Counties Insist Government Cannot Withdraw Power of Assessing Acreage.

CONCERTED ACTION IS AIM

Representatives of 18 Counties in Which Lands Are Located Will Meet in Eugene August 23 to Decide Upon Course.

EUGENE, Or., Aug. 16 .- (Special.)-That the taxing power of the state of Oregon, so far as the Oregon & California Railroad lands are concerned, is supreme and that the Federal Government, having once vested the state with this power of taxation, cannot withdraw this land from taxation by the state was the argument advanced today by speakers representing the various countles in which portions of the 2,300,000 acres of Oregon & Call-fornia land grant lands are located at a meeting held in the Eugene Chamber of Commerce.

Even though the railroad company had failed to comply with the terms of the grant and Congress has the power to dispossess the railroad, it was urged that the right of the state to tax the lands exists.

Walvers May Be Asked. It was brought out at the meeting that it was probable an effort would be made by agents of the Federal Gov-ernment to have the counties sign waivers of any right to tax the Orewaivers of any right to tax the Oregon & California grant lands in the future before back taxes, aggregating \$1,600,000, for which money has been appropriated by Congress, would be paid. I. E. Bean, of Eugene, said that while he was in Washington this proposed proceedure in dealing with the Oregon land grant counties was repeatedly suggested.

At the meeting today it was decided to call a conference of representatives to call a conference of representatives of the 18 land grant counties August 23 at Eugene for the purpose of forming a federation for concerted action by all counties in placing the Oregon & California grant roll and in taking such other steps as may be necessary for the protection of the interests of the several counties.

Right of Taxation Is Issue. "The issue at stake at this time in the matter of these railroad grant lands

the matter of these railroad grant lands is not the interests of the railroad to the lands, but it is the sovereign right of taxation vested in the people of the state of Oregon," declared L. E. Bean in opening the discussion.

"The action of Congress in revesting title to these lands is probably final as to the railroad company, for the act of 1870 specifically gave Congress the right to amend or repeal the grant, but it is not final as to the taxing power of the state of Oregon."

Referring to a possible attempt to

Referring to a possible attempt to have the counties sign away their right of further taxation, Mr. Bean said:
"It would be far better to refuse to accept one cent of this money from the Government at this time than it would be to sign away our right of taxation."

The sentiment of the meeting was that the lands should be placed on the assessment rolls. Judge James Watson,

of Coos County, declared that his ideas coincided with those of Mr. Bean. County Assessor Bell, of Lincoln County; Judge B. D. McKnight, of Linn County, and Judge C. J. Gillette, of Josephine County, were among the other speakers. They all held the view that the counties should not abandon taxation of the

Letters were received from County Judges of several counties who were unable to be present today, indersing the plan for the federation and promrepresentation at the meeting next Wednesday.

LAW IS TO BE EXPLAINED

Sociock.

Mr. Myrick is one of the best authory of the son farm credits in the United States and was one of the authors of the farm loan measure. His address Saturday night will be devoted to an Saturday night will be devoted to an Time was Famous Pitcher.

Creant Lands

80 SEATS AT FILM FREE

Balloons Tomorrow Will Drop Tickets to Lucky Ones.

Are you going to witness the screen-ing of "Civilization." the big anti-war film spectacle at the Hellig, as a guest of The Oregonian?

Since the announcement that 80 per-

sons are to witness this cinema master-piece as guests of the newspaper, much interest has been aroused in the method of invitation. This will be via balloon, 40 of which will be released from the roof of the Hellig Theater building at moon tomorrow. Each balloon will carry an invitation from The Orego-nian exchangeable at the Hellig box office for two seats, good for two

weeks.
"Civilization" opens its engagement
at the Heilig Saturday.

WOODMEN TO HEAR REPORT

Multnomah Camp Will Be Host to Other Organizations.

