ENGINEERS OPPOSE BIRD REFUGE BILL

President of Oregon State Chapter Gives Reasons.

ECONOMIC LOSS FORECAST

Harney County and Incidentally Portland Would Be Handicapped by Law, Says Laurgaard.

Opposition to the passage of the Roosevelt bird refuge measure, to be voted on at the coming election, was voiced by O. Laurgaard, city engineer and president of the Oregon chapter, American Association of Engineers, in a statement issued yesterday.

Mr. Laurgaard declared that the measure, if enacted into law, would work an injustice on the residents and community of Harney county and eastern Oregon, and would mean an economic loss to the state.

"Malheur lake has already been set aside as a reserve by President Roosevelt on August 18, 1908, for the protection of native birds by the withdrawal from entry of such open lands as may border on the lake; and the lands embraced by the lake are to a large degree owned and controlled by the state of Oregon," said Mr. Laurgaard. "Should the lake, however, completely dry up or become alkali to some extent, on account of the appropriation and use of the waters from Silvies and Blitzen rivers by irrigation (which might possibly happen), it would be very advisable to drain the 47,000 acres contained in the lake, sell the lands and revert the proceeds from such sale to the state school fund.

"The interest alone on the sale price of the lands may easily approach $20,000 annually, while the increased value of the lands which would be improved by raising alfalfa or other forage crops could easily reach $6,000,000.

"The growth and continued prosperity of the city of Portland is dependent to a large degree on the development of the agricultural resources of the state, especially of eastern and central Oregon, by intense cultivation caused by irrigation and drainage. The citizens of Portland, therefore, should assist Harney county in the defeat of this measure, especially as it ultimately will decrease their own taxes as well as assist in the development of Harney county.

"At the present time the Malheur lake lands are under the control of the state land board, consisting of the governor, secretary of state and state treasurer. These officers are all opposed to the bird reserve measure and have passed a resolution against the same. Similarly the last legislature refused to pass the bird reserve measure after full discussion, not only in committees but before both houses.

"The Oregon Chapter of the American association of engineers, representing over 1100 civil, mechanical, mining, electrical and other engineers throughout the state, have gone on record against the measure. Their committee made a complete investigation of all phases of the subject and rendered a unanimous report against the measure after having viewed conditions carefully on the ground; for the reasons, that:

1. The measure cedes the waters of Malheur lake to the government and thus creates uncertain concurrent jurisdiction of water rights.

2. It cedes 47,000 acres of land, much of which is state land, to the government, the proceeds of which, in case of sale, should revert to the state school fund.

3. It will add 47,000 acres of non-taxable reserves (which could be put to beneficial use) to the already large area (about 20 per cent) of reserves in the state of Oregon.

4. It will tend to discourage development by irrigation, drainage, roads, railroad construction and general development in Harney county and eastern Oregon.

5. It will prevent the state, government, or both, from controlling the water level in Malheur lake or any part of it which can best be accomplished by irrigation and drainage carried on simultaneously.

6. Uncertainty exists as to the legal title to the bed of Malheur lake. Therefore, until this has been definitely determined, the transfer of the state lands should be deferred.

7. The lands are now controlled by the state land board, which should be entrusted to handle them for the best interests of the state.

23 ARE DIVORCED IN DAY

18 Suits Brought by Wives; Five Husbands Sue.

Twenty-three default divorce decrees were granted yesterday by Presiding Judge Tazwell when the usual weekly schedule was run through. Eighteen of the plaintiffs were women.

