MR. M'CALL'S VISIT IN PORTLAND BRIEF

Republican Success in 1916 Predicted if Standard-Bearer Is Progressive.

OWN VICTORY IS CITED

Governor-Elect of Massachusetts Puts Aside Discussion of Himself as Presidential Possibility. Son's Ranch Objective.

Samuel W. McCall, whose election a couple of weeks ago as the first Republican Governor of Massachusetts in five years, has brought him prominently to the front as a Presidential possibility, was in Portland for a few hours yesterday.

Governor-elect McCall and Charles S. Baxter, ex-Mayor of Medford, Mass., his campaign manager, were on their way to Prineville, Or., to visit Mr. McCall's son, Henry McCall, who lives on Thomas W. Lawson's ranch near there. The younger Mr. McCall married Mr. Lawson's daughter, and the author of "Frenzied Finance" was instrumental in bringing them to Oregon.

That a Republican with strong progressive tendencies can defeat Woodrow Wilson for President was one opinion strongly expressed by Governor-elect McCall at the Multnomah Hotel, where he stayed while in Portland yesterday.

He declined to comment on the candidacy of United States Senator John W. Weeks, of Massachusetts, for the Republican nomination. Senator Weeks is regarded as representative of the conservative element in the Republican party, while Mr. McCall himself is progressive in his views.

Republican Victory Expected.

Governor-elect McCall declared his own election in Massachusetts to be due to the fact that he is a Republican of progressive tendencies. He expressed belief that the Massachusetts vote is a real index of political sentiment throughout the country. He attributes present hard times to Democratic policies, and believes that the people will as readily turn from the Democratic Administration to a really progressive Republican for President as they did to the Republican candidate for Governor in Massachusetts.

At mention of himself as a "presidential possibility" Mr. McCall merely smiled. He said that a man must not take too seriously the fact that he is mentioned as a possibility.

Governor-elect McCall is 64 years old, a graduate of Dartmouth College and one of the most intellectual and cultured men in politics. In fact, since his name has been discussed in connection with the Republican nomination for the Presidency one of the points invoked against him by politicians of the old class has been that he might be thought too much of a "high-brow," and in point of scholarly attainment not enough of a contrast with President Wilson.

Literary Work Known.

After being graduated from college, Mr. McCall studied law and was admitted to the bar. He was editor of a Boston newspaper for a time. He is an author of note, one of his best-known works being a life of Thaddeus Stevens. In February, 1909, he declined the presidency of Dartmouth College.

Governor-elect McCall served 18 years in the National House of Representatives. He was a member of the ways and means committee, and had an important part in framing the Payne-Aldrich tariff law. He was an advocate, however, of free raw materials.

Though not the author of any great public measure, he made his impress distinctly felt on his colleagues while in Congress. He was regarded as one of the best speakers in the House. He rose seldom to make an address, but when he did he spoke briefly and to the point, and with entire absence of the old bromides and trite sayings that have served generations of members of Congress. What he had to say was always regarded as worth hearing.

GOV. M'CALL AT REDMOND

Bay State Executive Says He Is in Oregon to Enjoy Rest.

REDMOND, Or., Nov. 15.—(Special.)—Governor-elect McCall of Massachusetts arrived here tonight, and was met by his son, at whose ranch he will be a guest for some time, recuperating from his recent active fight for the Governorship.

Mr. McCall was the honor guest at a dinner on his arrival at the McCall ranch at which his son and daughter-in-law were host and hostess. A large number of friends of the young McCalls were seated about the table.

Mr. McCall refused to talk politics, as he announced he was in Oregon for a rest and expected to get it.

HENLEY SCHOOL FAIR HELD

Event Is Pronounced Most Successful in Southern Oregon.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Nov. 15.—(Special.)—According to County School Superintendent Fred Peterson and County Agriculturist H. Roland Glaisyer, one of the most successful school fairs yet held in Southern Oregon was given at the Henley School south of here last Friday. The entries were not only numerous, but they were above the average in quality.

