# "GOVERNOR'S TRIP IS SUCCESS"-WEST

## Over 100,000 People Visit Exhibition Car to Learn of Northwest Country.

## EASTERN COIN INTERESTED

**Financial Centers Beyond Mississippi Have Great Confidence in Future Prosperity of Pacific Slope, Declares Executive.**

SALEM, Or., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—Returning to the capital after a month's absence in the East as a guest on the Governors' special, Governor West immediately rushed to the convict road camp south of the city, remaining at the Capitol only a moment to give a greeting to his office force.

Secretary Olcott, who has been serving in the capacity of Acting Governor during the absence of Governor West, surrendered the duties of that office today.

"The trip of the Governors was a success—a great success—a greater success than I ever contemplated it would be, and I believe even greater than contemplated by those who conceived the idea and carried it out," commented Mr. West.

**Trip Is Novelty.**

"The novelty seemed to make a big impression on the people of the East and there were thousands to greet us at every stop. Over 100,000 people visited the exhibition car and hundreds of thousands were turned away. There should have been eight or ten of the exhibit cars.

"In addition, millions of people were reached through the press, as the newspapers fairly 'ate it up.' I don't know of anything that has ever been done that has brought the East and the West so close together. In addition to the trip being a good thing for the Western states, it was a good thing for the Governors. We had an opportunity to meet the Governors of the West, East and South, discuss matters with them and visit their institutions.

"Eastern capital, I found, is much interested in the West and has great confidence in the future prosperity of this section. In the East it is appreciated that the Panama Canal will be an ever important factor in the future development of the West, especially of the states along the Pacific Coast, and I pointed out to them what an impetus it would mean to the Coast states, as well as to the advantage for the East in bringing the sections together.

**Governors "Talk Shop."**

"Our lumber products, as an example, can be set down at their very doors, where now we are largely shut out of Eastern markets because of excessive freight rates. Throughout the trip the Governors all 'talked shop' and very little politics. They were up morning, noon and night, boosting their own states and not knocking other Western states.

"From the result of the conference which was held between Secretary Fisher, Senators Chamberlain, Bourne, Representative Lafferty, J. N. Teal and myself, I am confident from what occurred at that time that the west extension of the Umatilla project will be completed. I am certain that it will be undertaken and finished.

"We also discussed the feasibility of appointing a state and Federal agent to clear up the swamp land situation in Oregon, but that plan is not definitely concluded.

"I placed before the Chief Forester at Washington the plan of exchanging various isolated tracts of school land for a central forest reserve in Oregon and he was pleased with the idea, but we differed as to the method of bringing this about.

"He believed the exchange should be made on a basis of valuation, that is, exchange tracts on the strength of their respective values, while I favored the plan of exchanging acre for acre.

"I believe, however, we will reach an amicable adjustment of this plan, with a satisfactory result to the state. Nowhere that we visited but unbounded enthusiasm was apparent, as well as a keen interest in the West and a desire to learn more of this section of the United States. I want to repeat that the trip was a success far beyond what we ever believed it could be."

## FATHER SAYS SON INSANE

**Portland Youth Who Pleads Guilty to Passing Bad Bills Irresponsible.**

SEATTLE, Dec. 20.—When Walter E. Layman, of Portland, Or., alleged by secret service officers to be the head of a gang of five men who have passed many obsolete bank notes in Seattle and Tacoma, was arraigned in the Federal Court last Monday, he pleaded guilty. Another member of the gang who had pleaded guilty was today sentenced to five years in prison, and then Layman's father, Frank Layman, of Portland, arose and begged the court not to pass sentence on his son, but to cause an examination to be made concerning his sanity.

The father declared that Walter's head had been split open when he was a boy and that his mind had been affected. A physician appointed by the District Attorney to examine young Layman reported today that the father's statement was correct, the scars and deformities from the boyhood accident being evident. The District Attorney will report to the court. The method of Layman's gang was to paste two old bank bills together, with silk threads between.

## NORTHERN PACIFIC VICTOR

**Woman Injured at Chehalis Loses $1000 Personal Injury Case.**

CHEHALIS, Wash., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—A jury in the Lewis County Superior Court returned a verdict for the Northern Pacific railroad in the case of Mrs. L. R. Clark, who sued for $1000 damages for personal injuries received by falling on a partially repaired depot platform at Chehalis some months ago.

Judgments already rendered in various other cases aggregate many thousands of dollars.

