

PORTLAND AGAIN TO BE MEETING PLACE

Oregon Association of County Commissioners Ends Business Sessions.

BANQUET WILL BE TONIGHT

Resolutions Recommend Road Work Discontinuance, Women Juvenile Court Officers and Indorse County Agents.

By unanimous choice Portland will be the next meeting place of the Oregon Association of County Judges and County Commissioners.

Various resolutions were adopted as embodying the suggestions of the county officials for legislative action.

Advocates of the resolution pointed out that the security of labor and the need for men in military service and other activities necessary to the successful prosecution of the war.

Mr. Benson Makes Address.

The resolution declared for the postponement of construction of expensive highways and bridges, until normal conditions return.

Another resolution unanimously adopted was relative to the Juvenile Courts, recommending that in all cases of transportation of women and girls to Oregon institutions that women officers shall be designated to accompany them.

Resolutions of indorsement of the work of county agricultural agents won by a narrow margin.

Officers Are Re-elected.

"Road Building Under War Time Conditions" was the theme of an excellent address delivered by John T. Dougal.

By unanimous vote the present officers of the Association were returned for the ensuing term.

Portland was again chosen as the convention city, although the claim of Astoria was presented.

Members expressed the belief that the holding of the sessions in this city serves the best interests of those who attend.

Clerks Discuss Draft.

The County Clerks, in a separate session, held a lengthy discussion concerning the selective draft law.

A motion naming Portland the meeting place of the association next year provides for the holding of the convention on dates coinciding with those of the live stock exposition.

Cherry's Say: "Hooverize"

Well, why not? Lots of talk these days about "Hooverizing." It is right and should be done.

We believe in it and are acting accordingly. Our windows at 325-31 Washington street, Pittock block, will be noted this Xmas for the absence of decoration, but will show only good merchandise for men and women, priced within the "Hooverizing" limit.

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Lecturer to Visit Oregon Towns.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Dec. 13.—(Special.)—Dr. C. D. Williamson, widely known as a lecturer on the scenic wonders of the United States, has been secured for a series of lectures in various schools of Oregon during the last week in January.

Three Brothers Join Colors.

HALESEY, Or., Dec. 13.—(Special.)—Albin Soderstrom, who left here today to join the colors, is the third son of the Soderstrom family to enlist.

discussion that all other business matters which were scheduled to arise yesterday were postponed until today.

This afternoon at 1:30 the visiting county officials plan to leave the Courthouse for an automobile trip to Vancouver, where they are to inspect the Interstate bridge and the cantonments.

W. H. ADAMS DIES IN ALASKA

Brilliant Attorney Forced to Leave Portland by Ill-Health.

W. H. Adams, once City Attorney of Portland, died last month in Fairbanks, Alaska, according to advices received here from F. F. Fennaman, also a former resident of this city.

He was born on a farm in the Willamette Valley 68 years ago and worked his way through school and college, becoming one of the most brilliant young lawyers of the state.

He was considered one of the best informed attorneys on commercial law and banking in the Coast. Twenty years ago he went to Alaska, a change of climate being advised for the benefit of his health.

In Fairbanks he was for a time member of the School Board. He is survived by two children, a son, Clarence Adams, of Tulare, Cal., and a daughter, Mrs. Fennis Foley, of Medford, Or.

The Bar Association of Fairbanks drew up appropriate resolutions upon the death of Mr. Adams and Leroy Tozier, a former Portland boy, now a Fairbanks attorney, was appointed by the Bar Association to deliver the funeral oration.

HORNIBROOK IS UNDECIDED

Ex-Minister to Slam is Urged to Run for National Committeemanship.

ALBANY, Or., Dec. 13.—(Special.)—Despite published reports that he will be a candidate for the Democratic National Committeemanship from Oregon, William H. Hornibrook, of this city, ex-United States Minister to Slam and publisher of the Albany Daily Democrat, has not definitely decided to become a candidate.

He is, however, considering the matter in response to the wishes of party leaders in various sections of the Willamette Valley.

