# LESS PROPERTY TAX IS NOMINEE'S ADVICE

## Indirect Levy Increase Is Favored by Frank Davey.

## ROAD PROTECTION URGED

### Legislation to Prevent Damage by Commercial Auto Drivers Also Is Recommended.

SALEM, Or., Aug. 23.—(Special.)—Raising state revenue by indirect taxation, or fees that will relieve property of a good part of its direct burdens, and protecting state highways against destruction at the hands of commercial automobile operators who use the roads for their personal profit, are two matters which should have consideration of the legislature at its next session, according to Frank Davey, republican nominee from Marion county for a seat in the lower house at the November election. In connection with Mr. Davey's candidacy it may be said that he will have no opposition at the general eletcion.

"There are two outstanding subjects which to my mind should have the most serious and painstaking consideration of the legislature at its next session," said Mr. Davey today.

"Probably the most important of these is a means of raising state revenue by indirect taxation or fees, that will relieve property of a good part of its direct burdens. Other states have found ways and means of doing this, and there is no reason why Oregon should not find them.

"I understand the state tax commission has given considerable attention to the gathering and compilation of information on the subject and I expect that Governor Olcott, who, as secretary of state, became very intimately acquainted with the needs of the state, will be able to indicate a reliable course of action along this line.

"There is nothing, in my view, that will better encourage a healthy immigration to Oregon and a progressive development of all its lines of industry, than a knowledge abroad that the burdens of taxation are reduced to the lowest possible limit and are not destructive.

**Restrictions Are Planned.**

"Another thing of vital importance to the state is the protection of its permanent highways from the destructive effects of motor vehicles, too heavily loaded without regard to the distribution of weight, driven too fast, and carelessly and in every way dangerous to the life of the roads and travelers. Oregon has a splendid road-building law, and the system of permanent highways secured under its operation will be Oregon's most valuable asset.

"In justice to the machine owners who are paying for the roads, and in order that there may be encouragement to build such roads all over the state, we must make every reasonable effort to prolong the life of the roads, and to collect reasonable revenue for their use from those who are making them commercial highways for their individual profit. There must be a law devised that will regulate the loads that may be carried by any motor vehicle of given wheelbase; that will prescribe the width of machines and their cargoes; that will dictate the maximum speed of such machines; that will regulate license fees in accordance with loads transported, and that will provide heavy penalties for violation of any and all provisions of the law.

**Irrigation Important Subject.**

"We shall of necessity be compelled to depend, upon the state highway commission and its engineers for the scientific provisions of the law as to the relation of load and speed, wheel base and such other safety measures as to their trained minds will be suggested. I intend to take this matter up soon with those officials, though others may already be working on the same proposal.

"Irrigation will also be an important subject. Being well acquainted with the great empire of eastern Oregon, I know what irrigation will do for this state, and I know that wherever it can be brought into use in an intelligent way it will make for prosperity and progress.

"Unfortunately irrigation, like mining, has been made an agency by sharpers for extravagant speculation and the cause has been injured in places, but that does not detract from the importance of the industry."

It is said that Mr. Davey will have the support of the entire Marion county delegation in his efforts to regulate the driving of automobiles on state highways, and it is likely that a measure framed to that end will be introduced early in the next session of the lawmakers.

## EVIDENCE IS LACKING

### Men Arrested for Grocer's Murder Admit Robbing Greek of $250.

Following a thorough investigation yesterday of the activities of Richard Challaphone, aged 36, and William Dauris, aged 18, arrested Monday night by Patrolmen Davis and Drennen, Lieutenant of Inspectors Moloney announced last night that they were unable to secure any evidence which would link the two with the murder of James M. Thompson, grocer at East Forty-seventh and Harrison streets.

The two, however, are said to have admitted robbing a Greek of $250 some time ago. At the time of the arrest Challaphone had a .38-caliber revolver done up in a piece of paper in such a manner that the trigger could be pulled without taking the revolver out of the package.

The policemen arrested the two after following them around the north end for some time in the belief that they intended a hold-up.

The revolver found in the possession of Challaphone was a .38-caliber weapon, whereas the weapon which killed Thompson is said to have been of .32 caliber.

