 for his holding afterwards. Prior to that time Peterson is said not to have been well-to-do financially.

Attorney-General McDougall was also counsel for an Idaho project while in office. All state officers have filed on or are owners of valuable lands, included in many projects opened in this state during the past four years. Governor Brady gave out the following statement:

Inquiry Not Needed Now. "There will doubtless be legislative inquiry into all these matters when the Legislature meets, but I feel there is no need of such action at the present time. Such an inquiry would cost the state not less than \$20,000 and it seems to me we have found the evil and have corrected it. My conception of the duty of the chief executive in cases of dishonesty and fraud is that he should remove individuals if it is within his power and if that cannot be done, he should place the responsibility where it properly belongs.

"I have no fear whatever of any further attempt at wrongdoing in this administration that cannot be corrected, or at least the friendly farmers unanimously agreed on the necessity for taking this step to present more adequately the claims of the John Day Valley to a share of the immigration so active in other parts of Eastern Oregon.

W. E. Weir was made temporary chairman and J. L. Stalker secretary. A committee of business men was appointed to prepare plans for permanent organization, which will be designed on liberal lines. It is fully realized that lack of promotion enterprises has caused the commercial and industrial stagnation of the prolific John Day Valley at a time when conditions were favorable to rapid development of these interests.

Estimates based on the district school clerk's annual reports show that population has slowly decreased the past two years. During this period, especially the latter part of it, homesteaders have wandered through the valley, meeting only indifference and the chronic knocker. It is expected that conditions will be improved and the valley's resources presented by the association and its officers.

Banquet Features Unique. ALBANY, Or., April 26.—(Special.)—The shearing plant of Smith & Smythe closed today after a 20-day run, having sheared over 40,000 sheep during that time. The plant was operated by 16 men, making an average of about 144 sheep to the man each day the plant operated. The highest individual record made by one man was 237 sheep.

Sheepmen are jubilant over the quality of the wool this spring. The quality was so good that the publisher was severe the sheepmen fed their flocks well and they have an excellent quality of wool this spring.

W. E. Weir, of the owners of the plant and owner of one of the largest flocks here, says that the sheep will average 15 to 16 pounds a head. Lancing is finished and the average is about 102 per cent.

STATE CHOOSES HOSPITAL Tuberculous to Be Treated in Old Deaf Mute School. SALEM, Or., April 26.—(Special.)—Mayor George F. Rodgers, of the State Tuberculosis Commission, accompanied by J. H. Clements, Architect Hazel-Tine and Contractor Welch, today visited the old deaf mute school buildings to make arrangements for transforming them into a hospital for the treatment of tuberculosis.

The main brick building will be remodeled and used as an administrative building, while the two new buildings, each 25x200, will be erected for the use of patients in the incipient stages.

Dr. Clements will have charge of the institution. The deaf mute school will vacate the buildings in June.

LONELY BACHELOR SUICIDE James O. Morris Shoots Himself While Despondent. OREGON CITY, Or., April 26.—(Special.)—James O. Morris, for many years a resident of Liberal, shot himself some time Sunday night in a fit of despondency. His lifeless body was found Monday morning, sitting in a chair. A revolver was still in his hand and there was a bullet hole in his head.

Morris was about 50 years of age. His mind had been unbalanced for several years, due to sickness. He was a bachelor and lived alone. Morris had about \$500 in money and he thought some one was trying to get it away from him. Coroner Holman went to Liberal to hold an inquest.

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JOHN DAY IS AWAKENING

RICH VALLEY TO CLAIM SHARE OF IMMIGRATION. PRAIRIE CITY COMMERCIAL CLUB PLANS TO PRESENT ATTRACTIONS OF PROLIFIC SECTION. PRAIRIE CITY, Or., April 26.—(Special.)—The Prairie City Commercial Club is in process of organization here, and will meet next Saturday to complete the permanent organization. At the preliminary meeting, business and professional men and friendly farmers unanimously agreed on the necessity for taking this step to present more adequately the claims of the John Day Valley to a share of the immigration so active in other parts of Eastern Oregon.

EGG LIKE HALLEY'S COMET

DAYTON, Wash., April 26.—(Special.)—If "Biddy," a black hen owned by Mrs. George Wick, of Dayton, has a peer among the feathered domestics of the Northwest it has not been discovered. "Biddy" is a versatile freak. Last week she laid the largest egg ever recorded here. This egg measured over ten inches in circumference the longest way and was further remarkable in that it contained but one yolk.

LORRIER IS COMING WEST

Pacific Coast May See Canadian Premier in July or August. VICTORIA, B. C., April 26.—(Special.)—Assurances have been received from Ottawa by prominent British Columbia Liberals that the Premier, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, will visit the Pacific Coast probably going through to the Yukon also—in July and August. The first Minister and foremost diplomat of Canada will be accompanied on his Western tour by Hon. Mr. Graham, and possibly Hon. Mr. Fielding.

LODGE ORGANIZER DEAD

HARRY G. HILL, of Portland, Is Stricken While on Train. PENDELTON, Or., April 26.—(Special.)—Harry G. Hill, an organizer for the Order of Owls and the Modern Brotherhood of America, salesman for the Clarke Wireless Company, and claiming Portland as his residence, died suddenly in this city yesterday. Death was due to an internal hemorrhage.

RAYMOND PUTS BAN ON FIREWORKS

RAYMOND, Wash., April 26.—(Special.)—The City Council, at its regular meeting last week, passed an ordinance putting a ban on fireworks within the city limits on July 4.

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