# FILIPINO BILL HELD MATTER OF HONOR

## Secretary Garrison Explains Administration's Views to Senate Committee.

## NEXT STEP NOT PREDICTED

**Stress Laid on Fact That Enactment of Any Bill Could Be Forbidden by President and Trade Would Be Controlled.**

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—Why the Administration is insisting upon the passage of the pending bill to enlarge the measure of self-government of the Philippine Islands was explained to the Senate Philippine committee today by Secretary Garrison.

In a long prepared statement he declared the measure had been improperly termed "the Philippine independence bill," and that it was merely a step with proper safeguards, towards self-government and exactly in line with promises held out to the Filipinos for years by the United States.

The preamble, which would declare the intention of the United States ultimately to grant complete independence to the Islands, Secretary Garrison said, was but a repetition of pledges already made over and over again.

"What the next step should be, when it should be taken, what conditions would properly surround the grant of absolute independence and other like speculations, it seems to me are idle and their consideration at this time would only be confusing," he asserted.

**Taft Is Quoted.**

In view of "the recent exaggerated accounts of petty disturbances in the Islands," the Secretary said it was particularly interesting to note that ex-President Taft, when Governor-General of the islands, had said that as a result of the attitude of the American press and of the American merchant in his hostility to the Filipino, "every small Ladrone fight, every discomfort the constabulary suffered, was exaggerated and made the basis for inference that conditions in the islands were retrograding rather than improving."

"What the United States should do concerning the Philippines," said Mr. Garrison in opening his statement, "can only be determined properly by keeping two things constantly in mind: One, the duty of the United States to itself; and, the other, its duty in view of the pledges and assurances it has made to the Filipino people.

"We deliberately resolved to assume an enormous responsibility with a self-abnegation unparalleled so far as I know save in the somewhat similar case of Cuba. It was finely conceived and it behooves the Nation to see that it is finely carried out. Ignorance and prejudice increase the difficulty and attempts to reap partisan advantages add to it."

**Safeguard Is Explained.**

He directed attention to the fact that to the President of the United States was reserved the power to forbid the enactment of any bill even though it be passed by the Legislature over the veto of the Governor-General and that trade relations between the United States and the islands still would be subject to the final decision of Congress.

"It is difficult to see what proper objection can be made to the provisions of the bill itself," said the Secretary in conclusion. "If we considered it, as I have insisted before that we should, in view of our duty to ourselves and to the Nation and in view of our obligations to the Filipino people, as made on our behalf by those speaking for us, we find that it fully measures up to our obligations in each respect. Good faith to those to whom we have pledged ourselves requires us to stay as long as we must; and good will to the islanders, in accordance with our pledges and assurances, requires us to stay no longer than is necessary to test and reach conclusions as to their capacity in managing their own affairs."

Responding to questions, Mr. Garrison said, from a military standpoint, the islands were a liability, not an asset to the United States.

Senator Hitchcock asked Mr. Garrison if he thought the provision of the bill prohibiting polygamy was a wise one. Speaking as a private citizen, Mr. Garrison replied he did not believe in attempting to force such matters upon the non-Christians. Nowhere in Christ's sayings, he asserted, was there any word against plural marriages or about marriage relation, although the Israelites had practiced polygamy during Christ's lifetime and for centuries before.

## ALL HOPGROWERS ATTEND

**Washington County Takes $5000 in Associations' Stock.**

HILLSBORO, Or., Jan. 11.—(Special.)—The Hopgrowers' Association held one of the best meetings of the season here today, with every grower in the district present.

C. Rehse was chairman of the meeting and E. L. Mapes secretary. The speakers were: M. L. Jones, of Brooks; G. L. Cartwright, of Harrisburg; J. L. Clark, of Springfield; Walter Miller, of McMinnville; W. R. Kirkwood, of Amity, and E. V. D. Paul, of Sheridan.

The plan of the association to better the hop industry was thoroughly explained, after which the growers, representing about 1000 acres, signed up as members of the association. Nearly $5000 in stock was subscribed. Among the leading growers of the county who joined the movement were: William Bagley, with 130 acres; J. L. Bartlett, 150 acres; Joseph Cawrse, 25 acres; William Sinclair, 75 acres; I. J. Hoar, 25 acres; R. L. McKnight, 28 acres; C. Rehse, 25 acres, and George J. Ziegler, 60 acres.