Asked today regarding whether or not he would be a candidate, Mr. Hornibrook said:

"I have not definitely and finally decided to become a candidate for the office of National Committeemanship. Conditions might possibly arise where it would be necessary for me to take an active part in the primary election of some strong candidate for the office of Governor or United States Senator and in such event it would be rather embarrassing if my own name appeared upon the primary ballot.

LEBANON MERCHANT DEAD

H. G. Everett, 53, Came to Oregon in 1891.

LEBANON, Or., Dec. 13.—(Special.)—H. G. Everett, one of Lebanon's prominent merchants, died at his home here yesterday after an illness of several weeks.

Mr. Everett was born on a farm near Peru, N. Y., 53 years ago. He lived there until 1890, when he came West and for a year was in California.

In 1891 he came to Lebanon and engaged in the hardware and implement business. This he continued until his death.

He has been identified closely with the social and business life of the city for the last 26 years. He is survived by his widow and one daughter, Miss Eleanor Everett; two brothers and one sister, of Peru.

MEANS JURY IS TIRED

Request Sent to Judge Asking Arguments Be Shortened.

CONCORD, N. C., Dec. 13.—The jury trying Gaston B. Means for the murder of Mrs. Maude A. King tonight sent a message to Judge Cline asking that the argument of the case be expedited.

The request came at the close of the second day of continuous addresses to the jury by counsel for the state and defense.

Five lawyers still are waiting to speak.

For the state today, P. C. McDuffie, of Astoria, declared that Means just for money cost Mrs. King her life, while J. F. Newell, of Charlotte, attacked in detail Means' story, and declared much of it was incredible.

CAILLAUX CASE CONSIDERED

Chamber of Deputies Appoints Committee to Make Full Investigation.

PARIS, Dec. 13.—The Chamber of Deputies today appointed a committee of 11 to report to the house concerning General Dubak's demand for the suspension of immunity of M. Caillaux.

Four of the members of the committee favor the suspension of the Deputy's immunity, five favor the suspension in principle, during the fuller investigation of General Dubak's letter, while two oppose suspension until clearer proofs are produced than are contained in the letter.

RUMOR ADVANCES RESIGNATION DATE

Salem Gossip Says Justice McCamant Won't Resign Until July at Least.

MANY WOULD FILL PLACE

Successor Probably to Be Named by Voters, as Governor Is Expected to Name Republican Primary Nominee for Bench.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 13.—(Special.)—It is becoming pretty generally understood in official circles here that Justice Wallace McCamant will not resign as a member of the court before the summer vacation, if he resigns at all.

Rumor has had it that he would resign March 1, but this is considered as highly improbable.

If he does resign during the summer vacation the voters will probably, by the time of his resignation, already have decided on who will become his successor by appointment, to fill out his unexpired term.

Arguing from precedent, it is more likely that the Governor, Withycombe would select whoever was named in the primary on the Republican ticket.

It is known definitely that Justice McCamant will not be a candidate for re-election, and also that he is anxious to get back into his law practice in Portland.

But there are only two or three times during the course of a year when a Justice may retire from the Supreme bench with grace, and without leaving some unfinished work behind him.

Vacation Propitious Time.

The most propitious of these times is during the summer vacation of the court, which usually starts along in July.

It is no secret that Justice McCamant and Judge Gantenbein of the Multnomah County Circuit Court, are good friends and that Justice McCamant, if he had resigned this year, would have been pleased to have seen Judge Gantenbein awarded the appointment, but it is known that there has been no talk of such an agreement between Justice McCamant and Judge Gantenbein.

With the lineup as it now stands, and the possibility of the Governor appointing the successful candidate in the Republican primaries, interest centers on the possible candidates.

The name of Judge E. Kelly, of Albany, has been frequently mentioned. He is now Circuit Judge of the Third Judicial District. Senator Conrad P. Olson may decide to become a candidate and the name of Frank S. Grant, of Portland, also has been suggested, although it is thought he may also become a candidate for a Circuit Judgeship in Multnomah County.

