

ASKED TO ADJUST COUNTY QUARRELS

Controversies of Local Interest Will Engage Attention of Legislature.

NEW DIVISIONS ARE ASKED

Plan to Cut Wasco in Half to Come Up Again—Linn and Lane Counties Dispute Over Territory.

There will be brought before the State Legislature at its coming session not less than five county rights, involving not a change in the boundaries but division of counties for the creation of new ones or the annexation of sections of one county to another. In the light of past experience these controversies are likely to prove bitter and may become an element in shaping legislation of a general character.

What will probably prove the most interesting of these rights, will be the renewed effort of the people of Hood River and Wasco County to create what would in such case be called Cascades County. This movement has twice been defeated in the State Legislature, but the Hood River enthusiasts will renew their efforts again this year. Those contending for the creation of the new county propose to include in it the West Side of Coos County, the dividing line being between the towns of Hood River and Mosier. The section included in the area of the proposed new county contains property of the assessed valuation of \$1,000,000 and has a population of 2000 people.

Advocates of the new county cite the remarkable growth Hood River and the Western part of Wasco County have experienced in the last few years in support of their request. This development, it is claimed, is but the beginning of an even greater future for this section and the conditions are such that the people of the new county movement feel they are entitled to ask for a new and independent county government. There is some opposition to creating the new county, but the fight will be carried by the Legislature with even greater vigor than on the two previous occasions.

LIABLE FOR \$15,000,000

This Sum Due San Francisco Policy-Holders by Hamburg Decision.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Jan. 12.—(Special.)—The importance to San Francisco of the decision in Hamburg yesterday against the North German Fire Insurance Company will be realized when it is considered that like decisions will doubtless be rendered in the cases of the other German companies which created their San Francisco losses in the same manner as did the North German.

Policies taken out in these companies in San Francisco totaled about \$15,000,000, almost nothing of which has been paid. The North German, of Hamburg, together with the Austrian-Phoenix, the Rhine and Moselle and the Trans-Atlantic insurance companies, withdrew from the state and paid no claims. The Rhine and Moselle paid a few claims for amounts less than \$6000 and was the only one of this group to make any settlement.

Although about \$15,000,000 falls due under the decision, it is believed that the policyholders will settle for about \$10,000,000.

Since this tract was acquired by Lane County, it has developed that there is included in it the Blue Mountain Mining District, together with a considerable valuable timber land. The Linn County people claim to have a petition, unanimously signed by the residents of the district, which it is conceded, by the natural topographical conditions, belongs to Lane County, and this will be presented to the Legislature in support of their claim for a readjustment of the boundary line.

In addition, the Linn County people will be prepared to give up the Blue Mountain Mining District in more accessible from Albany and Linn County points than it is from Lane County; that Linn County has a road connected to the present boundary line between the counties and is only deferring the completion of the highway until this territory is restored, while to reach the same mines from Lane County it takes an arduous trip over rough mountain roads.

Want No New Territory.

The people of northern Grant County will ask the Legislature to establish new boundary lines for that county, to the end that they may be included in Baker County. The possibility of their request being granted by the Legislature is remote, since the Legislature of Baker County, almost without exception, has opposed to this sort of expansion. That part of Grant County, which it is proposed to have added to Baker, consists of a strip about 20 miles long and six miles wide, in the northern part of the county.

"We are too busy to have any 'fight' over changes in the Legislature this year," said Representative Walter Moore, of Baker County. "Regarding the proposed annexation of a part of Grant County to Baker, there is that there will be no contest whatever for the Baker County people are opposed to the plan. I have been instructed by the Citizens League and the members of the County Board to support the present project. Personally, I have not the slightest objection to having the Grant County people come into our county, but as a representative of the people, I am obliged to abide by their wishes."

The people of that section of Grant County which is seeking admission to Baker, are asking that general geographical conditions associate their district with Baker County and its interests rather than with Grant. They claim that the taxes which are levied on the property which will be included in the strip of Grant County to Baker, will be more than meet the increased cost of county government caused by the annexation.

The usual Union County fight will again be up in the Legislature this year. For a number of years there has been a continuous fight between Union and La Grande for the retention of the county seat. This was finally fought out at the last general election, when La Grande retained the county capital by about 74 per cent of the vote that was cast. Now the people of Union propose to have a new county created to be known as Hot Lake County. The territory proposed to be included in the new county consists of about one-fifth of the area of Union County and

JOINS HAINES' CAMP

Malarkey Comes Out for the Washington County Man.

Programme is Not Pleasing. The creation of the new county would result in cutting up the pretty little valley, a programme that is not viewed with favor by many of the people of the county.