## LOSS IN EXPLOSION $10,000

**Oil Lamp Bursts, Deep River Hotel Burns and Mail Destroyed.**

ASTORIA, Or., Jan. 11.—(Special.)—A fire resulting from the explosion of an oil lamp destroyed the Deep River Hotel, general store and postoffice at Deep River, Wash., last night, causing a loss of approximately $10,000, on which there was insurance amounting to $3300.

The property was owned by N. E. Harju and the store and hotel were conducted by him. Postmaster Basil K. Kaimber rented one of the storerooms. The latter succeeded in saving the stamps and mail on hand, but a number of mail sacks were burned.

## RESEARCH WORK REVIEWED

**President of Idaho University Tells of Advancement Made.**

UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO, Moscow, Jan. 11.—(Special.)—In making a survey of the work of the last two years, President Brannon calls attention to the results of research work in the department of forestry, which has resulted in discoveries in regard to the by-products contained in the stumps on logged-off lands, processing inferior woods and the experiments to determine the varities of trees best suited to the climatic conditions of this state. In mining engineering research he calls particular attention to the flotation process discovered by G. H. Wyman, which has saved $100,000 a year to the mining interests of this state alone.

Experiments are being carried on at this time in the problems of ripening fruits, with relation to storage.

Experiments in relation to the magnetism of metals are being carried on by the departments of mathematics and physics.

There are 75 instructors in the university and 14 members of the staff of the agricultural extension department.

# AUTHORITY NOT WANTED

**RAILROAD COMMISSION WOULD BE FREE OF INTERSTATE BRIDGE.**

**Board Suggests That Control of Span be Left to Multnomah Commissioners and Governor—No Suits Lost.**

SALEM, Or., Jan. 11.—(Special.)—The State Railroad Commission, in its annual report, recommends, inasmuch as there is a conflict between laws passed at the 1913 session relative to the control of the new interstate bridge between Portland and Vancouver, that an act be passed relieving that department of all authority concerning the bridge and vesting the power of control, so far as the state is concerned, in the board heretofore named to take charge of the building of the bridge. This board consists of the County Commissioners of Multnomah County with the Governor as ex-officio member.

The report further recommends that the Legislature provide for the payment of about $1200 in costs resulting from judgments against the Attorney-General, District Attorneys and members of the Railroad Commission because of the defeat of these officers in efforts to enforce the so-called Medford rate bill, which was passed by the people and declared unconstitutional by the courts.

The commission also urges legislation providing that corporations now required to make accident reports to the Labor Commissioner, the State Industrial Accident Commission and the Railroad Commission should be allowed to make a report to any one of these offices, to avoid duplication, and that the reports required of the Tax and Railroad Commissions be standardized so that one report will suffice for both.

The report sets forth that the Commission handled 141 formal complaints during the year and 376 informal cases. It is further pointed out that while the Railroad Commission has several times in the last year been the target of suits to set aside its orders, it is yet unbeaten in the courts. In eight years it has been sued 16 times and no decree has been rendered against it.

# WARRANT FOR AUDITOR

**RETIRING COWLITZ OFFICIAL IS ACCUSED OF SHORTAGE.**

**George H. Campbell Disappears and Prosecutor Files Charges of Embezzlement of $700 to $800.**

KALAMA, Wash., Jan. 11.—(Special.)—County officials, in an inspection of the books of George H. Campbell, alleged to be short in his accounts as County Auditor, say that the deficit will reach $1200. They allege that no fees turned into the Auditor's office have been paid to the Treasurer or reported in three months. Campbell has not been seen here for five days.

KELSO, Wash., Jan. 11.—(Special.)—Warrants were issued today for the arrest of George H. Campbell, retiring County Auditor, charging embezzlement of $700 to $800 of Cowlitz County funds. Campbell has disappeared.

B. O. Olson, newly-elected County Auditor, who was to take charge of the office today, refused to assume his duties until the books are audited and the accounts balanced. Campbell was Auditor four years and was County Treasurer the four years previous.

Discovery of the alleged shortage was made today by County Treasurer H. C. Dunham when he received the books and accounts of the Auditor's office. Complaint was lodged with Prosecuting Attorney Homer Kirby, who filed the charges.

