CIVIL ENGINEERING TO BE ELIMINATED

Higher Curricula Board Cuts Course From University and Agricultural College.

ECONOMY PROMPTS MOVE

Action Comes as Surprise to Many and Brings Intimation of Threat Urging Consolidation of Two Schools From Grange.

Civil engineering, as such, ceased to exist in the courses of the State University and the Oregon Agricultural College yesterday, when the Board of Higher Curricula issued an order eliminating it from the curricula of both institutions.

Students desiring to take a degree in civil engineering hereafter will accordingly be obliged to go to institutions in other states.

This action of the Board of Higher Curricula came as a surprise to the representatives of both institutions, to the delegates from the engineering society, who were urging the maintenance of a strong engineering course in the University of Oregon, and to the representative of the State Grange, who appeared at the meeting intimating that the movement for consolidation of the two institutions would be renewed by initiative, if the order of December 20, proposing to arrange for the removal of the civil engineering to the State University exclusively were permitted to go through in that form.

Instruction Not to End.

The decision of the Board took the form of two motions, both of which carried. By their provisions the department of civil engineering is eliminated from both institutions, and there is to be no further matriculation in this course in either school after the date of the order. It is to be discretionary with the board of regents of each school, however, to maintain the course until it has been completed by those who are at the present time matriculated in it prior to the date of the order.

In the Agricultural College civil engineering, so far as it may be required in other departments of engineering, such as forestry, agricultural engineering, highway, irrigation and mechanical engineering, may be taught, though it will not constitute a course producing a civil engineer's degree.

The net result of yesterday's order and the orders of December 19-20, 1913, is to eliminate all engineering from the State University and to leave in the Agricultural College mining, mechanical, chemical and electrical engineering, all of which will lead to engineers' degrees.

Members of the Board declared last night that their decision was a move in the direction of economy. The elimination of the civil engineering from both schools, they estimated, will represent a saving to the state of between $3000 and $12,000 a year. They estimated that the total saving to result from the elimination of all engineering from the university and the concentration of such courses as are retained in the Agricultural College, will represent an annual saving of about $40,000, heretofore absorbed in duplication of equipment and instructors.

"It appears improbable that in a state of the population of Oregon a really first-class engineering institution could be built up for many years," said Dr. C. J. Smith last night. "For that reason it appears to me, and to other members of the Board, apparently, that it is better to concentrate on other lines and let those who seek the advanced work that leads to professional engineering go to the states where strong specializing institutions have been built up."

Order Now Effective.

Those who were present on the board yesterday were President J. R. Wilson, of Portland Academy, Dr. C. J. Smith, A. S. Beals, of Tillamook; J. E. Hedges, of Clackamas. O. P. Coshow, of Roseburg, was absent. Both President W. J. Kerr and President P. L. Campbell, of the State University, attended the meeting, and representatives from the Educational League, the Engineers' Society and other organizations were present.

The order of December 20 transferred architecture, music, economics, education and the graduate school to the University of Oregon, but this transfer did not become entirely effective until the issuance of the order yesterday in which the scope of the work in these departments was defined and the degree to which allied studies might still be followed in the Agricultural College.

INDIAN SCHOOL PROBED

Committee of Congress Begins Investigation at Carlisle.

CARLISLE, Pa., Feb. 7.—Senator Robinson, of Arkansas, and Lane of Oregon and Representatives Carter of Oklahoma and Stephens of Texas, constituting a joint subcommittee of the Indian affairs committee of the two houses of Congress, today continued their investigation of affairs at the Carlisle Indian School. They particularly inquired into complaints made against Superintendent Friedman, of the institution.

Senator Robinson, chairman of the committee, said today that among the complaints it is investigating is one relating to alleged laxity of discipline, unjust expulsion of students, misrepresentation of the school to the public and the Indian Bureau, alleged insanitary conditions, quality and quantity of food and unjust punishments.

Committees purporting to represent students appeared before the investigating committee today, Senator Robinson said, and were told they would be permitted to give information provided the students submitted themselves at all times to the discipline of the school.

RABIES SCARE SPREADS

Baker County Residents Call for Muzzling Ordinance.