There is a plan on foot to divide Grant County and create a new county. As outlined, the scheme proposes that the line of division be near the natural dividing ridge of the John Day River and the middle fork of that stream. This will cut the entire county into two parts. The proposed division is not unanimously desired, however, and Senator Laveock, of that county, reports that a remonstrance is being prepared by the people residing in the northern part of the county in opposition to the plan.

Two years ago a committee of Grant County people was sent to the State Legislature to ask that the county be divided, but the committee experienced a change of heart after interviewing the third house, and never presented a bill covering the subject, and this will be presented during the session.

MOVE TO PROTECT GREBS

Andubon Society Will Buy Launch for Southern Oregon Lakes.

The Oregon Audubon Society, at its regular meeting last night, voted to accept the offer of the National organization to furnish the local society with a launch and pay the expenses for a lecturer to give illustrated addresses in Postland and as far south in Oregon as Medford, Grant's Pass and Roseburg. It is also planned to give lectures on bird lore in the Portland public schools. Among the lecturers who will take up this work are Miss Gertrude Metcalf, J. E. Bronaugh and A. King Wilson.

It was stated that in spite of the game laws, the grebes of Southern Oregon are being killed off by hunters in the lake region. The Klamath Falls Game Warden, it was said, has been in communication with William Hatch, chairman of the National Audubon Society, having headquarters at New York, and arrangements have been made whereby the National organization will donate the purchase of a launch for the protection of these birds, this boat to cost about \$300. It is thought the balance of the money can be raised among the sportsmen of the state. The ownership of the launch will be vested in the Oregon Audubon Society.

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quired being 15, in the absence of Senator Mays.

The Haines forces on the other hand are anxious for caucus and say that if one shall be held, their man will secure the nomination. They say they have reason to believe that Bailey, of Multnomah County, will enter caucus with them, thus insuring them of the support of 15 on the floor of the Senate. They aver that others will also go into caucus, whom Hodson claims as being in his line. It is reported that Booth, of Lane, may consent to go into caucus, but that Hodson does not have the united support of Multnomah County, but on the Hodson side this is denied. Hodson men insist that Booth is a staunch Hodson supporter.

Hodson's known supporters were in the city yesterday, excepting Coke, of Coos, and Booth, of Lane. Frequent conferences were held between the Hodson men, including Loughery, of Polk; Johnson, of Benton; Bailey, Beach and Sichel, of Multnomah, and Hodson himself. Last night they held a meeting in the Imperial Hotel.

The Haines men, including Bowerman, of Gilliam; Wright, of Yamhill; Laveock, of Grant; McDonald, of Union; Kay, of Marion; Nottingham and Malarkey, of Multnomah, and Haines himself. The absentees were Schofield, of Clatsop; Hart, of Baker; Bingham, of Lane; Smith, of Marion; Miller, of Linn; and Cole, of Tillamook.

Should no caucus be held and the contest be fought out on the floor of the Senate, the six Democrats would take a lead. Supporters from their number are claimed in both the Hodson and the Haines camps.

Should Hodson be unable to win, his supporters will endeavor to unite on a "dark horse" in the hope thereby of winning votes from the Haines column. But first of all, the Hodson men want to fight Haines to a deadlock, expecting that then his support will break up and that their new candidate will gain enough fragments to win.

Should the Hodson men try another candidate, from Multnomah, as they would be likely to do, a likely candidate would be Sichel, the only other hold-over Senator available. A boom exists for Booth, but little progress has yet been made with it.

In the speakership contest, the Vawter men profess confidence. "You can't tell how the fight is coming out until the caucus," said Mr. Vawter and Dr. J. M. Keene, one of his most active supporters.

Italian Feud Settled in Utah.

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Sues Greene for Copper Stock.

EL PASO, Tex., Jan. 12.—W. C. Greene, the Cananea copper king, has been sued in Cochise County, New Mexico, for \$300,000 by Epes Randolph, president of the Gila Valley, Globe & Northern Railroad and of the Cananea, Yaqui River & Pacific Railroad for 8000 shares of stock of the Cananea Central Copper Company. The other defendants are Lycurgus Lindsay and the Cananea Central Copper Company.

Hanged for Killing His Jailer.

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PETITIONS FOR CANTEEN

Spanish War Veterans Join Fight Against Army Drunkenness.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—Captain J. Walter Mitchell, secretary of the National legislative committee of the Spanish War Veterans, is preparing to send to Congress another voluminous batch of petitions and requests from both veterans of the Civil and Spanish Wars urging the restoration to the canteen of the regular Army of the sale of beer and light wines. He has received petitions from practically every camp on the Spanish War Veterans in every part of the country, besides numerous resolutions, asking that Congress consider this question and put a stop to the drunkenness that now exists in the regular Army because soldiers desiring stimulants are driven to low resorts and vile whisky instead of being furnished the milder beverages under careful regulation.

