

LEVEE QUESTION IS RAISED BY OLCOTT

Acting-Governor Asks Southern Pacific to Set Out Claims to Property.

CONFERENCE IS SOUGHT

Official Sends Communication to W. D. Fulton Relative to Property Where Portland West Side Terminal Stands.

SALEM, Or., March 14.—(Special.)—For the purpose of investigating the public levee question, which has interested Portland for a number of years, Acting Governor OLCOTT today sent a letter to W. D. Fulton, president of the Southern Pacific, asking him to arrange a date at which time a conference can be held in the executive offices here and the railroad company can show by what right and title it bases its claim to an interest in the property.

The public levee includes the land which is at the present time the site of the Southern Pacific Company's West Side terminal depot in Portland.

Industry is Protesting.—An effort is being made by the Legislature to secure the passage of a bill taking from the Southern Pacific the use of this property, but this bill was replaced by a Senate concurrent resolution which provided for an investigation of the question.

While Acting Governor OLCOTT forwarded the letter to Fulton, probably will be held following the return of Governor West from San Francisco.

In his letter to Mr. Fulton explaining the situation, the Acting Governor says:

By Senate concurrent resolution No. 19, as reported on page 528, General Laws of Oregon for 1911, the Governor is authorized and empowered to examine into the facts and the law in regard to the supposed violation of the terms of the grant from the state under which the present holders of the "public levee" claim title.

As you doubtless remember, a bill was introduced in the last Legislature by Senator KELLAMER, providing for the repeal of the Homeport and the law which the Southern Pacific Company now holds possession of this property. Senate concurrent resolution No. 19 was substituted for this bill.

In accordance with the spirit of this resolution, therefore, I would appreciate it if you would set a date, at an early hour, at which you would meet at the Executive office for a preliminary discussion of the matter. I would consider it a favor if, at this meeting, you would have present such data and information as would throw light upon the claim of title upon which the Southern Pacific Company bases its contention for continued possession of the property.

It is important that this subject be taken up for consideration at an early date, and I would appreciate your cooperation in regard to the first meeting.

3-YEAR BILL HAS CHANCE

Borah-Jones Homestead Measure to Be Voted on Wednesday.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, March 14.—The Borah-Jones three-year homestead bill was today made the special order for consideration in the House. It is expected that unless the debate is protracted, it will be voted upon that day with every prospect that it will be passed. This will be the last opportunity for the opponents of the bill to have to vote their opposition, and attacks, inspired by Secretary Fisher's objections, are expected.

If the bill passes the House, however, its final enactment seems assured. The special order entered today was secured through the joint efforts of former Borah, Speaker Clark and Representative Taylor, of Colorado, who reported the bill. Speaker Clark will make a speech urging the passage of the bill.

OFFICIALS ADMIRE ROADS

Commissioners Take Spin in King County, Near Seattle.

SEATTLE, Wash., March 13.—(Special.)—The three members of the Board of Commissioners of Multnomah County, who last week entertained Commissioners M. L. Hamilton and A. L. Rutherford, of King County, at Portland, were the guests of the local officials yesterday afternoon. They were taken for a spin over the county roads between Seattle and Auburn.

The Multnomah Commissioners were highly interested in the magnificent machinery that has accomplished so much for King County and have determined to duplicate the plant. The visitors were also enthusiastic over the good condition of the highways.

UMATILLA CROPS INCREASE

Besides Orchard Output, Farmers Will Largely Develop Vegetables.

HERMISTON, March 14.—(Special.)—The Umatilla project is not only being rapidly developed as a fruit producing section, but vegetables also are to be planted this year on an extensive scale, particularly potatoes. This section is white but potatoes are being raised ahead of any other community in the Northwest. About six carloads of seed will be planted this year, a majority of which will be for early maturing. All this seed has been shipped here, as farmers can sell their crop at prices ranging from 2 to 5 cents a pound and were able to get their seed at a trifle less than 2 cents, not only saving in money but the keeping of the seed through the winter.

WEATHER STATIONS NAMED

Six New Observatories Fixed in Hood River Valley.

HOOD RIVER, Or., March 14.—(Special.)—W. H. Lawrence, County Fruit Inspector, and E. A. Beals, of Portland, director of this division of the United States Weather Bureau, have completed the installation in this valley of six new weather observation stations,

which will be in charge of John W. Palmer, Fordham B. Kimball, T. A. Dieker, U. A. Newman and Professor S. M. Beals. Mr. Beals says that Hood River, with this apparatus, will be as well equipped to secure comprehensive data on the temperature conditions as any other section in the United States. Two such stations, under the supervision of H. L. Hasbrouck and Sidney G. Babson, have been maintained here for several years. All of the observers are prominent fruit men.

