

RAILROAD BOOSTED BY WALK CONGRESS

Movement Started for Line From Southern Idaho to Coos Bay.

DISCUSS PROPOSED LAWS

Prominent Citizens Named on Legislative Committees—Dates Set for Future Conventions—In Salem January 29 and 30.

BOISE, Idaho, Dec. 19.—(Special.)—The three days' session of the Oregon-Idaho Development Congress, which closed at noon today in the City of Vale, Or., did not, perhaps, than any one agency along the conference line to build up and advance the interests of the two sister states, Oregon and Idaho, than any movement ever started by the citizens of the two great commonwealths.

The Congress was in session Thursday, Friday and Saturday, closing this noon. The day was held for the purpose of assembling business men of Idaho and Oregon to talk over the needs of the state and to promote the building of railroads and development of irrigation projects as well as to revise the construction of the Malheur irrigation project, of Eastern Oregon, with the Government.

The attendance during the conference was very flattering, there being present about 300 representative business men of Portland, Salem, Roseburg, Marshfield, Eugene, Vale, Ontario, Pendleton, Astoria, Boring, Caldwell, Nampa, Payette, Pocatello.

State Committees Named.

The following joint committee on railroad legislation was appointed: Oregon—Governor George E. Chamberlain, Judge Stephen A. Lovell, of Pendleton; Colonel C. E. Wood, of Portland; Idaho—Governor-elect James H. Brady, Willard White, of Boise; J. H. Lawell, of Caldwell; J. H. Lowell, of Portland; Secretary W. P. Doolittle, of Ontario, and Riley Atkinson, of Boise.

The six following Congresses will be held: Salem, Or., January 29 and 30; Boise, Idaho, February 23 and 24; Ontario, March 16 and 17; Elm Grove, Idaho, April 27 and 28; Caldwell, May 11 and 12; Burns, July 17 and 18.

To Gather Railroad Data.

A committee on railroad data to assist the railroad legislative committee was appointed as follows: J. C. Turner, chairman and secretary; Boise, Willard White, James I. Priest, Judge K. I. Pirke, Max Mayfield, Caldwell, J. H. Lowell, Eugene, J. N. Patch, E. C. S. Bralauer, Marshfield, Walter Lyon, North Bend, H. C. Thomas, Jones, Directors—Vale, T. W. Clapp, J. O. Thomas, Ontario, J. H. Lowell, E. C. S. Bralauer, Boring, Frank Davey, Weiser, A. H. Keller, Pineville, Mr. Spaulding, Judge Bell, M. A. Brink, Roseburg, Mr. Zecher, Silver Lake, E. M. Christian, Secretary. Every member of the congress is urged to furnish data for the secretaries.

State Aid to Railroad Favored.

The congress, through resolutions declared in favor of state-aided railroads, development of Coos Bay harbor and the revival of the Malheur project.

Delegates to the next congress to be held in Boise during January and Salem during February, are urged to do everything in their power to further the construction of a railroad from Boise through Central Oregon to Coos Bay; recommending that the bay be made a great naval anchorage station, and commercial harbor for the shipping of the Pacific Coast. It is urged in the resolutions that the delegates urge upon the Legislature of Oregon the importance of enacting at its 1909 session a general law enabling all districts which contain navigable waters in Oregon to organize a port commission and to levy taxes for the purpose of raising money to improve the harbors of Oregon.

The river and harbor committee of congress is urged to make an appropriation for the improvement of Coos Bay.

REYNOLDS IS NOT GUILTY

Cleared of Manslaughter Charge. His Auto Killed Man.

CHERRILL, Wash., Dec. 19.—(Special.)—Not guilty was the verdict in the trial of John W. Reynolds for manslaughter, which was concluded in the Lewis County Superior Court today. The jury was out half an hour and took two ballots. On the first, two voted for conviction.

The argument for the state began this morning with the opening address by County Attorney L. E. Harmon, Colonel William H. Thompson, of Seattle, spoke for the defendant, concluding this afternoon. Mr. Harmon closed the argument, after which Judge Rice instructed the jury.

The case, which occupied over a week, has been watched with much interest and the courtroom has been crowded. The occasion of the trial was a collision on July 27 between Mr. Reynolds' automobile and George Buckles, who was riding a bicycle, resulting in the death of the latter.