The following are the cases decided in favor of the plaintiffs: Alice M. Hayes against Robert E. Hayes, Anna Brooks against Linzy Brooks, Elsie E. Cocking against Fred F. Cocking, Anna Teschner against Bery Teschner, Helen Burnick against William A. Burnick, Lillian Edwards against George Edwards, S. B. Jarvis against Florence G. Jarvis, Rosa A. Moscow against James I. Moscow, Laura B. Sims against Alex Z. Sims, Lucy Leisy against Harvey Leisy, Edith B. Fowler against William M. Fowler, Helen Jarmuth against John A. Jarmuth, Margaret German against Jefferson D. German, Annie E. Millhouse against Harry Millhouse, Hugh E. Wilson against Ida B. Wilson, Belle Peck against Edward Peck, Arthur Schindler against Blenda Schindler, John Gross against Odell Gross, Joseph E. Santore against Harriett Santore, M. B. Fietz against William E. Fietz, B. E. Grutze against Albert L. Grutze, Clara E. Pott against Leslie R. Pott, Clara J. Schmidt against Bernard Schmidt.

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SOCIETY NEWS

By far one of the largest and most attractive events of the year was the ball given last night at the Multnomah hotel with Afifi and the Vancouver Shrine club members as hosts. The imperial potentate, Ellis Lewis Garretson, with Mrs. Garretson, made an impressive picture at the head of the brilliant social ceremonial, the grand march. Handsome gowns were worn by the women who attended and they represented the leading families of the community in which the good men of the household are affiliated with the Shrine. Many were known visitors and the list would have made a "Who's Who" of Shrinedom.

Noble John Dickson was general chairman and to his leadership in arranging details much credit is due.

The atmosphere of good will that prevailed may have been attributed to the good fellowship and social friendliness of the Shriners and their handsome partners or to the clever and able floor committee, including A. M. Oliver, R. S. Farrell, G. W. Mettler, A. T. Bonney, C. B. Williams, Phil Neu, W. L. J. Davis, Herman von Borstel, N. W. Rice, H. Crass, F. C. Wager, O. M. Hidden, R. M. Back, W. J. Knapp and Floyd Swan.

Among the handsomely gowned women were the patronesses, who included Mesdames Ellis Lewis Garretson, Edward B. King, George L. Baker, George S. Stapleton, William Davis, A. H. Lee, Frank S. Grant, A. L. Tetu, H. T. Hutchinson, Iwan Hunnason, A. M. Brown, Hugh J. Boyd, Harvey Wells, Phil Metschan, J. L. Hammersley, Dean Vincent, A. L. Miller, J. L. Sutherland, A. P. Ryan, W. S. Short, William Hodgkins.

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Invitations have been issued for a brilliant social and musical event in which Portland is interesting itself. The affair scheduled is a concert to be given by J. Erwin Mutch, baritone, late of New York, at the Heilig theater on the evening of November 3. Patronesses for the event are: Mrs. Henry Ladd Corbett, Mrs. Lee Hoffman, Mrs. William D. Wheelwright, Mrs. Joseph N. Teal, Mrs. A. A. Morrison, Mrs. Julius Louisson, Mrs. A. S. Kerry, Mrs. Warren E. Thomas, Mrs. Solomon Hirsch, Mrs. Edgar B. Piper, Mrs. T. H. Williams, Mrs. C. E. S. Wood, Mrs. W. B. Ayer, Mrs. Lucius Allen Lewis, Mrs. William MacMaster, Mrs. Jonah B. Wise, Mrs. J. R. Ellison, Mrs. Henry Metzger, Mrs. M. Donald Spencer, Mrs. May Dearborn Schwab, Mrs. E. L. Thompson, Miss Henrietta Failing, Mrs. Genevieve Thompson.

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Society members of the Needlework guild are reminded they should send their donations of two or more new garments or articles to headquarters by Saturday. The distribution of garments will be next Tuesday at the Unitarian church. Articles wanted especially are babies' clothing, sheets, crib blankets and pillow cases, underwear for babies and women and warm nightgowns. Mrs. W. L. Brewster is general president.

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A social benefit afternoon tea is to be given by Mrs. S. Levitt, president of the ladies auxilliary of the Old Men's Hebrew Fraternal association, next Sunday, at 2 P. M., at the Old Men's Hebrew Fraternal association, 441 Third street. A musical programme will be the main feature for the afternoon. Members and friends are invited.

