

\$100,000 SAVING FOR STATE IN VIEW

Legislators Consider Canceling Mine Bureau and Naval Militia Funds.

ECONOMY FORGING AHEAD

Usual Appeals and Others Expected by Solons—Singer Likely to Be Sergeant-at-Arms—Many Law Changes Planned.

Old Uncle Eke O'Connell scored a few points yesterday when additional state appropriations were placed in the list of those that the next Legislature is expected to suspend.

Into the class with the Oregon State Immigration Commission and the Oregon Social Hygiene Society have been placed the Bureau of Mines and Geology, the Oregon Naval Militia and the bureau for the preparation of hydrographic and topographic maps of various parts of the state.

A saving of approximately \$100,000 a year is expected as a result of the elimination of appropriations for these various departments.

It is expected that each department will be well represented at Salem when the Legislature meets and that each will make the usual appeal for its usual appropriation.

Now that the Federal Government has given assurance that it will match the state's expenditure of \$450,000 in the Central Oregon reclamation work, the necessity of the Crook County irrigators appealing to the Legislature for further relief in that section is precluded.

It is probable that no appropriations for reclamation work will be asked for at the coming session.

But Uncle Eke will be subject to a series of attacks from several of the state institutions that are asking for money with which to make "needed improvements."

The medical department of the State University wants \$100,000 or so with which to build a new medical college on the property recently presented for that purpose by the O.-W. R. & N. Company.

The Monmouth Normal School is ready to ask for a \$50,000 appropriation for new buildings, and it is understood that officials of the State Hospital for the Insane at Salem will ask for an appropriation for a new building.

Joseph F. Singer, of Portland, seems to be in the lead in the race for sergeant-at-arms of the House, and it is probable that he will be elected on the first ballot. He was reported yesterday that Singer has more than 40 votes pledged. He has the solid backing of all the members of the 1913 House who were re-elected—about 14 in number—and most of the Multnomah delegation, who declare he is particularly fitted for the work.

Singer was assistant doorkeeper of the House at the regular session in 1909 and doorkeeper of the special session in that year. He was the regular doorkeeper in the 1911 session and at the 1912 session was promoted to the office of sergeant-at-arms.

It is understood that a number of County Clerks in the state will ask the Legislature to repeal the present bill requiring physical examinations and health certificates from male applicants for marriage licenses. It is said that the greatest number of couples to go to the State of Washington for their licenses. Either the Legislature will be asked to amend the law or the State of Washington will be asked to enact similar legislation.

Miss Virginia Arnold, Oregon organizer for the Congressional Union for Woman Suffrage, is appealing to all suffrage supporters in the state to write or telegraph to Oregon Representatives in Congress urging them to vote "yes" on the "Crawford" resolution which comes up in the lower House of Congress next Tuesday, December 22.

This measure will pave the way for a constitutional amendment that will grant Nation-wide suffrage to women.

Amendments to the Bancroft bonding act governing the method of bonding street improvements, will be sought from the Legislature next month. It is proposed to reduce the minimum assessment for which a property-owner can take out bonds from \$25 to \$10 and to extend the time of expressing intention of bonding from 10 days to 30 days. A reduction in the minimum face value of a bond from \$500 to \$100 also is proposed. Small investors may purchase bonds. The changes are proposed by Portland city officials.

The special subcommittee of Multnomah county legislators on taxation will be prepared to submit an outline of a proposed bill before the meeting of the full delegation next Monday evening. The committee recently held a meeting at which it decided to recommend that one-half of the taxes be paid on or before May 5 of every year and that the remaining one-half be paid on or before November 5. No rebate will be granted for payments in excess of the amount due at the first period and no penalty will attach to the remaining half if the first half is paid. The penalty of 1 per cent a month will be charged, however, if the first half is not paid in the Spring and an additional flat penalty of 5 per cent for delinquencies beyond November 5.

This plan is in accordance with the suggestion made at the meeting of the Multnomah delegation last Monday evening by Thomas B. Kay, State Treasurer. It probably will be recommended to the Legislature by the Multnomah delegation.

