

ROAD AID BY SALE OF LANDS PROPOSED

Secretary Lane Has Plan to Advance Highway Building and Reclamation.

SUBSTITUTE BILL OFFERED

Federal Construction Declared Essential to Systematic, Comprehensive Building—Irrigation Fund Runs Low.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Feb. 16.—As a substitute for a bill introduced by Senator Myers, of Montana, proposing to grant to each of the Rocky Mountain states 250,000 acres of public lands to aid in the construction of roads, Secretary Lane proposes a bill authorizing the sale of 250,000 acres of land in each of the Western states and applying the proceeds to the construction of roads and to the construction of Government irrigation projects.

The bill suggested by Secretary Lane authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to designate and offer for sale to the highest bidder, in areas not exceeding 250 acres to any citizen, 250,000 acres of semi-arid land of a character subject to entry under the 20-acre homestead law. Ten per cent of the purchase price is to be paid at the time of the sale and the remainder in 10 annual installments.

Improvement to Be Required.

"Within five years after the purchase the purchaser must place not less than one-half the area purchased in cultivation, must fence the entire tract, develop a water supply and expend in actual improvements on his land not less than \$1000. Failure to meet these conditions will result in forfeiture of the lands and any improvements to the Government. Half of the moneys received from these sales would go into a public roads fund, to be used by the United States in constructing and maintaining interstate public roads within the state in which the moneys were received and the other half would go into the reclamation fund.

In a report accompanying his bill Secretary Lane says the bill proposes:

(1) "To secure the immediate agricultural development of public land now unused but susceptible of agricultural production if developed and cultivated under a law less onerous than the present homestead law.

Roads Encourage Settlement.

(2) "To establish a fund which may be utilized for the construction of highways in states containing large areas of land at present sparsely populated and where good roads are needed not only by present residents but for the purpose of encouraging the settlement of public lands, the highways should be connected with and form parts of highways in adjoining states in order that there may be a comprehensive and complete system. The money should be expended under Government supervision to secure uniformity of construction and economy.

(3) "Addition to the reclamation fund. The receipts from the sales of public lands now payable into the reclamation fund have been diminishing and if existing projects are to be completed and new and desirable projects undertaken it is necessary to augment the reclamation fund.

"Grants of specific areas of land or lump sums of money to individual states for the construction of roads are not likely to secure the best results in the way of completing well-constructed, comprehensive systems of highways, interstate in character, nor would they result in procuring the agricultural development of the land which would, in my opinion, be the attached bill."

GILLIES CASE NEAR END

PROSECUTION ON LARCENY CHARGE CLOSES THIS MORNING.

Office Attaches Tell of Handling Papers Involved—Defense Will Ask Directed Acquittal.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Feb. 16.—After one more witness, Miss Blanche Heron, auditor of Wahkiakum County, is examined, the state will close its case against John F. Gillies, former claim agent of the State Industrial Insurance Commission, charged with grand larceny in connection with the accident fund frauds.

All witnesses testifying today gave evidence to establish parts in the chain of circumstantial evidence by which the state is endeavoring to corroborate the story told by Frank Stone, confessed forger of false accident claims.

Clerks and stenographers testified to holding up postcard notices to employees at Gillies' direction, and that warrants were delivered to Gillies by clerks for delivery to bogus claimants. E. O. Heinrichs, handwriting expert, testified

PIMPLES ON FACE ITCHING INTENSE

Began Getting Bigger. Large, Hard and Very Red. Scattered Over Face. Had to Scratch.

HEALED BY CUTICURA SOAP AND OINTMENT

"I noticed that my face was covered with pimples which began getting bigger. They were large and hard and were very red and there were so many festering at a time that I had to squeeze them out and they formed like a boil under the skin. They scattered all over my face and the itching was so intense that I had to scratch my face so much it bled.

"The trouble lasted about a month and I used _____ tablets, but they did not do any good. I noticed a Cuticura Soap and Ointment advertisement so I thought I would try them. The next day I saw the pimples were going away and I used two cakes of Cuticura Soap and three boxes of Cuticura Ointment and I was healed."

(Signed) Eugene Vogt, 7122 Tremont Ave., St. Louis, Mo., Oct. 3, 1915.

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filed to having restored certain indelible script on the warrant register after attempted erasure.

Attorney T. M. Vance, for the defense, predicted verdict of not guilty, immediately after the state closes tomorrow morning.

Arguments on this question probably will require several hours. The defense contends that the state has failed to connect Gillies with the illegal warrants, and therefore has failed to prove the essential element of grand larceny.

ROOSEVELT MAN IN RING

DR. B. L. STEEVES CANDIDATE FOR REPUBLICAN DELEGATE.