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PENDLETON, Or., Oct. 20.—(Special.)—Miss Arilla Cook of Portland and J. H. Booher of this city were united in marriage at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Florence Cook, at 5 o'clock Sunday afternoon. Rev. Mr. Good of the Evangelical church officiated, and 20 guests were present. Miss Helen Purviance, a cousin of the bride, was maid of honor, and T. D. McLean of Seattle attended the bridegroom. A buffet supper followed the ceremony. The young couple will make their home in Pendleton. The bride is a popular Portland girl and a graduate of Lincoln high school. Mr. Booher is a well-known young business man of this city, a member of the firm of Lester & Booher.

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Mrs. Roscoe Rush Glitner entertained the Arts and Crafts society Monday afternoon. The society is working on articles for the annual exhibition. Mrs. Glitner was assisted in sewing by Miss Rosemary Baldwin.

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Mrs. William B. Streeter, who has been abroad for several months, returned a few days ago from Europe. En route home she visited in Nova Scotia.

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Friday event will be a bridge tea at which Mrs. Marcus Fleischner and her daughter, Mrs. Henry William Metzger, will entertain for a few of their friends. Four tables will be arranged for bridge and later tea will be the attraction.

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Miss Dorothea Blue, who has been spending a few months in Portland as a guest at the home of her sister, Mrs. L. Hartstein, has gone to California for a short stay prior to returning to her home in New York City.

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Of decided interest is the announcement of the marriage of Miss Harriet Griffith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Irwin Griffith of Irvington, to Edwin Johnson Jr., son of E. C. Johnson, and brother of Miss Florence Johnson and Mrs. Carl Tisdale. The bridegroom is a student at Oregon Agricultural college. The couple were quietly married September 16, but no formal announcement of their marriage was made until yesterday. The bride has been making her home with the Johnson family since the ceremony and Mrs. Tisdale and Miss Florence Johnson will give a tea soon for their young sister-in-law.

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Recent visitors in Portland were Mrs. G. I. La Dow, Mrs. W. C. E. Pruitt, Miss Rae Pruitt and little Miss Mary Helen Pruitt. They came from Pendleton for a few day's visit here. Mrs. La Dow's home is in Pendleton.

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The Camelia Social club will give a dancing and card party this evening at the Pythian temple, West Park and Yamhill streets.

Women's Activities

The annual convention of the Oregon Parent-Teacher's association opened last evening with a large attendance of delegates from all parts of the state. The regular business of the convention will open today with an important programme as follows:

9 A. M. Central Library—9:30 A. M., call to order, executive board meeting; reports of state officers; reports of council presidents. 11 A. M., fraternal greetings. 11:45 A. M., announcements.

2 o'clock—Parents' Educational bureau, Mrs. A. F. Flegel; state fair exhibit, Mrs. E. H. Palmer; home economics report, Dean Milam, O. A. C.; report of educational committee, Mrs. H. E. Starrett; the state library and the P. T. A., Miss Marvin.

TODAY'S CLUB CALENDAR.

Women's auxiliary to Piedmont Presbyterian church, 2:30 o'clock.

Business Woman's club, Y. W. C. A. tearoom, 12 o'clock.

The Highland Travel club, Mrs. Stokes, 435 Prescott street, 2 o'clock.

The women of St. Rose church, rummage sale, 102 Second street, all day.

Calvary Presbyterian church, rummage sale, 249 Jefferson street, all day.

George Wright Relief corps, Mrs. Mowers, 116 East Fifty-sixth street North, all day.

Metzger Woman's club class of nursing, Mrs. H. M. Shaver, 1:45 o'clock.

4 P. M., playlet, "The Good Health Fairies," 4:30 P. M., exhibit of schoolroom pictures and tea; museum of art.

8 P. M., Central Library—Visual education, Prof. Alfred Powers of U. of O.; thrift, E. J. Staek, U. S. government; address, Dr. P. A. Parson, U. of O.