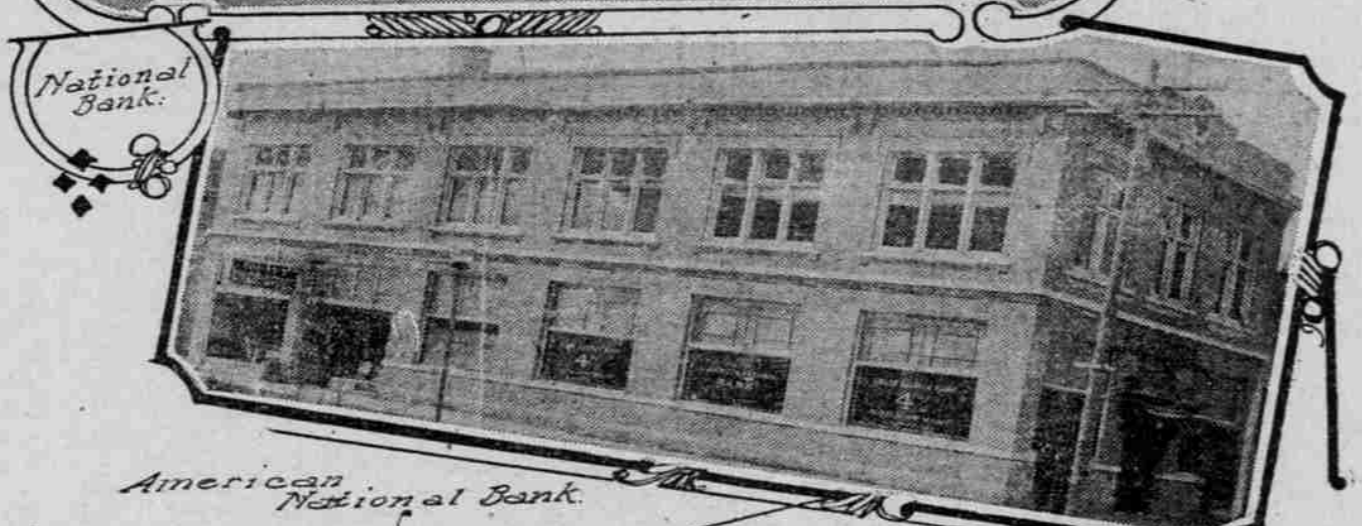
A contest is certain when the Legislature meets over the attempt to change the law governing the specifications of pavements put down on road in Multnomah County.

Opponents of the Warrenton paving interests are preparing a bill intended to open the paving business here to more active competition. Under the present law, it is pointed out, Warrenton and other patented pavements enjoy a monopoly of the business.

However, the friends of the present system, including various students of good roads, are preparing to contest the proposed changes. They are acting in apparent good faith in their contentions that the patented pavements now in use have certain qualities of superiority and that they have the further favorable feature of economy.

WASHINGTON COUNTY RANKS AMONG OREGON'S MOST THRIVING DISTRICTS

Portland Depends Greatly on Zone for Many Products, Milk Particularly — One Condensery Pays \$75,000 to Farmers of Section Every Month—Roads Are Good and Prosperity Evidence Seen Everywhere.



American National Bank.

BY ADDISON BENNETT.

HILLSBORO, the county seat of Washington County, is 13 miles due west from Portland. By wagon road or rail the distance is something like 20 miles. Washington is one of the smaller counties of the state, only Benton, Columbia, Hood River, Multnomah, Polk and Yamhill being smaller. But in population it is exceeded by only Multnomah, Marion, Linn, Lane, Jackson and Clackamas. Between 1900 and 1910 the counties of Union, Umatilla and Douglas were passed by Washington.

In many ways Washington is one of the most interesting of all our counties. Particularly to the people of Portland, who depend largely upon the Washington County truck farmers for their vegetables, eggs, poultry and milk, especially milk. If Washington were to be walled up and cut off from Portland many of us would have to live on short rations for some time, until we discovered other producers farther away.

County Grows Quickly. The census of 1910 gives Washington County a population of 21,823. In 1900 the county had 14,487, in 1890 only 11,972. It is almost purely an agricultural county. There are several manufacturing plants, of which I shall speak presently, but these simply work up the raw products from the farms. There are two fine little cities in Washington, Hillsboro, the county seat, and Forest Grove. Forest Grove, I believe, has somewhere around 2000 population, perhaps a little beyond that, and Hillsboro more than 1000. So you see the people generally live on the farms.

Washington County is a mighty fine example of a satisfied, prosperous and intelligent citizenry. The people of that county may not have found time to hunt that will-of-the-wisp called complete contentment and conditions entirely ideal. Or rather they have not altogether reached that condition; but they come nearer approaching it than 99 out of every 100 communities in the West.

Neighbors are mighty close in Washington. They must be for the county has an area of only 731 square miles, or 567,840 acres. So you see there are 32 persons to the square mile, or a ratio of about 36.4 acres for each of the inhabitants of the county. If the entire state of Oregon was as densely populated as Washington we would have two and three-quarter millions of people in place of the 672,785 we have.

Roads Kept Up Well. I intend to say a good many words about the good roads of Washington. But just now a controversy is arising between the county authorities and the road truck owners. So perhaps it is best to say simply that the county has spent a great amount of money on its roads, keep them up better than a large majority of the counties and the people argue that these roads have brought them a goodly share of the prosperity they enjoy.

