

NATION MAY SEND FARM EXPERT HERE

Bill to Detail Agricultural Agent to Northern States in Favor.

O.-W. R. & N. OFFERS PAY

Co-operation of Railroad and Government Likely to Lead to Appointment of Agent Soon—R. B. Miller Backs Plan.

Co-operation between the Federal Government and the traffic department of the O.-W. R. & N. Company may result in the early appointment of a special agent to the Agricultural Department at Washington to carry on special investigation and educational work among the farmers of Oregon.

As soon as R. B. Miller, traffic manager of the O.-W. R. & N. Company, learned that James Wilson, Secretary of Agriculture, had asked Congress for an appropriation of \$50,000 with which to conduct additional field work in the Northern States, he telegraphed to his representative at the National Capitol advising him to request that a part of this money be expended in Oregon.

The Agricultural Department replied that the services of one man would be given this state for every agricultural community he pay one-half his expenses. As time was an important factor, Mr. Miller could not communicate with the general communitie but telegraphed back that the railroad would pay the required money.

Bill is in Favor. The bill appropriating this money from the general treasury now pending and has every assurance of early passage. Secretary Wilson has advised that the man assigned to the Oregon work will begin his duties about July 1.

This will give the state two men who devote their time to the interests of intensified farming. C. L. Smith, agricultural agent at Washington, O.-W. R. & N. Company, has been in the field for the past several months, preaching the doctrine of crop rotation, stock-raising and diversified agriculture. He was appointed by the Federal Land Bureau will be under direction of Federal officials, but will act largely upon advice of O.-W. R. & N. Company.

The work accomplished under this arrangement should be most effective," said Mr. Miller. "One of the advantages in having a man representing the Department of Agriculture is that he will have the backing and support of the Federal Government. Oregon is essentially an agricultural state. The man to be named by the Government, together with our Mr. Smith, the operation of demonstration farms and the work being done in the Agricultural Department should combine to effect a wonderful good for the state.

Farms Held to Be Best. "Upon our activity in the direction of agriculture depends largely the growth and advancement of the state. Wheat has been and now is the principal crop, but under existing conditions and under present prices only one crop in two years or two crops in three years can be raised. This means that an extensive acreage is idle every year. This and ought to be put to profitable use. The continuous growing of the same crop can have no other effect than to exhaust the fertility of the soil. The importance of a rotation system of cropping and discouragement of a Summer fallow, where the precipitation is sufficient to make it unnecessary, can't be overestimated. Intensive cropping and intensive cultivation mean smaller and more profitable farms and in consequence homes for thousands on land, better educational facilities and better social and religious environments in rural districts.

Many portions of the Pacific Northwest afford favorable opportunities for growing alfalfa and other root crops. There appears to be every reason why dairying, hog-raising and poultry should be attempted. The production of the Pacific Coast States, which do not at present produce sufficient of these commodities to supply the home consumption, and in fact are practically unlimited. There is no danger of overproduction and little if any chance for failure. An income is assured farmers every year. It is in pursuit of these achievements and the general development of the country that the O.-W. R. & N. Company is making such an active interest in the development of agriculture along its lines."

OLD OFFICERS TO SERVE

Y. M. C. A. Directors Elect and Hear Favorable Reports.

All officers of the Portland Young Men's Christian Association were elected yesterday afternoon when the directors held their regular monthly meeting. The officers are: President, W. M. Ladd; vice-president, Robert Livingston; secretary, A. L. Veale; treasurer, F. McKeeher. Mr. McKeeher has asked to be relieved of further service, but consented to continue as treasurer another year.

Reports at the meeting were of a generally favorable nature because of the membership contest in January, which made the Portland Y. M. C. A. the largest in the world. All of the departments are experiencing constant growth. The religious work was especially extensive, a report compiled by R. H. Perkins, religious work director, showing that 849 persons attended the various religious and social meetings held during the month.

FARM DIVERSITY URGED

Soil Expert Points Benefits Gained by Proper Husbandry.