On Friday evening, August 18, Multnomah Camp No. 77. Woodmen of the
World, will act as host in entertaining all other camps of the city, at the
regular meeting in the hall at East
Sixth and Aider Streets. The official
reports of the delegates to the recent
Jlead Camp Session at Denver, Col.,
from July 17 to 27, will be read. These
delegates were Neighbors J. O. Wilson,
T. J. Kreuder and J. L. Wells of Multnomah No. 77; Fred W. German and
Goorge Rossman of Webfoot Camp No.
65; J. J. Jennings, of Prospect Camp On Friday evening, August 18, Mult-

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No. 40, and M. A. McEachern of Rose City Camp No. 191. Many important changes in the laws were enacted at this session. It is ex-pected that every Woodman in the city will avail himself of this oppor-tunity and hear what was accomplished at the session. Light refreshments will be served.

OAKS CONCERTS PLEASE "Carmen" to Be Feature of Musical

The popular concert arranged and played by Signor Francesco Ferullo at Oaks Park last night drew a most enthusiastic audience. The fact that popular music touches a responsive chord in the hearts of the big majority was amply demonstrated.

Tomorrow night a programme of classic numbers has been arranged, Tonight "Carmen" is the feature on Here is today's programme:

Afternoon—"Imitation March" (Ferulio); overture, "La Gazza Lafra" (Rossini); chorus from "I Lombardi" (Verdi); "Vision of Salome," descriptive (Lampe); "Bohemian Ciri," selection (Baife), solos by Arrigoni and Caso, vocal solo by Misa Victorine Hayes, waitz, "Wedding of the Winds" (Hall); "Reminiscences of Scotland" (Godfrey), incidental solos.

dental solos.

Evening, grand opera night—"March La Reine de Saba" (Gouned); overture, "Mignen" (Thomas), clarinet, cadenza by "Signor Massa; "Bacchanale Entracte e Danza Bacchante" (Gouned);" Carmen Grand Fantasia" (Bizet); prelude, "Habanera," "Toreador," "Intermezze," "March and Murder," "Grand Finale," Soloists, Margadonna, Caso Liberatore and Miglionico, vocal solo by Miss Victorine Hayes; "Chimes of Normandy," selection (Plaquette); "Berceuse," from "Jobellyn" (Godard), solos by Arrigoria and Caso; grand "Sextette," from "Lucia," by request (Donizetti).

PIONEER OF 1851 BURIED John S. Alexander Was One of Those Who Rushed to Klondike.

OLYMPIA. Wash. Aug. 16.—(Special.)—Funeral services for John S. Alexander, who reached Portland with his parents in 1851, were held here Tuesday. Mr. Alexander died at his home in Olympia Saturday at the age of 80. He is survived by his daughters. Mrs. Thomas Goin, North Bend; Mrs. Fred McElroy, Seattle; Mrs. W. D. McClean, Westminster, B. C.; Mrs. Murray Bateson, Vancouver, B. C., and his sons, Emery Alexander, Olympia, and Martin E. Alexander, Tahola, Wash. Mr. Alexander was born at Green Bay, Wis. in 1826. After crossing the plains to Portland he went to the present site of Seattle on the schooner Exact. As a boy he served in the Indian war of 1855.

In public life he served as Sheriff OLYMPIA, Wash., Aug. 16 .- (Spe-

In public life he served as Sheriff and Assessor of Island County, and went to the Legislature in 1881. In 1889 he was appointed collector of customs at Seattle. He also joined the Klondike gold rush.

Mr. Alexander was married in 1870.

Mr. Alexander was married in 1870 to Miss Anna Lanning. There were nine children in the family.

CEMENT SQUABBLE ENDS

Material Is Exchanged and Contract Now Will Stand.

To settle a controversy between the contracting firm of Glebisch & Joplin and Warren Brothers Company as to the type of a quantity of cement held by Giebisch & Joplin for use in paving East Tenth street from Going street to Alberta street, the City Council yesterday adopted a resolution to require Giebisch & Joplin to prove that the cement is of the type called for in the specifications before using it.

