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

BY W. A. PETTIT. 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 dis-cussed no less than a dozen times, the voters of Roseburg last Monday took what prominent business and professional men say was the first legtimate and practicable step in the direction of procuring rall communication with the Pacific Ocean. The voters went to the poils 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 election the voters elected a Railroad Commission, composed of ten prominent business men of this city.

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

have financing because to Rosebury and in the presence of hundreds of citizens declared that they were sincere and had come here to build a standard guage railroad from Roseburg to the coast. So confident were the people of Roseburg that the men meant business that they gave them full assurance of hearty support. Surveyors followed, and later headquarters were opened in this city. The work of surveying progressed for a time and an excellent grade was established between Roseburg and tidewater. Then clied in the first dry goods clerk in Vancouver more than the grade was established between Roseburg and tidewater. Then clied appointment. One morning it was announced that operations had ceased and within a few days another attempt to gain railroad communication with the coast had passed into history.

Project Again Revived.

Nothing more was done in the direction work on Albany's new Federal building is progressing. We will be ready for occupancy soon after January 1. The shift 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. Mayer, whose father, Joseph Wiss. J. D. Mayer, whose father, Joseph Wiss. The first floor will be devoted entitle the coast had passed into history.

This building was burned down about three years ago, it is on lower Main street and is little used any more. Business has gradually moved up Main street and is little used any more. Such and the form of the Forestry Service, Santiam National Forest, which has its headquarters in Albany.

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 it was suspected that he was connected with the Northwestern system, which has its western terminal at Landers. Wyo. Complete surveys between this city and the coast were obtained, plats 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.

After completing the surveys, obtaining rights of way and consummating other details connected with such an undertaking. Mr. Haines returned to his home at Boise, with the farewell statement that he intended to return in a few months, when actual building operations would be commenced. But he never came, the men who were higher up failed to enforce their agreement and another attempt to construct the road ended in disappointment.

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 con-struct the line was revived by a few men who had the interest of their fown 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.

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nts one-sixth the assessed valuation the city. Although there was some position to voting the bonds on the ounds 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.

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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 rail connection with the coast at an early date.

Commission Organizes. The members of the Railroad Com-mission met today and effected a per-manent organization. J. W. Perkins, who might be called the father of the



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

railroad movement, was elected president; W. H. Richardson, secretary, and W. H. Fisher, treasurer. Many let-

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 Cooa Bay and operate it for a term of years, they will receive the support of this city to the extent of \$500,000. But the person or persons constructing the line must not be marely a promoter, but must deliver the goods.

It was nearly 40 years ago, when the citizens of Roseburg, then a town of only a few hundred people, first realized the necessity of rail communication with a deep harbor. They talked railroad talt in its infancy.

Proposition is Revived.

About 20 years ago the proposition of construct a railroad from Roseburg to tidewater was revived, with even more enthusiasm than on the precious occusion. Money was subscribed by local capitalists, rights of way obtained and actual surveying work between the proposed terminals undertaken. But the time for a railroad was not ripe and the project failed.

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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. Aiready the figures have passed the 23000 mark, exceeding the total for any registration in the

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 shutting off the liquor supplies shall by 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 wets 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

three to one. At the same election the voters cleated a Railroad Commission, scores, and W. H. Richardson, secretary, and W. H. Richardson, secretary, and W. H. Richardson, scores, and prominent business men of this city.

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Commission Members have placed. The commission is composed of A. J. Lilburn, merchant; J. W. Perkins, capitalist and owner of Roseburg's exclusive office building; A. C. Marsters, earlicialst and owner of Roseburg severing National Bank; Carl D. Shoemaker, editor of the Roseburg National Bank; Carl D. Shoemaker, editor of the Roseburg National Bank; Carl D. Shoemaker, editor of the Roseburg share will be charted to the Roseburg and converted into marketable marking News; L. Wimberly, editor and converted into marketable marking News; L. Wimberly, editor and converted into marketable marking News; L. Wimberly, editor and converted into marketable marking News; L. Wimberly, editor and converted into marketable marking News; L. Wimberly, editor and converted into marketable marking News; L. Wimberly, editor and converted into marketable marking News; L. Wimberly, editor and converted into marketable marking News; L. Wimberly, editor and converted into marketable marking News; L. Wimberly, editor and converted into marketable marking News; L. Wimberly, editor and converted into marketable marking News; L. Wimberly, editor and converted into marketable marking News; L. Wimberly, editor and converted into marketable marking News; L. Wimberly, editor and converted into marketable marking News; L. Wimberly, editor and their arguments have caused great classic will be only as along the beauting News; L. Wimberly, editor and their arguments have caused great conventions will be incompanied to the city to the city and their arguments have caused great the converse of the city commission.

