RATE LAW FAVORED

Committee of Valley Development League Meets.

BOOST WESTERN OREGON

Development of Yaquina Bay, and Initiative on Railroad Tax Law Are Also Recommended at Salem Meeting.

SALEM, Or., July 8 .- (Special.) -- In accordance with a resolution adopted at the independence meeting of the Willamett Valley Development League, a general committee on legislation met here today. appointed subcommittees and adopted resolutions favoring the enactment of a rate law, the building of branch rallroads. the improvement of Yaquina harbor and the enactment of a railroad tax law by the people under the initiative.

President E. Hofer, of the league, called the meeting and presided over its deliberations. Among those present from other parts of the state were the following.

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John Wortman, cresident First National Bank, McMinnville; W. P. Elmore, president Bank of Brownsville; G. A. Hurley, attorney and real estate dealer, Independence; Charles Grissen, president Oregon Fire Reilef Association, McMinnville; Thomas K. Campbell, president Pacific Timber Company, Cottage Grove; J. A. Aupperle, flouring milits and sawmill. Jefferson: Dr. Lerey Lewis, dentist, McMinnville; Hon, G. W. Griffin, hardware merchant, Eugene; Fred C. Veal, chair manufacturer. Albany: William De Haven, hardware merchant, McMinnville.

The resolutions adopted were as follows: Whereas, The newspapers are filled with reports of proposed extensions of railroads in Oregon, and the people are liable to be deceived into expecting the general development of this state through general repostruction of railroads, we must not lose sight of the faci that the task of securing better transportation facilities for Oregon is extremely difficult.

Not only has there been formed a compact between the heads of great corporations to prevent railroad extensions in Oregon territory, but these high officials are in a position on Wall street and in the moneyed centers of the world to discourage any new transcontinental line from coming into or through Oregon to the Pacific Coast; therefore, be it

Favor Rate Law.

Resolved. That we favor the enactment of a rate law, following in the example of Washington and other states, as an absolute necessity to Oregon if our shippers and industries are to expand on terms of equality and justice to all parts of the state. We favor a rate law drawn up in the interest of the sawmills, manufacturers, jobbers, cattle-dealers, grain and produce buyers, and for the general protection and promotion of our vital industries, including mining, logging and agriculture.

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It is only by protecting the great interior of the state against destructive common-point competition that we can normally develop the whole of Oregon. Self-lish faterests at large centers are always willing to enjoy advantages at the expense of the inland Empire. Lesses from excessive low freight rates at cities like Pertiand are sought to be made up on the local traffic of the interior. Nothing but firm, intelligent and persistent fighting for the rights of the interior to better transportation facilities will ever develop Oregon.

believe in using all the means in the hands of the people to encourage rail-road extensions by such reasonable en-couragement to construction of new lines as will result in the development of the interior of Oregon, and without wairing interior for what the people are manifest-

New Rallroads Wanted.

Resolved. That the Willamette Valley

Resolved. That the Willamette Valley Development League is ready to co-operate with every section of the state to secure speedy development of Eastern and Western Oregon, and especially the Coast region. We realize fully the value of the proposed extensions to the Clearwater country in lidaho, and from Shaniko to Bend, as promoting Portland commercial interests and opening the interior to settlement. But Western Oregon has far greater interest in the development of a harbor on the west coast at Thiamook, at Yaquima, or at Coos Bay.

The passage of the Killingsworth bill has made it possible for the Reed syndicate to float bonds in London for the construction of a line from Hillsboro to Thiamook. The same law will protect competitive lines that should be constructed from the Willamette Valley into the great value, the will be constructed from the Willamette Valley into the great value, to Coos Bay, from Salem through folk County into the Siletz country, where the richest farming, dairy and timber ands in the world await development. Resolved, That we believe another deepwater harbor on the west coast of Oregon, with a railroad leading to it from the Willamette Valley, is indispensable, if his state is to be built up and made populous and prosperous. We cannot expect help from outside sources unless we show a disposition to help ourselver, and we are convinced that there is enough capital and energy in Western Oregon to accomplish his result, and that the time is now ripe for this undertaking.

In no country in the world equally rich no essures would the old Oregon Pacific, now the Corvallis & Eastern, he allowed to lie unextended for a quarter of a sentury.

Taxation Law Favored.