The specifications call for Warren Brothers' bituithic cement. Giebisch & Joplin have claimed that the cement they have is of that type, while Warren Brothers claim it is not. To settle the argument and forestall the possibility

argument and forestall the possibilit of the contract being disqualified, War ren Brothers agreed to exchange the material on hand for genuine material and thereby remove all doubt.

ROAD FUND NOT USED

County Money for Vista House to Come From Emergency Fund.

The \$12,000 appropriation of the County Commissioners for the con-struction of Vista House, on Crown Foint, will not be made as originally intended, chiefly from the road fund, Federal Farm Loan Act.

Letters have been sent by the Chamber of Commerce not only to all its members but also to representatives of the granges, the Agricultural College, to state officials and others who are interested in the Federal farm Joan act, inviting them to attend the meeting for Herbert Myrick, which will be held at the Chamber Saturday night at 8 o'clock.

Time was Famous Pitcher.

Death came to John Bird, a pioneer, at Good Samaritan Hospital on Tuesday. He had been ill seven months. For 54 years Mr. Bird was a resident of Port-

land.
Funeral services will be conducted today from the Holman chapel at I o'clock, and interment in Lone Fir Cemetery. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Mary E. Bird; three brothers, N. H. Bird, Edward Hird, of Portland, and B. M. Bird, of Seattle, and a sister, Ella Bird, of this city.

He was born in Yamhill County in 1852, and was educated at the old Portland Academy. In the '70s he was one

land Academy. In the '70s he was one of the best-known baseball pitchers in the Pacific Northwest.

ABERDEEN PLANS RALLY

Request Made That Either Borah or Fairbanks Attend.

States Senator W. E. Borah or Republican Vice - Presidential Nominee Fairbanks be sent to Aberdeen this Fall to the recommendation made Tuesday to the recommendation made Tuesday as the principal attraction of an elaboas the principal attraction of an elabo-rately planned campaign, was for-warded to the National Republican gon, that the lands be kept on the ascommittee today by the Aberdeen sessment rolls, follows: Young Men's Republican Club. The club is planning a torchlight

procession on the evening of the rally, which, it is expected, will be made the most pretentious gathering of the kind ever staged in this section.

\$750,000 IN BONDS VOTED Warm Springs Project Near Vale Will Be Improved.

Eastman Kodaks, Films and Supplies, Expert Developing, Printing, Enlarging, Tinting, Etc. We Get the Most Out of Films Best Ice Cream in the City Is Served at Our Basement Fountain, Soft Drinks and Fruit Juice Drinks a Specialty



1916 The Olds, Wortman & King Store's 65th Anniversary Sales

> A GREAT CLEAN-UP OF SUMMER MERCHAN-DISE, REMNANTS, ODDS AND ENDS, ETC., ETC.

New 5 to-7-In. Hairbow Ribbons 59c Qualities Special at 25c

A special purchase of rich, lustrous Ribbons in plain taffetas, plaids, checks, brocades, stripes and flowered effects, 5 to 7 inches wide; also 200 pieces of 6-inch plain taffeta moire Ribbon in every wanted 25c shade, including black and white. Reg. 40c to 59c qualities now

New 34 to 36-In. Allover Laces \$1.00, \$1.50 Grades Now 59c

A big assortment of high-grade Shadow Allover Laces, 34 to 36 inches wide, in white, cream and ecru. A large variety of patterns, 59c suitable for waists and trimmings; \$1 to \$1.50 values, special 59c WE GIVE S. & H. GREEN TRADING STAMPS.

Women's Bathing Suits

\$5 Bathing Suits \$3.95 Department, Second Floor-Women's Mohair Bathing Suits in black and navy, trimmed with striped collars and cuffs; exceptionally good for the beach. \$3.95

\$10 Bathing Suits \$5 Department, Second Floor-Odd lines of Women's Bathing Suits, which have been sold down to one or two of a kind; \$5.00 styles worth to \$10

Special \$3.50 For this week we offer an extra special value in all-wool Jersey-fitting suit with different colored stripes, open on the sides, has Vshape neck and cap sleeves. All shades and in all \$3.50 sizes up to 48; priced

> GREAT SALE OF SPORT SKIRTS DEPT. SECOND FLOOR.