BAKER, Or., Feb. 7.—(Special.)—With coyotes hanging around the large towns of the county in great packs, wild with hunger and showing greater daring than ever before, ranchers are anything but pleased with the prospect for their cattle. Reports of hydrophobia in every direction, instead of waning, have grown more and more and the situation is assuming an emergency aspect with many persons calling for an immediate act by the County Commissioners requiring that every dog in the county be shot or muzzled.

County Stock Inspector Notz said today that according to his records 85 animals have been infected with hydrophobia in various parts of the county and reports coming in indicate that the condition is becoming worse. Reports thus far have been received from Burnt River, Lime, Sparta, Huntington, Whitney, Goose Creek, Pine Valley, Fairview, Haines and Missouri Flat and in all these places not only are there reports of mad dogs or mad coyotes but stock has been infected and has died from the attacks of the maddened animals.

The chief loss has been among hogs, although there has been some loss in cattle. Dr. Notz has received the heads of several animals which died supposedly of rabies and in some of the cases he has made tests which indicate that rabies exists, but to be sure, he today sent several samples to the state bacteriologist for examination. No case of rabies has appeared among human beings, although several persons have been bitten by hogs or dogs which were thought to be mad.

Snow in the mountains has had a peculiar effect on the coyotes. From Haines comes a report that the beasts are to be found lingering on the very edge of the town. A little girl was chased there yesterday and today several of the animals followed a sleigh for several miles along a main traveled road.

"DRY" BARLOW PROPOSED

Resident of Canby Would Remove Temptation in Nearby Town.

OREGON CITY, Or., Feb. 7.—(Special.)—Declaring that the recent decision of the State Supreme Court on the local option election cases had cleared the way, M. J. Lee, a prominent resident of Canby, announced his intention this afternoon of starting a movement to place the town of Barlow in the dry column.

Barlow has two saloons and this situation has existed several years, while Canby, just north of Barlow, is as dry as a "chip" and the consequence is, according to Mr. Lee, some of the young people of Canby are likely to be led astray and become contaminated. He says it is a fact that some of the young men of Canby occasionally go to Barlow and frequent the saloons of that town and he strenuously objects to having temptation placed directly in their path.

TRIAL COST IS $250,000

Expenses in Fuel Company Suit Reaches Quarter Million.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 7.—The cost of the Western Fuel Company conspiracy trial in the United States District Court here was estimated today to have reached a total of $250,000. When the trial is resumed Monday the thirty-fifth actual court day will be marked, not counting two days devoted to legal argument in obtaining a jury; the cost, however, extends over a period of 20 months, dating from the inception last June of the prosecution of officials and employes of the corporation on charges of defrauding the Government of thousands of dollars by false weighing of coal.

The burden of the estimated cost is distributed as follows:

Government prosecutors, $50,000; Government agents, $20,000; attorneys for the defense, $150,000; experts for the defense, $10,000; witness fees, $2000; jurors' fees, $1500; court expenses and miscellaneous, $16,500.

Of the eight officials and employes originally indicted, four remain. John L. Howard, president of the company, died a few hours after the dismissal of the indictments against him. The indictments against Joseph L. Schmitt, treasurer and director; Robert Bruce, director, and Sydney V. Smith, director, were dismissed a few days later. James B. Smith, vice-president and general manager; Fred C. Mills, superintendent; Edward J. Smith, checker, and Edward H. Mayer, weigher, the remaining defendants, are expected to take the stand next week.

POSTAL ORDER BILL SIGNED

Collection May Be Made at Any Office Under New Law.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—By President Wilson's signature, the bill to regulate the payment of postal money orders became today a law of the land. The new statute will not become effective, however, until rules and regulations for its operation are promulgated by the Postmaster-General. This probably will require several months.

The bill provides for the issuance of postal money orders payable at any money order office, even though drawn on a specified office and will, according to the Postmaster-General, greatly increase the postal money order business and be a great convenience to business.

Land Office Receipts $18,000.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Feb. 7.—(Special.)—It was given out here today that the receipts for January of the United States Land Office totaled $18,664.19. In this amount is included payment on six coal claims in the Centralia country, this afternoon, with but a single dissenting voice, a motion calling for the circulation of a petition to form a municipality in the valley. In order that a municipal lighting, heating and power plant may be constructed was passed.