## BOY, THREE, KILLS SISTER

**Child Picks Up Revolver and Discharges It at Infant.**

ELLENSBURG, Wash., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—While Mrs. Fred Barnhart was conversing with a neighbor over the telephone at an early hour this morning she heard a revolver shot in her bedroom and turned to see her son, Fred, aged 5, holding a smoking pistol in his hand and his 5-months-old sister, Louise, lying dead with a gaping hole in her forehead.

Mr. Barnhart is a passenger engineer on the Northern Pacific road and while he was out on the road Mrs. Barnhart made it a practice to keep a loaded 32-caliber revolver in the house for protection.

While the mother was at the telephone her son toddled across the bedroom, opened a bureau drawer, took the revolver and pointed it at his baby sister. The weapon was discharged, the bullet striking the infant in the forehead and passing completely through the skull, tearing a large hole in the back of the head.

Barnhart is out on the road. The mother is prostrated and her condition is serious.

**TEACHER IN ASHLAND'S FIRST PUBLIC SCHOOL HONORED.**

**Mrs. Mary E. McCall.**

ASHLAND, Or., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—Mrs. Mary E. McCall enjoys the distinction of having been the first grand worthy matron of the grand chapter of Oregon, Order of the Eastern Star. Alpha Chapter No. 1, of that ladies' auxiliary of Masonry, was instituted in Ashland in 1880, by officials from the jurisdiction of California. Later a grand chapter for Oregon was organized at a meeting held at Roseburg and Mrs. McCall was elected grand matron. She is one of the widely-known pioneer women of Southern Oregon, while her husband, the late General John M. McCall, for many years was prominent in the business and political affairs of Southern Oregon. Mrs. McCall came to Oregon in 1854. She graduated in 1856 from the Umpqua Academy and taught the first public school opened in Ashland.

## WOMAN SUES REVILER

**KLAMATH MATRON CALLED HORSETHIEF SEEKS COURT.**

**Mrs. Nellie Marcho After Driving Three Men From Place With Gun Files Plaint Alleging Libel.**

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—Mrs. Nellie Marcho, wife of William Marcho, a Poe Valley rancher, has filed a suit for libel against Cal B. Clendenning, complaining that he called her a horsethief and ascribed other criminal acts to her July 11. She declares that Clendenning, with two men named Job and Silas, went to the Marcho property in search of a missing horse and that Mrs. Marcho assured them the steed was not on her premises, but that they said they would search the place anyway.

Mrs. Marcho then obtained a rifle, and thus armed warned the trio not to intrude.

"Now your place is on the other side of the fence," she is reported to have said. "If you come across that fence the Coroner will have business right away."

The men thus warned stayed on the other side of the fence.

Clendenning later had Mr. and Mrs. Marcho arrested. Mrs. Marcho was discharged by Justice of the Peace Graves and Marcho was held for grand jury action. The grand jury exonerated him.

**Pianos Rented $3 Monthly.**

Kohler & Chase, 375 Washington st.

**AFTER FOUR YEARS IN EAST PHYSICIAN RETURNS TO OREGON CITY.**

**Dr. Guy Mount.**

OREGON CITY, Dec. 20.—(Special.)—Dr. Guy Mount is coming back to Oregon after four years in the East and will locate in Oregon City with his brother, Dr. Hugh S. Mount. The two physicians are sons of the late H. D. Mount, of Silverton, who had four sons that went into surgery for their profession. Dr. Mount was graduated from the University of Oregon in 1906, and went to New York, where he was graduated from Columbia College of Physicians and Surgeons of New York. He later took a course in the New York Medical Hospital. He is a member of the Beta Theta Pi fraternity. One of his brothers is Judge Wallace Mount, of the Supreme Court of the State of Washington.

## U'REN IS ANSWERED

**Grant B. Dimick Takes Issue With Single Tax Advocate.**

**POWER SITES DISCUSSED**

**Oregon City Mayor Quotes From Booklet to Prove That Taxation Plan Is One to Lift Burden From Capitalistic Interests.**

OREGON CITY, Or., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—Grant B. Dimick, Mayor-elect and four years Judge of Clackamas County, this afternoon gave out the following interview in reply to the statements of W. S. U'Ren made in a recent issue of The Oregonian. Mr. Dimick is well posted on local tax conditions and goes to the root of the whole matter in his research:

Mr. U'Ren seems much grieved because I questioned the veracity of a single-tax advocate who argued the question in Portland a few days since. The report of the argument presented by the speaker was published in The Oregonian the following day. He had said a certain 12-acre tract of land in Clackamas County was sold by a timber company to an employe, and after the 12-acre tract was improved it was assessed for more than the remaining 428 acres. After I questioned the veracity of the statement, Mr. U'Ren came to his rescue and said that the 12-acre tract was not in Clackamas County, as reported in The Oregonian, but located entirely in another state. I have failed to see any correction made by Mr. Stone as to the location of the land, and I presume Mr. Stone was content for Mr. U'Ren to figure out a plausible excuse for the erroneous statement.

