

# ROSEBURG AT LAST TO REALIZE DREAM

## Bonds for Railroad to Coos Bay Are Voted After Half-Century of Waiting.

### PLANS OF OUTSIDERS FAIL

Citizens, Undaunted, Show Faith in Proposition by Pledging \$500,000 Toward It and Naming Official Commission.

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ROSEBURG, Or., Oct. 9.—(Special.)—After more than a half century of "watchful waiting" during which time the construction of a railroad from this city to Coos Bay has been discussed no less than a dozen times, the voters of Roseburg last Monday took what prominent business and professional men say was the first legitimate and practicable step in the direction of procuring a communication with the Pacific ocean. The voters went to the polls and authorized a \$500,000 bond issue with which to assist in the construction of the proposed railroad.

So decisive was the victory for the progressive element of the town that the measure carried by a vote of nearly three to one. At the same time the voters elected a Railroad Commission, composed of ten prominent business men of this city.

In these meretricious voters have placed their explicit faith and on them the responsibility of carrying out the wishes of the people.

### Commission Members Named.

The Commission is comprised of A. J. Lilburn, merchant; J. W. Perkins, capitalist and owner of Roseburg's exclusive office building; A. C. Marsters, ex-Senator and banker of the Roseburg National Bank; Carl D. Shoemaker, editor of the Roseburg Evening News; L. Wimbler, editor and owner of the Roseburg Review; J. H. Barker, merchant; B. W. Strong, merchant; W. H. Fisher, cashier of the First State Bank of Roseburg; F. H. Churchill, merchant; and W. H. Richardson, broker.

Unlike the methods adopted in some towns where "high finance" has played havoc with the pockets of the people corresponding benefits, the Railroad Commission elected by the voters of Roseburg has no other object than the people's interests as the members would their own most important business affairs. Not one dollar of the bond issue will be spent in the hands of outsiders. A standard gauge road will be constructed between Roseburg and Coos Bay. And it is not at all incumbent upon the builders of the line to operate the line for a term of years satisfactory to the members of the Commission.

### Bonds Show Faith.

The bond issue of \$500,000 voted by the people of Roseburg merely expresses local faith in what the people here believe would be a dividend-paying railroad. It is a case where the voters have signified their willingness to bond their property and pit the proceeds against the dollars invested by outside capital. When any individual or corporation will show the members of the local Railroad Commission that they will build a railroad from Roseburg to Coos Bay and operate it for a term of years, they will receive the support of the city to the extent of \$500,000. But the person or persons constructing the line must not be merely a promoter, but must deliver the goods.

### Proposition Is Revived.

About 20 years ago the proposition to construct a railroad from Roseburg to Coos Bay was first introduced. At that time, but in common with subsequent discussions of the project it died in its infancy.

### Project Again Revived.

Nothing more was done in the direction of constructing a railroad until about three years ago, when a man by the name of Haines, then of Boise, Idaho, came to Roseburg and announced that he was interested or represented a reputable corporation that desired to build a railroad from Roseburg to Coos Bay. At the time Haines expected that he was connected with the Northwestern system, which has its western terminal at Lander, Wyo. Complete surveys between this city and the coast were obtained, plans were filed and the proposition appeared genuine. So confident were the people that a line would be constructed that the city enjoyed a brief era of prosperity unprecedented in its history. Residences could not be obtained, storerooms were in demand, and general business was at its best. Everyone thought the railroad was to materialize.

### Mass Meetings Are Held.

But the people of Roseburg were not to be silenced by disappointments, even if they had been numerous. A few months ago the proposition to construct the line was revived by a few men who had the interest of their town at heart. Mass meetings were held, and after due deliberation and discussion it was decided to submit the proposition of bonding the town of Roseburg for \$500,000 to a vote of the people.

sent one-sixth the assessed valuation of the city. Although there was some opposition to voting the bonds on the grounds that it would increase taxes, the progressive element went to work, and with one great united effort they carried the day. Both newspapers of the town worked diligently in behalf of the project, while individual appeals tended to enhance the enthusiasm.