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Resolved, That we favor the enactment by initiative of a taxation law, and recommend that the committees appointed here today to draft laws affecting the transportation interests in Oregon actwith moderation, judgment and intelligence in the interest of all Oregon. If allread property in this state is not taxed as much as in other states, let that be remedied. But let no law be enacted that will prevent capital from going into railroad construction in Oregon. We are of the opinion that railroads to the coast and into the interior will do more to develop this state than all else combined. This state would do better to exempt for a period of years new capital that might be invested in failroad building than to pass any tax has that would be unjust to the railroads now here. But certainly the limits of moderation have been reached if, as seems to be the undeniable fact, in return for moderate taxation the people of this state have been rewarded with policies of retrogression in construction and strangulation of their industries and development. But even in the face of such manifest injustice to this sommonwealth, no injustice should be lone by the committees a statement of the service.

W. P. Elmore, of Brownsville, gave the committee a statement of the service given by the Southern Pacific on the Woodburn-Springfield division, showing that the passenger train runs only from Woodburn to Silverton, the remainder of the road having only an accommodation train service. The president of the league was directed to assist the people of Brownsville in presenting a petition to the Southern Pacific asking for better

following subcommittes were ap-

to draft rate law-Thomas

Committee to draft rate law—Thomas K. Campbell Cottage Grove, chairmen; John Wortman, McMinnville; J. G. Graham, Salem; S. A. Lowell, Pendleton; W. B. Sherman secretary Miners' Association, Grant's Pass.

Committee to draft tax law—John A. Carson, Salem; G. W. Griffin, Eugene; J. A. Aupperle, Jefferson; G. A. Hurley, Independence; B. F. Jones, Toledo.

Executive committee and board of directors to gather statistics and compile information about tomage and resources of country desiring railroad extensions—Charles Grissen McMinnville; W. H. Hollis, Forest Grove; L. R. Stinson, Salem; W. P. Elmore, Brownsville; L. J. Simpson, North Bend.

President Hofer was made ex-officio chairman of the legislative ilttee will report at the Devel-

CALIFORNIA CURED FRUIT.

Prune Market Very Firm, With Buy-

SAN FRANCISCO, July 8 .- (Special.) -to pay the advance generally demanded by growers. Nothing new has lately de-veloped in raisins.

following a slump in Chicago, but quickly rallied to \$1.46%. The barley crop will also be much lighter than was expected. December rose to \$6 cents and spot to \$1 to \$1.00\(\text{2}\). Oats were stronger. Feedstuffs and hay were steady. Flour was

ter, but other tree fruits in good condi-tion remained active and firm. Shipping stock was in fair demand for tomorrow's regular steamer for Puget Sound.

All dairy products were quiet and un-changed. Receipts: Butter, 47,400 pounds;

GAMBLERS ARE ARRESTED

ATTEMPT TO CLOSE "COUNTRY CLUB" RESORT AT MILWAUKIE.

District Attorney Allen Out of Town, and Trini of Gratton and Nease May Be Delayed.

OREGON CITY, Or., July 8.—(Special.)— Sheriff J. R. Shaver today, just before noon, went to Milwaukle and arrested Isaac Gratton and M. G. Nease, two of the priviletors and managers of the Mil-waukle Country Club, at that place. Charles Duncan, the third person for whom Sheriff Shaver had a warrant, was not to be found. Gratton and Nease were taken before J. W. Grasle, justice of the peace for the Milwaukie district, and their preliminary examinations were set for next Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Both of the defendants were released on their recognizance pending their preliminary

peace, openly outrages the public decency and is injurious to the public morals." Circuit Judge McBride will convene an adjourned term of the Clackamas County Court in this city Monday and will re-math in the city practically all of the week, but it is understood District Attor-ncy Allen will not be in attendance and for that reason it is not known whether or not the case against the proprietors of the Milwaukie resort can be tried in the Circuit Court without further delay should they waive a preliminary exami-nation in the Justice Court at Milwaukie. In causing the arrest of Gratton and Nease today. Sheriff Shaver experienced no inconvenience, inasmuch as the move was anticipated by the officials of the Milwaukie Club. Sheriff Shaver announces his determination to put an end to gambling in Clackamas County

ort today. The gambling fraternity, by way of retaliation, is making numerous threats of perating with the officials to the end that Oregon City and Clackamas County shall be closed in the strictest sense of the term. Among the threats is included the closing of saloons all day Sunday and itmiting the hours during which these resorts may transact business. The dis-carding of all nickel-in-the-slot cigar machines may also be demanded, and if the saloon men become angered, there is a strong probability that they will proceed to have the laws strictly enforced

rules Contractor's Demurrer.