If the County Court passes favorably on the petition and other provisions of the motion are carried to a successful completion, the county will have two incorporated towns.

The action of the rural citizens comes as the result of an agitation that was begun here early in January by members of the Odell Development League, who started negotiations with the local power companies in an effort to secure lower rates for country consumers.

Limits Extension Proposed.

"The two power companies of the valley," said Mark Cameron, chairman of the meeting this afternoon and a member of the Odell club, "have told us that it will be impossible for them to make any reductions."

It is proposed by members of the proposed municipality to have its bounds extended to Booth Hill, the dividing line between the Upper and Lower Hood River Valleys, and to take in all territory, excepting the City of Hood River, from that point to the Columbia River on the north. This will comprise the entire portion of the settled area of the apple district in the lower valley. The orchardists plan to provide for a charter that will call for a commission form of government.

"I have property in the limits of the proposed new municipality," said J. F. Batchelder, the only man to raise his voice against the measures adopted at the mass meeting, "and unless I can sell the same before the inauguration of such a campaign I shall oppose it to the utmost. I think the orchardists are making a mistake that will lead them to a heavy expense."

State Law Sought.

The plan of campaign of the rural residents in their efforts to secure a municipal light plant is even more radical than the mere formation of a municipal government. On motion of A. I. Mason, which was seconded and passed unanimously, the orchardists expressed themselves in favor of circulating petitions to initiate a bill at the next general election to make it possible for any community in the state to establish a district and vote bonds for the construction and maintenance of any public utilities plant or institution.

"By establishing our municipality," said Mr. Mason, "we can hold our water rights, and if the citizens of the state pass the new bill, we can transfer our bond obligations and eliminate the municipality, goin ahead under the new form of utility district."

Mr. Mason proposed to start the petition and to secure, free of charge, 500 signatures.

MUNICIPALITY FOR HOOD VALLEY AIM

300 Rural Residents Take Action Toward Getting Municipal Power Plant.

LOWER RATES FIGHT FUTILE

Orchardists Plan to Provide for Commission Form Charter if County Passes Favorably on Authorized Petition.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Feb. 7.—(Special.)—At a mass meeting of 300 rural residents at the Commercial Club here

PIONEERS RE-ENACT THEIR WEDDING CEREMONY OF 50 YEARS AGO AT YAMHILL, OR.

MR. AND MRS. H. F. BEDWELL.

YAMHILL, Or., Feb. 7.—(Special.)—Re-enacting the ceremony by which they were united in marriage 50 years ago, Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Bedwell, Oregon pioneers of 1852 and 1844, respectively, observed their golden wedding anniversary here last Saturday with about 100 of their friends, many of whom attended the original marriage of the pair, present. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Mr. Mulkey, of the Christian Church, Mr. Bedwell presenting a diamond ring to his wife.

Following the ceremony a dinner was served at the Oddfellows' Hall. Several of the guests were from other Oregon cities.

OREGON CITY WOMAN CANDIDATE FOR COUNTY CLERK.

Miss Iva Harrington.

OREGON CITY, Feb. 7.—(Special.)—Miss Iva Harrington, the first woman in th state to come out for an office above that of a municipality, announces her candidacy at the Republican primaries for nomination as County Clerk.

She was born in a log cabin at Highland, is the daughter of a pioneer family of the county, has been chief deputy in the clerk's office for four years, and been connected with the various departments of the county government for much longer. For five years, she was a teacher in the county schools.

POLK ROADS IMPROVED

YELLOW SLOUGH GRAVEL PROVES GOOD SURFACE MATERIAL.

Farmers, Especially Those Owning Automobiles, Are Most Effectual Factors in Move.

AIRLIE, Or., Feb. 7.—(Special.)—Following various movements for good roads in Polk County within the past two years more than 100 miles of highways are in good condition.