Campbell was last seen Saturday. He did not appear at the office today. His family is in Kalama.

The new county officials of Cowlitz County took their places in the Courthouse at noon today. School Superintendent Lucia Jenkins, Prosecuting Attorney Homer Kirby, Assessor Harry Lee Lewis, Clerk Lawrence Perry and Engineer Robert Westwick were reelected for the next two years and will continue in office. Clark Studebaker succeeds Edward Close as Sheriff, but the latter will remain as deputy sheriff.

The Treasurer's office was transferred from H. C. Dunham to George W. Phillips. The latter will have George E. Cochrane for his deputy. F. M. Lane and Peter Laughlin succeed C. C. Rullfson and George Smith on the Board of Commissioners of which C. F. Jabusch will be chairman.

## CLERICAL PLAN OPPOSED

**Putting of Legislature's Force Under Contract to Be Fought.**

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Jan. 11.—(Special.)—That the resolution of Senator Dimick, of Clackamas County, to have the stenographic and clerical work of the members furnished by contract will be fought bitterly, was the belief here tonight. Senators and Representatives who oppose the plan say it is an attempt to create another committee, and that it will be to the interests of the members to defeat it.

According to report, Charles E. Runyon, official court stenographer of the district comprising Clackamas, Washington and Columbia counties, has agreed to supply the necessary help for much less than the cost of stenographers and clerks at the last session.

## DRY COUNTRY ADVOCATED

**New Governor of Kansas Also Champion of Woman Suffrage.**

TOPEKA, Kan., Jan. 11.—Arthur Capper, of Topeka, the first native Kansan to be chosen Chief Executive of the state and the first to be chosen by the suffrage of both men and women of the state, was inaugurated today as the 20th Governor of Kansas.

In his address, Governor Capper urged a vigorous championship of National prohibition and women suffrage.

There are 1400 telephone calls daily between New York and Philadelphia.

# LEGISLATURE OPENS WORK AT OLYMPIA

## Majority's Programme Carried Out in Spite of Efforts of Progressive Forces.

## CONNER BECOMES SPEAKER

**Hutchinson, in Senate, Demands Explanation of Drop in Assignment on Committee—Expense Bills Pass Both Houses.**

OLYMPIA, Wash., Jan. 11.—(Special.)—The Fourteenth Washington Legislature started its 60-day session at noon today with smoothly operating Republican organizations in full charge of both branches.

W. W. Conner, of Skagit County, was elected Speaker and C. R. Maybury, Seattle, re-elected chief clerk of the House, while the Senate elected E. L. French, of Clarke County, President pro tem., and Frank M. Dallam, Jr., secretary.

Democrats had candidates for both Speaker and President of the Senate to whom they gave their complimentary votes as did the Progressives for Speaker in the House, but in both houses it remained for the Bull Moose to raise the first issues of the session.

**Proposal Drowned in "Noes."**

In the House this took the form of a demand of the seven Progressives for a committee on committees which would have removed the appointive power of Speaker Conner. The House membership downed the proposal with a chorus of "noes" on a viva voce vote, Democrats joining with Republicans in opposition.

The proposal for a committee on committees was conceived first by the joint Legislative committee which, under the leadership of C. B. Kegley, master of the State Grange, operated prominently at previous sessions.

"The voice is the voice of Lane, but the hand is the hand of Kegley," declared Representative Halsey, Republican leader in opposing the proposal and immediately afterward the House membership voted down the plan enthusiastically.

In the Senate the single incident that marred placidity of proceedings was the protest of "Fighting Dick" Hutchinson, of Spokane, against his committee assignments.

**Hutchinson Wants Explanation.**

Hutchinson, elected two years ago as a Progressive, after having previously served in the Legislature, both as Democrat and Republican, was at that time given a place on the appropriations committee. This year he announced his return to the Republican party, but when Lieutenant-Governor Hart today read his committee assignments it was seen that Hutchinson had been dropped from the appropriations committee.

"As one of the heaviest taxpayers of this state and a member of long service in this body," Hutchinson demanded, "I desire to know why I have been dropped from my old place on the appropriations committee."

"The presiding officer does not wish to put himself above the Senate," Lieutenant-Governor Hart responded, "but he has no apologies to make for this or any other assignment. If a majority of the Senate wishes this changed, you can have the place."