Mr. U'Ren says he believes that I often think I hear things that I do not hear, and, in other words, he politely informs me that I do not speak the truth upon the question of taxation, and in repeating statements made by single-tax advocates, but I am perfectly willing to grant Mr. U'Ren a license to call me a liar every day in the week if that action upon his part comforts him in the least.

**Water Power Partly Artificial.**

I also notice in Mr. U'Ren's interview he has at last discovered water powers in Clackamas County valued at more than $8,000,000, but he fails to show how he arrives at the physical valuation of that water power and how he would reach the same under his single-tax system. In the first place, the power at the Willamette Falls is partially natural and partially artificial. All that part which is artificial is an improvement placed there by the owners of the water power and is exempt from taxation under the single-tax theory now advocated by Mr. U'Ren. The water powers on the Clackamas River we all admit are valuable, made so by improvements, which consist of artificial dams placed in the stream by the owners, and if all improvements are exempt from taxation, than the dams would be exempt also.

There is no power on the Clackamas River which alone would be of any material value, but it requires power-houses and machinery, which are now assessed; it requires poles and electric power lines conveying the electricity to the cities; and it requires franchises, poles and wires, and other apparatus in the cities in order to get any direct revenue from the power itself. Under the present law of taxation the riparian rights along the stream affected by the dam, and all improvements placed in the stream, the poles and wires leading to the city, the franchises in the city and other property, is assessed, and the income from the investment is assessed by the Federal Government under the corporation income tax law.

**U'Ren's Duty Clear.**

If those properties which I have enumerated are not properly assessed, then it is Mr. U'Ren's duty as a citizen to appear before the County Board of Equalization or the State Tax Commission and use his best efforts to have them properly assessed, but I have never heard of Mr. U'Ren giving any time in that direction.

Under the present law, a part of which was adopted by the Legislature in 1907, all property in each county shall be assessed at its true cash value, and the true cash value shall be taken to mean what the property would sell for in the open market in the ordinary course of business, taking into consideration the nearness to market and other advantages.

Under the existing laws in this state undeveloped water powers belong to the state, although individuals may own riparian rights. There are more than a dozen fine undeveloped power rights on the Clackamas River. One of them is owned by H. E. Cross, immediately above the railroad bridge at Park Place, Or., and if Mr. Cross had sufficient capital to build a dam across the stream, his property would become extremely valuable, provided, however, that in addition thereto he had sufficient machinery, poles, wires and city franchises so that he could sell electric power, but not having those additions, his developed water power would be of little value.

**U'Ren's Pamphlet Quoted.**

Again referring to Mr. U'Ren's statement, wherein he states that he believes that I often think that I hear things that I do not hear, I wish to call his attention to something that there can be no misunderstanding about, and I refer to that pamphlet published in Cincinnati in 1911, entitled "Single Tax Conference," held in New York City, November 19 and 20, 1910, under the auspices of the "Joseph Fels Fund Commission." I have read the pamphlet carefully and I notice that the whole purpose of the single-tax doctrine therein expressed goes to the exemption of taxes upon the merchants and manufactureres, and says nothing about the home-owner and farmer, and it goes without argument that if you exempt one class of taxpayers in a community, the remaining class is compelled to pay the amount exempted from the other.

I desire to call your attention to the first paragraph on page 5 of said pamphlet:

"In addition to the foregoing, the Commission has sent out a quantity of such literature as is obtainable, and plans are now under way for the preparation of a "Merchants' and Manufacturers' Booklet," the object of which is to show that land value taxation means a saving of dollars—an actual profit of dollars—to merchants and manufacturers. The booklet will give actual examples taken from several states in which land values and improvement values are separately assessed, and will show contrasts between the effects of the general property tax and the land value tax on mercantile and manufacturing business."

