

SCENES AT CORNERSTONE LAYING FOR BLIND SCHOOL AT VANCOUVER.



# STONE IS LAID FOR SCHOOL FOR BLIND

### Governor Lister and Board of Control Members Attend Vancouver Ceremony.

### BARRACKS RECEPTION HELD

### Impressive Services Are Conducted in Administration Building That Will Cost \$75,000. Students Participate.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Feb. 17.—(Special.)—The cornerstone of the State School for the Blind was laid this afternoon by Governor Lister, grand master of the Grand Lodge of Masons, and Governor Lister, the State Board of Control members and the Grand Lodge of Masons officiating. The services were impressive, being held in the open on the first floor of the new administration building, which is being erected by the state at a cost of \$75,000.

A reception was held by Colonel Francis M. French and Mrs. French at Vancouver barracks.

Masons Officiate at Ceremony. The Grand Lodge of Masons officers were: R. L. Sebastian, of Aberdeen, grand master; A. L. Miller, deputy grand master; S. J. Miller, senior grand master; Dr. E. Ryan, junior grand warden; William Laughlin, grand secretary; A. G. Potter, grand treasurer; D. Nichols, architect; Rev. R. H. Sawyer, grand chaplain; W. W. Brown, grand marshal; Governor Lister, grand orator.

In the copper box were placed names of the State Board of Control, a picture of Governor Lister and Colonel French, taken today, Vancouver and Portland newspapers, and a magazine telling of the Panama Canal slide, aerial navigation, and the present state of the war in Europe.

Governor Lister, grand orator, made the principal address. Among other things he said that the Federal Government gave to Washington, when it became a state, great tracts of school lands and that \$10,000,000 of them have been sold. This irreplaceable fund brings in annually \$600,000, which is used for the maintenance of the educational institutions of the state. He added that only about 15 per cent of the lands have been sold, and that some day this big fund may reach a total of \$75,000,000. At present the idea has not been to lower the taxes with the \$600,000 income, but to make better schools.

Tribute Paid Late Superintendent. T. E. Skaggs, of the State Board of Control, paid a high tribute to the late Professor W. R. Hall, who was superintendent of the school for the blind until last October, when he died suddenly.

He also complimented Mrs. Hall upon the efficient work she is doing in filling her husband's place.

The new building, to be the main administration building for the State School for the Blind, will cost about \$75,000 and will be fireproof.

At the exercises today all of the pupils of the school sang, and a quartet rendered a couple of songs.

A banquet, given in honor of Governor Lister at the First Methodist church tonight, was largely attended.

### STUDENTS HEAR MR. PIER

Address on Lincoln Is Given at Pacific University, Forest Grove.

PACIFIC UNIVERSITY, Forest Grove, Or., Feb. 17.—(Special.)—In assembly of the students at Pacific University today S. C. Pier, of Portland, one of the trustees of the college, gave an address on the significant incidents of Lincoln's career.

"Let us believe that in times of great stress God has a selected messenger and leader to direct the advancement of human progress," said Mr. Pier. "No man whose history I have ever read has seemed in as great a degree to be a response to the divine call for service as the life of Abraham Lincoln. Born in the obscurity of a log cabin, he demonstrated what we Americans may do with a fixed and high purpose to influence the civilization of the world."

Mr. Pier sketched with vivid description the scenes and incidents of Mr. Lincoln's life, leading up to his tragic death at Ford's Theater, and closed with the appeal to the students to find in this unique and splendid career a motive of devotion to human service for their own lives.

### GILLIES MUST PROVE CASE

Court Refuses Motion for Directed Verdict of Acquittal.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Feb. 17.—Judge D. F. Wright today denied the motion of the defense in the case of the state against John E. Gillies, former claim agent of the Industrial Insurance Commission, on trial on a charge of grand larceny, for a directed verdict of dismissal. Extended arguments were made, attorneys for Gillies contending that actual taking of money on illegal warrants was necessary to establish the crime of grand larceny.

