

ROAD IS ASSURED AT MITCHELL POINT

All Members of Commission Express Opposition to Senator Day's Proposal.

PLEDGE REGARDED BINDING

Hood River Representatives Call on Commissioners and Commercial Club Secretary Sends Telegram to Governor.

SALEM, Or., March 19.—(Special.)—Although formal action was not taken, all members of the State Highway Commission announced today that they opposed Senator Day's suggestion to expend \$50,000 of the state highway fund on Mitchell Point, Hood River County, the commission having pledged itself to make the expenditure last July. In accordance with its decision the board will meet Monday and award the contract for the work, the lowest bid being a little more than \$40,000. Treasurer Kay and Secretary of State O'Leary, who signed the original resolution providing that the money be spent at Mitchell Point, declared they never even considered voting to rescind it, for they regarded it as a pledge upon which the people of the county voted to issue bonds. They also declared that it was necessary for travel that the Mitchell Point section be completed as soon as possible. "After making an investigation I find that the board has not itself to improve the Mitchell Point section," said Governor Withycombe. "That pledge is the same as a contract. It is perfectly evident that the members of Hood River County want that section completed. However, there is merit in the contention that too much attention has been given to expanding the road and not enough to roads connecting the farmers with the markets." A telegram Withycombe today received from R. E. Scott, secretary of the Hood River Commercial Club, urging that the improvement at Mitchell Point be made, and Leslie Butler, president of the Butte Banking Company, of Hood River; W. L. Clark, of Stranahan & Clark, formerly president of the Hood River Commercial Club; E. E. Coover, and J. W. Lewis, secretary of the board, when informed that such action had not been contemplated they expressed themselves as being greatly gratified. Mr. Clark said the grade of the present road at Mitchell Point was about 28 per cent, and not 17, as represented by Senator Day. He further declared that it was impossible for automobiles to traverse the road, and that he had known of only one crossing the crest of the ridge. The telegram from Mr. Scott to Governor Withycombe is as follows: "Hood River County certainly will object if \$50,000 is not spent on Mitchell Point as per agreement made when we voted \$75,000 last summer for Columbia Highway. The commission will have to do the explaining if this \$50,000 should be diverted to some other point than Mitchell. We made our fight and won this very thing in spite of the doubters. Contractors failing to get the job should go and look for other jobs and not try and spoil this one."

decided whether he will accept the offer, but will do so in a few days. "I have written for further details," said Mr. Meredith. "I want to know what I would have to work with in case I accepted the position, and what the plans of the board are as to the scope of the fair." Mr. Meredith declined to say what salary had been offered him, but it is certain he would not leave Oregon unless he received a larger salary than the one paid him here, \$2000 a year. W. A. Jones, Representative in the Legislature, has been an applicant for the secretaryship of the Oregon State Fair, and at the last meeting there was a deadlock between him and Mr. Meredith. Since then a new member of the board has been appointed, and Mr. Meredith is now said to be the choice of a majority of the members. The secretary will be elected at the next meeting, before which time Mr.

POSTMASTER WHO SCORNE CIVIL SERVICE TEST IS REAPPOINTED



DAYVILLE, Or., March 19.—(Special.)—John E. Snow, reappointed postmaster at Dayville, Grant County, Oregon, is the third postmaster to hold that office. His predecessor was John W. Lewis, formerly register at The Dalles Land Office. The first postmaster was James N. Bracker, who held the office since 1852. He refused to attend the civil service examination. He has been in the John Day Valley since 1877, and is a well-known rancher and stockman. He is secretary of the Grant County Stockgrowers' Association. In 1876 he ran away from his home in Chicago, and joined a wagon train for the Glass Hills. He was unable to get into the mines, as Indians ran them back. That winter he worked in the insurance office of the Hamilton, Boyd, and Stark streets in Portland, and recalls the names of many prominent people of the time who were frequenters of the office.

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2 SEEK CHILD IN COURT

CASE AT PENDELTON HANGS ON LEGALITY OF ADOPTION DEEDS.

Mother Gains Habeas Writ on Charge That 12-Year-Old Girl is Unlawfully Detained.

