TWAS SO SUDDEN. GASP BEATEN MEN

Mayor Defeated by His Wife Comments on Result of Umatilla Election.

'WE DIDN'T KNOW;' HE SAYS

Mayoress-Elect, Four Councilwomen Elect, Recorderess - Elect and Treasuress - Elect Promise Business Administration.

(Continued From First Page.) party or club meeting, but all they

"Now, we're going to show the mer what a strictly business and economical administration really is."

Large Vote Turns Out.

Though there are 300 residents in Though there are 300 residents in unattilla there are only about 200 registered voters, and at yesterday's election there were only 174 votes cast. For Mayor Mrs. E. E. Starcher received 101 votes and her husband got 73. R. F. Paulu, a prominent business man well-known over Eastern Oregon, was a candidate for Treasurer on the way's token which had been announced men's ticket, which had been announced weeks ago. Mrs. Robert Merrick, wife of another well-known Umatilian, deof another well-known Umatilian, defeated Mr. Paulu handily for the place, while Mr. Marrick was running for Councilman and lost to Mrs. Paulu.

A. W. Duncan was a candidate for Council, but he was swamped when the votes counted Mrs. C. G. Brownell into the position to which she is eminently qualified, according to the numerous women supporters who voted for her.

Mr. Starcher said: "I can't say what the women are going to do further than they have announced that they intend to show us men what real economy is and how to run the administration here on business principles "It was cleverly done, I'll admit, but they haven't told us how." The Mayor today began to clean up his desk to make ready for his exit as a public official.

"I'll be only a private after January here yesterday."

we men are lost. What the women know they are keeping to themselves. They say they intend to clean up the town. We didn't know it needed it, but we shall see what we shall see.

"Yes I would be worked to the work of the control of

Yes, I guess the women lined up the railroad men's vote all right. the railroad men's vote all right. Starcher here is chief dispatcher for the O.-W. R. & N., and the vote in his case alone shows that he did not swing the case alone shows that he did not swing the case alone shows that he did not swing the live me it the railroad vote. And, believe me, it

was a vital factor.
"You see, the polls opened at 8 o'clock in the morning and were to close at 7 in the evening. Well, the women folk were busy at home with their daily not ext duties in the morning and did not get elected in the city the whirlwind vote-getting campaign started, and it ran along like a cyclone till the polls closed, and you know the result. The men were smothered, that's all. You see, that's what we men get for giving the bailot to the women"— and the husband of the Councilwoman-elect laughed heartly.

"No, the women won't tell us yet when they cooked up the deal on us," and the interview closed. "As yet the women have nothing to as yet the women have nothing to say as to their future policy or as to why they desired control, but from the best information we are able to obtain they were dissatisfied with the past administration, claiming inefficiency as a sayor. Samuel Clerk Crimp, 515; Miller, 507; Councilman-at-Large, John Killmore, 503; J. E. Farrell, 453; Councilman First Ward, Jesse Waters, 234; W. P. Hiddleson, 177. ministration, claiming inefficiency and a general lack of business ability so far as the running of the city was con-

It is generally conceded by all the men residents that they are batting well above .300—this fact is vouched

People Fail to Vote and Three Places

on Council Are Vacant. BAKER, Or., Dec. 5. — (Special.) — Haines has three vacant councilmanic chairs as the result of the failure yesterday to hold an election. Yesterday was the day of the annual municipal election, but as there were no candidates and no disposition to write in names the polls were not opened. A few women went to the regular polling place, and finding no election officials

until a special election is held.

In Sumpter the candidates backed by the Powder River Dredging Com-

pany were defeated. The following



were chosen Councilmen: A. J., Denney, Charles Bacon, F. L. Wilson, John Clark and J. E. Hayden.

The following were elected in Half-way: Dr. H. C. Eastland Mayor, J. W. Gray, Recorder; W. J. Douglas, Treasurer; Dr. I. M. Sanders, A. V. Lansing, C. J. Shelton, G. H. Svart, Claud Officer and Charles Reed, Councilmen. S. F. Deaderick received a large number of votes for Councilman, but was disqualified because he held a Government position, that of postmaster. sition, that of postmaster

MARSHFIELD VOTE IS LIGHT Mayor Copple's Candidates for City

Council Are Defeated. MARSHFIELD, Or., Dec. 6. — (Special.)—Light voting marked the city elections in this district, and in Marshfield only a third vote was cast, amounting to a total of 500. Mayor R. A. Copple's candidates for the Council, E. Bandel and C. L. Pennock, were defeated by Duncan Ferguson and Tom B. Jones. Mayor Copple had urged the election of his candidates in public print.