Bathing Suits, Caps, Shoes, Wings, Etc. Department, Second Floor-Our stock of Women's and Children's Bathing Suits is complete in every detail, from the lowest price to the finest quality. We also carry in stock all styles of Bathing Shoes, Caps, Wings, etc.

Women's Sweaters \$4.98, \$6.95, \$7.50 Women's Wool Sweat- | Women's Fiber Silk | Women's Fiber Silk ers and Angora Sport Sweaters with belt and Sport Sweaters with Coats in many desir- new style sport sweat- convertible collar, sash able colors and two-tone effects. With roll wool, with roll collars collars, belted or loose. and sash. Priced spe-colors. Medium weights Special\$4.98 cial now at.....\$6.95 -now at\$7.50

Sale of Bamboo Furniture

"Gift Room" Fourth Floor A seasonable sale of light-weight, sanitary Bamboo Furniture at very

Regular \$3.50 Square and Oval-top Tables now priced at only \$2.95 Regular \$3.50 Work Boxes and Stands now priced special at \$2.95 \$2.00 Tabourettes special at \$1.65; \$3.00 Chairs special at \$2.45 Regular \$2.00 Magazine Racks on sale today at low price of \$1.65

Boys' \$7.50 Suits at \$5.00

For Boys 6 to 18 Years of Age

Department First Floor-We give the closest attention to every detail when fitting out a boy. These suits while low in price are above the standard for quality. This is a clean-up sale of broken lines in tweeds, cheviots, homespuns, etc. Pants are full cut and lined throughout and reinforced at all vital points. Sizes 6 to 18 years. Reg-\$5.00 ular \$7.50 values, priced special at this sale at \$5.00 Sale of Boys' \$2.50 Wash Suits at 98¢

Anniversary Sale Fancy Silks

\$2.00 Grades \$1.27 \$3.50 Grades \$1.79

-IN LOT 1 there are fancy striped and checked taffetas in attractive patterns for waists, dresses, etc., also the popular Minnette Silks. \$1.75 to \$2.00 grades. Priced special, the yard at \$1.27 -IN LOT 2 there are Pussy Willow taffetas, Boris crepes and souffle crepes in assorted colors. Standard \$2.50 and \$1.79 \$3.50 grades, yard \$1.79 -Finest quality Mattelasse Moire and Nocturne Satins in assorted colors. These are from our gegular lines formerly marked to sell at \$4.00 up to \$2.29 \$4.50. Special, yard \$2.29

Women's and Misses' Dresses In a Final Clean-Up Sale

Dresses at \$7.48 Dresses at \$12.98 When women go shopping for bargains they instinctively come to this store. Here's a lot of dresses of voile material in figured. striped and plain colors, also linens in plain colors styled right up to the minute, with draped flounces and pleated skirts. They are well made, too, and prices are cut for this sale to \$7.48

Dresses at \$4.48 We can't pass this lot-must tell you about it and ask you to come and see the rest. Dainty, sheer voiles, linens and other tub fabrics, in plain colors, stripes and figures, pleated or draped skirts, all grouped in one \$4.48

In this special tot of dress we are featuring many distinctive new styles, combining many original conceptions in a splendid array of lainty fabrics and trimmings altogether in keeping with the style trend of today. No woman who

the genuineness \$12.98 Dresses at \$9.95 You'll really wonder how we can afford to sell these Dresses at this low price. We can't afford it-it's

has an eye to quality will question

a matter of necessity in order to carry out our policy of cleaning up our stock each season. There are crashes, voiles and combination materials in \$9.95 this lot. Clean-up

We Are Still Selling the Prael, Hegele Stock of China Dinnerware at 1/2 Price Prael, Hegele Stock of Onyxware Cooking Utensils at 1/2 Price in Basement