C. L. Smith, agriculturist for the O.-W. R. & N. Company, has returned from a trip through the Yakima Valley, where he lectured to the farmers on the benefits of diversified husbandry. He reports an increasing interest in diversified farming throughout Oregon and Washington. He visited Central Oregon a few weeks ago and found a progressive lot of farmers in that section. He expects to devote considerable time this year to Central Oregon and the "dry" counties of Eastern Oregon.

and the territory tributary to that city next week.

O'LEARY MAY BE PARDONED

Remorseful Husband Promises Never to Drink Again.

"Never again," swore James O'Leary, with every outward show of earnestness, as he gave assurances through the bars at the City Jail yesterday to influential citizens who are thinking about seeking a pardon for him through the City Council. O'Leary swore off in every form and every tone known to the disciples of "E. M. Morse," and his earnestness, coupled with the pleas of the members of his family, who obtained his conviction, probably will be effective.

O'Leary was arrested some months ago upon complaint that he abused his wife and children. When he appeared

PIONEER WOMAN OF PORTLAND DIES SUNDAY AT HOME OF SON AT AGE OF 86.



Mrs. Elizabeth Hawes, of Portland, died Sunday at the home of her son, Donald E. Hawes, 1237 East Washington street. Mrs. Hawes was born in Ireland 26 years ago, and came to Canada when a child. With her husband, Daniel Hawes, she came to Portland when she was 26 years of age. Her husband died six years ago. Mrs. Hawes is survived by the following children: F. D. Hawes, California; Mrs. W. A. Richardson, San Francisco; Mrs. Hannah Comstock, Mrs. William H. W. J. Hawes, Mrs. L. E. Kern, G. M. Hawes and Horace E. Hawes, of Portland. The funeral was held at the Central Christian Church, East Twentieth and East Salmon streets, yesterday.

In trial, he was drunk and was arrested again for that offense. He gave bail in both cases, and appeared again next day, still intoxicated. Even then he was allowed to suspend his sentence, but when he came in again a few days later, the court showed no mercy, but imposed a sentence of 30 days. The family has reported general conditions here under pressure to effect his release.

PALOUSE IS PROSPEROUS

O.-W. R. & N. Official Finds Idaho Alarmed at Metal Tariff.

Frank W. Robinson, general freight agent of the O.-W. R. & N. Company, returned yesterday from a visit to the Palouse Valley, Eastern Washington and Northern Idaho. He reports general conditions in those sections promising, excepting in the mining districts, which are greatly concerned over the proposal of the Democratic House of Representatives to reduce the tariff on lead and zinc. The mining interests of the Coeur d'Alene district, backed by all the commercial bodies in the neighboring territory, have sent telegraphic appeals to Congress to retain the present duty on those metals so that the production of American lead and zinc will continue. The lumber industry in Eastern Washington and Northern Idaho is steadily improving, he reports. Several mills have resumed operations within the last few weeks.

NATION AFTER PROMOTERS

Federal Grand Jury to Investigate Orchard Company.

The Government is investigating the methods pursued by the Oregon-Washington Trust Company and the Columbia Orchards Company, of Seattle, which are being investigated by the Federal grand jury for witnesses who are said to have lost, in some cases, all their property by purchasing alleged fraudulent bonds. District Attorney McCourt declares that persons who have been indicted also to be indicted for having been victims.

JURY'S BILLS ARE BACKED

Circuit Court, Not County, Has Control, Say Judges.

At a conference between the Circuit Judges and members of the County Court Monday afternoon it was decided that hereafter the judges will approve all bills contracted by jurors, and that the County Court will make no attempt to pass upon their reasonableness. The bills will be sent to Auditor Martin and by him direct to the County Treasurer for payment. The dispute as to authority arose as a result of the action of the County Court in refusing to order paid bills for rooms and meals contracted by the jurors in the Wilde case. The County Court cut the bill of the Lenox Hotel for beds from \$120 to \$65 and cut nearly \$15 from the bill of Watson's restaurant. The proprietors of these establishments immediately complained to Judge Kavanaugh, who had sent the jurors to them.

Clark County Grange to Meet.

The Clark County Pomona Grange meets today and tomorrow at Orchard. State Master Kegley will be present.

FOR ORCHARD FAILURE SEIZED

Biehl and Others Arrested on Charge of Fraudulent Use of Mail.