lic print.
John W. Butler was re-elected Re-

John W. Butler was re-elected Recorder, without any opposition. It was
an off Year, there being but two Councilmen and a Recorder to choose.
At Empire, Mrs. T. J. Macgenn, wife
of Captain Macgenn, the well-known
navigator, was elected to the Council.
C. G. Hockett was chosen president of
the Council, and the other members
elected were J. O. Capron, A. A. Nicholis
and Captain James Magee. James
Mackie was named Recorder.

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East Side elected its regularly nominated ticket, although a ticket was originated to be voted by writing names on the ballot. The opposition received 29 out of 111 votes. Councilmen elected were R. T. Whitty and M. A. McLaggan, of East Side Precinct, and W. L. Walker and M. L. Hunt, of Cooston Precinct. Malcolm McLean was chosen treasurer; C. P. Keating, Recorder, and Sylvester McGriff, City Marshal.

Exclusion of Road Section to Be Met by Withholding Taxes.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Dec. 6 .- (Special.) -As a result of yesterday's city elec-tion, when Hood River residents voted almost unanimously to exclude from

into the position to which she is eminently qualified, according to the numerous women supporters who voted for her.

R. B. Murton "looked like a cinch" for the Council also, but Mrs. B. Spining spilled all hopes for Mr. Murton for the next two years at least.

Mrs. H. O. Mens, who won over H. Barkley for Councilman, is proprietor of a hotel, and had the railroad men's wote lined up as well as the women's, and it was no effort for her to waik into the Council. Mr. Means and Mrs. Means also operate a merchandise store here.

H. B. Hull believed, despite all reports of another ticket in the field, that there was no chance for defeat for him as Recorder. Mrs. J. H. Cherry, however, was the women's candidate and won.

An effort will be made at the budget for making the city from an apportioned 70 per cent of the general road fund raised on property within the district, the city will be permitted to claim its proportion of a general road district, the city will be made at the budget for maintenance and improvement will be really and the court for December.

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Railroad Men Suspected.

Umatilla is a railroad center on the Co.-W. R. & N., and from all accounts the women, working secretly among the trainmen at the hotel here or as they came in the yards from their various runs, button-holed the labor vote and lined it up for what the women term "the right."

Mr. Starcher said: "Lean't say what

official.

Till be only a private after January
1," he said. "Of course, if we had known we might have made a showing, but the women took us by storm, as it were, and what could we poor mendo!

Councilman Admits Defeat.

C. G. Brownell, husband of one of the victorious Councilwomen, said:

"About all we know is the result. No, we men are lost. What the women know they are keeping to themselves."

Small vote was cast in the city election here yesterday.

Mayor C. A. Coulter was re-elected.
The Councilman are: N. W. Baker, Councilman-at-Large: A. W. Baker and Fred Clyde, First Ward; L. P. Largon and T. J. Stephens, Second Ward, and C. F. McCall and H. E. Vincent, Third Ward. K. M. Leach was elected Treasure; Herman Murray, Attorney, and the other to J. M. Devers, District Attorney for Lane County, the office of Attorney-General Brown today of Attorney-

they can vote.

ELLENSBURG NAMES KREIDEL

Elected With Some Close Races.

ELLENSBURG, Wash., Dec. 5 -- (Special)-Mayor Samuel Kreidel and the people's ticket which he headed were out to vote till afternoon, and it was here today. Kreidel defeated Council-about 2 o'clock in the afternoon that man Van Gesen, candidate of the man Van Gesen, candidate of the Citizens' party, two to one. City Clerk Reuben Crimp defeated Bert Miller by eight votes. City Treasurer Bessie Nesbit and Councilmen Walter Schmid and F. S. Chapin were re-elected with-

out opposition. E. J. Lindberg was unopposed for City Atterney. The total vote for the contested offices was: For Mayor, Samuel Kreidel, 689; J. H. Van Gesen, 338; City

Socialist Defeated by Pioneer in Election of Little Interest.

KELSO, Wash., Dec. 6.—(Special.)— Dr. J. Ballard, a pioneer resident of this city, was elected Mayor in the for by Mayor Starcher, at least.