PENDELTON, Or., March 19.—(Special.)—District Judge Phelps has been called upon to decide whether an aunt has a legal possession of 12-year-old Rachel Leath Charleton by reason of two deeds filed with County Clerk Saling of whether the mother will secure the girl. The aunt is Mrs. Cora Leath of Milton, and the mother is Mrs. Jennie M. Farrens, of Weston. The mother and her husband, J. S. Farrens, petitioned the court for a writ of habeas corpus to require Mrs. Dowell and her husband John T. Dowell to produce the child in court next Friday. The Farrens insist that the girl is being imprisoned unlawfully, detained, confined and restrained. They insist the Dowells have no legal claim to the child though purchasing the same from the guardians in Oregon. The Dowells base their claim on two deeds of adoption filed with County Clerk Saling, but not recorded because such instruments are not known in Oregon. The deeds were executed in Missouri. The first deed was executed by the father, who had custody of the child from the mother. It gave to the brother of the father, John L. Charleton, the care and custody of the girl. The second deed transferred the custody of the child to the Charletons to the Dowells, Mrs. Dowell being a sister of Mrs. Farrens. The principal question for the court to determine seems to be as to the legality in Oregon of the Missouri deeds of adoption.

SALOON PROPERTY LOWER

Decreased Valuation in Washington May Cut Appropriations.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Feb. 15.—(Special.)—Unofficial reports from county assessors are that their deputies, in many instances, are returning assessments 50 per cent lower than last year on saloons and brewery properties. This situation has caused state authorities some apprehension on the score that the taxes for the University of Washington, state college, normal schools and public and permanent highway funds, all of which are raised by fixed levies, may be decreased to such an extent as to present a serious financial problem. Values of property connected with the liquor business will be practically wiped out after the prohibition law becomes effective January 1, and some assessors apparently are taking this fact into consideration in making their assessments this year.

DALLES MAN BRIDEGROOM

Harlan Fancher Marries Miss Leila Gardiner at Baker.

BAKER, Or., March 19.—(Special.)—Harlan Fancher and Miss Leila Gardiner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gardiner, were married yesterday at the home of the bride's parents here. Rev. Ward MacHenry, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, officiating before 20 intimate friends. Miss Hazel Fancher, sister of the bridegroom, played Mendelssohn's wedding march and Mrs. C. C. Powell sang "Calm as the Night." Mr. and Mrs. Fancher left last night for Roseburg to visit Mr. and Mrs. Fancher's parents, after which they will go to The Dalles to reside. Mr. Fancher being in the automobile business there. Miss Gardiner is the daughter of the president of the Baker White Lumber Company and is popular as a singer.

F. MEREDITH GETS OFFER

Washington Bids for Services of Secretary of Oregon State Fair.

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REGENTS DISCUSS UNIVERSITY NEEDS

First Unit of Proposed Building at Eugene Will Cost Approximately \$50,000.

MILITARY SYSTEM IS ISSUE

Action on Increasing Salaries, Adding New Instructors and Broadening Scope of School of Commerce Is Due Today.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, March 19.—(Special.)—The Board of Regents' committee failed to complete its work today and will meet again tomorrow.

The sum which the University will spend on a new building formed the chief topic of discussion. As plans were outlined, this building is to cost approximately \$50,000 and would be the first unit of a larger structure to be completed later. The building is to be the University's law home and used also by the departments of education and commerce. It will be erected on the present administration building, now nearing completion.

The purchase of a \$20,000 tract of land was authorized by the committee with plans for expansion and may be used as drill grounds, if a military system is adopted by the University. This subject has been considered and definite action is expected at this session.

When the Board has decided the exact amount which will be expended upon the new building, it will decide how much of the president's temporary report can be adopted. This involves the addition of more than a dozen professors and an increase in salaries of several of the present faculty members. The installation of a three-year course in law is another vital matter for discussion tomorrow. It is not the intention to remove the law school from Portland, but to create a course in law at Eugene which will lead directly to a degree. Students majoring in law here now are compelled to go to Portland or some other city where a law college is maintained and complete a three-year course before they are permitted to take the State Board examination to practice.

