

OFFICIALS CONFER OVER LAND GRANT

General Agreement Reached That Railroad's Interest Is \$2.50 an Acre.

PAST EXCESS DEDUCTED

Two Plans Suggested for Payment of Taxes Due Counties—Classification and Appraisal Also Are Favored.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Jan. 21.—A preliminary conference of the Chamberlain bill, providing for the disposition of the Oregon and California land grant, was held at the Department of Justice today.

prisoner was brought from the jail. As the men met in a brotherly embrace, the officials looked on from one face to the other with wonder at the remarkable resemblance. But for the fact that one was wasted with confinement in hospital and jail, the men scarcely could be told apart.

Inquiries about mother, sister and younger brother were met with the smiling assurance that all were alive and well. They are living in Portland, said brother Byron, but he would not tell their names, or addresses, and brother Percy still would say nothing about his family.

Canada Is Birthplace. Both boys were born in Ontario, Canada. Fifteen years ago the elder left his home to make his fortune in the mines of British Columbia.



Percy Campbell, who, it has been established, is 'Joe Doe,' while attempting to hold up Multnomah station.

WIDE BLACKMAIL PLOT UNCOVERED

Federal Agents Obtain Membership in Society That Preys on Italians.

THREATS YIELD \$200,000

Church Used as Meeting Place by Group Posing as Devout Worshipers—Eccentric Ritual Part of Evidence.

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Councilman Medynski declared that he was not fighting for a seat in the Council, but for the purity of the American ballot, and also stated that certain irregularities which had not been announced might be brought up later before the grand jury. P. J. Neff, attorney for Councilman Emmens, said that if there was any evidence that would tend to invalidate the election it should all be presented at this time.

No further evidence was produced. After a sharp colloquy between Election Clerk W. G. Coleman and E. H. Fehl, a Medynski supporter, the meeting adjourned.

CAPTAIN MORRIS IS HERE Cavalry Officer Visits Father Before Proceeding Abroad.

Captain W. A. Morris, of the United States Cavalry, is visiting his father, Dr. Byron Morris, of this city, for a few days before he departs for the Philippines to join his regiment.

Captain Morris was a member of the Sixth United States Cavalry stationed at Texas City, Tex., last August, when he desired a hurriedly swept over the gulf and destroyed a great portion of that city. Nearly a score of soldiers and more than 200 civilians perished. The Army encampment was literally wiped out.

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The committee from the Oregon Irrigation Congress consists of J. W. Brewer and R. G. Calvert, of Portland; F. N. Wallace, of Tumalo; A. B. Thom-

son, of Echo, and J. R. Bell, of Eugene. The plan to hold such a conference was developed in the recent meeting of the irrigation Congress. Delegations from the railroad, farmers, farmers' union, bankers' association, drainage association and other important state organizations will be named to participate in the work.

The meeting will be held probably the middle of February.

Besides the delegates named from the irrigation Congress, the University of Oregon has named the following: P. L. Campbell, president; F. G. Young, H. B. Miller, W. K. Nowell and James B. Sarason. The committee named by the Portland Chamber of Commerce consists of C. C. Colt, Robert Strahorn, A. L. Mills, J. N. Teal and Franklin T. Griffith. Other organizations named by the Portland Chamber of Commerce have not yet announced their committees.

The place of meeting has not yet been determined. The committee thought that it will be either Portland or Salem.

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Multnomah County Roadmaster Shows Disposition of Funds—Columbia Highway Principal Item.

Multnomah County spent \$1,668,799.77 in 1915 for good roads, according to Roadmaster John B. Teon, whose annual report was submitted yesterday to the County Commission. This includes the cost of viaducts, bridges and culverts as well as the grading, surfacing, etc.

The Columbia Highway, with its hard-surfacing, is practically completed. All the paving has been laid to within four miles of the county line, and the last bridge, near the county line, has just been finished. The Columbia Highway was the major feature of 19 miles of hard-surfacing on the roads of Multnomah County, which was done last year.

The total amount spent on the Columbia Highway was \$719,963.37. On the principal secondary roads in the county aside from the main trunk roads was spent \$248,237.77 for repair, maintenance and new construction and bridges.

The paving was done on the Columbia Highway, Sandy road, Base Line road, Powell Valley road, Foster road, Capitol highway, Canyon road and St. Helens road. Other construction included macadam, etc., was on the Cornelius Pass drive, Hillside drive, Millbeach road, Sandy bridge and Fairmount boulevard.

The amount spent on the roads out of the bond issue voted last year was \$1,069,448.87, and of the general fund was spent \$611,902.88.

In the disbursement the total cost for engineering and superintendence was only a little more than two per cent.

SKI CLUB STARTS HOME 30 PER CENT GRADE ON HOOD IS WINTER PLAYGROUND.

Lloyd Jaeger and Allan Hofmann Set New Long-Distance Records and Officers Are Elected.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Jan. 21.—(Special)—Members of the Portland Ski Club, who have been indulging in winter sports on the north slopes of Mount Hood for the last few days, returned to this city tonight with enthusiastic reports over the success of their tournament, and were in fine spirits.

The sport was conducted along the slope of the mountain, the grade was approximately 30 per cent. The long-distance skiing records were broken by Lloyd Jaeger and Allan Hofmann, both sons of attending members. H. L. Wald, who arrived at the camp from Hood River, led in the jumping events. A. M. Grilley was the winner in the high-diving classes.

The election of officers tonight following were chosen: President, Gordon Raymond; vice-president, Robert Hitch; secretary-treasurer, J. H. Miner; historian, Charles E. Warner. J. P. Jaeger was made chairman of a committee to secure construction of a trail to the top of St. Peter's dome, on the Columbia River Highway.

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Y. W. C. A. CONTEST ENDS

OF \$9000 NEEDED, \$3308 IS ON HAND, AND MORE PROMISED. Workers Defy Storm and Illness to Carry on Publicity Campaign That Is Pronounced Success.

"We feel that the publicity campaign has been a decided success," said Miss Lina B. James, general secretary of the Young Women's Christian Association, yesterday in discussing the work done by the campaign during the past week.

Of the \$9000 needed to complete the budget, \$3308 had been turned in last night when the campaign closed, and there are doubtless promised sums sufficient to make up the difference. Several friends of the association who are out of town have signified their intentions to contribute on their return. Others will mail checks.

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WIFE ACCUSED OF CRUELTY

Man Seeks Divorce Alleging Intoxication in Bride of Month.

Because, he alleges, she threw water in his face and cursed him when he remonstrated with her for coming home intoxicated on the night of July 10, 1914, O. M. Christenson yesterday filed suit in the Circuit Court against Dollie Christenson. They were married in Vancouver, Wash., June 1, 1914, and it was but a month later, he alleges, she treated him with cruelty.

In his suit for divorce from Ethel B. Saunders William R. Saunders expressed his willingness yesterday in the complaint filed in the Circuit Court to allow his wife the custody of their two children and \$20 a month for their care. The children are Clover Saunders, aged 7, and Wardie Saunders, aged 5.

Chester Lyon to Speak. Chester A. Lyon, of Lebanon, Or., founder of the Big Brother farm for boys, will speak at the union meeting of Gresham churches Sunday night in the Gresham Methodist church. Mr. Lyon will explain his social settlement work in Chicago, especially as he applied it in the Chicago Stockyards district. "The Problem of Boy Life" will be his subject. The talk will be illustrated with lantern slides of his farm for boys.

Norway Puts Embargo on Butter. LONDON, Jan. 21.—The Ritsu Agency's Christiania correspondent says that the exportation of butter from Norway has been prohibited.



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