All efforts to interview the Mayorelect, Mrs. Starcher, proved unavailing,
it being announced that she "had retired" or "was in conference" or "was
visiting." Early in the evening Mr.

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Mayor C. Q. Talbert, who has served tired" or "was in conference" or "was visiting." Early in the evening Mr. Starcher was not aware of his wife's whereabouts, but later spoke for her, when he announced that "the women as yet have nothing to say."

his Socialist opponent, J. N. Erlandsen. Mayor C. Q. Talbert, who has served the past two terms, was not a candidate for re-election. Little interest was taken in the election, less than one-third of the total vote turning out. HAINES OVERLOOKS ELECTION
To My Sand Three Places

J. T. Gear was re-elected Councilman from West Kelse; Al Maurer, Councilman from South Kelse; C. C. Bashor, Treasurer, and M. J. Lord, Clerk, George A. Poland was chosen Councilman-at-large and C. E. Carothers Councilman from North Kelso. P. P. Brush was elected City Attorney.

Returned to Positions. NEHALEM, Or., Dec. 6 .- (Special.)-

went home disappointed.

Three Councilmen, J. F. O'Bryant,
W. J. Polley and John Lang, are finishing their terms, and did not seek
re-election, so instead of five Haines
has only two Councilmen. It is-possible
that the three may be induced to sit
until a special election is held.

In the city election Tuesday little interest was taken, the vote being extremely
light.

Mayor Frank A. Rowe, Recorder
Ward L. Mayor and Treasurer Ellis
Madden were re-elected. Of the three
Councilmen to be elected for the ensuing term, Fred Seeley and Ed Kelley
until a special election is held. were re-elected with Sam Lundburg replacing Roy Robison, of the old board,

> Cathlamet's People's Ticket Wins. CATHLAMET, Wash., Dec. 6.—(Spe-clal.)—The People's ticket was elected at the city election held here today. For Councilman, A. N. Fredrickson was elected for three years, George F. Han-igan and H. W. Smith for two years, and John Heron for one year. C. H. Warren, who has been Treasurer ever since the incorporation of the city,

as re-elected. Wallowa Elects O'Brien Mayor. WALLOWA, Or., Dec. 6 .- (Special.)-At the city election Monday the fol-lowing officers were elected; H. K. this district.

J. P. Morelock, Councilman-at-large for a term of two years; George Rogers, Councilman for First Ward for two years; L. F. Allen, Councilman for Second Ward for two years, J. C. Baird, Recorder for one year, and E. A. Searle, Treasurer for one year.

'Vote for Bill" Recognized Slogan in

Toledo City Election. TOLEDO, Or., Dec. 6.—(Special.)—
"Vote for Bill" was the slogan in the city election held here Monday. There

were five candidates in the field for Councilmen whose first names were William. The successful ones are: William Andrews, William Graham and William Småll.

Dr. R. D. Burgess was elected Mayor, F. N. Hayden was elected to succeed himself in the office of Recorder and George Schneck was elected Marshal. In spite of the fact that Sunday night's gale ripped the tin roof off the City gale ripped the tin roof off the City Hall and the voting room was some-what damp, the usual number of ballots were cast.

Beaverton Holds Election.

BEAVERTON, Or., Dec. 6.—(Special.)

The annual city election was held fuesday, when M. P. Cady was elected Mayor; Frank Ferguson, Robert Fehlmann and H. O. Stipe, Councilmen; C. E. Hedge, Recorder-Treasurer, Mayor-elect Cady is in favor of building permanent rock roads in the main streets leading into town. Under the regime of the outgoing Mayor, H. G. Vincent, the city water system was put on a paying basis.

Fatal Mine Explosion Investigated. SALEM, Or., Dec. 6 .- (Special.) -- State Labor Commissioner Hoff today named James Bagley as a mine-inspecting ex-pert to go to Marshfield and investigate the conditions existing at the Beaver Hill mine, where three men lost their lives in an explosion a number of weeks COUNTY HITS AT HOOD RIVER ago. Circumstances surrounding the explosion will be investigated, as well as recommendations made relative to the best plans to be taken for avoiding similar accidents in the future.

> A. B. Thompson Elected Mayor. ECHO, Or., Dec. 6. - (Special.) - At

the city election held here yesterday, A. B. Thompson was elected Mayor for a term of two years. Three Councilmen, Frank Spike, George H. Coppinger and R. R. Lewis, were elected for two years. R. B. Stanfield was elected

Washougal Names 3 Councilmen. WASHOUGAL, Wash., Dec. 6.—(Special.)—In the city election yesterday the following were elected to the two-year term of Councilmen: Henry Sodawasser, C. H. Christenson and Jake Gibbons. William Rich was re-elected to the office of City Treasurer. F. C. Price continues as Mayor.