Women's \$2.50-\$3.50 Shoes

Special \$1.48

Department, First Floor-Women's Palm Beach and White Canvas Shoes, Pumps and Oxfords for sport and outing wear; some are all white, others are daintily trimmed with patent or tan calf. Composition soles. Regular \$2.50, \$3.00, \$3.50 \$1.48 values on special sale today at only \$1.48

\$5-\$6.50 White Shoes \$3.48 Women's White High Shoes with 8-inch tops of imitation buck and Lenox cloth, covered \$3.48 half-tourist heels, \$5.00 to \$6.50 values

\$4-\$5 Low Shoes Now \$1.48 Women's Low Shoes and Pumps in patent calf, satin or velvet. Hand-turn soles. Some with \$1.48 colored tops, \$4.00 and \$5.00 values

—BARGAIN CIRCLE

Five Great Specials in Shoes

Bargain Counter, Between the Elevators, First Floor. A sale of Men's, Women's and Children's Soft Buckskin Moccasins, made by the Chippewa Indians, especially good for house slippers, ideal for beach and camp life. Children's, per pair \$1.29. \$1.48 Men's and women's, special per pair \$1.48 BOUDOIR SLIPPERS of soft quality kid, made on neat lasts, elkskin sole, pompon at toe, black 98c and colors. Regular \$1.50 grade, the pair 98c BAREFOOT SANDALS -- Misses' and Children's Lotus calf stock with heavy soles. \$1.19 Sizes 5 to 10, 98¢; sizes 11 to 12, for \$1.19 BOYS' SHOES AND OXFORDS in broken lines, \$3.50 values, specialized while they last \$1.00 at, the pair...... MISSES' AND CHILDREN'S SHOES of good grade vici kid stock with patent tips, extra good wearing Shoes, sizes 8½ to 2, regular \$2.50 \$1.29 values now on sale at the low price of \$1.29

₩ ood Salad Servers At 1/2 Price

In the House Furnishings Department, 3d Floor-A timely sale of wood salad servers at just half what they should be sold for. 15c Wood Fork and Spoon, 91/2 ins., pr. 9¢ 30c Wood Fork and Spoon, 10 ins., pr. 15c 35c Wood Fork and Spoon, 91/2 ins., pr. 18¢ 50c Wood Fork, Spoon, fancy carved 25c

Coffee Day

In the Model Grocery, 4th Floor

40c Imperial Roast COFFEE

Wortman & King, a

regular 40c 29c Coffee, special 29c

29c Pound OWK Imperial Roast Coffee, a perfect blend, roasted fresh daily especially for Olds,

OWK Ceylon, Uncolored Japan and English Breakfast Teas. The regular 50c 39c grades on sale 39c

50c Tea 39c

New Tuna Fish White Star Brand-Halves 15¢ a can, ones

Sale of Grass Rugs

In the floor covering department, Third Floor, a sale Grass Rugs with fancy borders reduced as follows: 36x72 \$2.00 Rug \$1.49 | 8x10 \$7.50 Rug \$5.98 4x7 \$3.50 Rug \$2.98 9x12 \$10.50 Rug \$8.48 6x9 \$5.00 Rug \$4.25 6x9 \$5.00 Art Rug \$3.75

4 Specials in Rag Rugs

Size 24x36, special 58¢ | 30x60, special ...\$1,19 Size 27x54, special 89¢ | 36x72, special ...\$1.48

Says Leave Grant Lands Off Tax Rolls.

MIXUP

Special Federal Agent Declares Action as Suggested in Some Counties Would Be to Deny Government's Title.

oswald West, ex-Governor of Oregon, and now special agent for the Federal Government in the disposition of the Oregon & Californiz grant lands, yesterday issued a statement designed to inform county officials of his views as a special agent, on the right of counties to continue en or return to the tax rolls lands in the grant previously held vested in the railroad company. Mr.

Wested in the railroad company. Mr.

County Officials Advised.