## Obituary.

OREGON CITY, Or., Aug. 24.—(Special.)—J. D. Renner, who for more than 40 years has been a resident of this city, died at the family home at 714 John Adams street early Tuesday morning. Mr. Renner had been ill with pneumonia for a week preceding his death. He was born in Illinois, October 6, 1855. A daughter, Miss Ona Renner, a son, Kenneth, both of this city, and sister, Mrs. Kathryn Richards, who lives in Illinois, survive.

CAMAS, Wash., Aug. 24.—(Special.)—The funeral of Noah A. Jones, who died in La Grande, Or., Saturday was held in Portland Monday, in charge of Clarke Masonic lodge, No. 203. The death of Mr. Jones terminated a most promising career and his loss is deeply felt by his many friends in Camas. He was connected with the First National bank of Camas for over four years and was prominent in social and civic affairs. He was married to Miss Daisy Irvine in May and shortly after left here to enter the service of the United States National bank of La Grande, Or. When he left Camas he was commander of the Ray Bennet post of the American Legion, secretary of the Masonic lodge of Camas, a member of the Camas commercial club and the Methodist church choir and secretary of the Camas Baseball association. Mr. Jones is survived by his wife, a bride of three months, his father, Rev. F. E. Jones of Seattle, and a brother, E. E. Jones of Chicago, formerly superintendent of the Camas schools.

# ORCHESTRA ALL SOLOISTS

### G. E. JEFFERY TO DIRECT MUSICIANS AT ORPHEUM.

### Preparations Complete for Opening Season at Heilig Theater Sunday—Ticket Sales Big.

Preparations are complete for opening of the Orpheum season at the Heilig theater next Sunday afternoon, and the opening ticket sale is reported to be larger than that of past seasons.

George E. Jeffery, leader of Orpheum Orchestra.

George E. Jeffery, who has been musical director of the Orpheum orchestra for the last four seasons, retains that post and has assembled an organization composed of soloists. The personnel of the orchestra is: George E. Jeffery, first violin and director; I. Miccoli, flute; Tice Bridee, trumpet; E. L. Rice, clarinet; Burns Powell, trombone; R. Schultz, drums; W. M. Simpson, violin; John Britz, piano; Miss Alicia McElroy, organ, and Frank Martyn, bass.

Tice Bridee, who will play the trumpet, is a New York musician formerly with the Keith circuit and the Winter Garden orchestra, and John Britz, pianist, formerly was musical director of the Alcazar Opera company and of road attractions playing at the Heilig.

Special programmes will be played by the Orpheum orchestra during the picture sections of every show and at times during the season selections will be played to include solos by the various instruments. All the Orpheum musicians are members of the Portland symphony orchestra.

## REPORTS TO BE PROBED

### Senator McNary to Investigate Hotel at Crater Lake.

SALEM, Or., Aug. 24.—(Special.)—Investigation of reports detrimental to the Crater Lake hotel will be made personally by Senator C. L. McNary, who left here tonight for Eugene, where he will be joined tomorrow by a committee from the chamber of commerce of that city.

The delegation will first go to Crescent lake, where they will meet representatives of the Klamath Falls commercial body. From there the party will go to Crater lake, and thence to Klamath Falls.

Although the purpose of the junket primarily is to investigate timber resources of that section, with a view of obtaining federal aid in the construction of a road, Senator McNary said he had in mind complaints against the Crater lake lodge, and would make personal inspection of that resort.

His report regarding the conduct of the hotel, he said, would be filed with the secretary of the interior.

Senator McNary expects to be absent from Salem about a week.

## TWO PAGEANTS SLATED

### Sellwood and Laurelhurst Park Programmes Are Tomorrow.

Two playground pageants are scheduled for tomorrow, one in the afternoon at Sellwood park and the other at 6 P. M. at Laurelhurst park.

Besides various symbolical dances, a swimming meet will be held in the afternoon at Sellwood park. A 25-yard beginners' race, 50-yard side stroke, surface diving, 25-yard crawl stroke, 25-yard back stroke and demonstrations of lifesaving will form the programme. The programme will be in charge of Anna E. Nilson, girls' playground director.