PILES WINS SALARY GAME

Board of Control Member Postpones Qualifying and Gets Increase.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Dec. 19.—(Special.)—Action under an ordinance by General Atkinson, State Auditor C. W. Clauson is issuing salary warrants for Matt L. Piles, of the Board of Control, at the rate of \$2500 per annum, while other members of the Board, under a Supreme Court decision, draw but \$2000 annually. Piles qualified under reappointment, after the law increasing the salary was passed by the last Legislature.

JOE YOUNG BACK HOME

Man Who Shot Kaspar Van Dran Regains Liberty.

Joe Young, who came to Portland yesterday from the Penitentiary, figured in one of the most sensational acts of

tragedies recorded in the criminal annals of this state. He was tried and convicted of murdering Kaspar Van Dran in the latter's saloon at 429 Washington street on the night of April 29, 1907. His victim later figured in a remarkable chain of circumstances which caused the death of his wife, and a few months later killed himself. The cases which led up to the shooting of Van Dran by Young were said by the latter to have been an undue intimacy between Van Dran and Mrs. Young. Van Dran, after recovering from the effects of Young's shot, testified that the only interest he had taken in Mrs. Young was when he helped her out financially on several occasions when she appealed to him because of her husband's alleged neglect of her and her children. On the night of the shooting, Young walked from the saloon at 429 Washington street, of which he was proprietor, to that kept by Van Dran, a few doors distant, and on entering shot Van Dran through the body. The latter eventually recovered, shortly after which his wife, who was formerly Minnie Monteth, died suddenly in her apartment after drinking poisoned ginger ale. Mrs. Van Dran drank the stuff in the presence of her sister, and dramatically prevented the latter from drinking it as she fell dead. The death of Mrs. Van Dran has never been satisfactorily explained, and her dramatic passing was followed in a few months by the suicide of Van Dran himself. Joe Young is said to have been pardoned from the Penitentiary by Governor Chamberlain. Some reports saking the Governor to extend executive clemency, but this was refused because of certain actions of the prisoner.

DICKSON WANTED IN EAST

CLARK COUNTY SCHOOLTEACHER ACCUSED OF FRAUD.

Ex-Member of Illinois Legislature Said to Have Duped Farmers Out of \$10,000 in Cattle Deals.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 19.—(Special.)—Elihu Dickson, principal of the public school at Brush Prairie, this county, was arrested November 20, and applied to his former home in Illinois, where he is accused of defrauding Williamson County farmers to the tune of \$10,000. Dickson was a member of the Illinois legislature, and it is said he used his official position to help him in his alleged crooked work.

Dickson's plan of operation, it is alleged, was to purchase beef cattle for which he gave in payment worthless checks on the First National Bank of Goreville, Johnson County, Ill. When these checks were sent to the Goreville bank on which they were originally drawn, they were turned down by the cashier of that institution, with the information that Dickson had withdrawn all of his money which he had deposited there, and in addition to this had transferred all of his property to others. As soon as this state of affairs was discovered, warrants were sworn out and the officers at St. Louis notified to arrest Dickson. But they were too late. Dickson had sold the cattle, cashed his checks and left for parts unknown. Investigation showed that Dickson's work was extensive, and it was found that he had numerous victims in Johnson and in Union Counties. Rewards were offered for his apprehension and for the return of his stolen property to the county to locate Dickson.

Dickson's experiences were told in a trembling voice to Sheriff E. D. Sappington, of Clark county, shortly after his arrest at the little school house at Brush Prairie, 12 miles from Vancouver, where he and his son, Lloyd Dickson, were taken. Dickson stated that Sheriff Sappington, when he wrote the checks he had the money in the bank to make them good and fully intended to pay them, but upon arriving at the market in St. Louis with his cattle he found that the markets had fallen and the reduced price at which he was compelled to sell them, would leave him absolutely penniless. If the checks were paid, then it was that he resolved to get together every available dollar and fly the country.

Dickson has a brother, E. H. Dickson, in Portland, who he shortly after his arrest, and secured a school at Brush Prairie. He then sent for his wife and family and purchased a \$1000 home, upon which, at the time of his arrest, he had paid \$800.

The clever detective work of Sheriff Sappington resulted in Dickson's arrest. Weeks of search through county records and tax rolls, lists of voters and teachers, and finally gained for the Sheriff the clue that led to Dickson's arrest. That clue was a deed of transfer by Dickson.