He was an active candidate for one of the recent vacancies in the office when appointments were to be made.

Several Candidates Suggested.

Judge Gantenbein may try and it has been rumored here that possibly Senator Huston may attempt to reach the bench if he decides not to become a candidate for the United States Senate.

Several other names also have been talked of, including T. B. Talley, Assistant Attorney-General, although it is more likely that he will become a candidate for Circuit Judge in Multnomah County.

It has been suggested that Attorney-General Brown might some time wish to wear the toga, but indications point to his being a candidate for re-election to the office he now holds.

COST STANDS IN WAY

CONGRESS EXPECTS RAILROAD MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT.

Government Operation of Transportation Lines, if Pre-War Earnings Are Guaranteed, Might Cost \$100,000,000.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—The railroad situation continued to engross President Wilson today with the financial problem involved in possible Government control occupying most of his attention.

The President has before him a mass of information on the subject, including details on the British plan of government operation.

The Senate interstate commerce committee was taken up by the New York and Atlantic Railroad bill, which at a special meeting today that the President would recommend railroad legislation to Congress within the next few days.

The indications are, Senator Newlands said, that as yet the President has not definitely made up his mind as to his course.

Until his wishes are known the committee will defer discussion or consideration of legislation.

A. B. Garretson, president of the Order of Railway Men, small caps to the White House on the telephone to deny reports that the four brotherhoods are opposed to Government operation.

reports that the four brotherhoods are opposed to Government operation. The employees, he said, would co-operate fully, whatever action the President may take.

Officials who are urging Government operation of railroads during the war said today that the making of satisfactory financial arrangements presented a perplexing problem.

President, it is understood, is ready, if he decides on Government operation, to ask Congress to guarantee the railroads pre-war earnings, and the railroads are said to want such a guarantee to be based on 1916 revenues.

Officials tonight estimated that such an arrangement might cost the Government next year as much as \$100,000,000.

These figures were based on net earnings for the first nine months of 1917, which fell \$50,000,000 below the same period in 1916.

For the entire year 1917 the net earnings are estimated at about \$65,000,000 below those of 1916.

With operating expenses increasing and the high peak of traffic next year, the net earnings are estimated at fully \$100,000,000 below those of 1916.

"DON JUAN" IS BEATEN

JOHN POPE'S GALLANT OFFER TO MRS. SCIOLOVAN RESISTED.

Husband of Courted Woman Steps Out of Hiding and Unfortunate Swain Is Taken to Hospital.

An attempt on the part of John Pope, 40, a Roumanian waiter, to play the role of Don Juan and break up the happy home of Anron Scioolovan, a countryman living at 569 Walnut street, brought Pope to the Emergency Hospital yesterday with a badly bruised face and head, and later to the City Jail.

Pope, according to his own admission, and the statement of Scioolovan, went to the latter's house Wednesday and tried to persuade Mrs. Scioolovan to flee with him.

He was repulsed, but said he would return on the morrow. Yesterday he went back to the house and offered Mrs. Scioolovan a fat roll of bills which, he said, contained \$2000.

In reality it was a "flash" roll, made up of one \$10 bill and 20 or 40 \$1 bills. Mrs. Scioolovan, who is unable to read, believed him, but nevertheless was unimpressed.

Instead of falling in with his plan, she had told her husband of Pope's first visit and promised return.

Accordingly the husband was waiting behind a closet door. When Pope was in the midst of his pleading, Scioolovan stepped out of his hiding place, gave the intruder a thorough thrashing, and then, when he had beaten him into complete submission, tied Pope's hands and set out to find a policeman.

On the corner he encountered Patrolman Burri, who brought both men to police headquarters, where they are held for further investigation.

SHORTAGE PROBE BEGUN

FUEL AND SUGAR SITUATION TO BE INVESTIGATED.

Food Administrator Hoover Assured of "Every Courtesy" at Hearing by Chairman Reed.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—Arrangements to immediately begin investigation of fuel and sugar shortages were completed today by the Senate manufacturing committee.