The state was attempting to prove Gillies' guilt by casting a cloud of suspicion about him and making him prove a negative case, his counsel said. The defense opened this afternoon.

### HUNGER STRIKE SOON ENDS

Wealthy Man Refuses to Pay Small Fine Until Sanity Is Questioned.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Feb. 17.—(Special.)—Although in the case of the state against more than \$75,000, Elijah Chapman, said to be a miser, when fined \$9 before Municipal Judge Henry L. Howe yesterday, on a charge of grand larceny, for a charge of grand larceny, asked that he be allowed to serve out the sentence in the city prison. Chapman, who is past 60 years of age, then went on a hunger strike in jail.

When City Marshal Carson suggested there might be investigation as to his sanity, Chapman had a sudden change of mind to pay his fine, demanding his release.

### T. H. Crawford Out for Delegate.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 17.—(Special.)—Thomas H. Crawford, of La Grande, today filed declaration of his candidacy for election as a delegate at large to the National Democratic convention which meets next June in St. Louis. His slogan is "Woodrow Wilson for President."

## COUNTY BASIS URGED

### Oregon Assessors Discuss School-Tax Levy.

### BILL WILL BE SUBMITTED

### Change of Date From March 1 to January 11 of Each Year Also Sought by Association—Recognition by State Is Asked.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 17.—(Special.)—The Oregon Assessors' Association today went on record in favor of legislation whereby counties and not individual school districts would constitute the units for the levy and apportionment of school taxes.

W. E. Ball, Lincoln County Assessor, fathered the resolution, which was adopted without objection, and the newly appointed legislative committee will prepare a bill for submission to the next Legislature. An effort to extend the resolution so as to include road districts in the county unit plan failed.

The county unit plan in the levy of school taxes is endorsed by the State Department of Education.

In addition to favoring the county unit plan, the Assessors decided to work for a change in the law providing for assessments. It is the plan to have assessments begin January 1 of each year instead of March 1 as now.

New Officers Are Elected. Henry E. Reed, Multnomah County Assessor, was unanimously elected by the association as its president for the new year. He succeeds W. E. Ball, Lincoln County Assessor.

Other officers elected are: J. P. Lee, Klamath County Assessor, vice-president, and James H. Davis, Wasco County Assessor, secretary-treasurer. The members of the legislative committee are H. E. Reed, Multnomah County; James H. Davis, Wasco County; J. P. Leinenweber, Clatsop County; W. E. Ball, Lincoln County, and Ben F. West, Marion County.

### Proposed Legislation Topic.

According to present plans, the association will meet prior to the next session of the Legislature to consider proposed legislation, which has been hampered by the legislative committee working in conjunction with the members of the State Tax Commission.

The association gave its indorsement to a tentative form of school district budget proposed by Assessor Reed.

An effort to obtain official recognition of the association by the state of Oregon will be made by the members, it was announced today. The association members declare that the state



—Photos, Gordon Stuart.

(1) Grand Master Sebastian, Sealing the Copper Box in the Cornerstone; (2) Governor Lister; (3) Colonel Francis M. French; (4) T. E. Skaggs; (5) R. C. Moore, and (6) W. H. Cochran, State Board of Control; (7) Governor Lister, as Grand Orator of Masons, in Full Regalia.

should provide for the printing of the proceedings. A resolution requesting the State Tax Commission to print the record of the convention was adopted.

In introducing his resolution making counties and not individual school districts the unit of levy and apportionment of school taxes, Assessor Ball declared that the present laws in this respect are inadequate to meet modern business methods, are uneconomic, discriminatory and conducive to inequalities and abuses.

### AUDITORIUM WORK BID DUE

Offers on Superstructure to Be Opened by Council Today.

Bids for the superstructure for Portland's proposed public Auditorium will be opened by the City Council today at 3 o'clock. No fewer than 20 bids are expected from contractors all over the Pacific Coast.

At this afternoon's meeting, the Council also will discuss the question of the amount of revenue to be turned over to the Oregon Humane Society for operating the public dog pound.