BELLINGHAM, July 8 .- Judge Neterer, of the Superior Court, today upheld the eight-hour law of this state by overrul-ing the demurrer submitted on constitutional grounds by the defendant in the suit brought by the State of Washington against Contractor Charles E. Lind, accused of violating the law, which fixes the number of hours in a day for which laborers may be employed on public

Gambling Story Not Substantlated. TILLAMOOK, Or., July 8 .- (Special.)-W. J. Stephens was arrested on a com-plaint sworn to by T. F. Larson for gam-bling, and given a hearing before Justice Alley. Larson alleges that Stephens, Howard, Edmunds and William Bosky made him partly drunk and then induced him to gamble, when he lost between \$70 and \$80. Edmunds and Bosky skipped out of town on Sunday to avoid arrest. As there was no corroborative evidence to substantiate the informant's statement, the Justice dismissed the case against

Twice before, Larsen has "squealed" and had large sums lost at gambling returned to him.

SEATTLE, July 8.-Helen Fay Buck, a young woman wanted by Chief of Po-lice Dinan of San Francisco for violat-ing the conditions of a parole given by

Cuban Diarrhoea.

U. S. soldiers who served in Cuba during the Spanish War know what this disease is, and that ordinary remedies have little more effect than so much water. Cuban diarrhoea is almost as severe and dangerous as a mild ottack of cholers. There is one remedy, however, that can always be depended upon, as will be seen by the following certificate from Mrs. Minnie Jacobs, of Huston. Texas: "I hereby certify that Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy cured my husband of a severe attack of Cuban diarrhoea, which he brought home from Cuba. We had several doctors, but they did him no good. One bottle of this remedy cured him, as our neighbors will testify. I thank God for so valuable a medicine." For sale by all druggiets.

pment League meeting at Eugene in

ers Willing to Pay Advances. The California cured-fruit market re-mains quiet, but dealers are not forcing business, and prices are steady. Peaches now have a furner tone, with ideas of sellers about '4 cent higher. The recent hot weather is hastening all fruits to-ward maturity. The prune market is very firm, with buyers now more willing

teloped in raisins.

Leading authorities do not now figure the California wheat crop at more than 400,000 to 450,000 tons, owing to damage by rust and other causes. This fact is making the local wheat market very strong. December receded to \$1.45 at the start, following a glump in Chicago had substituted.

Peaches were in larger supply and eas-

Offerings of heat-damaged potatoes were inrge and prices weak, but selected stock was in light supply and firm. Yellow onions were strong under good shipping demand. The green corn market was demoralized.

cheese, \$800 pounds; eggs, 25,500 dozen.

arrested, Gration and Nease are charged with the crime of "willfully committing an act which grossly disturbs the public

steps he has taken be has the backing of the District Prosecutor. Deputy District Attorney C. Schuebel was at Astoria yes-terday, where he consulted with District Attorney Allen and immediately upon his return Sheriff Shaver, accompanied by Constable Trembath, closed Gregon City tight and then visited the Milwaukie re-

with respect to traffic in liquors by the drug dealers.

EIGHT-HOUR LAW IS UPHELD

Judge Neterer, at Bellingham, Over-

Girl Violates Her Parole.

a Judge in a California Superior Court, was arrested here this afternoon. The San Francisco authorities have been notified to come for her. The fugitive was convicted recently on a grand larceny charge. The girl will fight extradition.

TACOMA, July 8.-Wheat-Unchanged, Milling bluestem No. 1, 38c; club No. 1,



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Foreman of Rock - Crusher Gives Them High Praise.

NO COMPLAINTS ARE HEARD

Great Liberty Is Allowed and the Men Are Given Credit for Double Time While Working on the Roads.

SALEM, Or., July 8 .- (Special.) -- "We get more work out of convicts than I ever have out of free laboring men," declared Foreman C. J. Billadeau, of the Marion County rock-crushing force, when a question upon that point was put to him have employed a great many men on this kind of work and know how much men will do. If we hired our men we would have to pay \$1.75 a day. The state prisoners we are working do considerably more than the men we would get at that price per day, and they work without

The foreman's statement is confirmed by other men who have watched the 20 con-victs handling rock for the cruster. It has been generally said and believed that convict labor is not worth much, for the reason that the men working under compulsion will shirk. Largely upon that theory prison labor has been leased at 25 cents a day in the stove foundry, where many of the men become skilled and perform work that free labor would receive \$3 to \$4 a day for doing. The experience of the foreman of the rockrushing gang is that free laborers shirk more than the convicts do: in fact, he has no complaint of time-killing on the part of the convicts.