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Able speakers are attending meetings of the various clubs to tell about the W. C. T. U. children's farm home. Following is a schedule of meetings and their speakers:

Thursday—State Parent-Teacher's association, Mrs. Mary L. Mallett; Daughters of the Confederacy, Mrs. M. L. E. Hidden.

Friday—Portland's Womans club, Mrs. M. L. E. Hidden.

Saturday—League of Women voters, Mrs. M. L. E. Hidden; Summer Relief corps, speaker not appointed yet.

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HOOD RIVER, Or., Oct. 20.—(Special.—At the next regular meeting of the Hood River Woman's club Wednesday afternoon, October 27, "Economy in Dress" will be the subject for discussion. Miss Helen Davis, of the Oregon Agricultural college faculty, will deliver a lecture, and practical demonstrations in dressmaking and baking will be given. The home economics committee, in charge of the programme, has asked that all members equip themselves with notebooks and get suggestions.

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The Women of Calvary Presbyterian church will hold their rummage sale today and tomorrow at 249 Jefferson street.

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The Portland Woman's club will hold a special meeting today at 2 o'clock in room A, central library, to discuss the important measures to be voted upon at the November election. B. F. Irvine, C. C. Chapman, A. G. Johnson, Richard Montague, W. L. Finley and Dr. Calvin White will speak. The club extends a cordial invitation to all interested.

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East Side Lavender club, branch No. 1, will meet in the East Side Business Men's club rooms tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock.

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This evening Dr. Landsbury will give an illustrated lecture on "New World Symphony" by Dvorak and the Tschaikowsky concerto. The lecture will be given in room A, central library and is open to the public.

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Willard Women's Christian Temperance union will hold its social meeting tomorrow at 2 o'clock at the home of Mrs. L. L. Vincent, 371 Multnomah street. Mrs. Mary Mallett and Dr. Esther Pohl Lovejoy will be the speakers. A social hour will follow the programme. All members are urged to attend and bring their friends.

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On account of the illness of Mrs. C. A. Painton, the Oregon chapter of the Daughters of the Confederacy will meet today with Mrs. Charles Norvell, 966 East Twenty-first street North (Alberta car).

MOTORCYCLE HITS MAN

Injuries to F. D. Gomez May Prove to Be Fatal.

F. D. Gomez, a railroad brakeman living at 551½ Williams avenue, sustained injuries which may prove fatal when he was struck by a motorcycle ridden by Chauncy Olson, aged 16, on the west approach of the Broadway bridge at 9:30 o'clock yesterday morning.

According to investigation by the traffic bureau, Gomez walked from behind a large girder directly in the path of the motorcycle. Olson was not riding at an excessive speed, according to witnesses.

Gomez was first taken to the police emergency hospital and later removed to St. Vincent's hospital, suffering from a fracture at the base of the skull.

Young Olson lives at 486 Taylor street and is an employe of the City Messenger company. He was turned over to juvenile court authorities.

The guards on either end of the ferry boats at San Diego, Cal., are operated by compressed air. They sink into the deck when it is desired that passengers and vehicles shall pass over them and are raised into service by operating a lever on the pilothouse after the boats have been loaded.

MILLMEN'S PROBLEM NEARING SOLUTION

Relief Seen in Building of New York Terminal.

PLANS WELL UNDER WAY

Better Marketing System for Western Lumber Held Assured; Lower Freight Rate Is Possible.

Further developments in the plans announced some time ago in which relief for the critical lumber situation in the northwest are predicted through the building of a lumber distributing terminal in New York, known as the Fulton terminal, and the establishment of a steamship line operating direct from Portland and other northwest ports to New York, are noted in a letter received by George Quayle, secretary of the Oregon state chamber of commerce.

