

PENDLETON, Or., May 1.-(Special.) -A call for a meeting in Pilot Rock, Tuesday, May 16, of all the users of water from Birch and Mokay Creeks has been issued. The purpose of the meeting is to organize, decide on a line of defense and to present a united

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line of defense and to present a united front to the Government in its suit against the 300 users of water for irri-gation purposes in Umatilia County. The Government is attacking the va-lidity of nearly every water right on the Umatilia and tributaries, and in those cases where the right is not attacked it is alleged the claimants have appropriated more water than they need

One of the most important defendants in the big suit is the state of Oregon. By reason of its having acquired one of the oldest and most valuable water rights on the Umatilia River through the purchase of the R. L. Oliver farm for the site of the Eastern Oregon branch seylum.

ROAD SIGNS BADLY NEEDED

Spokane Autoist Gives Oregon Hint

to Improve Conditions.

EUGENE, Or., May 3 .- (Special.)-Josh L. Wilson, of Spokane, a brother of the newly-elected Socialist Mayor of Herkeley, passed through here yester-day on his way home from California. Mr. Wilson is traveling by auto and is accompanied by his family, his party being one of the first to cross the Sis-kiyous and Calapcolas this Spring.

kiyous and Calapcolas this Spring. Commenting on road conditions in the two states, Mr. Wilson said that while the roads of Oregon are generally better than those of Northern Califor-nia, the absence of guie boards in this state is a great inconvenience to the traveler. He praised highly the care with which the placing of guide heards is looked after in the Southern state and commended the move of the state, and commended the move of the Eugene Commercial Club to place road signs in this county.

JAIL BREAK IS PREVENTED

Tools Found in Bedding of Rose-

burg Prisoners.

ROSEBURG, Or., May 3.--(Special.)--The third attempt to break juil in this city in the past three months was prevented by the officers late yester-

prevented by the officers into yester-day, when a search of the cells in the County Jail revealed a number of files, hacksaws and other implements. That the 15 prisoners confined in Jail had deliberately planned to make their escape is evidenced in the battered con-PORTLAND THESPIAN WEDS

escape is evidence in the men worked at dition of the bars. The men worked at night, while in the day they secreted their tools in the bedding. Sheriff Quine believes that the prisoners are receiving assistance from, the outside, inasmuch as the tools found are of durable construction and hered back here manufactured by could not have been manufactured by & Dill the prisoners.

HOOD RIVER ROYAL HOST Modern Woodmen of State Gather. Governor West Detained. to this city.

HOOD RIVER, Or., May 3-(Special) Mr. Van Pelt is a member of the Lyric -With 250 delegates from the differ- Musical Comedy Company.

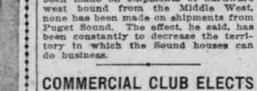
MITCHELL Or., May 3.-(Special.)-Samuel D. Laughlin, a well-known pio-neer, died at the home of his son, E. R. Laughlin, near Mitchell, Wheeler County, Oregon, April 22, 1911. He was born in Lincoln County, Missouri, May 13, 1835. With his father's family, he crossed the plains with teams to Yamhill County, Oregon, in 1847. In 1851 he went to the Yreka mines in California, but spent only a few months there. When he returned to his home in Yamhill County, in Janu-ary, 1856, he enlisted in Company C, un-

der Captain Ankeny, and served in the Yakima Indian war. He participated in many battles and hard marches and

Samuel D. Laughlin.

state and the shippers of the eastern side. The hearing has resolved itself into a fight of this character with the State Commission as the referee, say the railway men. The commission is now in the position which the rail-roads have occupied for years, they

In the midst of the conflict, how In the minist of the conflict, how ever, shippers from both sides of the mountains feel they are scoring defi-nitely against the railroad rates now in effect. E. F. Missinger, of the Hunt & Mottet Company, wholesale hard-ware dealers, offered many figures to show that while many reductions have show that while many reductions have been made on shipments of hardware



COMMERCIAL CLUB ELECTS Baker City Body Officials Report

Rate Fight in Washington Is Be

tween East and West Sides.