The rock-crusher is located at the foot of a bill of volcanic rock eight miles south of Salem. The convicts loosen the rock by blasting, and it rolls down the hill in pieces varying in size from one inch to a foot through. The rock is already broken to that size, and the blasting is merely for the purpose of loosening it. The prisoners then put the rock into wheelbarrows, roll it about 50 feet to the crusher and dump it into a hopper, from which it slides between the jaws of the

A steam propelled elevator carries the crushed rock up to a revolving screen, which sorts it according to size. The rock then falls into bins and farmers drive un der with wagons and let the rock run into the wagon beds. The coarser rock is hauled upon the road first and when this has been packed down with a heavy steam roller, a finer layer of rock is put on and rolled and finally a layer of the finest rock is put on the surface and The surface is then nearly smooth as pavement, for the rock breaks into rectangular and triangular pieces and packs together firmly. Several miles of road south of Salem have been surfaced in that way, and where the rock has been put on there is no mud in Winter nor dust in Summer.

At the present time the force of men

working the crusher are convicts, while the farmers contribute most of the labor of men and teams for hauling the rock to the roads. The county hires some la-bor. When this year's work has been completed it can be determined whether will pay to work convicts on the pub-

the prisoners could overpower the guards, seize the rifles and escape. By watching for opportunities the men can sometimes BOISE SALOONS SHUT TODAY sneak away into the woods and escape, Two have already escaped in this manner from the gang working on the Hall's Ferry road. Most of the men employed the road are short-term men, and as they get credit for double time working on the roads, they are generally satisfied to work without making an ef-

fort to get away. Men employed on the rock-crusher have more freedom than one would suppose. They talk freely with each other while working and in the evening they ball or engage in other amusements. Two convicts cook for the gang

VALE TO HAVE A RAILROAD

Over Half the Stock Has Already Been Subscribed.

VALE, Or., July S.—(Special.)—The neorporators of the Vale & Malheur Valley Railroad Company, completed the organization of the enterprise June 28, by the election of directors and of-The directors are: L. B. Rinehart, M. G. Hope, E. A. Clark, J. W. McCullocia and Frank Petrie. Officers elected are: E. A. Clark, president; J. W. McCulloch, vice-president; M. G. Hope, treasurer, and Frank Petrie, secre-

The capital stock of the company is \$153,000, over half of which has been subscribed, and it is expected that work will be commenced at once. The road is to start from Vale, and connect with the Oregon Short Line some-where near Ontario or Arcadia, in Mal-

BLOWN TO PIECES.

Arrived at Spot Just as Explosion Occurred.

SUMPTER, Or., July 8 .- (Special.)-Timotay J. Ryan, pumpman at the E. & E. mine, was literally blown to pieces this evening at 5 o'clock by a blast He was stationed at the bottom of the main shaft when the explosion occurred. He is supposed to have left his post to go to another portion of the mine and walked directly into the zone

of the blast. Only portions of the man's body were the lower limbs being all that could be picked up intact. The de-ceased left a wife and son, the latter living at Granite.

JUDGE IS ORDERED TO JAIL

Failed to Appear When Served With Judgment Summons.

NEW WESTMINSTER, B. C., July 8. —(Special.)—An order was made in the Supreme Court here today to have Judge Leamy, of Greenwood, B. C., committed to jail for contempt of court for not appearing before the Registrar when ordered to do so by a judgment summons. Judgment given against him for \$200 owl given against him for \$200 owing a man named Jenns. This is the first time such a thing has occurred in Canadian courts.

Record to Be Morning Tribune.

EVERETT, Wash., July &-(Special.)-The Everett Record announces this evenTwo guards are employed to take charge ing that it will hereafter appear as the
of a gang of 20 men. It is probable that
if they were willing to take some charges to be next Tuesday morning.

THE IDAHO CITY.

Republican Council Takes Action to Offset Platform of Democratic Candidate for the Mayoralty.

BOISE, Idaho, July 8 .- (Special.) -- For the first time in the history of this city, the saloons are to be closed on Sunday, the doors having been closed at 12 o'clock tonight, to remain closed until 6 Monday morning. No saloons ever closed here be-

fore excepting on election days, and they had no locks. These had to be supplied this afternoon after the Mayor signed the

campaigns ever waged in this city, the three years, and Convict Johnst Republican Council having passed the or- Stockton, sentenced to serve 50 years. Republican Council having passed the or-dinance to relieve the tide that is running against Mr. Pinney, Republican candidate for Mayor. It provides for Sunday clos-ing and midnight closing on other days. Another ordinance passed at the same time raises the city license from E00 to

500 a year. There is a difference of opin-ion shout the political effect of the move-but the opponents of Pinney claim they will elect Hayes and keep the ordinance

Convicts Crossed the Dead Line.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., July 8.-News has just been received here that two victs were shot by a guard at the State Prison at Folsom last Monday for stepping outside the line while being marched into the prison in the evening. Each man received a bullet wound in the leg and both are in the prison hospital. The men

will recover. The men who were shot were Convict This is a move in one of the hottest Gray, of Los Angeles, sent up to serve

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