Mr. Glaisyer judged in agriculture and his bride of a few weeks in domestic science. About 75 parents and friends of the school attended the programme arranged by the pupils. Short talks were given by the visiting officials and the Rev. Dr. Morgan, of Mount Laki.

RAIN HALTS NOT WEDDINGS

Full Score of Lovefolk Rush to Vancouver in Downpour.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Nov. 15.—(Special.)—Though this was the stormiest day of the whole year it did not deter in the least the activity of Dan Cupid. This energetic young optimist piloted no less than 19 couples to the marriage license mart here today and at no time was the rain stopped. There was a continual downpour from 7 o'clock this morning far into the night.

Since the beginning of the month no less than 96 couples have been married in Vancouver.

WOODBURN SHOW IS NEAR

Corn and Land Products Will Be Exhibited, Beginning Thursday.

WOODBURN, Or., Nov. 15.—(Special.)—The corn and land products show to be given in this city on Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week promises to be a big affair, and one of much interest and encouragement to farmers. A large attendance is expected. An excellent programme has been prepared by County Agriculturist Luther J. Chapin, who will have a large number of speakers from the Oregon Agricultural College and elsewhere to address the farmers.

The exhibits obtaining premiums will be taken to the National show at St. Paul. A large number of cash and other prizes will be given by the merchants to winners in corn, potatoes, squash, carrots, onions, mangles, onion sets, pumpkins, cabbages, apples and hops. The people of Woodburn have donated liberally to make this a great success.

OREGON CITY'S MUNICIPAL ELEVATOR AND A NOTABLE FIRST PASSENGER.

View of Lift Operated Yesterday for First Time. Portrait Is That of G. R. Miller, Who Built and Was First Man to Walk Up First Steps Up the Bluff and Was in First Party to Ride Up in Elevator.

COUPLE SAY NOT GUILTY

WILLIAM BRANSON AND MRS. BOOTH PLEAD IN COURT.

Second Degree Murder Is Charged Against Alleged Slayer and Accomplice in Booth Case.

M'MINNVILLE, Or., Nov. 15.—(Special.)—Second degree murder is charged in the joint indictment today of William Branson and Mrs. William Booth, to which both plead not guilty, as the result of an investigation into the death of William Booth near Willamina on October 4. The trial will start next Monday.

The crime was committed by shooting, the bullet entering Mr. Booth's body between the fourth and fifth ribs, penetrating the heart.

Mrs. Booth was brought here on Saturday from the Multnomah County Jail, where she had been confined since the hearing, by Deputy Sheriff Sherwood. They were arraigned by District Attorney Conner.

The trial probably will be held this week and already crowds are gathering and it is expected the courtroom will be thronged each day of the hearing.

The case has attracted people from far and near, particularly residents at Willamina who have known of the domestic troubles of the family. It is said Booth often accused his wife of too intimate relations with Young Branson and on the day of the killing it is said Booth followed Branson and Mrs. Booth to the brickyard, a mile from Willamina, where the killing took place.

Several witnesses on both sides already have been called and are in waiting for the trial.

The prisoners, when arraigned side by side, showed no outward signs of emotion.

ESSAY PRIZES ARE SET

PUPIL WINNING FIRST ON "THRIFT" WILL RECEIVE $100.

Awards to Adults Are Much Larger, but Additional Requirements Make Task More Difficult.

AREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, Nov. 15.—(Special.)—A prize of $100 awaits the school child that can write the best essay on "Thrift." The writer of the second best will get $50, of the third and fourth best, $25 each, and of the fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth and ninth, $10 each. These prizes, aggregating $250, all will be in cash and will be paid promptly on the making of the awards.

"We had no such offers when I was in school," said a man to whom the plan had been announced. "I wish I could get a whack at it."

Well, he and every other citizen of the United States who wishes can get a whack at prizes aggregating $1100—$750 for first, by writing on the same subject, thrift. The second prize is $250, the third $100.

While the prizes are better in the adult class than in the child class, there is likewise an additional requirement. The essay must contain an outline of methods of teaching thrift to school children. Aside from this requirement the essay may reach 5000 words in length, while the child essay must not exceed 1000. Notification of purpose to compete must be sent D. W. Springer, Ann Arbor, Mich., not later than December 1, and the essay must be in his office by March 1.