The incident is not yet closed, but it is unlikely that Hutchinson can get the place when the question of confirming the assignments comes up tomorrow.

**Conner Gets 75 Votes.**

In the House, Conner, Republican, was elected Speaker with 75 votes, as against 12 for E. L. Farnsworth, Lincoln County Democrat, and six for Dr. Clark Black, Garfield County Progressive. The three candidates refrained from voting and Representative Francis Rotch, King County, was absent, being reported seriously ill at his Seattle home. The House is composed of 77 Republicans, 13 Democrats and seven Progressives.

In the Senate the seven members elected as Progressives all joined with the Republicans in electing Senator French President pro tem, Democrats voting for Senator Arthur McGuire, of Douglas County.

Speaker Conner did not announce his committees today and it is reported that practically a complete revision of committees is being made, forced by Representative Sims, of Jefferson County. The revised committees, it is understood give better treatment to Democrats, Progressives and Republicans, who failed to sign pledges of their votes for Conner for Speaker, and who were left in the cold under the first arrangement.

**Expense Bills Are Passed.**

Although the Senate rules committee consists entirely of Republicans, the revised House rules committee will give one place to Thomas Murphine, Progressive, and to Phil Adams, Democrat.

Adams, who was loooked at askance by other Democratic members at the last session, has been received into the bosom of the party at this session, and was designated to nominate the Democratic nominee for Speaker today.

The Legislature, under suspension of the rules, rushed through two Senate bills, one providing $90,000 for legislative expenses and the other $15,000 for legislative printing, the same amounts appropriated two years ago. Governor Lister announced today he would sign both measures tomorrow.

## SENATE COMMITTEES NAMED

**Only Republicans Will Decode on Rules at Olympia.**

OLYMPIA, Wash., Jan. 11.—(Special.)—Lieutenant-Governor Louis F. Hart today, upon the convening of the Legislature, announced the list of 50 standing committees of the Senate. Three new committees were created on the subjects of industrial insurance, public utilities and rural credits and agricultural co-operation.

The all-important rules committee, of which the Lieutenant-Governor is ex-officio chairman, consists entirely of Republicans. Its members are Senators Carlyon, Hall, Sharpstein, French, Sutton, Taylor and Jones.

Chairmanship of the appropriations committee, especially important at this session on account of the economy programme outlined, goes to Senator Scott, of Adams County. Senator Flummerfelt is Democratic Representative on this committee and Senator Landon the Progressive member. The other members, Senators Carlyon, Sutton, White, Hall and Wray, are Republicans.

**Nichols Heads Road Fund Body.**

Senator Nichols, of King County, is named again as chairman of the roads and bridges body, which will superintend the distribution of state road funds amounting to approximately $2,000,000. Other members of this committee are Senators French, Brown, Leonard, Hall, McGuire, Metcalf, Kleeb, McCoy, Phipps, Flummerfelt and Stevenson.

Senator Sharpstein, of Walla Walla, gains the chairmanship of the judiciary committee, on which the 16 members of the Senate who are lawyers all have been named.

Senator French, of Clarke County, aside from the honorary position of President pro tempore of the Senate, has probably the best committee assignments of any member of the House, including membership in the three most important committees, rules, appropriations and roads and bridges, also having the chairmanships of committees on horticulture and forestry and memorials. He is a member of the dairy and livestock and education committees.

Agriculture, Weatherford; appropriations, Scott; banks and banking, White; cities of the first class, Groff; claims and auditing, Wende; commerce and manufactures, Kleeb; Congressional apportionment, Fairchild; constitution and constitutional revision, Imus; corporations other than municipal, Taylor; counties and county boundaries, Stevenson; dairy and livestock, Smith; dikes, drains and ditches, Brown; education, Flummerfelt; educational institutions, Sutton; elections and privileges, Boner; engrossed bills, Burton; enrolled bills, Weatherford; fisheries, Steiner; game, Palmer; game fish, Bethel; harbor and harbor lines, Landon; horticulture and forestry, French; industrial insurance, Chase; insurance, Wray; irrigation and arid lands, Wende; judiciary, Sharpstein; labor and labor statistics, Campbell; legislative apportionment, Palmer; logged-off lands, Iverson; medicine, dentistry, surgery and hygiene, Ghent; memorials, French; military, L. Davis; mines and mining, Leonard; municipal corporations, McCoy; printing, McGuire; public buildings and grounds, Carlyon; public morals, W. S. Davis; public revenue and taxation, Cleary; public utilities, Jones; pure food and drugs, Ghent; railroads and transportation, Carlyon; roads and bridges, Nichols; rules and joint rules, Mr. President; rural credits and agricultural co-operation, Metcalf; salaries and mileage, McMillan; Senate employes, Hall; state charitable institutions, Hutchinson; state school, granted and tide lands, Wells; State Library, Phipps, and state penal and reformatory institutions, Leonard.