Dr. Wolf Elected Mayor.

CASTLE ROCK, Wash., Dec. 6 .- (Special.)—At an election held in this city yesterday, Dr. O. K. Wolf was elected Mayor for two years, W. H. Sheldon and P. S. Dykeman, Councilmen for two years, and Otto Wehtje, treasurer for ne year. All are Republicans.

MEASURE IS EXPLAINED

ATTORNEY - GENERAL DISCUSSES TAX LIMITATION AMENDMENT.

volved in the 6 per cent tax limitation amendment, effective yesterday,

The District Attorney of Lincoln County asked if under the terms of the new amendment the County Court can new amendment the County Court can lawfully audit and direct the payment of claims presented to the December term of such court, and, if it does, whether the County Clerk can lawfully issue warrants therfor. The county

Replying to the question, the Attorney-General's opinion reads in part that "it is not material, as far as this constitutional provision is concerned, what is the amount-of indebtedness of the county incurred in such manuer and existing at the time of its adop-tion, but the limitations expressed in tion, but the limitations expressed in the amendment upon the power of creating public indebtedness apply only to such debts of the county created after said amendment takes effect. The limitation upon voluntary or contractural indebtedness . . is not changed in any way by the recent amendment, except that involuntary debts 'hereafter created' are to be counted with voluntary debts in arrivcounted with voluntary debts in arriving at the total amount to which the limitation applies outstanding at any

District Attorney Devers, of Lane County, asked if the constitutional limitation would apply to present indebtedness where that indebtedness is provided for in the tax levy now being made. The Attorney-General replied in

PACKERS TO HAVE BANK

UNION MEAT COMPANY STOCK HOLDERS BACK MOVE.

Swift Packing House Interests of Chi eago to Be Heavily Interested in New Institution.

Stockwards and packing house interests operating in North Portland propose to establish a bank in that district soon after the first of the year. The bank will be financed by stock holders of the Union Meat Company the Portland Union Stockyards Company and other concerns connected with those institutions. It will be operated for the accommodation of the livestock

for the accommodation of the livestock and allied interests generally.

The Swift packing house interests, of Chicago, control the stockyards and packing plant in North Portland and will be heavily interested in the new bank. Carlton F. Swift, a younger member of the family, who has been in Portland for the last few weeks, probably will be actively connected with the bank and will establish his permanent home here.

"Plans are only tentative," said C. C. Colt, president of the Union Meat Company, last night. "We are thinking of organizing a bank and hope the situation will justify us doing it some time next year."

Bend Men Support Stanfield.

BEND, Or., Dec. 6.—(Special.)—Assurances of their support for Robert N. Stanfield for Speaker of the next Legislature has been telegraphed to Mr. Stanfield by Vernon A. Forbes and Denton G. Burdick, Representatives from the district

THREE OF FIVE WILLIAMS WIN Oregon Homing Club Nearly Sweeps Prizes at Show.

> AWARDS MADE

Joe Cordano Also Captures Honors at Poultry and Pet Stock Association Exhibits-Seattle Man Gets Laurels.

Yesterday was the great day for olgeon fanciers, especially for the Oregon Homing Pigeon Club, which made almost a clean sweep in the prize list in homing pigeon classes at the Poul-try and Pet Stock Association show at

try and Pet Stock Association show at Fifth and Alder streets.

A great share of this glory was, however, divided with Joe Cordano, an entrant whose homers carried off all the prizes in the longest distance classes. Awards in the bantam classes were also completed yesterday, one of the largest prize-winners being C. H. Burnett, of Seattle.

Following are the awards in pigeon classes and bantam classes as given out by the judges:

out by the judges:

Homing Pigeons.

Oregon Homing Pigeon Club—First and second on 100-mile old cock; first, second and third on 190-mile old cock; first, second and third on 190-mile old cock; first, second and third, 130-mile old cock; first, second and third, 130-mile old hen, All five prizes in 200-mile old cock, 200-mile old hen, three prizes; 300-mile old cock four prizes, 400-mile old hen, one prize. Owners represented: E. A. Schafer, S. Crompton, E. Kindermon, C. E. Hirshaw, Jimmy Dunn, Charles Trongone, Edward Thompson, Charles Trongone, Edward Thompson, Charles De Reaux and E. B. Bishep.