### Commission Organized.

The members of the Railroad Commission met today and effected a permanent organization. J. W. Perkins, who might be called the father of the



B. Y. Eddy and J. W. Perkins.

### TWO ROSEBURG MEN AMONG THOSE PROMINENT IN RAILROAD MOVE.

For a few days before the election the fight was bitter in the extreme. It was a contest between the progressive and ultra-conservative elements. Now that the bonds have carried, even those who bitterly opposed the movement before the election have come forward and joined hands in assisting to bring the road to a materialization. Unity of purpose and action is the keynote by which the people of Roseburg hope to procure ratification with the coast at an early date.

### HYBRID DUCKS KILLED

FREAK BIRD APPEARS TO BE MALLARD-BLUEBILL CROSS. Specimens Will Be Mounted and Sent to Washington for Classification.

SILVER LAKE, Or., Oct. 10.—(Special.)—A new species of duck, at least a new kind to Central Oregon, has made its appearance on Lake Coos Bay lakes with the opening of the hunting season. The stranger appears to be a bluebill-mallard hybrid. Only two of the new birds have been killed so far, but hunters report having seen a flock of a dozen or more of apparently the same kind of ducks.

The bill of the strange bird is identical with that of a bluebill, but is rimmed with a strip of light yellow feathers, and from this trimming back to well down on the neck the head is that of a mallard. The breast and neck back almost to the wings are mottled blue, similar to the breast of brant drakes; bellies, backs, aprons and wings of the two specimens killed are typical of the mallard. In the fall and feet the bluebill again is apparent. Both of the birds killed were drakes. The skins will be mounted and sent to the Biological Survey at Washington for an opinion on the species.

### PIONEER CLERK PAYS VISIT

M. M. Beetman Sees Vancouver After 60 Years' Absence.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Oct. 10.—(Special.)—M. M. Beetman, now a resident of Eugene, who was the first dry goods clerk in Vancouver more than 60 years ago, visited this city today with his aged wife and called upon Mrs. J. D. Meyer, whose father, Joseph Wise, went into the dry goods business here soon after Mr. Keyes' death.

### TWO OREGON FISHERMEN WITH A GOOD DAY'S CATCH.

ERNEST HINES (LEFT) AND "SMILEY" WELLS. TILLAMOOK, Or., Oct. 10.—(Special.)—Although the cold and rainy weather has made the fishing poor in these parts, Ernest Hines and "Smiley" Wells went on the Trask River 10 miles from this city and caught more than 60 cut-throat and salmon trout. High water is causing the fish to bite and the above catch is considered remarkable at this time of the season.

# SPOKANE WET AND DRY FORCES BUSY

## Prohibition Amendment and 8-Hour Measure Awaken Voters in Off Year.

### REGISTRATION IS LARGEST

Free Democratic Dances, Free Republican Movies and Free Progressive Lunches Help Lure Citizens to Meetings.

SPOKANE, Wash., Oct. 10, 2:26 P. M.—Both wet and dry forces are working day and night to get the voters to the registration booth. Already the figures have passed the 2500 mark, exceeding the total for any registration in the city.

Three days ago a story was circulated that passage of the Prohibition amendment means a dry state before the first of the year, although the amendment provides that the date starting of the liquor supplies shall be January 1, 1916. The earlier date is made possible because another law permits an amendment to become effective 30 days after its passage if certified by the proper state officer. The voters heard the story and increased their activities. Automobiles have been pressed into service and load after load of anti-Prohibition men and women have been whirled to the city hall to register.

### Country Voters Also Alarmed.

The country precinct voters also are alarmed and there are indications that the vote will be the largest ever cast in the county.

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### ALBANY CHILD INHERITS \$10,000.

ALBANY, Or., Oct. 10.—(Special.)—Margaret, the 9-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Cathey, of Albany, will receive the sum of \$10,000 as her share of the estate of the late Mrs. Mabel Simpson, who recently passed away at her home here following an operation for appendicitis.

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