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ple's interests as the members would their own most important business affairs. Not one dollar of the bond issue will be spent, they say, unless they are guaranteed by a sufficient bond that a standard gauge road will be constructed between Roseburg and Coos Bay. And that is not all. It will be 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 burg to Coos Bay and operate it for

TWO OREGON FISHERMEN WITH A GOOD DAY'S CATCH.



ERNEST HINES (LEFT) AND "SMILEY" WELLS. THLIAMOOK, 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 less and the above catch is considered remarkable at this time of the season.

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assistant agriculturist. While Mr. Johnson is not a practical farmer, he is acquainted with the soil and climatic conditions of this part of the state, and basis. Johnson, agriculturist: Louis Hartell, with the assistance of Mr. Hartell, who

Washington State Has 1,931,-705 Acres of Grants.

625,079 ACRES ARE SOLD

Commissioner Savidge in Summary of Conditions Points Out That Commonwealth Eventually Will Get 600,000 Acres More.

—A complete summary of the condition of Albany, and Mrs. Lea Rathbone, of the land holdings of the state of Washington made by 7 ALBANY, Or. Oct. 10,—(Special.)—
Construction work on Albany's new Federal building is progressing rapidly and from present indications, the structure will be ready for occupancy soon after January 1. The building occupies a quarter block at the southeast corner of Second and Broadalbin streets. It is, of brick and sandstone construction and trimmed in terra cotta.

OLYMPIA, Wash, Oct. 10.—(Special.)—A complete summary of the condition of the land holdings of the state of Washington, made by Land Commissioner Savidge for his biennial report, shows that the state thus far has received from the Federal Government a total of 2,566,784 acres of land, of which 625,079 acres, approximately one-fourth of the total area, has been sold. shows that the state thus far has received from the Federal Government a total of 2,566,784 acres of land, of Cane, assistant superintendent: J. A.

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The state still owns 1,931,705 acres,
in addition to which it has claims on
approximately 600,000 acres to which
it probably eventually will receive title.

This land, which the state hopes to
get at some future date, is largely tied
up in National forests. The compilations of Mr. Savides show that 11985. tions of Mr. Savidge show that 11,983, 340 acres are within the borders of National forests in the state, of which 655,221 acres are school sections granted to the state. Of the total school section acresge, 110,670 acres have been made bases for lieu land selections, only part of which have been clear listed, however, so that 600,000 acres is taken as an estimate of the National forest area belonging to the state.

Money Goes to Aid Schools. With the exception of the capital grant, the money from which when sold will be used exclusively for capitol building, all the money obtained from the sale of state land in the grants goes to the creation of permanent funds, the interest of which is used for the support of the common wohools and the support of the common schools and other state educational institutions. With 617,537 acres sold from the grants other than the capitol grant, the total cash and bond heldings of the six permanent funds September 30, 1914, were \$11.643,890, according to the re-port of State Treasurer Meath, repre-senting approximately \$19 on hand for each acre sold.

Members of the State Land Board es-

Members of the State Land Board estimate that by the practice of intelligent conservation and exercise of good business judgment in making sales, the total holdings of the six permanent funds eventually may be brought to a figure close to \$160,000,000. Interest on such a sum would range from \$4,000,000 to \$5,000,000 a year, reducing state educational taxes to a minimum.

Leases Bring in Revenue. The state land department is endeavoring to make what revenue is possible from lands remaining the property of the state, through leases. The report shows 1648 agricultural and graxing leases in effect now, covering 128,536 acres at an annual rental of 121,642.19. The largest acreage leased. 72,411 acres, is in Kittitas County, being principally grazing land. Grazing land brings the state an annual rental 129 10th, bet. Washington and Alder.

The oil excitement pervading Western Washington has provided a new field of revenue for the state, the report shows, a total of 73,184 acres being under lease for oil and gas prospecting.

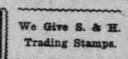
bringing in an annual rental of \$11,-406.55, in addition to which the state is entitled to a royalty on any oil or gas produced.

The state's largest land holdings are in Eastern Washington. Exclusive of the capitol grant the state land holdings in the principal counties are as follows: Yakins, 123,645 acres; Douglas, 92,230; Kittitas, 128,008; Stevens, 105,006; Grant, 69,592, and Okanogan, 89,649.

Albany Child Inherits \$10,000. ALBANY, Or., Oct. 10. — (Special.)—
Margaret, the 9-year-old daughter of
Mr. and Mrs. Ceell 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. The remainder of the estate, which is valued
at \$35,000, is left to Mrs. Anna Lundy,
of Albany, and Mrs. Lea Rathbone, of

State School Appointees Named. CENTRALIA, Wash., Oct. 10 .- (Spe





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