TACOMA May 3 .- (Special.)-Rall-

way officials attending the rate hear-

ing before the State Railway Commis-

sion, seem to be getting a great deal

of satisfaction over the sharp contest for points being waged between the shippers of the western part of the

BAKER, Or., May 3 .- (Special.)-The annual election of directors and banquet of the Baker Commercial Club was held at the Elks' Club last evening. There were over 200 members and guests in attendance. The annual reports of the president and manager were made and showed a fine record of accomplishments ***********************

showed a fine record of accomplishments during the past year. One of the speakers of the evening was James J. Sayer, field secretary of the Portland Commercial Club and Oregon Development League. He made a speech urging the further co-operation of the local industrial body with the Portland Club, and other clubs of the state. Another of the speakers was Senator C. C. McColloch, who made a plea to the directors to give the young men of much scouting. He was married to Miss Amanda Minter, a native of the State of Iowa, in Washington County, Oregon, in 1858. She came to Oregon in 1852 and to them six children were born, four of whom are living: E. B. and Ellis Laughlin, both leading stock-

raisers of Wheeler County, and E. E. Laughlin, a wealthy stockman of Crook County, and Mrs. Nellie F. Steers, of Wasco County. Mr. Laughlin took great interest in all matters pertaining to education. the directors to give the young men of the organization more of a chance in its work, predicting great results therefrom. A motion to amend the constitution to

do away with the control by the board of directors and vest it in the officers with appointive powers in regard to nam-ing committees, was voted down. ing co

Ernest C. Van Pelt and Mae J. Governor Hay Appoints Delegates. Thorne Married at Salem.

OLYMPIA, May 3.-(Special.)-Gov-ernor Hay has appointed F. W. Graham, of Seattle, Great Northern immigraof Seattle, Great Aurona Infigure tion agent, as a delegate to the North-western Development Association meet-ing to be held at Helena. May 4 and 5. He has also named A. Piper to repre-sent the Wenatches Commercial Club. BALEM, Or., May & - (Special)-Ernest C. Van Pelt, of Portland, an actor and formerly a member of the Kolb company, secured a marriage

a Dill company, secured a marriage license here today and was married to Mae J. Thorne, of Los Angeles. State Senator Hal D. Patton appeared as a witness to the license. The ceremony was performed by Rev. P. S. Knight. Evidently Van Pelt desired to escape too much solicitude upon the part of his Portland friends and quietly came to this dit. Do you know that of all the minor aliments colds are by far the most dangerous? It is not the cold liself that you need fear, but the serious diseases that it often leads to. Most of these are known as germ diseases. Pneumonia and consumption are among them. Why not take Chamberlaine Cough Remedy and cure your cold while you can? For sale by all deal-ers.

contractors. Orders for the installation of a mo-dern interlocking plant at the crossing of the Troutdale line of the Portland Railway, Lgiht & Power Company have been placed. The plant consists of an eight-lever Saxby & Farmer machine which is designed to make crossing ac-

cidents impossible. Temporarily the conductors on Mount Hood trains will operate the levers, while the Troutdale cars will be able while the frontiale cars will be able to pass through the crossing at any time as it always will be open for them. As soon as regular service is inaugu-rated, however, a man will be employed to remain regularly in the lever-house.

Juliaetta Druggist Freed.

MOSCOW, Idaho, May 3.-(Special.)-Dr. W. A. Borns, a druggist of Julia-etta, this county, who has been on trial for several days in the District Court on charge of practicing medicine with-

Tracklayers Are Now Approaching Sandy River and Expect to Have Developments on the new Mount Hood electric line beteween Portland and the Bull Run River have necessitated the purchase of the third locomo tive for use by the construction depart-ment. The engine, which was secured from the Southern Pacific Company, was delivered yesterday and will be placed

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next week. This is the conjection of the that is preventing the connection of the entire line from Gresham to the site of the big power-house at the junction of the Sandy and Bull Run Rivers. The structure, which is 1600 feet long, con-sists of three Howe truss spans. Track-layers now are approaching the Sandy Placer and as from as they can enter the Year of Progress.

bridge will start to place ralls across it. They expect to have the entire line com-pleted by May 20.

pleted by May 20. On account of the increasing work in all departments of the Mount Hood en-terprise the railroad work has been segregated from the light and power department. E. R. Ernsberger, who has had charge of much construction on the new line, hereafter will be general man-

in commission today.

new line, hereafter will be general man-ager of the railway department, while E. W. Bonness will exercise similar jurisdiction over the light and power field. C. B. Smith, of the engineering firm of Smith, Kerry & Chace, who has had general charge of the work here, will continue to be general manager. The big power plant at the junction

THIRD ENGINE FOR WORK.

Labors Finished by May 20.

The first engine that the company

purchased is now being used in exca-vating the slides that the recent rains

brought down from the high hills east

brought down from the high hills east of Gresham, covering the tracks at some places to a depth of from 15 to 20 feet. An additional week will be required in completing this work. With the bridge across the Sandy River nearly completed, the end of con-struction work on the new line is in sight. The contractors promise to have the bridge open for tracklaying early next week. This is the only thing now that is preventing the connection of the

River and as soon as they can enter the

The big power plant at the junction of the Bull Run and Sandy Rivers, which now is under construction, will not be completed until late in Fall, probably not until the middle of November. After the power from that source is available the company will be able to take care of all its business. Construc-tion of the big reservoir for this plant has been started by Twohy Bros.