I also call your attention to the first paragraph on page 27 of said pamphlet, as follows:

"Ordered that the 'Merchants' and Manufacturers' Booklet' be printed in comprehensive form and sent to all the merchants and manufacturers of the United States."

I desire to ask why the single-tax advocates are devoting their energies toward the merchants and manufacturers if it is not for the purpose of exempting their merchandise and manufacturing plants so that the burden of taxation will fall upon the home-owners and farmers, and thereby exempt the companies and individuals who can better afford to pay their just proportion of the expenses of the state and county government?

As a matter of fact, the fund known as the "Fels Fund" is supported by large merchants and manufacturers, and they are the ones who are advancing the large sums for the purpose of exempting buildings, railroads, merchants and manufacturing institutions from taxation, and thereby throw the burden from themselves on the owners of real property.

As far as the home-owner and farmer in Oregon is concerned, the "Fels Fund," supported by Eastern millionaire merchants and manufacturers, is the most vicious fund that was ever collected, for foisting on the people of a commonwealth a system of taxation whereby railway companies, mercantile houses and other buildings, manufacturing plants, machinery, goods and merchandise are to be exempt from taxation and the amount of their exemption cast upon the owners of real property.

I notice also on page 31 of said pamphlet Mr. U'Ren received out of that millionaire manufacturers' fund, known as the "Fels Fund," the magnificent sum of $16,775. In addition thereto he is now receiving out of that fund a salary equal to that paid to the average Circuit Judge in the State of Oregon. There is a good reason why he flies off the handle every time a citizen attempts to argue against that system of taxation advocated by the hirelings of the "Fels Fund" in their endeavor to exempt the railroads, building-owners, merchants and manufacturers from paying their just proportion of taxation.


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## SEASIDE NAMES TICKET

**CANDIDATES FOR CITY OFFICES NOMINATED AT MEETING.**

**Alex Gilbert Choice for Mayor, but Effort Is Made to Have W. F. Fullam Run Independent.**

SEASIDE, Or., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—A largely attended mass meeting was held at the City Hall last night for the purpose of nominating candidates for Mayor, Councilmen, Recorder and Police Judge and City Treasurer for the coming election, which is to be held January 9.

T. J. Haycox and Thomas McKay were chosen chairman and secretary respectively of the meeting. When the chairman announced that he was ready to receive nominations for Mayor everybody in the hall became suddenly quiet, until Captain George H. Smith proposed Alex Gilbert. This was met by a hearty applause by almost everybody. It is expected that Mr. Gilbert will receive a very large vote at the coming election, as he is the largest property-holder in the city and has always worked hard for the interests of the community.

Some of the residents of the city who are not in favor of electing Mr. Gilbert for Mayor have urged W. J. Fullam, a retired shoe merchant of Portland, who has built a couple of fine residences here, to run independent. Mr. Fullam says that he will do all in his power to upbuild the city if he is elected.

The following were nominated for Councilmen: First Ward, A. S. Foster; Second Ward, H. M. Wheatley and Patrick Lawler; Third Ward, J. E. Brailler, W. B. Dresser and Louis Henrich; Fourth Ward, W. E. Lewis. John L. Berry was nominated for Recorder, and Police Judge F. S. Godfrey, who has been acting as City Treasurer since the suicide of E. N. Henninger, who used the city's funds for other purposes, was nominated for the same position. Four for Councilmen-at-large were nominated, G. M. Grimes, F. Henshaw, E. N. Hurd and Z. Brey.

## CHRISTMAS TREE FRUIT.

The fruit that hangs glittering and delicious on the German Christmas tree is a host of enticing, sparkling little cakes. Good to look at and good to eat, wholesome, delicate, sweet and delightful, they please the children more than anything else can do. We have them, fresh and beautiful. Get them at any branch of the Royal Bakery & Confectionery. Get them, and make the Christmas tree more lovely than ever. **

## BUY A PLAYER.

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**Napavine Improvement Seen.**

CHEHALIS, Wash., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—As a result of activity by the Citizens' Club of Napavine, that town has recently been cleaned up. Extensive sidewalk building has also been done.

**Man, Arrested, Will Sue Pe Ell.**

CHEHALIS, Wash., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—James Clevinger, who was arrested at Pe Ell yesterday for stealing a goose in a poolroom, was landed in jail here tonight. He says he will sue the town of Pe Ell for big damages on account of the unsanitary condition of their city jail.


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