Joe Cordano—First prize 500-mile old cock; first 500-mile joid hen.

Oregon Homing Pigeon Club—50-mile young cocks, three prizes; 59-mile young hen, two prizes; 75-mile young hen, two prizes; 100-mile young hen, five prizes; 150-mile young hen, five prizes; 150-mile young hen, three prizes; 200-mile young cock, five prizes; 150-mile young hen, three prizes; 200-mile young hen, three prizes; 200-mile young cock, five prizes; 200-mile young cock, five prizes; 200-mile young hen, three prizes; 200-mile young hen, three prizes; 200-mile young cock, second prize. Same owners represented. Homing Pigeons

Joe Cordano—250-mile young cock, first prize: 250-mile young hen, first prize; 300-nile young cock, first prize; 300-mile young hen, first prize.

Other Classes Pigcons.

White Fautail—Old cock, B. A. Mitchell, Orenco, first; Elva Anson, second; old hea, same prizes as cock.

A. O. C. Fantail—Old cock, B. A. Mitchell, first and second; old hea, same prizes.

Turbits, A. O. C.—Old cock and old hea, first prize, B. A. Mitchell, Elack Baid-headed Turmbler—Old cock and old hea, young cock, young hea, B. A. Mitchell, first.

A. O. C. Turmbler—Old cock, old hea, B. A. Mitchell, first.

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Carneaux Red — Old cock, Joe Cordano, first and second; B. A. Mitchell, third and fourth; Oregon Carneaux Company, fifth; old hea, Joe Cordano, first, second, third and fifth: Oregon Carneaux, fourth; young cock, Joe Cordano, first, third and fifth; B. A. Mitchell, second and fourth; young hea, Joe Cordano, first, second and third; B. A. Mitchell, fifth, and Oregon Carneaux Company, fourth.

A. O. C. Curneaux—Old cock, Oregon Carneaux Company, fourth;
B. J. Thompson, fifth; old hea. Oregon Carneaux Company, first, young cock, Oregon Carneaux Company, first, third, fourth and fifth; E. J. Thompson, fifth; Elva Anson, first; young cock, Oregon Carneaux Company, first, third, fourth and fifth; E. J. Thompson, second.

Maltese Hen, White. Other Classes Pigeons.

Maltese Hen, White. Old cock, F. J. Bann, first and second B. A. Mitchell, third: Elva Anson, fourtl and fifth; old hen, Elva Anson, first, third and fourth; Mrs. Charles Trengove, fifth B. A. Mitchell, second; young cock, B. A. Mitchell first, F. A. Washburn second; younghen, F. J. Brown, first.

Maltese Hen, Blue. Old cock, F. J. Bonn first and second; H. Williams, third.
Old hen, Joe Cordano, second; B. A. inMitchell, first.

Young cock, F. J. Bonn, first and third;
B. A. Mitchell, second.

Maltese Hen, Black.
Old cock, B. A. Mitchell, first; F. J. Bonn, econd, third and fourth.
Old hen, B. A. Mitchell, first; F. J. Bonn, econd. Young cock. B. A. Mitchell, first and scond; F. J. Bonn, third. Young ben, B. A. Mitchell, first and third; J. Bonn, second.

Maltese Hen, A. O. C. I cock, Joe Cordano, first; F. J. Bonn, d; B. A. Mitchell, fourth; H. Williams old hen, B. A. Mitchell, first; H. Williams, econd; F. J. Bonn, third; Joe Cordano, Young cock, F. J. Bonn, all three prizes, Young hen, F. J. Bonn, first three prizes, A. Mitchell, fifth; G. A. Washburn

Blue Runt. Old cock, Joe Cordano, all three prizes. Old hen, two prizes. Young cock, first prize. Young hen, first prize. A. O. Squab, Breeding Variety.

Mrs. C. T. Trengove, five prizes old coc-BANTAMS. Japan Silkie,
Mrs. Charles Cooper, first on pullet auret on cockerel.

Dark Cornish. Black Rose-Comb Cock. Burnett, first and second. Black-Breasted Red Game

Barred Plymonth Rock.

Oregon Corneaux Company, third and fourth on pullet. Brown Leghorn. Francis M. Bonham, first on cockerel first on pullet.