## PEACEMAKER IS KILLED

**John Connell Shot in Effort to Stop Fight of Employes.**

IONE, Or., Jan. 11.—(Special.)—In an effort to become a peacemaker between Patrick Quinn and John Breen, John Connell was killed Sunday at Mike Marshall's ranch near Castle Rock. The Coroner's jury today found that Patrick Quinn had fired the shot.

Breen and Quinn were quarreling at the ranch when Connell, the employer, tried to take a 32-caliber Winchester rifle from Quinn. The weapon was discharged.

Quinn is held on a charge of second-degree murder. He is 32 and Connell was 36.

## SESSION OPENS QUIETLY

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would vote for Mr. Selling if all other members of the delegation decided upon him. All the other members voted for Mr. Selling.

One thing not wholly conducive to general good feeling was the reference in several addresses today in the House on the presumptive shortcomings of previous Legislatures. In the House there are 23 members who have sat in other sessions, while in the Senate only about seven members have had no legislative experience. The experienced members do not retain the reflection upon their past activities.

This is presumed to be an economy Legislature, but perhaps too much weight is given by some of the newer and more enthusiastic legislators to the criticisms of other sessions. The fault of other Legislatures has not as a rule been willful extravagance, but inauguration of new governmental functions desired by the people without due care to duplication. The public has received at the hands of the Legislature pretty much what the public itself demanded. The intent of those committed today to practical economy is to co-relate departments, correct errors that could not have been foreseen, and shorten an insidious growth in cost of government for which nobody in particular is to blame.

**Job Hunters Are Legion.**

Aside from organization this has been job-hunters' day. The expression is used not derisively, but with a deep sense of the unfortunate plight in which many capable stenographers, clerks and brain workers find themselves at this particular time. Old members say that never before have applications for positions been so numerous. Two years ago, after the close of the first day, there was not an unemployed competent stenographer to be had in Salem. I venture to say there are 50 tonight. The throng of eager seekers for a chance to earn bread and butter for a brief period is one of the strongest commentaries upon Democratic times that could be witnessed short of the woodyard, where Portland provides the unemployed with a chance to eke out an existence.

Nor is the quest for positions confined to the members of the Legislature. Governor-elect Withycombe is receiving applications from every quarter of the state.

**West's Message Wins Glance.**

One man, without promise or definite prospect, has rented a house in Salem, brought his family to the city and announces his determination to have a job and stay here until he gets it. And he is not particular about the kind of a job either. A place in the penitentiary or a post in any department from the head down would be acceptable.

This afternoon the message of the retiring Governor, printed in pamphlet form, floated down upon the desks of all members. But it did not disturb the even tenor of their way. Observation failed to disclose anybody deeply engrossed in it during working hours.

I saw just one Senator perusing it, and I looked around with that in mind. Doubtless the members are studying the somewhat lengthy document tonight in the quietude of their rooms, where train of thought and passionate interest may not be disturbed.

**Withycombe to Read Message.**

But seeming indifference is not necessarily a reflection upon the quality of advice Governor West has to offer or the spirit with which the legislators would hear it if circumstances were different. There is sound wisdom in the practice inaugurated by President Wilson of reading a legislative message in person. In no other way can the opinions of the executive be brought so well to the attention of lawmakers. And in this connection brevity is an accomplishment that few executives possess and a blessing with which legislators are rarely favored by outgoing or incoming Governors. The possible contrast between the interest excited by Governor West's parting advice and the inaugural address of Governor Withycombe, which is to be delivered in person, will be interesting to watch.