NO LUMBER DUTY WANTED

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Auction without reducing wages if the tariff is reduced.
W. C. Durant, of Flint, Mich., asked that the duty on automobiles be reduced from 45 to 25 per cent, and that the duty of 45 per cent on automobile parts be reduced 50 per cent. He asserted that in a \$100 machine the cost of labor is \$70, and that other manufacturers had really asked for a duty of 40 per cent on the finished product for the sake of labor.
W. C. Grange, of Newburg, N. Y., asked that the duty on cars and trucks for hauling cane and cane product imported from the Philippines be removed from Americans and increased to 25 per cent for foreigners.

DOES NOT NEED PROTECTION

Implement-Maker Quite Indifferent.

Auto Man Asks Reduction.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The testimony of R. D. Metcalf, of Auburn, N. Y., representing the International Harvester Company, in the tariff hearing today was similar in many respects to that of Judge R. H. Gary, of the United States Steel Corporation yesterday. Mr. Metcalf said his company is so well entrenched in the agricultural implement business that it does not need the tariff and that it is immaterial to it how the tariff is changed. He did not deny that the International Harvester Company manufactures over 50 per cent of the agricultural machinery in the United States.

Mrs. Marshall Mead Dead.

HILLSBORO, Or., Dec. 19.—(Special.)—Mrs. Marshall Mead died at West Union yesterday morning, from an attack of typhoid pneumonia. She was born in Maryland, Cal., September 20, 1883, and came to Oregon with her parents ten years later, settling near Greenville, Washington County. She was married to Mr. Mead in 1888, the husband and ten children surviving. Of her immediate family four brothers and one sister survive: Myron Beard, Portland; Jesse, William P. and Walter E. Beard, Or., and Mrs. Z. N. Seelye, also of Banks.

WETS SEE VICTORY

Hope to Overthrow Prohibition in Union County.

ELECTION NOTICES FAULTY

Point at Issue Same as in Grant County. Wherein Supreme Court Decided Local Option Election to Be Null and Void.

LA GRANDE, Or., Dec. 19.—(Special.)—Prohibition in Union County is in dire danger. When the order first became effective it was attacked by a local brewer, J. H. Koch, who asked for an injunction on the ground that Sheriff Childers had not properly posted the notices of election. The Circuit Court denied the request for injunction, claiming that the majority was so large that the precincts in question could not affect it. The Supreme Court has rendered its sweeping decision in the Grant County case, which is similar in almost every respect to this one. Koch gave notice of appeal to the Supreme Court. When the decision is forthcoming, it is believed that the local option law will be invalidated, as the Union County instance in regard to faulty posting of notices is similar to that in Grant County.

A similar attack was made today in the Anderson whisky case, but the judge overruled the motion for an instructed jury. A few moments later the jury returned a verdict of not guilty.

TO ALTER APPORTIONMENT

Ackerman Would Make as Basis Number of Teachers Employed.

PENDLETON, Or., Dec. 19.—(Special.)—To make the amount of money which each school district shall receive from the state and county school funds dependent upon the number of teachers employed in each district instead of upon the number of children of school age was the radical change in the manner of the appropriation of school funds urged by State Superintendent of Public Instruction J. H. Ackerman in his city today. He was addressing the second annual meeting of school officers of Union County. Superintendent Welles also aroused the interest of his 200 hearers by attacking the present plan of minimum county tax levy and special district levies for the maintenance of the schools. He declared that the property valuations in the several districts did not so wisely correspond to the number of pupils in the districts, or the amount of expense necessary in maintaining the schools. He insisted that the county levy should be increased so that district levies would not be necessary. Every district in the county was represented at today's meeting and every director and the clerk was present from inside the county. He is the largest and most interesting meeting of its kind ever held in Eastern Oregon. Morning and afternoon sessions were held and practically the whole day was consumed with the discussions.

ATTEMPTED WRECK FAILS

Switch Thrown at Bellingham, but Brakes Are Applied.

BELLINGHAM, Wash., Dec. 19.—Train wreckers tonight threw the switch on the Bellingham Bay & British Columbia road inside the city limits and derailed the 6:08 southbound train, endangering the lives of 40 passengers. The train ran over the ties and came to a stop when the engine was on the very brink of Whatcom Creek. The fact that Engineer Story saw the thrown switch and put on the emergency brakes when the train was 200 feet away was all that prevented the loss of life. No one was injured. Fireman Hoffo jumped before the train left the track, but escaped with a few bruises. The local police are working on the case, but so far have discovered no clue to the identity of the wreckers.