Red Pyle Game.

Oregon Corneaux Company, first on cockirst on cockerel; J. A. Simon, second or Fan-Tail Japanese.

Jee Cordano, first on cockerel, first White Japanese. R. T. Applegate, first on cock, first an Oregon Corneaux Company, second pek, third on hen.

Golden Seabright. S. Ellermon, first on cock.
regon Corneaux Company, first on cock.
first, second and third on hen.
J. Simon, second on cocketel.
H. Maynard, first on pullet.
H. Rasmussen, first on rose-comb pul-

Black Cochin. Oregon Cornsaux Company, first on cock, A. H. Rasmussen, second on cock. O. F. Goettel, of Newberg, third on cock, econd on cockerel. C. H. Burnett, first and third on cock-C. H. Burnett, first and third or cred.
Oregon Corneaux Company, first and third on hen.
O. F. Goettel, second on hen, first, third and fourth on pullet.
C. H. Burnett, fourth and fifth on hen; 5th on pullet, first on eld pen, first on young pen.

A. H. Rasmussen, second on pullet. W. T. Linder, first on cock, first, second and fifth on pullet.
Oregon Corneaux Company, first, third and fourth on hep, third and fourth on pullet.

Joe Cordano, second on hen. White Cochin.
A. H. Rasmussen, first on pullet.

A. O. Damon, Salem Grocer, Dies. SALEM, Or., Dec. 6 .- (Special.) -A. O. Damon, who conducted a grocery store in this city for 20 years on North Commarcial street, died at his home here today. He was 70 years of age and is survived by two sons and a daughter. Wilbur and the three other defendants

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Boycott Reduces Demand With Oregon and Idaho Union Is Holding Plentiful Supply Near.

NEXT MEETING SATURDAY

Parent-Teachers Council Will Ope Its Onslaught on High Prices Tomorrow at Meeting of Its Official Board.

Egg prices continue to drop. They were down to 50 cents a dozen noon. yesterday-good fresh eggs, too. Some grocers held out for 55 cents, FIELD WORK ECONOMIZES but they did little business at that

The boycott established by last Sat orday night's mass meeting has had its People are buying a few eggs. Dealers are finding them a drug on the market. It is predicted that further breaks will come within the next few days. Farmers report that hens are beginning to lay again in some locali-ties. A steady and pientiful supply of fresh eggs is due about the first of the

Investigation Is Begun. Meanwhile, a concerted investigation of the high-living cost is in progress through a score of different avenues.

Another big mass meeting will be held at the Library next Saturday night. Further boycotting on other commodities may be put into effect. An independent meeting of women was held at the Library yesterday afternoon, Reports from various committees urged the conservation of food supplies and the utilization of the less expensive food commodities.

Parent-Teachers Launch Move. The Parent-Teacher Council of the city, representing about 25,000 families will inaugurate officially its onslaught upon the high cost of living tomorrow at 3 o'clock, when the official board of the council will meet at the home of Mrs. Lee Davenport, its president, 88 East Nineteenth street. Mrs. Davenport, Mrs. J. F. Kelley, Mrs. E. J. Steele, Mrs. Lulu McCrum and Mrs. R. D. Inman will attend. An active campaign to combat rising food costs will be mapped out. One ob-ject of the parent-teacher organization is to strive for better living conditions. as well as to cut the high cost of liv-ing, and it is realized the present war market offers great opportunities for crusading in the interests of reason-able prices for necessities of life.

This will be the first official meeting of the council on this subject,

NEW CONSTITUTION TOPIC

Oregon City Live Wires to Consider Proposal for Revision. OREGON CITY, Dec. 6.—(Special.)— The proposal that the entire state con-

The proposal that the entire state constitution be revised will be considered at a meeting of the "live wires" of the Commercial Club, December 12.

At the meeting of the wires next Tuesday a report will be submitted showing the cost of power derived from the falls of the Willamette.

The plan of adding Oswego and surrounding territory to Multnomah County, urged in a petition circulated in Oswego, was discussed and referred to the legislative committee by Main Trunk Schuebel.

WILBUR TRIAL WAITS AGAIN

Former Friars Club Proprietor Is Reported Too Ill for Ordeal.