In the evening, folk dances will be given, prior to the regular band concert, at Laurelhurst park. The affair will be in charge of Dr. Alta Eastham Travis, Antonia Tatzelt and Howard Jones. Among the dances will be a Peasants' Frolic, Dance of Greeting, Teascods, Chedogar, Dancing Leaves, Dance of Moonbeams and two solo numbers, Summer dance, by Althea Dwyer, and a Scotch dance by Dolly Thaen.

**Office to Be Contested.**

MARSHFIELD, Or., Aug. 24.—(Special.)—J. C. Johnson, attorney of Gold Beach, Curry county, is in the race for district attorney as an independent candidate against C. H. Buffington, regular republican nominee. Mr. Johnson declares in his statement that he was unable to make a canvass for the republican nomination at the time of the primaries because of illness in his family.

**Logger Instantly Killed.**

ASTORIA, Or., Aug. 24.—(Special.)—Edward Johansen Filfors, a timber faller employed in the Multnomah Lumber & Box company's logging camp in the Grays River (Wash.) district, was instantly killed yesterday afternoon when his skull was crushed by a falling snag. He was a native of Finland, about 30 years old, and as far as known had no relatives in this country.

# WASHINGTON STATE PRIMARIES SEPT. 14

## One Senator, 5 Representatives to Be Named.

## RENOMINATIONS ARE ASKED

### Three Candidates Enter Race for Republican Nomination Opposing Senator Wesley L. Jones.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Aug. 24.—Candidates for Washington's elective state offices, together with one United States senatorship and the state's five seats in the house of representatives, will be nominated at party primary elections September 14. The candidates nominated will make the final race at the general election November 2.

Incumbents of the principal offices, including United States Senator Wesley L. Jones and Governor Louis F. Hart, are candidates for renomination. Senator Jones, who is completing his second term, is seeking the republican nomination. On his party ticket he is opposed by Colonel William, Inglis, Seattle, overseas war veteran; Forrest L. Hudson, Seattle, who has the indorsement of the Railwaymen's Welfare league, and Frank Erickson, Everett. George F. Cotterill, former mayor of Seattle, is the only candidate for the democratic nomination for senator.

**Candidates for Governor 11.**

Acting Governor Hart, republican, who became the state's chief executive on the death of Governor Ernest Lister, democrat, last year, is opposed for the party nomination by John Stringer, Seattle, sheriff of King county; Colonel Roland H. Hartley, Everett, former member of the legislature; Edwin T. Coman, Spokane banker; John A. Gellatly, Wenatchee fruit grower; State Senator George B. Lamping, Seattle, and Mrs. Anna MacEachern, Seattle, the first woman to seek the gubernatorial nomination in Washington. In the democratic column, Judge W. W. Black, Everett; State Senator A. E. Judd, Chehalis; State Senator I. G. O'Hara, Seattle labor leader, and Edward T. Mathes, Bellingham, are seeking the nomination for governor.

For lieutenant governor, a post now actually vacant, although nominally held by Acting Governor Hart, republican voters will choose between State Senator Edward L. French, Vancouver; State Senator Harvey W. Phipps, Spokane; John L. Sharpstein, Walla Walla; W. W. Conner, Seattle, and Captain William J. Coyle, overseas war veteran and former University of Washington football star. Only one candidate, H. C. Hohlke, Yakima county fruit grower, has declared for the democratic nomination.

**Johnson and Hadley Unopposed.**

For nominations for seats in the house of representatives, Representatives Albert Johnson, 3d district, and Lin H. Hadley, 2d district, both republicans, are unopposed in their party. Representative John F. Miller, 1st district, is opposed for renomination by Hugh C. Todd, Seattle; H. Alvin Moore, Seattle, and Frank Pierce of Harper. E. K. Brown, Ellensburg, is seeking the seat held by Representative John W. Summers of the 4th district, and Representative J. Stanley Webster, 5th district, is contesting with Thomas W. Corkery, Spokane, for the nomination. Democrats have one candidate in each of the five districts.

J. Grant Hinkle, named secretary of state recently on the death of Secretary I. M. Howell, is seeking the republican nomination for that office. George Hazzard, Tacoma, is a candidate for the post on the democratic ticket. For state treasurer, the republican candidates are John B. Orton, Aberdeen; Clifford L. Babcock, Port Angeles, and John L. Murray, Friday Harbor.