BIG CRUSADE PROMISED

United States District Attorney McCourt Says Action is Only Beginning of "Housecleaning." \$3,000,000 Steal Alleged.

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Later he was trustee officer for the Oregon-Washington Trust Company. Humphrey was a director of the Oregon & Washington Trust Company from February 1, 1910, to August 23. He was arrested early in the afternoon and taken to the United States Marshal's office in the Federal building. He declares he was innocent of any fraud and simply served as a trustee director, assisting in forming the organization.

A warrant was issued for Biehl at the same time, but while the Deputy Marshal was in his office for him to return, he was attending a meeting of the bondholders of the trust company. Postal Inspector Clement was also attending this meeting, but not knowing that the warrant had been issued, and that the Marshal was looking for Biehl, failed to mention the fact that Biehl was in attendance until the meeting was over.

Biehl Rushes to Lawyer.

Biehl heard it whispered about that the warrant was out, and went post-haste to the office of his attorney. "Is it a warrant or a subpoena that has been issued for Mr. Biehl?" came the words from the telephone to United States District Attorney McCourt. "A warrant," was the response.

The news almost staggered Biehl, but he did not fail to mention the fact that Biehl was in the office of the Marshal just after being arrested at noon.

Woman's Newspaper President.

Records in the possession of the Federal authorities show that Miss Pearl M. Day, a stenographer, was made president of the Oregon & Washington Trust Company, and that she had one share of stock and was made a member of the board of directors. She is said to have lost her salary of \$15 in the crash. Speaking of the affairs of the Oregon Inland Development Company, also involved in the Federal dragnet, Mr. McCourt yesterday said:

"There is more than good reason to believe that the complaint is sustained by evidence procured by the postoffice inspectors. The Oregon Inland Development Company was organized in 1907, and its quick success has retarded the natural development of Oregon, and its elimination will be followed by the downfall of other similar enterprises. To start its business it acquired a contract to purchase 30,000 acres of school lands in Oregon that were set aside in 1905. The school lands, and which have had a previous history in the courts.

Following the suit of the Chamber of Commerce in the Justice Court, which resulted Monday in the attachment of the office furniture of the Oregon-Washington Trust Company, the company was forced to liquidate. The furniture, owned by the company, was sold to that effect with Haas & Mackay, attorneys for the company, and the Sound Realty Company, of Tacoma, owns the furniture, and has filed notice to that effect with Haas & Mackay. The company was forced to liquidate because of the attachment of the office furniture of the Oregon-Washington Trust Company, which was sold to that effect with Haas & Mackay, attorneys for the company, and the Sound Realty Company, of Tacoma, owns the furniture, and has filed notice to that effect with Haas & Mackay.

Bondholders Hold Meeting.

Two meetings of the bondholders were held yesterday at Room 506 Labbe building, between 20 and 40 bondholders, representing \$25,000 worth of bonds, attending. Jay Bowlerman was elected chairman, and James F. Hadley, 210 Spaulding building, secretary. A committee of three was appointed to look over the properties of the development company at Wahiakia on the Columbia River, to determine its probable value. The committee consists of F. W. Waters, A. G. Walker and James F. Hadley. It is the object of the bondholders to gain such as remains to be made in order to determine what the assets actually are.

"I understand," said Mr. Hadley, "that the plant cost \$400,000, and that there is an indebtedness of \$40,000 on the property. The amount of the bonds issued is hard to determine. A man close to Biehl says there are bonds outstanding of the face value of \$2,250,000. We intend not only to visit the properties on the Columbia, but to go to Seattle, and there to learn at the hands of the conditions actually are. In order to meet the initial expense we are levying an initial assessment upon the bondholders of 20 cents for every \$1000 worth of bonds. That will make a return of \$100 on the \$500,000 odd bonds represented today.

"While the actual amount of the bonds outstanding is problematical it is probable 1,900,000 or 2,000,000 worth of the bonds are held by persons in and around Portland, or at least in Oregon, and that the balance of those issued are held by persons or firms in or near Seattle. The total may run \$3,250,000. We exact full proof," a representative of Lane County bondholders, who are said to have traded timber land for \$250,000 worth of the bonds, was present at the afternoon meeting. Bondholders on the Sound are said to desire to unite with the Portland and Oregon bondholders in order to co-operate with District Attorney McCourt.