A good many years ago inhabitants of rural districts of Polk County saw the urgent need for better roads. Thousands of wagon-loads of gravel were hauled in the Dallas, Monmouth, Independence and Falls City regions, while in the country surrounding the town of Rickreall, many loads of yellow slough gravel were used. This made better and harder roads than any other materials. It is believed now that no better move could well have been made at that time. Continual traffic for nearly two years after the hauling of this gravel in the Rickreall district put the roads in a shape that they are said to be equal to any in the Willamette Valley. This gravel is much different from that obtained at the rivers, as it contains a large per cent of cement which packs hard and quickly.

One of the leading factors in the movement for better roads has been the automobile owner in the rural sections. In some cases the farmers owning cars have put gravel and much work on the roads which they travel most frequently. By the interest and co-operation of many, gratifying results have been accomplished, and improvements will be continued with more zeal than before.

WIFE KILLED IN QUARREL

Husband Turns Revolver on Himself and Falls Across Body.

KANSAS CITY, Feb. 7.—John F. French, a bricklayer, shot and killed his wife and committed suicide in the residence district late today. Many persons were on the street at the time. The pair had been separated. French was 28 years old and his wife was 22.

Witnesses to the shooting first saw Mr. and Mrs. French standing in the street quarreling. Then the wife ran across the street. French followed, drawing a revolver as he ran. The first shot missed. French sprang on his wife and shot her through the temple. As she fell he knelt beside her and turned the revolver against his own head and his body fell across that of his wife.

DEATH ENDS FIGHT

Son of Baker Resident Kills Halfbreed Indian.

MOUNT VERNON IS SCENE

Velton Pope, Aged 18, Shoots Jim Green, Aged 30, in Eastern Oregon and Gives Up Self to Grant County Officers.

JOHN DAY, Or., Feb. 7.—(Special.) Threats of roping a boy as one would a horse or steer led today to the death of Jim Green, 30, a half-breed Indian, at the hands of Velton Pope, the 18-year-old son of William Pope, a well-known citizen of Baker, Or.

Young Pope left immediately for Canyon City, where he surrendered to the Sheriff's office and passed the night in jail. He probably will remain there until the Sheriff returns from Portland with C. E. Potts, alleged wife slayer, who is being brought back from Los Angeles to stand trial at Canyon City.

Young Pope and his cousin, Jude Pope, were riding in a buggy and Green followed them.

Green had been drinking and was making threats at the boys. Pope dropped his whip, and when he got out to get it Green told him he was going to rope him and drag him. He threw the rope at the boy, who dodged, and as he did so, fired his .32 caliber revolver. Green rode about 25 feet and dropped from his saddle, dead.

Deputy Sheriff Howell and Deputy Coroner Glave tonight visited the scene of the tragedy.

Green leaves a widow and a baby.

He is well known in the Baker and Pendleton country, having taken part in various Pendleton Roundup performances and county fairs. He had worked but little this Winter, having passed the greater part of it in John Day.

CANDIDATES ARE NUMEROUS

Aspirants for Jackson County Offices Make Themselves Known.

ASHLAND, Or., Feb. 7.—(Special.)—Outside of state channels, the candidates for various offices in Jackson County are getting numerous. For County Treasurer, Fred L. Cologg has filed his declaration as a candidate, he having served two terms as Recorder.

The Shrievalty is sought by Sheriff Singler, who is filling an unexpired term, caused by the tragic death of his brother some time ago. Chauncey Florey is mentioned as a candidate for Recorder. Politically, the foregoing are aligned as Republicans.

In Democratic ranks, E. M. Wilson, for Treasurer, and O. Patton, Charles Gay and R. Estes are mentioned for Sheriff.

For Governor, Senator Von der Hellen, of Wellen, in this county, is an avowed candidate. In several county papers the name of E. V. Carter, of Ashland, has been mentioned in this connection, but without formal authorization.

Eight-Footed Hog 2 Months Old.

ASHLAND, Or., Feb. 7.—(Special.)—The four-winged duck on the Cyester ranch, East of Ashland, has a rival in an eight-footed pig on the Beall ranch, south of Central Point. Both sets of feet are well developed. This freak is now 2 months old and promises to attain the size of the average hog. Its legs are normal down to the ankle joint, each leg terminating in two feet instead of one.

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