In addition to the observation stations, the apparatus of which will be turned over to the farmers, will include perfect anemometer, temperature, amount of sunshine and amount of rainfall, 10 or 12 psychrometers and an equal number of self-recording maximum and minimum temperature thermometers, have been placed in different parts of the valley. The psychrometers

NATIVE DAUGHTER OF OREGON FOUND NEAR HOME AT WASCO.

Miss Annie L. Fulton, who died at St. Vincent's Hospital March 8 and was buried near her home at Wasco, Or., last Sunday, was an old and honored resident of Wasco and Sherman counties. She was born near The Dalles 51 years ago, on October 21, 1860.

Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James W. Fulton, had crossed the plains in early times, and had removed to their ranch about 18 miles east of The Dalles, after having resided for a time in Yamhill County. There their daughter Annie was born. She obtained her education in the public and the high schools of The Dalles. Later she removed to a large ranch owned by her father near Sherman County. Miss Fulton was a prominent member of the Eastern Star, belonging to the Grange, near Wasco, Or., of Portland. It was under this order's auspices that her funeral was conducted, in 1910 she represented her chapter at the National convention in Florida.

Her death resulted from an illness for which she had been in Portland last October for treatment. Last November she underwent an operation. While here she was cared for by her brother, C. F. Fulton, of 781 Clackamas street.

Miss Fulton is survived by two sisters and four brothers. They are Mrs. H. P. Isaacs and Mrs. Louis Scholl, the sisters, of Walla Walla; James Fulton, of Wasco County; John and David Fulton, of Sherman County, near Wasco, and C. F. Fulton, of Portland, the brothers.

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TRAGEDY BARS WEDDING

FIANCE ACCIDENTALLY KILLED BY FATHER OF GIRL.

Idaho Mountaineer Mistakes His Prospective Son-in-Law for Coyote and Shoots Him.

MOSCOW, Idaho, March 14.—(Special.)—Mistaking his daughter's fiance for a coyote, James Dahl shot his son-in-law, Richard Sundry, of Parks, through the neck, from which wound Sundry died at the Dahl home in the mountains 15 miles east of Kootenai County. After having shot through the brush a few rods distant with a large caliber rifle, Dahl approached the spot and found Sundry standing with the blood spurting from the wound made by the bullet, which pierced the left side of his upper jaw, and cut three inches below the ear on the opposite side.

Dahl became hysterical and rushed up the mountain from the gorge where the accident happened and on reaching his home, exclaimed to his wife and daughter, "I have accidentally killed Richard and now I am going to kill myself." He immediately placed his rifle over the fence, discharged it with the muzzle near his side and while the powder burned his clothes, he missed his body. His wife and daughter then wrested the rifle away and sent for help. When rescuers reached Sundry, he was still alive and able to talk.

County Attorney G. W. Spangler, who in company with Sheriff Brown, and Coroner McCarter, investigated the shooting said that their inquiry showed conclusively that Dahl and Sundry were the best of friends and neighbors. Dahl did not know that Sundry was also hunting in the canyon back of their home. Sundry made a statement before he died that he had seen Dahl a few seconds before he shot and was about to whistle to him to let him know he was there. Dahl's daughter, Mabel, happened across a good horse and to have married Sundry this Spring.

MONMOUTH ACCEPTS PLANS

New Water System Reservoir to Have Capacity of 300,000 Gallons.

MONMOUTH, March 14.—(Special.)—The Council has accepted plans of the City Engineer for a new water system. The water plant owned by C. G. Griffin was purchased, and the lots, located in the central part of town, will be used for the site of the wells for the new supply. The site for the reservoir is on Cupid's Knoll, west of the city limits, where the city acquired one acre and pipeline rights in Main street. The reservoir capacity will be 300,000 gallons.

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INSURGENTS STALKS AMONG INSURGENTS

Roosevelt's Seattle Followers Seek to Oust Torchbearer Rufus Wilson.

ORGANIZER NOT IN FAVOR

Opposition to State Leader of Many Alliances Develops in Tacoma and Spokane, and Seattle Now Proposes to Depose Him.

SEATTLE, Wash., March 14.—(Special.)—Rufus R. Wilson, manager of the Pointexter Senatorial campaign two years ago, once an advance agent for La Follette in his state, again a sponsor for the Cotterill Majority boom and more recently a torchbearer in the Roosevelt fight here, will tomorrow night to struggle all the way tomorrow night to prevent an insurrection among insurgents and the loss of his position in the ex-President's campaign committee.