**Attorney-General Again Candidate.**

Attorney-General L. L. Thompson is seeking renomination on the republican ticket and is opposed by T. F. Hunt, Seattle. Clark V. Savidge, for eight years commissioner of public lands, is without opposition on the republican ticket. For state insurance commissioner, H. O. Fishback, incumbent, is opposed for the republican nomination by R. E. Dwyer, Seattle. Jesse F. Murphy seeks the democratic nomination.

Mrs. Josephine Corliss Preston, former president of the National Education association, is seeking renomination on the republican ticket for her post as state superintendent of public instruction. She is opposed by Miss Elizabeth Jones, Everett. One democrat, Miss Catherine Montgomery, Bellingham, is a candidate for the party nomination.

## ENGINEERS PASS THROUGH

### SEASONED ARMY MEN EN ROUTE TO CAMP LEWIS.

### Old Fourth Originally Organized in Vancouver With 2000 Men Has but 200 Left.

After an absence from the west of over two years, during which time the organization has been in 28 states and three foreign countries, the fourth engineers, United States army, passed through Portland yesterday on its way to Camp Lewis.

The old fourth was organized in July, 1917, at Vancouver barracks, and its personnel included 2000 men, almost entirely from Oregon and Washington. The organization went to Camp Greene and from there overseas, taking part in the Aisne-Marne, San Mihiel and other drives on the western front. After a period spent in Germany with the army of occupation the engineers returned and were stationed at Camp Dodge, from whence they were ordered to Camp Lewis. They passed through Portland at 9 o'clock yesterday morning, scheduled to reach Camp Lewis in the afternoon.

Owing to the fact that many of the men have been transfered to other organizations, but 200 men remain in the company, and there is excellent opportunity for rapid advancement, according to Lieutenant-Colonel Rand, commanding officer. Men who were formerly with the organization are being particularly urged to rejoin. The work of the organization for the next few months will be the building and operation of ten miles of narrow guage railroad for camp service. Among the old members of the company who are known here, and who passed through Portland yesterday were Lieutenant Parr, formerly top sergeant, and Sergeants Willis Dennan, Barry and Stanley.

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# REITH GETS TRACKAGE

### CONTRACT AWARDED PORTLAND CO. BY O.-W. R. & N.

### Doubling of Present Facilities Is Scheduled to Be Completed in 90 Days.

PENDLETON, Or., Aug. 24.—(Special.)—Terminal trackage at Reith, railroad center, three miles west of Pendleton, will be doubled within 90 days, according to a contract signed yesterday between the O.-W. R. & N. company and a Portland contracting company.

Work on the grading and cutting into the hill will be started tomorrow and within a week there will be steam shovels and other large machinery at the scene.

As soon as the cut is completed the tracks will be laid, the whole improvement to be completed within three months, according to W. H. Young, contracting engineer for the railroad company.

Ellsworth Benham, the right-of-way inspector for the railroad company, also attended the conference.

Swan Benson, general superintendent for the contracting company, was accompanied here by Frank S. Baillis, of Portland, and A. O. Peterson, of Newberg, engineers of the company.

The contract will mean the addition of four or five main tracks which will necessitate a large cut into the hill and the re-routing of the state highway at that point. The state highway commission has allowed the change.

**Myrtle Point Water Supply Fails.**

MARSHFIELD, Or., Aug. 24.—(Special.)—Myrtle Point's water supply has failed, and the springs which are the city's sole source are drying up, so that the city is lacking in ordinary daily supplies for family use and in danger if fire occurs. The council has arranged pumps on the north fork of the Coquille river, and the supply is gaining, but housewives are warned to boil their supplies until the fall rains clear the situation.

## NARROW GAUGE PLANNED

### Lumber Company to Lay Rails at Cost of $100,000.

BEND, Or., Aug. 24.—(Special.)—At a cost of more than $100,000, 13 miles of light steel rails will be laid in the yards of the Brooks-Scanlon Lumber company as soon as preliminary grading can be finished, to afford a means of lumber distribution.

The steel has already been ordered and will be laid on a narrow gauge as soon as grading of the yards in preparation for the improvement has been completed.

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