"If this notice is disregarded and the lands again assessed, it will result in portant for George Botoputos, of 750½ Kelly street, to gain the musical education for which he yearns, to advance that the lands, when the Government is prepared to make payment of those now due, it will likely postpone their payment indefinitely.

County Officials Advised.

Will Warren, secretary to Mayor Algorithms against the lands again assessed, it will result in portant for George Botoputos, of 750½ Kelly street, to gain the musical education for which he yearns, to advance that the portant for George Botoputos, of 750½ Kelly street, to gain the musical education for which he yearns, to advance that the portant for George Botoputos, of 750½ Kelly street, to gain the musical education for which he yearns, to advance that the portant for George Botoputos, of 750½ Kelly street, to gain the musical education for which he yearns, to advance the portant for George Botoputos, of 750½ Kelly street, to gain the musical education for which he yearns, to advance the portant for George Botoputos, of 750½ Kelly street, to gain the musical education for which he yearns, to advance the portant for George Botoputos, of 750½ Kelly street, to gain the musical education for which he yearns, to advance the portant for George Botoputos, of 750½ Kelly street, to gain the musical education for which he yearns, to advance the portant for George Botoputos, of 750½ Kelly street, to gain the gain for the form of Oswald West, ex-Governor of Oregon, ABERDEEN, Wash., Aug. 16.—(Special.)—A request that either United to leave the lands off of the tax rolls

Situation Is Outlined.

"These lands were originally owner

"These lands were originally owned by the United States and were granted to the railroad company, but the grant carried certain covenants which, being violated, caused the United States Supreme Court to say: 'Congress shall have a reasonable opportunity to previde by legislation for their disposition in accordance with such policy as it may deem fitting under the circumstances and at the same time secure to the defendants all the value the granting acts conferred upon the railroads.'

"On June 9, 1915, Congress took such action and in so doing provided that the taxes accrued and now unpaid on the lands revested in the United States . . . shall be paid by the Treasurer of the United States, upon order of the Secretary of the Interior, as soon as may be after the approval VALE, Or., Aug. 16.—(Special.)—The the taxes accrued and now unpaid on the taxes accrued and now unpaid on the lands revested in the United States, and the United States, upon order of the Secretary of the Interior, as soon as may be after the approval of this act and a sum sufficient to make such payment is hereby appropriated.

must be in one of two parties, the railroad company or the United States. If they still belong to the railroad com-pany, they can of course be taxed, but

Effects of Action Named. "Should they be placed on the tax-

roll it will be notice to the world the Government in its efforts to classify the lands and open them to settlement and taxation is without authority and that in paying the back taxes it will be paying upon the property of others. "County officials have just been notified to prepare their claims and when they are received and approved prompt action will be taken towards their payment in accordance with the statute. Notices are also being sent to county officials calling attention to the fact that the lands should not be placed upon the rells now being pre-

pared. "If this notice is disregarded and the

County Officials Advised. "County officials cannot blow hot

"It is evident that title to the lands and cold in this matter. They surely, telephone as a result of a story in the Government's claim of ownership. If be required to suffer for the sake of ment. if title has revested in the United States they cannot be taxed.

Effects of Action Named

railroad company for payment of back "My advice to county officials is that county officials consider the title leave the lands off the taxroll for the still in the railroad company and that coming year and thus avoid complicative Government has no claim on the tions which would surely arise. Should still in the railroad company and that the Government has no claim on the lands; that Oregon's fight for the recovery of the grant is all 'bunk'; that the Government in its efforts to classify the lands and open them to settlement the lands are considered.

Opinion seems to be about equally quired to practice.
Will Warren, secretary to Mayor Al

bee, got all kinds of opinions over th

It makes the wheels

cannot expect the Government to pay Oregonian yesterday. Some seemed to a boy who wants to improve his conditions these taxes unless they recognize the think a lot of neighbors should not tion should be given every encourage-



When you slice these clean, inviting loaves, you find the texture inside smooth and perfect-a creamy white, firm inner loaf.

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