

COMMISSION SEEKS DATA ABOUT POWER

Hydro-Electric Body Plans Inquiry Into Phases of Manufacture.

TWO STATES' AID ASKED

Canalization of Rivers to Be Considered and Idaho and Washington Urged to Co-operate in Inquiries.

The Oregon Hydro-Electric Commission, which met at the Chamber of Commerce yesterday to organize, outlined a plan of procedure in its work which includes a study of every phase of production and utilization of electric power in the Northwest.

One of the largest projects to be investigated under the new Commission is the canalization of the Snake and Columbia rivers, to improve navigation and develop hydro-electric power in large quantities.

Chairman H. B. Miller was instructed to name an executive committee. This committee will assign among the members of the Commission the special problems in the development of electrical power in the Northwest.

A bill is contemplated for the next Legislature which will empower the state to make appropriations for reclamation projects on logged-off and arid lands, and as the application of electrical power to production of carbons and charcoals in clearing logged-off lands allies itself closely with this Commission will interest itself actively in the passage of this bill at the 1914 session if possible.

Conventions to Be Invited. Conventions of electrical organizations will be invited to come to Portland and every effort will be used to direct the attention of the Northwest to its power resources and to awaken public interest in their development.

Members of the Commission present were: H. B. Miller, Thomas C. Burke, Professor F. G. Young, of the University of Oregon; T. A. H. Teefer, of Oregon Agricultural College; T. H. Burchard, president of the Oregon Society of Engineers; John McCourt, H. L. Vorse, Dr. J. F. Watt, of Hood River; W. D. B. Dodson, of the Chamber of Commerce, and J. H. Lewis, State Engineer.

GOVERNMENT TO HELP

Boys' and Girls' Clubs to Be Organized Over State.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, Dec. 13.—(Special.)—A plan that will bring to the school industrial work in Oregon by the combined efforts of the United States Department of Agriculture, the State Department of Education and the Oregon Agricultural College has been adopted.

The new plan involves the organization of boys' and girls' clubs throughout the state for the study of industrial subjects. The schools will be provided with college specialists.

The public school organization will be used in the new plan. The County Superintendents will be asked to cooperate in enlisting the teachers of their various counties in the work of organizing the boys and girls who are interested.

Professor Griggs will act as state leader. The two traveling field men now attached to the State Superintendent's office will continue as field organizers of club work.

Sidewalk Cleats Not Required. OLYMPIA, Wash., Dec. 13.—The Supreme Court in upholding the King County Superior Court today in the case of James Dougan against the City of Seattle, says the fact that a city builds a sidewalk on a steep hill does not make it liable for accidents because cleats are not provided.

John N. Carville, Commissioner of Highways of New York, has issued rules for the protection of the state roads, one of which is that no load in excess of 14 tons will be allowed on the roads at any point.

HYDRO-ELECTRIC COMMISSION WILL WORK FOR POWER DEVELOPMENT IN OREGON.



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J. V. Tolman



Prof. T. G. Young



Hon. H. B. Miller



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CHURCH RIFT IS TASK

Bishop Cooke Has Problem in Taylor-Grace Schism.

SECEDERS STANDING FIRM

High Official in Methodist Episcopal Organization, Who Counseled Original Merger, Finds Situation Difficult One.

When Bishop Richard J. Cooke, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, returned to Portland from the East a little more than a week ago, he was confronted by the most delicate situation that has come within his jurisdiction since he was appointed to this diocese—the rift in the congregation of the First Methodist Church.

So far he has not decided whether to comply with the petition signed by about one-third of the congregation of the Taylor-street Church to appoint a pastor for that part of the congregation that has remained in the old church at Third and Taylor streets (in which case Dr. Benjamin Young, still the pastor of the two divisions of First Church, would have charge of only the contingent which returned to Grace Church) or to counsel a bridging over of the differences so that the split congregation might be reunited.

Bishop Cooke said yesterday that he regretted that so much publicity already had been given to the matter. "I must beg to be excused from discussing the matter in the press," said the bishop. "It is not good for the church, nor for the people nor for the welfare of society."

What makes the matter harder for the bishop to decide is the fact that when the Grace Church contingent returned to the old Taylor-street Church more than a year ago he counseled and aided the move, should he now recommend to the National conference of the church the appointment of a pastor for the Taylor-street Church, he would be reversing his former decision. Of course, at that time the plan ahead

was the building of a fine new First Methodist Church, which would be a credit to the church and the city.

On the other hand, if the bishop should counsel an amalgamation of the two congregations, the Taylor-street congregation would be averse to returning to Grace Church and the Grace Church people would not wish to leave their present place of worship.