A student petition was presented to the regents and is said to have received favorable consideration from that body. H. B. Miller petitioned to be relieved of duty as acting dean of the school of commerce. Mr. Miller's request was favored by the president with the recommendation that he be retained as director of the department of industrial survey and be allowed an assistant in that work. President Campbell desires to strengthen the school of commerce through the additional expenditure of \$4500 a year within the school, and through the addition of three new departments of economics and sociology, offering courses necessitated by the large influx of commerce students and adapted to their needs.

Two professors of the \$2000 grade were asked for by the school of architecture. E. F. Lawrence, dean, announced that he had accepted the idea with twice the number of students originally expected and prospects of rapid growth. The sophomore year can now be added to the courses in design and free-hand drawing.

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until changes are made. Postmaster Lechner said today. All day the office was besieged with applications from men who wanted work, but the office had exhausted its supply of application blanks and has had no work to offer. The applicants went away disappointed. The postmaster thinks that the unemployed population in the West is too floating to permit bringing together the job and the man if any considerable wait is involved, such as has been the case. He declares that the plan should be localized before it will do any good. "I believe that after the plan has been more thoroughly worked out," said Mr. Lechner, "that postoffices in independent bureaus will be able to render a service to the community. As it is now, applications for work must be sent to headquarters, and by the time a place is found for the applicant he has moved to a new place."

POISONING CASE PUT OFF

Grand Jury Investigation of Alleged Murder at Coquille Likely.

MARSHFIELD, Or., March 19.—(Special.)—The preliminary trial of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Russell, accused of poisoning Arthur Russell, brother of Clarence, was called off today. That postoffice in Marshfield, where the body of William McNair, of Bandon, who was present during the preparation of Arthur Russell's body, had been held in custody indefinitely. This action, it is taken, means the case will be carried directly before the April grand jury. Clarence Russell's body was held in a \$2000 bond, but Mrs. Russell is still in custody, although the defense expects to procure bond for her tomorrow. William McNair's body was held in a \$2000 bond, but Mrs. Russell is still in custody, although the defense expects to procure bond for her tomorrow. William McNair's body was held in a \$2000 bond, but Mrs. Russell is still in custody, although the defense expects to procure bond for her tomorrow.

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Willamette Students Plan to Welcome New Head of University.

WILLAMETTE UNIVERSITY, Salem, Or., March 19.—(Special.)—The tension among the students of Willamette was relieved yesterday when Dean G. H. Alden, of the college of liberal arts, announced that the next president of the university would be Dr. Carl Gregg Doney, ex-president of West Virginia Wesleyan, Buckhannon, W. Va. A telegram expressing congratulations of the student body was sent to the home of the newly-elected president in West Virginia. A special committee has been selected from the associated student bodies of the university to act as a reception body to do everything possible in arranging for the welcoming of Dr. Doney later in the year.

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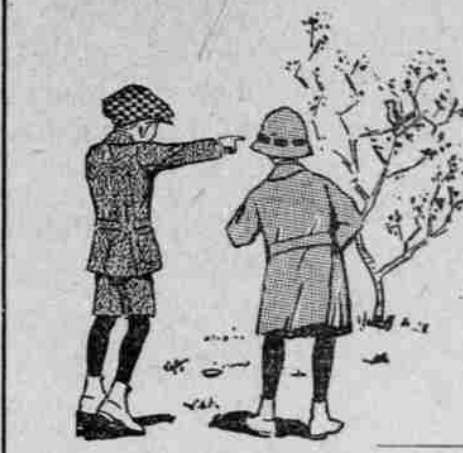
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TURTLE COMES BY MAIL

Albany Newspaper Man Finds "Live Muttler" in Postoffice Box.

ALBANY, Or., March 19.—(Special.)—When a reporter of the Albany Evening Herald placed his hand in the paper's mailbox in the local postoffice yesterday afternoon he pulled out with the letters and newspapers a live turtle. The animal was supposed to have arrived at the local office by parcel post. Pasted on its back was a 3-cent stamp and beside this was pasted a slip bearing the address of the Herald.

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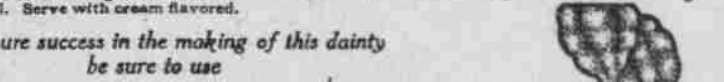
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