Relieved of the detail of a municipal election, anti-Wilson insurgents have turned all their attention to the ex-Pointexter manager. So long as the municipal campaign occupied the attention of everybody else, Rufus Wilson had it all his own way in the Roosevelt movement, but all in good time, his enemies propose, he shall be met and dealt with.

It may be that another important business affair will suddenly demand all of Wilson's attention and compel him to forego the detail of campaign management. It has happened in the past that when sorely pressed by political enemies, cares of business have called Wilson away and prevented him from remaining to fight it out for control.

Ever since the last Senatorial campaign, a group of insurgent leaders have been after him. In fact a faction, led by O. C. Moore, former law partner of Senator Miles Pointexter, was after him during the campaign and it is an insurgent claim that Wilson was sent to Seattle from Spokane to avoid trouble. Whatever may have been the real relationship between Wilson and the men close to Pointexter, the fact remains that Wilson stayed as ostensible manager, anyway.

Then Rufus Wilson drifted into the Commercial Club as secretary and, as the Commercial Club is strongly given to insuring, he led a faction in that department. He is now in charge of a consolidation with the Chamber of Commerce last year, but shortly thereafter Rufus Wilson found a new sphere of insurgent activity. He organized the "Alaska Square Deal League," a society that was insuring against the regular Pacific Coast organization of commercial bondholders in all Alaska.

While insuring for the Commercial Club Wilson planned to insure his way into Congress as a successor to Will E. Humphrey, regular Republican. He had it figured to nicely that Woodrow Wilson would be the Democratic Presidential nominee and that the Democratic in the First Congressional District would be casting about for an insurgent Republican to nominate and elect. Wilson prepared for the opportunity.

Following the Senatorial campaign came a period when Rufus R. Wilson busied himself in an attempt to nominate and elect a non-partisan judiciary. The nominee was elected, but the scheme succeeded, but by election time the people had grown tired of insuring and the customary Republican candidates were returned for the regular Republican candidates.

Wilson Quietly Withdraws.—Before he got the job of Majority manager he had a rival insurgent movement sprang up and he was ousted out of it. Wilson could have nothing to do with the Cotterill campaign. Before this opposition broke real noise Rufus Wilson felt that an important place would be occupied all his time and he would have to abandon both the Square Deal League and municipal politics. He did, Wilson came out only to make a statement he had discovered that Woodrow Wilson was losing ground. La Follette was hopelessly out of the fight and that the only way to make the country was to induce T. Roosevelt to get into the fight for President. Not being bothered by any other political responsibility, he decided to organize the state for Roosevelt and he did a pretty good job of it so far as planting an organization is concerned.

Since everybody else about Seattle was busy with other political affairs, Wilson got all his plans under way and his organization, which was made up of insurgent leaders, could route O. C. Moore, of Spokane, protesting and wrote letters to Seattle asking insurgent leaders here to be Wilson's friends. They were too busy to pay any attention to Moore at the time and Wilson was not interfered with. He, however, started motion on Pointexter that unless the fight against him stopped he would begin telling campaign secrets, and Pointexter promptly sent word from Washington asking his friends to let Wilson alone.

Wilson Also Organizer.—Moore refused to take the hint and went back to Spokane and organized his own Roosevelt club. In Tacoma many insurgents, but in Seattle and in other spheres of Wilson influence the former Pointexter campaign manager went blithely on his way.

Ex-Governor Henry McBride is chairman of the executive committee, but McBride is very busy with his other and being in Dan Laidon's office and yesterday he announced that he was going back to look after them for a few days.

Threats against Rufus Wilson came thick and fast after a call was issued for a mass meeting tomorrow night to organize a King County Roosevelt club. State Senator Dan Laidon, who with Jesse E. King, ex-United States District Attorney, had the first trip to Ormsby McHarg that the Roosevelt movement was to be launched, announced that his North End crowd would stand for Wilson and control W. T. Beeks, who has been with the Cotterill campaign as secretary, gave it out that he would lead a delegation against Wilson.

Enemies Hope He Will Quit.—Just as arrangements for a lively fight seemed to be in progress, the rumor began circulating itself upon politicians that Rufus Wilson had another big business deal pending. This has encouraged his enemies to believe

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that possibly he will not resist an attempt to wrest control of the county organization, but that is not at all certain, for Wilson has let it be known that he expects his Roosevelt activity to win him a nomination for Congressman-at-large.

The Roosevelt program is rather an ambitious one, for it has already slated Mayor Dilling and George H. Walker, who wants to succeed Senator W. L. Jones, as delegates to the National convention. As a matter of fact, neither man is a political power nor a wizard at getting control of organizations, so the opposition to Wilson probably will strengthen itself by picking up some new candidates for delegates.