The letter, from E. R. Shaw of the Fulton Lumber Terminal company of New York, said that plans were being perfected for the transportation of lumber from Pacific coast ports to the eastern lumber terminal and that it was hoped to establish a rate of $15 a thousand feet board measure, with the possibility of reductions as tonnage increases.

"With such a rate, Pacific coast lumbermen should be able successfully to compete with southern mills," said the letter, "and from our lumber terminal distribute to all points in the New England and North Atlantic states. If we receive the right kind of encouragement there is no reason why we should not be in a position to handle lumber through our terminal beginning next spring."

Terminal Commodious One.

The Fulton terminal, which is actually under construction, is located on the Jersey side of Greater New York just across the Hudson river from Manhattan island, extending from Thirty-second to Eighty-first streets and comprising more than 800 acres of land in a solid body. It is near the first of the vehicular tunnels under the Hudson river connecting Manhattan island with Jersey City, upon which construction was begun recently. It is expected that this tunnel, which will accommodate four auto trucks abreast, will greatly increase the terminal facilities of the port.

A number of trunk lines serving New York from the northwest and south cross the terminal property at present and will be connected with a belt line railway, according to the plans, and ample deep water frontage on the property will permit both rail and water shipping. On the property will be located distributing yards, and for the smaller lumbermen on the coast arrangements are being made to receive lumber on consignment and dispose of it on a commission basis.

Various Plants Planned.

A manufacturing plant, box factory and planing mill, and every facility for working the lumber to the best advantage, will be located on the ground, according to the plans, and when the project is on an efficient working basis it is believed that terminal facilities can be established at Pacific coast points for the purpose of receiving lumber in car lots to be snipped via water to New York and disposed of by consignment or through a Pacific coast organization.

The steamship line for the carrying of the lumber will be inaugurated by the International Charterers' corporation of New York, which is backed by some of the largest business and banking interests of the east, together with some of the larger financial interests of Great Britain and Norway, according to Senator Thomle of Everett, Wash., who was largely instrumental in establishing the Norwegian line of steamers now operating out of Everett.

Millmen See Relief.

Inasmuch as the present freight rate from Portland to the Atlantic seaboard ranges from approximately $24 a thousand on dry lumber to $33 a thousand on green lumber, it is felt by local lumbermen that a water rate of $15 with the establishment of a distributing terminal in the east would go far toward relieving the general lumber situation on the Pacific coast.

The letter announces that Senator Thomle will return west in about two weeks. Thomle has announced his intention of laying his plans before local representatives of lumber and shipping interests with a view to future co-operation in the completed project.

The Dalles to Show Stock.

THE DALLES, Or., Oct. 20.—(Special.)—A number of local stock raisers are planning on entering thoroughbred stock at the International livestock exhibit which will be held in Portland next month, according to E. R. Jackman, county agent. Local breeders will be in a position to exhibit some especially fine stock, according to Jackman.

GRADE TEACHERS MEET

Association Members Urged to Be Active in Civic Affairs.

All members of the grade teachers' association were urged to take an active interest in civic affairs yesterday by Mrs. Jennie Richardson, president, at a meeting of the representatives of each school in the city.

Sample ballots were distributed yesterday for the teachers to study.

The tenure question was lightly passed over, since Mrs. Richardson said that nothing definite had developed and that it would be necessary to await definite action by the board and superintendent first.

The best way of receiving payment, whether in ten or 12 month payments, was discussed. The majority seemed to favor the ten months' basis.

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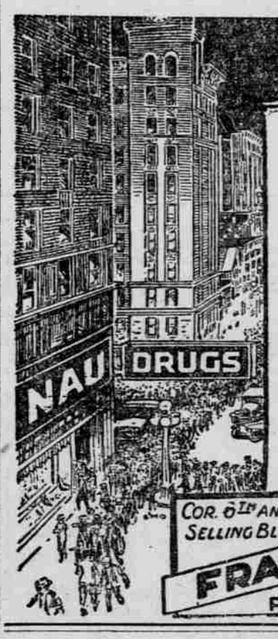

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