Tangible Assets Small.

"I can't see how the bondholders expect to get dollar for dollar, when the tangible assets amount only to about \$200,000, and even then a large amount of money must be expended on the irrigating plant before the land can be put in cultivation," said Mr. McCourt last night.

"All the records of the Portland office of the corporation are in the possession of my office, but the bulk of the records are in Seattle. However, I think we have sufficient evidence to warrant the returning by the grand jury of indictments."

ship of the Oregon & Washington Trust Company to the orchards company, the mortgage bonds not being valid until signed by the trust company.

Land Held as Worthless.

"These lands were located in nearly every county in the state and were known to be absolutely worthless for any agricultural purpose. The company took these 30,000 acres and divided them into imaginary tracts of from 10 to 15 acres. They sold contract for the sale of the option of these at \$200, with the understanding that when all the options were sold there would be held in auction and the tracts would be distributed.

"The entire tract was worth perhaps \$2500, but the promoters would have realized about \$100,000 from its sale. Mr. Riddell was released on \$4000 bonds and Mr. Conway on \$6000 bonds, to appear for a preliminary hearing, which will be held in a few days.

Mr. Riddell, after his release on bonds, said: "I had no actual interest in the company except that of holding one share of stock and attending to its legal business as far as the examination of titles was concerned. I had no knowledge what the other officers of the company were doing and all I received out of their transactions was sufficient to pay office rent."

RECEIVER WINKLER RESIGNS

Federal Court Appointee Says De Larm Realized Little on Sales.

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 13.—Elmore Winkler, the receiver appointed by the Federal Court for the two De Larm and Biehl orchard companies, the Columbia River Orchard Company and the Washington Orchard, Irrigation and Fruit Company, resigned today and Louis F. Sichter was appointed to succeed him.

Mr. Winkler, as a result of his investigations, believes that De Larm, who disappeared when the company got into trouble, realized little from his bond sales, as he disposed of them to real estate brokers, who paid him little for them and then exchanged them for valuable real estate. Efforts are being made to induce creditors to advance money to place the assets in a condition on which to be raised. Only the creditors with liens on the property in Grant County, Washington, would benefit by the proposed reorganization.

GLEE CLUB WINS PLACE

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TOWNS VISITED ACCORD KEEN PRAISE TO COLLEGIANS.

Songs Given With Vigor of Professional Stage and Instrumental Music Is Marked Feature.

If Portland enthusiasm is any criterion of the excellence of the concert given by the Oregon Agricultural College Glee and Mandolin Club at the Corvallis Opera-house last Saturday, then the 40 members of the club now on tour should have little doubt of a welcome reception at the Hotel Theater to-night.

Many of the items on the programme are by no means easy even for older singers, and it is therefore all the more gratifying to find that not only at Corvallis, but also at Albany, the first town visited on tour, all the songs were given with splendid volume and modulation of tone, while the playing of the Mandolin Club brought forth rounds of applause; in fact every member was encored at least once.

Starts the are plenty, but possibly the greatest hit so far has been made by Henry Russell, "Lauder's Only Rival." With real talent, a fine voice and almost entire absence of "amateurism," in the general meaning of the word, he has given several songs and monologues, which have pleased vastly the public.

ASSAILANT IS IDENTIFIED

Railway Agent Says Man Who Shot Switchman is ex-Convict.

Joseph Ludwig, under arrest at Pendleton on a charge of shooting Charles Silk, a switchman in the employ of the O.-W. R. & N. Company, by whom he had been befriended, has been positively identified by Ed Wood, chief special agent for the railway company, as Joseph Lorey, a California ex-convict, who is wanted in that state for breaking his parole. Lorey was sentenced from Contra Costa County, California, in November, 1896, to serve a term of 20 years following a conviction for murder in the second degree. He was released July 1, 1911, and the California authorities have been seeking him since September, 1911.

Lorey was recognized by Special Agent Wood by comparison of his photograph with one in a rogues' gallery maintained by the Harriman system. Lorey has long an eye and has two glasses eyes of different colors. Sometimes he wears one, sometimes the other, and often goes without either, his object being to make identification more difficult. He is the inventor of a handcuff which is said to be superior to ordinary makes and has a patent on his invention.