The Republican county committee has given the Roosevelt and Taft organizations two weeks' time to figure out a method of picking the expenses of party caucuses and primaries. The committee already has a deficit of \$500 and has been sued for the amount. It is not likely to involve itself for any further indebtedness.

Friends of the Taft Administration did not organize until Saturday night, but it is unlikely that they lost anything by delay, as the Taft organization has not been accompanied by any friction. Moreover, insofar as King County is concerned, the Roosevelt organization is yet to come. The Taft Club, starting with more than 200 at its initial meeting, will perfect its organization by precincts throughout the county.

PRACTICE CHANGE SEEN

Stevens Commander Holds Conference With Fishermen's Union.

ASTORIA, Or., March 14.—(Special.)—A conference was held yesterday by Secretary Lorntsen, of the Columbia River Fishermen's Protective Union, with Colonel Stevens, commanding officer at Fort Stevens, regarding the holding of target and submarine mine drills on the north side of the Columbia river during the month of April, before the fishing season opens, while the mine practice on the south side of the river will take place in May. In this practice, however, the mines are located in the right, just below Fort Stevens, where they will not interfere with the fishing.

The shooting with the big guns at targets, inside the river, will be held between August 25 and September 5, during the "fall" or "close" fishing season and shortly after that latter date, the target practice at sea will take place. The custom has been for the drills to be held during the fishing season and shortly after that latter date, the target practice at sea will take place. The custom has been for the drills to be held during the fishing season and shortly after that latter date, the target practice at sea will take place.

Final Opinion May Be Withheld Several Days—Testimony of County Clerk Fields Is Placed Under Fire.

SALEM, Or., March 14.—(Special.)—The University of Oregon referendum cases are now before the Supreme Court of the state for final adjudication. Arguments of counsel were heard by the court yesterday, and the case is expected to be practically the entire afternoon.

Ex-Justice Slater was the only one to present an argument for the referendum positions. He was assisted by General Crawford and W. S. U'ren appeared for Secretary OLCOTT, the appellant.

Final opinion from the court may be delayed a few days longer than was at first thought from the fact that Colonel Wood asked for permission to bring out what he felt to be a rejoinder to the reply brief of the respondents.

This was allowed by Chief Justice Eakin, counsel for the respondent insisting, however, that he file it within five days, and this was conceded by Colonel Wood.

In his argument Justice Slater brought out what was apparently a new point here in relation to the testimony of the experts of County Clerk Fields, who went over the names on the referendum positions. He said that after it was admitted that the names provided by Harry Goldman were fraudulent that the Fields experts guaranteed the genuineness of an entire sheet of names which had been admitted by the defense to be void because of fraud.

He gave this as a statement to discredit the results of the examination made by the Fields experts.

It is probable that an opinion on the cases will be forthcoming early in April.

FLORENCE TO GET LIGHT

Voters Grant Franchise for Electrical Plant of 100 Units.

FLORENCE, Or., March 14.—(Special.)—At a special election here the vote was 48 to 8 in favor of granting to G. G. Bushman, of Sheridan, a franchise to maintain an electric lighting and power plant at this place. The franchise is for 25 years, and is not exclusive. Construction work will be begun soon and the plant will be ready to furnish light by September. The plant will have a maximum lighting power of 100 kilowatt units. The town of Florence reserved a right to purchase the plant at any time after the date of the franchise.

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MADE IN ALBANY CRY NOW

Valley City Plans Manufacturers' Exposition at Early Date.

ALBANY, Or., March 14.—(Special.)—To encourage the purchase of "Made in Albany" goods, a manufacturers' exposition will be held here soon, when each manufacturer will have an individual display of his products on exhibition in the auditorium of the armory. The exhibits will not be confined to Albany alone, but manufacturers from all over Linn County will be asked to contribute displays.

The Albany Commercial Club, where the idea first originated, has appointed the following committee to make arrangements for the exposition: R. A. B. Veal and Fred Veal, chair manufacturers; A. B. Malfait and S. V. Sandstrom, of the Albany Furniture Company, and E. A. Thompson, proprietor of the Albany Shingle Mill.

Grants Pass Poultry Show Opens. GRANTS PASS, Or., March 14.—(Special.)—A poultry show was opened yesterday. About 50 exhibits are in place, showing almost every species of

Advertisement for Columbia Acres, a ten-acre tract. The ad features the slogan 'will make you independent' and lists three options: 10 Acre Tract for \$400, 10 Acre Tract for \$500, and 10 Acre Tract for \$600. It is promoted by F. B. HOLBROOK CO. Lumber Exchange Building, Second and Stark.

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