**Japanese General Dies.**

TOKIO, Jan. 11.—Lieutenant-General Arisaka, a famous Japanese soldier and inventor of the new type of quick-firing mountain gun which bears his name, is dead. He was created a Baron and awarded the second class of the Golden Kite for his meritorious services in connection with the Russo-Japanese War. He was born in 1852.

**CARD OF THANKS.**

We sincerely wish to thank and express our heartfelt appreciation to our friends and neighbors for the words of consolation and kindness in our recent bereavement of a beloved husband and father; also for the beautiful floral tributes. MRS. ANNA ROTERMUND AND FAMILY.
—Adv.

Ladies' home work. See Messrs. Feldenheimers', silversmiths, windows, Washington street.—Adv.



# IDAHO HOUSE PROBES

## Committee Named to Inspect State Officers' Books.

## THREE BODIES NOW WORK

**Boise Grand Jury Still Busy on Alleged Shortages—A. L. Freehafer Picked for Public Utilities Commission by Governor.**

BOISE, Idaho, Jan. 11.—(Special.)—The House of Representatives of the Thirteenth Idaho Legislature decided today to join the special grand jury and the corps of expert accountants and conduct an investigation into the charges against state officials. Three independent bodies are now probing into the affairs of state offices.

Immediately after convening this morning Representative Johnston, of Bingham County, the Republican floor leader, offered a resolution in the House calling on Speaker Conner to appoint a committee of seven to conduct an investigation into the several state departments, examine their books, issue subpenas, conduct public hearings and report findings as to the guilt or innocence of state officers or subordinates. The resolution was adopted by a vote of 34 to 27.

Speaker Conner appointed the following investigating committee: Representatives Randall, of Latah, chairman; Randall, of Nez Perce; Gilchrist, of Jefferson; Shattuck, of Bonneville; Koelsch, of Ada, Republicans; Faris, of Twin Falls, and Cannon, of Elmore, Democrats.

Minority Leader Anderson attempted to force the adoption of a substitute resolution providing for the delay of the investigation until after the grand jury has completed its probe and the experts have finished their report on the treasury department. He contended that an investigation by the Legislature while the grand jury is in session would "permit the opportunity for pernicious activities of designing partisans to strive for mere political advantage without regard to the interests of the people of Idaho." Speaker Conner ruled the resolution out of order as impugning the motives of the Legislature.

Governor Alexander announced the appointment of A. L. Freehafer, of Council, as Public Utilities Commissioner for a term of six years, to succeed John A. Blomquist, whose term expires today; Leroy C. Jones, of Gooding, State Game Warden, to succeed F. C. Gowan, and William Thorpe, of Caldwell, as chief deputy. Freehafer is an ex-State Senator and an attorney. Jones was twice Sheriff of Shoshone County.

# GAVELS ARE HISTORIC

**PRESIDING OFFICER OF EACH HOUSE WILL RECEIVE EMBLEM.**

**Oregon Grape, Cherry, Champoeg Tree, Gualacum and a Piece From Tie of Old Panama Line Used.**

SALEM, Or., Jan. 11.—(Special.)—When the Senate and House reconvene tomorrow the presiding officer of each body will be presented with a handsome gavel of historical interest—the gifts of the Oregon Historical Society.

In transmitting these gavels to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House, George H. Himes, assistant secretary of the Oregon Historical Society, has furnished the following interesting description:

Each gavel is made up of four separate pieces of wood besides the handle. The first piece is Oregon grape wood. This represents the state flower, and was selected for the beauty of its foliage rather than for its bloom. This was adopted as the state flower by the State Historical Society at its annual meeting at Hood River July 18, 1892, and a resolution confirming the choice was adopted by the Oregon Legislature in 1899. The second piece is cherry wood from one of the 800 grafted fruit trees which Henderson Llewellyn, assisted by his son Alfred, brought across the plains from Salem, Henry County, Iowa, in 1847. That was the beginning of the fruit industry on the Pacific Coast.

The third piece is Gualacum wood. This was taken from a tie of the Panama Railroad between Colon and Panama built in 1854 by Howland & Aspinwall, New York bankers, at a cost of $7,500,000. This tie was sent to the Oregon Historical Society by Colonel Goethals, builder of the canal. The handle is of this same piece.

The fourth piece is from a tree which grew near the site of Champoeg before the historic convention at that point decided that the Oregon country should become a part of the Union.