Land Grant Association to Meet.

The Oregon and California Land Grant Enforcement Association will hold a regular meeting at the Central Library, hall A, this evening at 8 o'clock. The public is invited.

TAX VALUES LOWER

Assessments of State Show Decrease of $10,406,236

AGGREGATE IS $812,516,640

Greatest Decline in Multnomah County, With Jackson Also Heavy Sufferer—Douglas Jumps by Inclusion of Grant Lands.

SALEM, Or., Nov. 15.—(Special.)—A decrease of $10,406,236 in the state's total assessed valuations for 1915, not including public utilities which are assessed by the State Tax Commission, is shown by figures compiled today by the Commission, as compared with valuations in 1914.

The total valuation of taxable property in the 35 counties of Oregon this year is $812,516,640, exclusive of public service corporations, while in 1914 the total was $822,922,876.

The greatest decrease is shown in Multnomah County, which with a total assessed valuation of $286,888,255, shows a decrease from 1914 amounting to $10,147,306. Jackson County's taxable property shows a decreased valuation for 1915 of $4,054,979. Because this year the Oregon & California railroad grant lands are included on the tax roll, Douglas County's valuation has risen from $20,991,410 in 1914 to $27,622,865.

The following table shows the valuations for 1914 and 1915 by counties:

	1914.	1915.
Baker	$ 18,067,155	$ 18,400,340
Benton	11,267,420	11,242,710
Clackamas	24,360,220	24,242,200
Clatsop	10,050,292	8,988,192
Columbia	15,373,520	15,087,923
Coos	21,022,160	20,578,617
Crook	10,162,728	7,532,895
Curry	4,820,750	4,815,810
Douglas	*20,991,410	27,622,865
Gilliam	6,631,229	6,848,463
Grant	6,278,431	6,407,276
Harney	7,770,975	8,123,873
Hood River	8,616,215	8,154,160
Jackson	32,360,400	28,311,450
Jefferson	.....	2,767,490
Josephine	9,325,415	8,098,...
Klamath	15,359,871	14,406,764
Lake	9,492,238	9,316,201
Lane	25,768,170	25,232,640
Lincoln	9,456,178	9,422,980
Linn	20,690,815	20,971,660
Malheur	9,744,026	8,935,138
Marion	37,888,325	37,199,065
Morrow	9,025,253	9,731,429
Multnomah	297,035,555	286,888,255
Polk	12,499,190	12,794,110
Sherman	6,217,360	6,257,040
Tillamook	20,095,310	20,319,885
Umatilla	27,607,359	27,873,796
Union	15,804,330	16,087,970
Wallowa	11,184,880	10,828,655
Wasco	12,696,050	12,574,530
Washington	19,712,040	19,405,812
Wheeler	4,020,119	4,154,345
Yamhill	15,226,029	15,357,347
Totals	$822,922,876	$812,516,640

*Does not include Oregon & California Congressional lands.

HIGHWAY WATER IS SOUGHT

Portland Concern Applies for Power Site Appropriation.

SALEM, Or., Nov. 15.—(Special.)—Although the last Legislature withdrew streams along the Columbia Highway from appropriation in order to preserve their scenic beauty, Charles Coopey, representing the Columbia Highland Company, of Portland, today filed application with State Engineer Lewis to appropriate water irrigation for power and domestic purposes from Multnomah Falls Creek and Dalton Creek. No action on the request has yet been taken.

Multnomah Creek is one of the streams enumerated in the law as barred from appropriation, but Dalton Creek is not mentioned. State Engineer Lewis, however, says that he believes Dalton Creek is the same as Coopey Falls Creek, which is listed in the law, and will investigate before granting the application.

McMinnville Forms "Prohi" Club.

M'MINNVILLE, Or., Nov. 15.—(Special.)—Under the direction of C. P. Coe, a "prohi" club has been organized. The liquor and social welfare problems are subjects at issue. Officers chosen are: Roger E. Elder, president; Neola Carlson, vice-president; Walter Elsfelder, secretary, and C. Armstrong, treasurer.