At their last encampment in this city the Spanish Veterans, who had recently had experience in the practical value of the canteen, unanimously passed a resolution deploring the existence of theoretical legislation as to the canteen and informing Congress that their experience had demonstrated that the canteen was the proper and wisest solution of the drink problem for the American soldier.

Captain Mitchell says that most of the women's auxiliary organizations of the Spanish War Veterans have joined their husbands and brothers in the fight for the restoration of the canteen and have made issue with the W. C. T. U. on this subject. A large club has been formed here for the purpose of organizing clubs of women in different parts of the country for the special purpose of urging Congress to put an end to the present conditions in the Army.

Before the adjournment of Congress Captain Mitchell sent many petitions to Senators and Representatives, and has received answers from a number of them declaring their willingness to risk the ire of the prohibitionists by supporting a measure for the enactment of legislation again permitting light drinks to be sold in canteens.

Representative Wayne Parker, of New Jersey, introduced a bill at the last session favorable to mild beverages for the canteen and says that the measure is now before the committee on military affairs of the House. So soon as Senator Smoot, of Utah, finds the fight for his seat settled he intends to push legislation of the same kind.

The Spanish War Veterans are exceedingly hopeful that their efforts will be rewarded with success at this session, and Captain Mitchell says that many of the women's auxiliaries indicated their willingness not to longer oppose the sort of legislation that is demanded by practically the entire Army.

PERSONAL MENTION.

State Senators T. B. Kay, of Marion, and L. L. Muitt, of Jackson County, joined the solons in this city yesterday.

Ex-Governor T. T. Geer, of Pendleton, accompanied by Mrs. Geer, was in the city yesterday, and was a conspicuous figure in the hotel lobbies.

A. J. Johnson, of Corvallis, and J. K. Weatherford, of Albany, were among the members of the third house conference with legislators in this city yesterday.

W. P. Campbell, assistant superintendent of the Chemawa Indian Training School, accompanied by Mrs. Campbell, is at the Imperial.

John A. Bell left last night, accompanied by his wife, for a visit to his old home in South Carolina. They go by way of Los Angeles and New Orleans, where Mr. Bell will investigate the methods of shipping citrus fruits and bananas.

Superintendent Rigler, of the Portland public schools, left Friday night for Los Angeles accompanied by Mrs. Rigler, for a two month's stay. Mr. Rigler's condition is much improved and he hopes to return in perfect health.

Frank G. Davis, one of the best known traveling salesmen in the Northwest, has forsaken the grip. He has associated himself with L. J. Simpson, and will engage in the wholesale grocery business in North Bend, Coos County.

CHICAGO, Jan. 12.—(Special.)—Oregon people registered at Chicago hotels: From Portland—William H. Gray and J. C. Hartman and wife, at the Palmer House; W. A. Miller, at the Morrison; L. Barnard, at the Grand Pacific.

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CATHOLIC YOUNG MEN'S CLUB WILL BUILD CLUBHOUSE IN ALBINA

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A general meeting of the members of the club Friday night in the Zeller-Mueller Hall, on Russell street between Williams and Morris streets, and every one seemed pleased with them. Remarks were made by Rev. Father W. A. Daly, pastor of the parish, and others, all of which breathed a spirit of enthusiasm for the enterprise. The club heartily approved the work of the directors, and they were instructed to proceed with the erection of the building. Bids will be asked for this month. The clubhouse will be 24x36 feet, and three stories. The basement, or first story, will contain the heater, bath, bowling alley, and several other apartments. On the second floor there will be lodge, billiard, office, dining, rest and library rooms, and several smaller apartments. The auditorium will be on the third floor, which will be provided with a stage and will also be the gymnasium, with the usual secondary apartments.

This clubhouse is intended to be a home for young men mainly, and it has been designed by Architect Jacobberger for that purpose. However, membership is not restricted to Catholics or young men. There will be educational features, as well as those for diversion and recreation. The stock is being taken up in the immediate vicinity, so that the directors feel justified in proceeding with the erection of the clubhouse at once.

During the latter part of the month the club will hold a social, when all the members will be invited. It will be held in the Zeller-Mueller Hall. A. J. Allehoff, J. T. Curran, J. R. Hinkle and E. W. Ehrlich were appointed a committee of arrangements.



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