The Senate gavel was informally presented today, but will be formally presented and accepted tomorrow, while the House gavel has not made an appearance. It is presumed that both gavels will be used throughout the present session.

**New York Has Another Subway Fire**

NEW YORK, Jan. 11.—The Lenox-avenue line of the Subway was out of commission for an hour and 40 minutes early today because of another fire, due, it is believed, to defective insulation—the cause of the fire and panic in the tube last Wednesday, when one person met death and more than 200 were injured. Today's blaze was at One Hundred and Sixty-third street, where the tracks, no longer in a tube, are high above the street. A car standing dead on the third track of the trestle was burned. It was a wooden car, similar to about 500 others that the Public Service Commission ordered replaced with steel cars after its investigation of last week's accident.

## SIX OF LIQUOR "RING" PAY

**Of 19 Held for Bootlegging, All Tried Are Found Guilty.**

EUGENE, Or., Jan. 11.—(Special.)—With the conviction of George Watson and William Grace in the Justice of the Peace Court, and Frank Morton and William Williams in the Police Court, a total of six convictions have resulted so far from the 19 arrests for "bootlegging" last week. Frank Warner and Frank Conner pleaded guilty and were fined $500 and $200, respectively. Williams was sentenced to 60 days in jail and Morton was fined $150 and costs. The trials of the others will be continued in both courts tomorrow.

All tried so far have been found guilty and in each case C. M. Kissinger, a Eugene attorney, who was one of those arrested last week on bootlegging charges, has acted as attorney for the defendant. He was released upon bail after his arrest.

## SUGAR FACTORY PLAN OUT

**Medford and Ashland Business Men Now to Seek Tracts.**

ASHLAND, Or., Jan. 11.—(Special.)—The whirlwind campaign in behalf of a beet sugar factory in this valley reached this city Saturday. Several Medford business men met with Ashland promoters, the meeting being held in the City Hall, at which a large number of representative farmers attended. The project was discussed in all its phases and the desirability of its establishment dwelt upon.

A soil expert employed by the Utah syndicate was present to afford information regarding cultivation of the crop and pass upon the acreage in this locality. More than 300 acres are in prospect here, and a committee of six at once will institute a canvass for further tracts.

# THREE COUNTIES UNITE

**PACIFIC, COWLITZ AND WAHKIAKUM WANT NEW ROAD.**

**Delegates in Large Numbers Attend Meeting at Cathlamet and Name Committee to Seek State Aid.**

CATHLAMET, Wash., Jan. 11.—(Special.)—The counties of Pacific, Cowlitz and Wahkiakum may unite in an effort to secure an appropriation from the Legislature to build a highway from the Cowlitz River to Ilwaco. The biggest good road meeting ever held in this section met yesterday.

A large delegation from Kelso and Ilwaco was obliged to charter a steamer, emphasizing the pressing need of roads. The meeting was presided over by Dr. J. C. Clarke, president of the Cathlamet Commercial Club.

C. E. Putman, president of Kelso Commercial Club, urged united action and the appointment of a permanent committee to boost the road.

Captain A. T. Stream, ex-member of the Legislature from Pacific County, told how he put the highway on the map by making the road bill a committee bill. Ex-Senator McGowan and P. L. Sinclair, of Pacific, were enthusiastic over the prospects. Mr. McGowan, who has just returned from a conference with legislative leaders, believes that an appropriation can be secured.

Charles I. Signe, State Highway Engineer whom the Highway Commission sent here to locate a route, has reported this highway the best investment the state can make. He estimates the road will cost $425,000.

J. W. Matchette, County Commissioner Bush, J. D. Young, J. G. Gear and John L. Harris were the Cowlitz County speakers and heartily approved of the plan of co-operation.

The following committee was named: C. E. Putman, of Kelso; P. L. Sinclair, of Ilwaco, and M. Gorman, of Cathlamet.

**Women Rule at Church Services.**

THE DALLES, Or., Jan. 11.—(Special.)—Women were in complete charge of the services at the local Christian Church last night. Instead of a sermon, the time was divided between five women, who spoke on different phases of the missionary work of the Christian Church throughout the world. The speakers were Mrs. Margaret Walker, Mrs. R. H. Weber, Mrs. Hendrix, Mrs. H. M. Ford and Mrs. W. A. Coryea.