I do not think I can do better to show

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there. It is called the Tualatin House and across the front is the record of its birth—1862. It is still a good building in spite of its 53 years of service and still does a good business.

Hillsboro has a splendid residence section and many of the business buildings are not surpassed in many cities of three or four times the size. The streets are well paved, magnificently lighted, there is a good fire department, a fine water supply. Taken all in all, it looks like a city of 6000 or 6000.

But stop! In the equipment can be found the first cylinder press brought to the Northwest, the old brass purchased from the Robert Hoe Company and installed in the office of The Oregonian away back in 1862. Just think of it! This old press, now over 50 years of age, is still "hale and hearty," so to speak. Mr. Killen does not use it regularly—it is too slow for the modern weekly newspaper now. No doubt Mr. Pitcock, and the Portland people in general, thought it was a marvel of speed in the early days of The Oregonian.

During the last couple of months a chance was given the old press to test its mettle. The independent had the job of printing the ballots for the November election in that county. The ballots being the size of a horse blanket the modern press would not take them. So the old Oregonian press was used—and the job was well done. Mr. Killen says after the four days' run there were a few screws, nuts, bolts and washers, also many pieces of wire and string, lying on the floor under the old veteran—but nothing serious was the matter.

Argus Also Good Paper. I have been figuring a little on what this old press could do today in the way of printing The Oregonian. I have said indirectly that it could be speeded up to 800 an hour. Suppose the old machine had been put to work on last Sunday's Oregonian of 86 pages and supposing the editor was 80,000 copies. Two pages could be printed at a time, making 43 forms. Running 24 hours a day and allowing a few hours now and then for oiling up and slight time in changing forms, it would take five days to run each form, or 215 days for the 43 forms. If Mr. Pitcock should, for old time's sake, conclude to get out a mammoth New Year's number on the old veteran, he would have to start his press work about the first of the preceding May.

The Argus is another Hillsboro newspaper. Mrs. Emma McKinney is the proprietor and L. A. Long the editor. The Argus is a good newsy paper, well printed and well edited and has a good equipment.

The Washington Hotel has a fine building and is a mighty well-kept and up-to-the-minute hostelry. W. C. Gifford is the boniface who runs it and he understands his business. I happened to drop in there for lunch and found the grill well filled, mostly with Hillsboro residents. It speaks well for town for it to have a good hotel—still better to have the local people give it a liberal patronage.

Then there is a brand-new hotel

months of 1915. Notice has been given the liquor interests by City License Collector Hutchinson that payment of the license for the first six months of the year must be paid not later than Thursday at 5 P. M. Saloons that have failed to get their money into the hands of the City Treasurer by that time will go out of business automatically January 1.

The Council has refused to grant license renewals to eight places, which leaves a total of 876 in existence. When the present administration took office there were 419 saloons.

St. John's Sale Made. W. T. Wood transferred to the Willamina State Bank three lots in St. Johns, Park Addition, and a lot in Kings Sub-division for \$2359. Mr. Wood transferred in Swan's Addition a half interest in two lots to J. Leases for \$1750.

Saloon Payments Called. Places Failing to Deposit License Fees by Thursday Must Close.

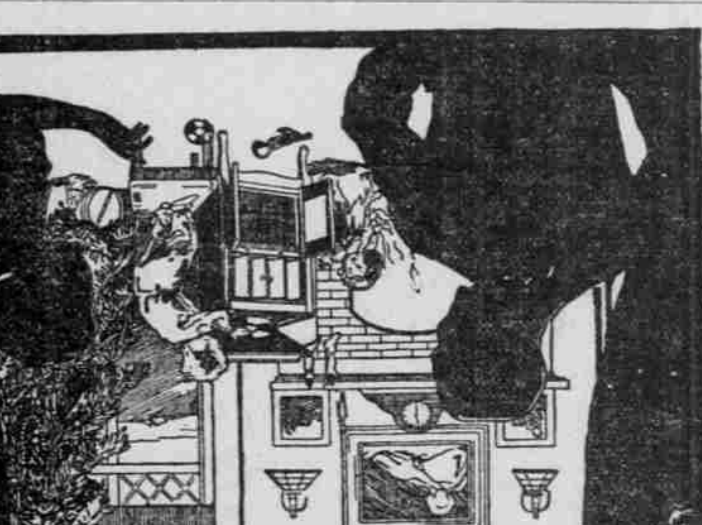
Portland will know at 5 o'clock Thursday how many saloons there will be in the city during the first six

recital held at Albina. Students of John Claire Monteth performed at People's Institute.

Masons Elect Officers. W. P. Andrus Chosen Excellent High Priest of Portland Lodge.

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