

### O. R. & N. CO. FILES ANOTHER PROTEST

#### Railway Wants Sigler's Assessment of \$14,400,000 Cut to \$434,087.

### NOW FIGHTING IN COURT

#### Contest Over Last Year's Valuation of Corporation's Property Is Not Yet Settled - Board Will Meet Monday.

In a petition filed with the County Board of Equalization yesterday afternoon, the O. R. & N. asks that the assessment upon its money, notes and accounts in Multnomah county be reduced from \$14,400,000 to \$434,087. The arbitrary valuation fixed upon the property by County Assessor Sigler is, the company declares, unjust, excessive and disproportionate to the assessments upon similar property in the county. Through its claim agent J. W. Morrow, who filed the petition, it asks for a hearing upon its allegations.

#### Statement of Its Accounts.

The petition alleges that the total value of the money and accounts of the company on March 1, 1908, the day the assessment roll was completed, was only \$2,812,168. The company held no notes whatsoever. Its cash was assessed at \$650,000; due from agents and conductors, \$188,945; due from solvent companies and individuals, \$1,955,324; and from the United States Government, \$198,878. At the time the assessment was made the only cash in the bank in Multnomah county was \$401,324, not including daily collections in the hands of what agents arising from the sale of tickets and charges for freight, which approximated \$12,633, and in the hands of conductors, purveyors and station agents in Oregon, Washington and Idaho, approximating \$13,767. There was in New York City \$25,324, which, in the meaning of the Oregon statute, was not the property of the company in Multnomah county. Of the company's relations with other lines, the petition says that the assessment does not set forth the fact that the O. R. & N. operates 1269 miles of road and has no connection with other common carriers which deliver to it merchandise for forwarding in Oregon and Washington. Practically all the money, it is asserted, represents amounts collected from bills due the company for foreign lines and for itself. These bills were carried as assets on the books. Of the \$1,955,324 the petition stated that a great deal of the money was due in New York, and the sum due from the Government practically all was due in outside states and in New York.

#### Declares Figures Are Excessive.

In conclusion the petition asserts that the assessment, money, notes and accounts should be eliminated from the rolls, and it is void because the assessor intentionally omitted making such assessments against natural persons and corporations.

County Assessor Sigler, to whom the petition was presented, numbered it and filed it with a smile.

"The company is trying to defeat one assessment in the courts now," he remarked.

Following this company, came S. Garfinkle, who complained that the assessment of \$1600 on his lot and building at Seventeenth and Flanders streets was excessive. He was willing to sell the property for \$5000 any time.

"I'll find you a purchaser for that amount any time within a week," said Mr. Sigler.

But County Clerk Fields already had an applicant in the person of a real estate dealer who had overheard Garfinkle's complaint.

"Will you sell for \$5000 today?" asked Fields.

"Or for \$5000 within a week?" asked Sigler.

"It's my wife's property," objected Garfinkle. "She might not want to sell."

The agents of the Amanda W. Reed estate asked that the assessment on the Abington building be reduced from \$16,000 to \$3,000.

The property, the petition stated, was to some extent below the street grade.

The board will resume its sessions Monday. It had intended to adjourn yesterday, but as there was some doubt as to whether the law required the members to sit one week from last Monday or a full week of seven working days, it was decided to meet again Monday so as to afford no loophole for any one to escape his assessment by questioning the legality of its acts.

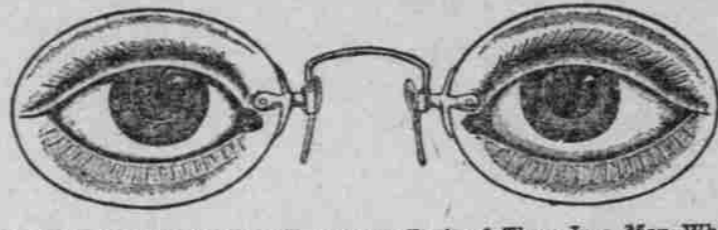
### HOLIDAY FOR CEREMONY

#### Carman Manufacturing Co. Lays Cornerstone of New Warehouse.

A unique ceremony was held yesterday afternoon at the laying of the cornerstone for the new warehouse building of the Carman Manufacturing Company. It is customary to set the corner-stone on top of the basement wall in the first story, but this one was set in the wall in the sixth story of the building, with weird rites, performed by the committee headed by E. Bristow, manager of the company, made a short talk, telling how, in the last 20 years, the Carman Manufacturing Company had a large lot of buildings, worked up to its present position. The stone was set in place by Architect Otto Kiehnman with appropriate ceremonies, and all the men employed, about 50, were invited to take part at the "banquet" in an adjoining lot, where a large kettle of sausages was steaming. Large spikes were used as forks and liquid refreshments were served in tin buckets. The men were granted a half-holiday. The building will be completed in about three weeks and will be occupied at once. It will be 100 feet square and six stories high, with a gallery and basement, of the slow-burning mill construction and equipped with the latest automatic fire extinguishing apparatus.