PRISONER PLANS SUICIDE

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meet him in his chambers, and she was removed to the County Jail. Immediately after she was taken to the County Jail, Mrs. Martin became hysterical. She grew worse until she was in a dead faint.

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HANGING FAILS; USES GUN

JOSEPH LORETTZ, JUNCTION FARMER, FOUND DEAD.

Man Whom Workmen Cut Down Takes His Life Next Day by Use of Shotgun.

EUGENE, Or., Dec. 19.—(Special.)—Joseph Lorettz, a Lane County farmer, committed suicide some time between Thursday and Saturday, by shooting himself in the head. The suicide occurred on the Bushnell farm near the I. N. Edwards place, about ten miles from Eugene on the river road and about five miles this side of Junction City. Joseph Lorettz was the man who tried to hang himself near Junction City last Wednesday, and was cut down by the gang of telephone linemen who saw the man in time to save him from strangling to death. Lorettz had been acting peculiarly and told some of the men what he intended to do. He said: "Good-bye, boys, I'm going to hang myself."

He was unconscious and nearly dead when his body was cut down. As soon as he was conscious he ran away. Sheriff Brown, with assistants, immediately began a search and in the course of their hunt came to the home of Henry Lorettz, a brother, and a farmer near Junction City. The brother had not seen the hunted man, and the Sheriff continued the hunt until late Wednesday night.

The next morning Joseph appeared at his brother's house, and the latter told Joseph of the story that was current of trying to hang himself. This seemed to irritate Joseph and he left the house with his gun, soon after which his brother tried to find him, and falling, another search was begun. It was not until this afternoon about 2 o'clock that his dead body was found by Henry Lorettz. With a gunshot wound in his forehead, the coroner's jury found a verdict of suicide this evening. Joseph Lorettz was a single man, 22 years of age.

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Ellis Remanded to Jail.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 19.—(Special.)—R. M. Ellis, accused of attempted blackmail, pleaded not guilty before Judge McCredie today, and was bound over for trial under \$500 bonds, which he was unable to furnish.

SACRIFICE SALE BENJAMIN'S CLOTHES

Our entire stock of this season's newest SUITS, OVERCOATS and RAINCOATS at a sacrifice. No last season's styles---no odds and ends; blues and blacks included. Reduction of prices as follows:

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All smoking jackets one-third off regular prices; fancy vests one-fourth off regular prices; our entire line of trousers one-fourth off. In this sale Benjamin's full dress and tuxedo suits are excepted.

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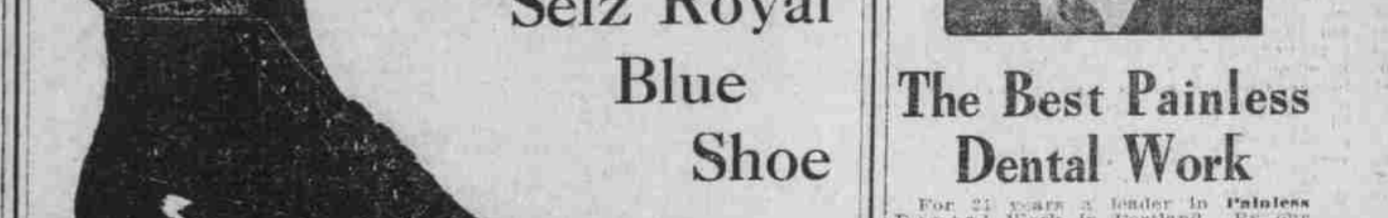
311 Morrison Street, Opposite the Postoffice. Commencing Monday, store will be open evenings until Christmas.

MORE LAND RECLAIMED

SPOKANE CAPITALISTS BUYING UMATILLA TRACTS. Moody Company Proposes to Promote Fruit Industry on Rich River Bottoms.

PENDLETON, Or., Dec. 19.—(Special.)—Details of still another reclamation project for Umatilla County became known today when it was learned that a syndicate of Spokane capitalists had contracted for several hundred acres of river bottom land along the Umatilla River to reclaim portions that may need it.

The city of Harvot at Baggard, Bagdad, has a foreign trade of nearly \$25,000,000 a year.



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