Silk was shot four times by Ludwig, or Lorey, on January 30, at Pendleton and Lorey was captured the following day at Arlington by Sheriff Taylor of Grant County. Lorey is now at St. Vincent's Hospital, although at first it was thought that he would die.

PORTLAND IS EXAMPLE

San Francisco Would Adopt Its Flower-Protection Laws.

If the Outdoor League of the California Club, of San Francisco, succeeds in a plan which has been originated, San Francisco will adopt ordinances for the protection of flowers and shrubbery similar to the Portland ordinances. Mayor Haight received a letter from C. H. Hittell, secretary of the league, yesterday, asking for a copy of the Portland ordinances.

"Your city has, I think, become the most beautiful city in America, especially in regard to flowers," wrote Secretary Hittell. "This is on account of the measures prompted by your wonderful public spirit and we would like our city to follow your lead and beautify itself for the Pan-American Exposition to which it will invite the world."

Centralia Mill Resumes Operations.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Feb. 13.—(Special.)—The Centralia Shingle Mill, one of the largest in this section of the state, resumed operations yesterday after having been closed down for several weeks. The mill is reopened with a working force of 41.

A Few Straight Facts About Oriental Rugs

An Oriental Rug of Inferior Quality Is No Better Than a Domestic Rug

When you buy an Oriental Rug you buy for its beauty and value, and if it isn't unusually beautiful how can it be beautiful at all, to an extent that makes it worth more than a domestic carpet? The finest Rugs are the products of master weavers—wrought with the loving care that only an artist can impart to his work—and made from the best materials obtainable.

These choice specimens are chosen by experts—men with intimate knowledge of rugs and their origin—and are sold by stores that cater to the best trade.

But the rugs that are rejected by the more critical buyers must find a market.

These are sold in bales—in hundreds, to commission men, auctioneers and others who foist them onto a credulous public with weird tales of their alleged antiquity and value. Some of these inferior products may even find their way to Portland—their owners thinking that the bait of a low price will find buyers for them.

Our Rugs are all bought direct. We need pay no one a commission. Our twenty years' experience enables us to pick the finest specimens and the best values. Our prestige in the business world and our ready cash enable us to buy them. There's but one profit to pay here—ours—and that a small one. Remember—the buyer of an Oriental Rug who becomes dissatisfied with her purchase is invariably one who bought inferior goods at "sale" prices.

- 38 Belouchistans, average size 5x3 ft. Regular price \$9 Sale price \$9
- 29 Moussols, average size 5.8x3.2 ft. Reg. price \$19 Sale price \$19
- 40 Saruks, average size 6.4x4.2 ft. Reg. price \$42 Sale price \$42
- 36 Irans, average size 6.8x4.5 ft. Reg. price \$29 Sale price \$29
- 24 Tabriz, average size 3x3.4 ft. Reg. price \$24 Sale price \$24

- 11.5x8.9 priced at \$190
- 12.9x9.9 priced at \$236
- 12.9x9.5 priced at \$239
- 13.3x9.4 priced at \$244
- 14.3x9.10 priced at \$272
- 15.7x10.3 priced at \$314
- And 50 others similarly priced.
- 11.9 x 8.7 priced at \$152
- 12.7 x 9.7 priced at \$171
- 12.4 x 8.10 priced at \$146
- 14.11x10.10 priced at \$207
- 14.10x11.2 priced at \$221
- And over 40 others similarly priced.
- 9x7.1 priced at only \$ 82
- 9x7.5 priced at only \$ 88
- 10x8.6 priced at only \$ 92
- 14.9x8.7 priced at only \$100
- And nearly 75 more similarly priced.

All Rugs in the Above List Are New Arrivals

and have never been shown in Portland until the last week or ten days. They are a few of the hundreds personally selected by our Mr. A. Atiyeh on his recent purchasing trip to the Eastern markets.

ATIYEH BROS. The Foremost Oriental Rug Merchants of the Pacific Exclusively Oriental Rugs of the Finer Sort Tenth and Alder Streets