As the matter of the sale of the Taylor-street Church property, which would require a two-thirds vote of the congregation did not even obtain a majority vote at a recent conference of the congregation, which contemplated the building of a new church on the Grace Church property at Twelfth and Taylor streets, some of the members of the congregations of both churches have expressed the idea that there is no possible way out of the dilemma except to have two separate churches and two pastorate.

ARCHITECT PLAN WINS

PORTLAND PROJECT BACKED BY ORGANIZATIONS EVERYWHERE.

If Movement Succeeds Work on 734 Federal Buildings May Be Commenced Next Spring.

The movement of the Portland Chamber of Commerce to secure the passage of a bill making it possible for the congestion in the offices of the Federal architects to be relieved and local architects to be called in to assist in cities where Federal buildings are contemplated, has become nationwide and letters are being received daily from all parts of the United States, pledging support to the movement.

promises to support the measure. These include Senators Catron, Pomerehne, Chamberlain, Ashurst and Brady. The Representatives who favor the bill are Roberts, Mott, Addison T. Smith, Keating, Lafferty, Tom Stout, W. C. Hawley, Sinnott and Albert Johnson. The others promise to give thorough consideration to the measure when it comes before them.

The City Council of Houghton, Mich., considered the resolutions of the Portland Chamber of Commerce and adopted a vote of thanks to the Portland body for the interest it is taking in the measure and sent a communication to its Representatives asking their support in the premises.

There are 734 buildings authorized by the Federal Government, but which are not under construction due to congestion in the architect's office at Washington. If the agitation by the Portland body succeeds these will be given immediate attention and their erection will commence in the Spring.

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WOMAN 57, JAILED

Police Declare They Have Captured Shrewd Swindler.

HAIR DEALS ARE SPECIALTY

Long List of Frauds Charged to Mrs. E. Patrick, Residing at Fashionable Hotel, Who Fights When Arrest Is Made.

Fifty-seven years old and gray-haired, regarded by the police as a swindler, Mrs. E. Patrick, alias Weeks, alias Paddock, alias De Witt, was taken into custody yesterday morning by Detectives Vaughn, Hyde and Pat Maloney, and will be returned to Eugene for trial on a swindling charge.

About October 14 she came into the notice of the detectives through a report made by Miss Sadie Haggerty, who then owned the Smart Shop, in the Seiling building. Miss Haggerty asserted that Mrs. Paddock, as she knew her, came into the store and asked to be shown a \$22 hat. She picked one, then apparently returned to her daughter in Seattle. The Seattle-sent hat was returned. The detectives recovered the Portland headgear.

It is alleged that she visited Forest Grove station about the time she left the town, and these detectives Maloney traced to a fashionable hotel in Portland. When placed under arrest yesterday she fought furiously, and when landed in jail attacked Detective Hyde.

RAYMOND DEBATERS LOSE. Centralia High Argues Better on Exclusion of Common Workers.

RAYMOND, Wash., Dec. 13.—(Special.)—On the question "Resolved, that the unskilled laborers from the countries of Southern and Eastern Europe should be excluded from the United States," the debating team of the Raymond High School, comprised of Thayer Raymond, Clayton Peniston and Florence Keely, on the negative side of the question, last night lost to Frank James, Vera Hess and Carl Pitzer, of the Centralia High School, who had the affirmative. The decision was close.

McMinnville Gets New Minister. McMINNVILLE, Or., Dec. 13.—(Special.)—The Presbyterian Church of McMinnville has selected as its new pastor Rev. Arthur Newton Thompson, D. D., who for the past five years has been pastor of the Madrona Presbyterian Church, of Seattle. Dr. Newton also was pastor of the First Presbyterian

On Christmas Day. We will serve in both dining-rooms a delicious Christmas Dinner WITH WINE 5:30 to 8 o'clock. \$2. Two orchestras will discourse their sweetest old-time melodies throughout the dinner hours. Reservations for tables are being made now; call or telephone, stating in which dining-room you desire to be served. RESERVE TABLES NOW for NEW YEARS' EVE MENU, MIRTH AND MUSIC. Tuesdays and Saturdays 4:30 to 7. Thes Dansants. We have secured the services of Mr. E. H. Branch as Maitre d'Hotel of The Portland. Mr. Branch's long experience as caterer in the great hotels of the South and East, including such as the Marlborough, New York; the Old Stratford, Philadelphia, and the U. S. Grant, San Diego, particularly fits him for the service of the Portland; he will be especially valuable in arranging wedding breakfasts, teas, luncheons and card parties. THE PORTLAND HOTEL. Owned and operated by THE PORTLAND HOTEL CO., G. J. Kaufmann, Manager. N. K. Clarke, Assistant Manager.

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