Hearings on the sugar shortage bill begin tomorrow, with Claus Spreckels, of the Federal Sugar Refining Company, as the first witness.

Food Administrator Hoover, who has been the object of attacks by Senator Reed, today pledged his co-operation to the committee in investigating the sugar situation, proposed attendance of himself and the administration's counsel, Judge Lindley, at the hearings and sought the privilege of cross-examining witnesses.

Chairman Reed assured them of "every courtesy," but said the committee would have to determine whether they could examine witnesses.

Frank C. Lowrey, New York sales manager of the Federal Sugar Refining Company, and A. H. Leamern, of New York, a sugar broker, were subpoenaed late today by the committee as witnesses to follow Claus and Rudolph Spreckels.

Although the initial hearing tomorrow will deal with the sugar shortage the committee plans to conduct both sugar and coal inquiries simultaneously as far as may be possible, examining witnesses in each as they become available.

North Bend Doctor Commissioned.

NORTH BEND, Or., Dec. 13.—(Special.)—Dr. J. C. Price has been commissioned a Lieutenant in the Army and will receive orders shortly to proceed to one of the cantonments, where he will perform dental work for the soldiers.

Dr. Price has resided in North Bend just over one year, and is very popular. He formerly practiced in Portland.

Bert Gray, of North Bend, Dead.

NORTH BEND, Or., Dec. 13.—(Special.)—Bert Gray, 59, died at Allegany today after a long illness. The deceased, who had conducted a ranch for the past two years, was one of the early residents of North Bend, coming here 15 years ago. He is survived by



Sensible Christmas Gifts for Men

—Because the Mathis Standard is very high does not necessarily mean that the Mathis prices are high. On the contrary, for goods of such definite quality and character the Mathis prices are reasonable—surprisingly so.

—Throughout the store we have displayed the sensible gift things that will appeal to men, old and young.

Here Are Some Suggestions

- Neckwear 50c to \$4.00
Handkerchiefs 10c up to \$1.50
Gloves \$1.25 to \$8.50
Half Hose 25c to \$2.00
Scarfs \$1.50 to \$10.00
Lounging Robes \$6.00 to \$20.00
House Coats \$7.50 up to \$13.50
Canes 75c to \$6.00
Umbrellas \$1.00 to \$6.00
Collar Bags \$1.00 to \$3.00
Merchandise Orders issued for any amount.
Imported Irish and Scotch Motor Robes \$15.00 to \$25.00
Bath Robe and Slipper Combination \$6.00

In addition we have hundreds of other practical gift things. The price range will prove that we are splendidly prepared to meet even the most modest demands of your purse.



Cor. 5th and Morrison Sts. Corbett Building

L. J. SIMPSON IS BOOSTED

Coos County Press Indorses North Bend Man for Governor.

MARSHFIELD, Or., Dec. 13.—(Special.)—Because of the possibility that L. J. Simpson may become a candidate for Governor of Oregon, every newspaper published in Coos County today pledged its support to him if he enters the contest.

There is a movement on Coos Bay to organize a Simpson booster body to aid his campaign and help in publicity work.

Teams Working on Debate.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Dec. 13.—(Special.)—Every effort is being expended by the university debating teams in preparation for the dual contest with the teams of the Oregon Agricultural College, Monday evening.

Each school will be represented by an affirmative and a negative team, with the negative teams remaining at home to meet the opposing affirmative.

The question chosen for the debates is, "Resolved, that the members of the Cabinet should be admitted to the floor of Congress, with the privilege of initiating measures and submitting amendments, when relating to their respective departments, and to debate the same."

Read The Oregonian classified ads.

Advertisement for Victrola records, featuring an illustration of a Victrola gramophone and text: 'Select it Now that VICTROLA you're going to give this Christmas!'

Advertisement for D. C. Burns Company flour, listing various flour types and prices: 'Flour at Low Prices'.

Advertisement for Cherry's Say 'Hooverize', promoting the Hoover vacuum cleaner: 'Well, why not? Lots of talk these days about "Hooverizing."'