Ex-Mayor of Salem Chooses for Slogan "Roosevelt—Reunion—Vigor and Victory."

SALEM, Or., Feb. 16.—(Special).—Dr. B. L. Steeves, of this city, filed with the Secretary of State today declaration of his intention to be a candidate for election to the Republican National convention as delegate from the First Congressional district. Dr. Steeves advocates the nomination of



Dr. B. L. Steeves, of Salem, Who Aspires to Be Roosevelt-Republican Delegate to National Convention.

Roosevelt and opposes his name on the official ballot he will have printed: "Roosevelt—reunion—vigor and victory."

Dr. Steeves was Mayor of Salem in 1912 and 1914 and in 1905 was Lieutenant-Governor of Idaho. He is a graduate of Willamette University of the class of 1891. He was recently elected one of Oregon's lay delegates to the Methodist Episcopal Church general conference, which meets at Saratoga, N. Y., in May.

STOCK COMBINE PROPOSED

Union of Cattle and Horse Raisers With Woolgrowers Object.

BAKER, Or., Feb. 16.—(Special).—What might develop into one of the largest organizations of stockraisers is to be proposed at the convention of the Oregon Cattle and Horse Raisers' Association May 1 and 2, when an effort to unite it with the Oregon Woolgrowers' Association is made.

The plan will be introduced by John Hoke, of Medical Springs, a member of both organizations and former secretary of the Woolmen's Association. Secretary Correll, of the Cattle and Horse Raisers' Association, would not say today what attitude his organization would take on the merger because he was not positive whether a harmonious consolidation could be effected at this time.

Vincet Reports Peach Damage.

VINCET, Or., Feb. 16.—(Special).—The peach crop has been greatly injured by the recent cold weather. Fruitgrowers report that the buds have all been killed on some of the trees, while on other trees they are more or less injured. About one-third crop is at present. Some rose bushes have been frozen and many shrubs and biennial and perennial flowers have been killed.

Community Meeting to Be at Halsey.

SHEDD, Or., Feb. 16.—(Special).—The first Citizens' Community meeting held in this part of Linn County this year will be at Halsey Saturday. The programme will include addresses by several prominent men of the Willamette Valley. A basket dinner will be given at noon.

Hawley to Help Draft Bill.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Feb. 16.—Representative Hawley today was appointed a member of the subcommittee to draft the agricultural appropriation bill.



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POLICE PRIDE AVENGED

COUPLE WHO DUPED TACOMA FORCE GET 20 DAYS EACH.

Archie and Lily Endor Celebrate Anniversary of Wedding in Separate Cells, Feasting on Beans.

TACOMA, Wash., Feb. 16.—(Special).—Married a year ago today, Archie Endor, 21, and his wife, 17, both of Prairie City, Or., were given 30 days each in the City Jail today. They had stolen a sweater coat and umbrella from Police Matron Todd and fled, after she had taken them into her home from the jail and found work for both. The young people returned from Seattle yesterday in charge of a detective.

Archie and Lily on January 27 gained the sympathy of police through their innocent appearance and story of woe, when Endor was arrested for being drunk. After all the kindness of police they ran away and refused to take the work offered, using a benefit fund given by officers on which to escape.

"You see," said Endor to the judge, "that job I was to take was in an apartment house, and there are women there. My wife is so jealous of me that she won't let me work where there are women. I couldn't tell the matron that, after she had been so kind to me. So we just had to leave, and meant to have the sweater laundered before sending it back."

The young couple are celebrating their wedding anniversary in separate cells, feasting on beans.

E. G. EMIGH RESIGNS

Secretary of State Board of Control Will Enter Business.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Feb. 16.—Edward G. Emigh, of Walla Walla, resigned today as secretary of the State Board of Control, effective March 1. His resignation was accepted by the board and

24 CLAIM SEIZED LIQUOR

Restorations to Depend on Separate Trials, Says Tacoma Justice.

TACOMA, Wash., Feb. 16.—(Special).—Two were injured while skiing about claims by 24 Tacomans on liquor

Two on Skis Injured.

BAKER, Or., Feb. 16.—(Special).—Two were injured while skiing about the only method of travel there, be-

cause of heavy snows, in Sparta, according to word received today. O. D. Burgess fell and the ligaments of his right leg were torn loose, Miss Barbara Crabb was also thrown and her right knee dislocated.

William H. Carver, Centralia, Dies.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Feb. 16.—(Spe-

cial).—William H. Carver, a resident of Centralia for many years and one of the city's heaviest property owners, died suddenly late yesterday afternoon, a victim of heart disease. He was 66 years of age and a native of New York State. He is survived by his wife and three children. The latter are Mrs. Nora Hugill, Mrs. Albert Ebert and Louis Carver, all of this city.

EMPRESS

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and
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