

IRRIGATIONISTS OF STATE MEET TODAY

State Guaranty of Bonds Is to Be Big Question Before Three-Day Session.

PAPER NOW IS UNSALABLE

Changes That Will Interest East and Capital Generally in Oregon Projects and Make Bonds an Investment Are Asked.

All sections of Oregon will be represented at the Oregon Irrigation Congress that gathers this morning at the Imperial Hotel for the annual session. Three days will be occupied with the consideration of irrigation plans for the state. The congress will not be the largest in point of attendance, it is stated, but it is believed that from the standpoint of practical work this will outdo all other gatherings of a like nature in the history of the recurring annual meetings. About 300 delegates are expected to attend.

J. W. Brewer, of The Dalles, president of the congress, and Fred N. Wallace, Tumalo, secretary, have established headquarters at the Imperial, and a few others who will participate in the congress are on the ground. Today there will be large additions to their ranks from many parts of the state.

President to Make Report.

At 8:10 this morning a delegation of 100 irrigationists from Crook, Jefferson and Deschutes counties are expected to arrive over the Oregon Trunk. Three special sleepers were attached to that train in Central Oregon last night for the accommodation of these delegates.

At 9 o'clock this morning the registration of delegates will begin. This will occupy an hour and at 10 o'clock the call to order will be made by President Brewer in the Elizabethan room at the Imperial, where the sessions will be held.

President Brewer will make his annual report to the congress, after which he will appoint the members of the credentials and resolutions committee. These and other preliminary details will occupy the morning session. This afternoon "Irrigation Practice" is the general topic. Discussion of this subject will be participated in by P. A. Devers, Portland; R. E. Bradbury, Klamath Falls, and Dean A. B. Cordley, of the Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis. The afternoon session will begin at 2 o'clock.

Code Revision Is Big Question.

The most important business before the Irrigation Congress, in my opinion, will be the contemplated revision of the Irrigation district code," said President Brewer. "The latter part of November I appointed a special committee, which was to advise as to a revision of the code. The chief purpose in view is to get the irrigation districts in such shape that their bonds will be salable.

"The influence of the Oregon Irrigation Congress is being felt more and more every year throughout the state. The people are paying more attention to the work and are participating more freely in the meetings. Constructive work is the aim of the organization." Irrigation bonds that have the same standing as the bonds of other municipalities are wanted by Jay Upton, of Prineville, president of the Central Oregon Irrigation Congress, who says that section of the state is a unit in demanding such changes in the irrigation district laws that the securities they issue will be on a par with other desirable bonds.

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CHECK ARTIST CAUGHT

SAMUEL SCHLAGER, CULTURED AND FLUENT, IN OMAHA JAIL.

Visitor Who Made Friends of Many Distinguished Portland People Comes to Grief With Arrest.

Samuel Schlager, cultured, fluent and fond of good society, who bade Portland friends goodbye on Christmas night, is under arrest at Omaha, Neb., where he was apprehended yesterday by the Pinkerton National Detective Agency. He had made the error of attempting to cash one check too many.

On December 17 Schlager made his first appearance in Portland and registered at the Hotel Benson. He acquired friends rapidly, many of them being distinguished and influential citizens of this city. The bellboys sprang eagerly to his bidding, and it was generally conceded that the new arrival was a royal good fellow.

Mr. Schlager left for Seattle on December 30, and in the Washington Hotel duplicated his Portland success. Among the friends he made was a young woman, whose mission in the city was to purchase furniture. Schlager accompanied her to the furniture dealer's office, was introduced, and promptly cashed a check for \$250. It is said, drawn on the Ladd & Tilton Bank of Portland. He returned to Portland to spend Christmas, leaving that night.

It was when he attempted to cash another check on Ladd & Tilton, at an Omaha hotel yesterday, that Alfred C. Holmes, superintendent of the Pinkerton agency in this city, was advised by telegram and at once ordered his detection.

Schlager operated under the aliases of Charles Samuels in Seattle and of Samuel Herbert in Omaha, it is said. He is said to have obtained \$250 in a house-check swindle at Alhambra, Cal., just before he came to Portland.

Read The Oregonian classified ads.

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SILVERTON ELECTION SET

Extension of Corporate Limits Will Be Decided On January 23.

SILVERTON, Or., Jan. 3.—(Special.)—At a special election January 23 the question of extending the corporate limits of the city of Silverton will be decided by the voters of the city and the territory to be annexed.

The proposed annexation comprises a tract of land owned by the North Side Investment Company and it will include that portion of the Silverton Lumber Company's property now outside of the city. That it does not include the Silver Falls Timber Company's mill, nearing completion, has aroused considerable opposition.

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MANY PART IN CLACKAMAS

Records Show Outsiders Establish Residences to Get Divorces.

OREGON CITY, Or., Jan. 3.—(Special.)—Divorce suits outnumbered marriage licenses in Clackamas County during the year just ended, counts made today show. During the year 1916 237 divorce suits were brought in the Circuit Court, and 219 marriage licenses issued. The records show a slight increase in the number of divorces, as 234 actions were instituted during 1915.

A majority of the divorce suits brought in the Clackamas County Circuit Court are brought by couples from outside the county. Many come here from other states, an examination of the cases shows, live here long enough to establish a residence, and file an action.

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SEERESS STRAND STAR

PRINCESS WAH-LET-KA PRIES INTO SECRETS FOR ANSWERS.

Portland Boy Violinist Is Engaged for Rest of Week—Bluebird Feature Film Has Thrill.

Princess Wah-let-ka, that fascinating Indian princess who exploits her mentality, is back at the Strand Theater in her characteristic mind reading and prophetic act. Her act is as clever as ever and without a doubt she does pry into the most hidden thoughts to answer questions.

Louis Kauffmann, a Portland boy wonder violinist, has been engaged for the rest of the week and gives promise of being one of the star performers.

"Black Orchids," starring Cleo Madison, is the Bluebird photoplay for the week. It is the startling story of the woman who, trusting to her fascination, uses her wiles to ensnare men until she entangles a good man. There are thrilling scenes of adventure and a climax in which the coquette pays the penalty for her treachery. Melvin Ogden is the organist who plays accompaniments for "Black Orchids."

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