OREGON CITY, Dec. 6.—(Special.)— The second time within the last month, Circuit Judge Campbell today granted Julius Wilbur and his associates in the Friars' Club at Milwaukie a postpone-ment of the date of trial. C. W. Ful-ton, attorney for Wilbur, told the court that Wilbur was ill and unable to stand trial.

be tried Friday and Saturday of this week, the days set several weeks ago. He suggested that the court send a physician to Milwaukie.

2 STATES' FARMERS MEET Convention at McMinnville.

M'MINNVILLE, Or., Dec. 6,-(Spe M'MINNVILLE, Or., Dec. 6.—(Special.)—The Farmers' Union for the district of Oregon and Idaho, in seventh annual convention here, today went into closed session and took up its regular routine business. There are present \$1 delegates, each representing local unions, covering the territory all the way from Emmett, Idaho, to Coos Bay, Oregon.

Oregon.

O. E. Hibbs, of Portland, is the fraternal delegate from the Federation of Labor, and State Master C. E. Spence, of the Grange, one of their fraternal delegates. C. E. Nelson, head manager of the Tri-State Terminal Warshouse Company, a Farmers' Union institution spoke before the convention this after

Saving Made on Survey of Corvallis-Independence State Route. to the State Engineer, will save approximately two miles in distance and elimfnates three railroad crossings on the highway, according to a statement

The proposed route is approximately straight, the statement says, following closely on the west side of the railroad track and crossing the Luckiamute River on a proposed bridge near Parker.

Hood River Tax May Be Higher. HOOD RIVER, Or., Dec. 6 .- (Special.) —In all probability the tax of the city of Hood River for the coming year will be increased by the maximum 6 per cent, as allowed under the recently adopted initiative measure. At a meeting of the city Council the budget, as outlined the first of last month, was adopted. The city tax levy for the year will be 12% mills, an increase of 1% over that of last year. The city school district, last week, following the recommendations of the board adopted a levy of \$1/2 mills. A mill increase over that of last year. Thus the city tax levy, exclusive of state and county

levies, will reach 20% mills. Vancouver to Have Christmas Tree. VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 6.—(Special,)—A great Christmas tree will be placed in front of the local Elks Temple the Thursday before Christmas, it was announced tonight. The tree will be lighted up at night by electricity. On thristmas special exercises will be held for all the children of the city. A programme will be arranged and a Sant-Claus present.

Irrigationists Plan Programme.

BEND, Or., Dec. 6 .- (Special.) -To prepare a concerted programme for the coming irrigation congress to be held in Portland in January, the irrigationists of this section will meet here on De-cember 15. An invitation to hold the conference here was given at today's meeting of the Bend Commercial Club.

Federal Railway Incorporation Opposed by Commissions.

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California Official, Testifying Before Congressional Committee, Says Local Citizen Would Lose Speedy Relief.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6 .- Max Thelen, president of the California Railroad Commission and the National Associaclared here today that the "avowed purpose of the railroads is to use proposed Federal incorporation of carriers to take from the states practically all their powers over railroads." SALEM, Or., Dec. 6.—(Special.)—Field work on survey of a state route between Independence and Corvallis, just completed by H. N. Hackett, assistant to the State Engineer, will save an whole subject of Government regulation and ownership of interstate car-

"If the carriers are successful in issued by the state highway depart- their plan," said Theien, "they will take away from the people of the states all power over rates, service, facilities, safety and convenience of operation of every railroad in the

"The inevitable result will be either the breakdown of all public regulation or the establishment of an enor-mous Federal bureaucracy far removed from access by the local citizen, who now finds adequate and speedy relief through his state commission." Railroad Commissioners of the vari-Railroad Commissioners of the vari-ous states, Thelen said, have deter-mined to resist vigorously Federal in-corporation. "Impairment of railroad credit is not due to state and Federal regulation mixed," said Thelen, "but to unwise railroad construction, unsound financial systems and a number of

giaring cases of criminal mismanage-ment. He concurred with railroad rep-resentatives that need for further financing of pailroads was urgent. The people of the United States will ever consent to pay such increased rates as the carriers contend are necessary to enable them to meet their obligations to investors and to the public," he concluded, Mr. Theien urged Federal legislation governing regula-tion of stock and bond issues of in-terstate railroads.

Border Veterans May Unite. SALEM, Or. Dec. 6.—(Special.)— Plans were formulated at a temporary organization of Company M. Third Infantry, Oregon National Guard, to form an association similar to the Spanish-American War Veterans to include only such militiamen as were called to the border for patrol duty this year. While the scheme originates here, it is hoped by the members of the company to se-

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