CITY LIFT OPERATED

After Three Years' Strife Oregon City Plant Completed.

TRIAL TRIP SATISFACTORY

Property Right First Denied, Then Water Commissioners Refuse to Provide Power Supply—State Inspection Only Need Now.

OREGON CITY, Or., Nov. 15.—(Special.)—The municipal elevator, which connects the residence section of Oregon City above the bluff with the business district below, made its first trip this afternoon, three years after the voters authorized the construction of the big shaft. The elevator will be open for general traffic as soon as it is inspected by the state authorities. State Labor Commissioner Hoff promised the city officials today over the telephone that he would send a deputy here as soon as possible.

The 11 men, besides the two employes of the Otis Elevator Company, who made the first trip, were: G. R. H. Miller, who built the first steps up the bluff; F. J. Albright, Councilman and chairman of the elevator committee of the Council; Linnwood E. Jones, Mayor; W. A. Long, Councilman; E. R. Brown, William Andresen, George Randall, William Mulvey, E. L. Shaw, Rev. W. T. Milliken, I. Shockley and City Engineer Miller.

Plant Ready to Run.

Several hours were required to oil the machinery in the elevator and otherwise put the shaft in readiness for use. No fare will be charged, at least until the first of the year. Many urge that once cent a ride be charged in order to defray the expenses of operation.

G. R. H. Miller, who was among those making the first trip, is a pioneer of 1855 and a resident of Oregon City for half a century. He constructed the first steps in 1874 up the bluff which divided the city into two parts. He has lived on the same lot at the edge of the bluff for 49 years. Mr. Miller is a veteran of the Indian Wars.

The operation of the elevator, while the structure was authorized at an election in December, 1912, was greatly delayed by litigation and by friction between the City Council and the Board of Water Commissioners. Mrs. Sarah Chase, owner of property at the edge of the bluff, fought the attempts of the city to get title to a strip of land for approaches to the elevator, and the case was carried twice to the Supreme Court.

Water Power Denied at First.

The elevator is operated by water from the city mains, and the Water Commissioners refused, when first ordered, to connect the elevator with the mains. The Council has the authority to name members of the Board, but lacks authority to remove them, so it was necessary to wait until the terms of the members who had refused to vote to connect the elevator and the mains had expired before the Council could get connection established.

The elevator is as high as an eight-story building. Two hundred and fifty gallons of water are required to carry the cage to the top of the tower and back and it will accommodate 15 persons at one time. As far as known here, it is the only elevator put to such a use on the Pacific Coast.

CHANGE IN NAME PROPOSED

Mount Lake in Klamath County May Be Spelled Lockay.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Nov. 15.—(Special.)—At a meeting Saturday evening of the Mount Laki Improvement Association, Captain O. C. Applegate, Klamath's member of the State Geographical Board, talked on Indian names in this neighborhood, and proposed that the name of the district should be Mount Lockay, if the Indian name was followed. The association has been contemplating a change in the name. The Mount Laki neighborhood is a rich valley district about half way between this city and Merrill.

County Agriculturist Glaisyer and Fred Fleet, secretary of the Klamath Commercial Club, also talked briefly on farming interests.

HAZED BOY LOSES FOOT

Student Compelled by Fraternity to Steal Ride Falls Off Train.

MOBERLY, Mo., Nov. 15.—Fielding J. Graham, of Albany, Mo., a student in the University of Missouri, fell under a train on which he was riding as a part of his initiation into a fraternity of Missouri and as a result his left foot was amputated today.

A part of the initiation requirement was that young Graham steal a ride on the blind baggage of a passenger train.

Negro Waives Hearing for Stabbing.

ALBANY, Or., Nov. 15.—(Special.)—William Marshall, a negro hostler who stabbed Charles Balschweid in a fight at Scio Saturday night, waived examination before Justice of the Peace Swan today, and was bound over to the grand jury on a charge of assault with a dangerous weapon. His bond was fixed at $600.