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### LAST WEEK TO HUM

#### Republican Campaign in Oregon to Be Pushed.

#### M'ARTHUR GUESSES 20,000

#### Speakers Will Go Out Into Every Section of State During Few Remaining Days to Win Votes.

Reports received at Republican headquarters in this city during the last week give added assurance that Taft and Sherman will carry the state by a plurality of at least 20,000. Secretary McArthur feels greatly encouraged over the situation from the reports he receives daily of the meetings that are being conducted nightly in various sections of the state under the auspices of the State Central Committee. General apathy, which existed to an alarming extent in many localities a fortnight ago, has been dispelled and the old-time enthusiasm and activity of the ordinary Presidential campaign has been restored among the ranks of the Republicans.

The concluding week of the campaign

### WASHINGTON CONGRESSMAN TO SPEAK IN OREGON.



Hon. Will E. Humphrey.

The state committee considers that it is extremely fortunate in securing the services of Congressman Will E. Humphrey, of Seattle, who will speak at the Armory tomorrow night, and at Salem Tuesday night. Mr. Humphrey is one of the best-known and most popular orators in the Republican party, and as he makes a specialty of Judge Taft's labor decisions and the injunction question, he will no doubt be greeted by a large crowd at his Portland meeting. In order to address the people of this city, Congressman Humphrey found it necessary to cancel engagements at Walla Walla and Spokane. Secretary McArthur has made elaborate preparations for a big meeting tomorrow night, and a good turnout is expected.

will be one of great activity. Every available speaker will be drafted into service and numerous meetings will be conducted in practically every county of the state. Secretary McArthur and his associates feel confident the Republicans will carry the state by the estimated plurality of 20,000 and would not be surprised if the margin in favor of Taft would reach 30,000. Discussing the situation yesterday, Secretary McArthur said: "From reports that have been coming in to the headquarters of the Republican State Central Committee during the past few days, I am very much encouraged over the outlook and unhesitatingly predict that Taft and Sherman will carry Oregon by a plurality of not less than 20,000. Republican campaign speakers that have been going over the state on spellbinding tours have met with large and enthusiastic audiences at all places, and the coming week promises to develop even more interest than was displayed during the week just closed."

#### Fulton Draws Crowds.

"Senator Fulton was greeted by crowded houses at every place where he appeared in Eastern Oregon, and Judge Stephen A. Lowell, who has spoken at Toledo, Newport, Corvallis, McMinnville, Sheridan and Dallas, has also been enthusiastically received. Reports from Wheeler county state that J. D. Lee, of this city, has been doing good campaign work in that section of the state, and that he has addressed good crowds at Mitchell, Spray, Richmond and Fossil. Congressman W. R. Ellis has been enthusiastically received in Coos county, where he has delivered five campaign addresses. Mayor George F. Rodgers, of Salem, did some effective work in Tillamook county last week, speaking to crowded houses at Cliftondale, Bay City and Tillamook."

"Two other campaigners who have done excellent work in Western Oregon are R. R. Butler, of Condon, and Henry McKinney, of Baker City. These young men have proved the wisdom of their choice as campaigners, and have spoken in a most convincing and eloquent manner to good-sized audiences at Eugene, Brownsville, Lebanon and Albany. Mr. Butler spoke with Judge Lowell last night at Dallas and was greeted by a crowd which filled the room night he and Frederick Steiner, of this city, will address the Republican Club at Forest Grove, from which place Mr. Butler will go to Eastern Oregon for addresses at The Dalles, Heppner and Pendleton. All of the young men who have been doing campaign work have been enthusiastically received and have impressed themselves upon their audiences. H. M. Cake spoke at Drain last night, and, like the other Republican speakers, was greeted by a crowd which paid close attention to his excellent address."

#### Final Week to Be Active.

"The coming week will be a very active one as far as campaign speeches are concerned. J. D. Lee will spend the week in Sherman and Wasco counties, Henry McKinney in Lane county, and Judge Henry E. McGinn is booked for addresses at Baker City, La Grande and Pendleton. Congressman Ellis will return from Coos Bay and will speak several times in the Willamette Valley. Judge Stephen A. Lowell and Senator Fulton will each deliver a number of addresses in Oregon, and Judge Lowell, together with Judge Lionel R. Webster, will address the Union Republican Club of this city next Saturday night. Senator Fulton's itinerary will be over on the 25th, when he is scheduled to speak at Albany. On the following night he will appear at Tascocombs, and on the 31st at Seattle. The Republicans of Eugene are planning a big meeting next Saturday night, when Wallace McCamey will be the principal speaker. Ex-Congressman M. C. George will speak at Cottage Grove on Thursday, and Grants Pass on Friday."

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### MRS. MARY M. BARTH DEAD

Portland Woman Passes Away at St. Vincent's Hospital.

Mrs. Mary M. Barth died at 5 o'clock yesterday morning at St. Vincent's Hospital as the result of a complication of diseases. She was 40 years old and also was born in this city, where she had many friends in this city, where she was born. She is the daughter of Captain George and Mrs. Kate M. Price, of this city, who survive her. She is also survived by her husband and two daughters. Mrs. Barth was the sister of Detective John Price, of the local police force.

Funeral services will be held at St. Francis' Church Monday morning at 9 o'clock. Interment will take place in Riverview cemetery.

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