## MINERS TO PROTEST

### Spokane Club Is Opposed to Ferris Bill.

### WORD GOES TO CONGRESS

### Limiting Prospectors to Development of Only 25 Free Horsepower From Streams Is Called Hardship.

SPOKANE, Wash., Feb. 17.—(Special.)—Members of the Mining Men's Club today appointed a committee to prepare a protest to Congress against the provision of the Ferris bill which permits miners and prospectors to develop free only 25 horsepower. They also protested against the action of the House committee in Congress which has refused to consider the Senate bill revising the Federal mining laws.

J. W. McBride called the attention of the club to the provisions of the Ferris bill, which he says are not only indefinite in their application to the mining business, but altogether dangerous. The permission to use free 25 horsepower and no more, when taken from streams and across Government lands for the prospecting and development of mining property, he said, would work a great hardship, for this amount is not sufficient to be of much value.

President Dennis appointed a committee to act, and to forward a protest to Congress.

It was decided to invite John Hays Hammond, H. W. Bradley and some representative of the United States Government, to attend the mining men's convention.

### SLIDE CLEARED OFF RAILS

### Great Northern Resumes Seattle Vancouver Service.

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 17.—The mud slide that covered the Great Northern track between Seattle and Everett has been removed, and train service to Vancouver is resumed.

The snow in the Cascade Mountains is melting satisfactorily, the cool weather preventing too rapid thaw. At Hyak, the east portal of the Milwaukee tunnel, the snow now lies 18 1/2 feet

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### MISSIONARY SESSION ENDS

Women's District Convention at Chehalis Is Successful.

CHEHALIS, Wash., Feb. 17.—(Special.)—Last evening the fourth district convention of the Women's Missionary Society of the Christian Church ended a successful meeting in this city. The district embraces Southwest Washington, and there was a good attendance. Addresses were given by Mrs. Sergeant of Tacoma; Mrs. N. M. Field, of Camas; Mrs. G. B. Alverson, of Olympia; Mrs. W. S. Lemmon, of Centralia; Mrs. Clara Essom, of Portland, and Rev. W. E. Rambo, of Chehalis. Last night 75 enjoyed a banquet. Rev. W. S. Lemmon, of Centralia, being the principal speaker.

Among the ministers who took part in the meeting were Rev. D. E. Norcross, of Kelso; Rev. J. W. Baker, state secretary, of Seattle; Rev. Judson Brown, of Elma; Rev. A. Vanderlinde, of Woodland, and Rev. Henry S. Champlin, of Olympia.

Mississippi Limits Use of Liquor.  
 JACKSON, Miss., Feb. 17.—Governor Bilbo today signed a bill limiting the amount of liquor any one person may import into the state to one quart of whiskey, 24 pints of beer, or two quarts of light wine, every 15 days.

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## Political Letters From Forty States to Appear in The Oregonian as a Campaign Survey of the United States

Beginning the week of February 21, a series of political letters, one from each of the forty Republican and debatable states, will be started in The Oregonian—constituting a Political Survey of the Nation.

These letters will be penned by the editors of leading Republican newspapers—one in each state—including the Detroit Journal, Milwaukee Sentinel, Pittsburgh Dispatch, Illinois State Journal, of Springfield; Nebraska State Journal, of Lincoln; Springfield (Mass.) Union, Hartford (Conn.) Courant, Indianapolis Star, Reno (Nev.) Gazette, Knoxville (Tenn.) Journal and Tribune, Louisville Herald, Cheyenne (Wyo.) Tribune and many others.

Each editor will discuss these phases of the political situation in his state; sentiment among Republicans on the Presidential nomination; strength of the Progressives; relative importance of the issues, the tariff, the currency, preparedness, Mexico and the European war; effect of the result of the election upon the returning prosperity; probable personnel of the "Big Four" in the Republican National convention; the Democracy as a fighting force in the coming campaign; sentiment among Democrats as between Wilson and Bryan and the views for which they stand; prediction of the result of the election in state and Nation.

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