STAY ON FARMS, IS **GOVERNOR'S ADVICE**

Mr. Withycombe Urges Aiding of Home Communities at Big Salem Gathering.

FLAX GROWING ADVOCATED

Representative Hawley Also Speaks at Commercial Club Luncheon. Farmer's Work Is Held to Be Most Important.

"Instead of 'back to the farm,' the injunction should be 'stay on the farm,' declared Governor Withycombe today at the most successful and enthusiastic meeting of rural and city folk ever held here. The Salem Armory was crowded from noon until after 3 o'clock, and Ralph Moores, secretary of the Commercial Club, which was the host, said that more than 1200 persons partook of luncheon.

"We had expected about 800,"" said Mr. Moores, "and prepared luncheon for about that number. But it was not long until it became evident that the attendance would be larger than we anticipated, and as a result we began scurrying around town looking for more provisions. Although we ex-hausted the supply of provisions of several bakeries, restaurants and meatwe managed to get enough for It was certainly a great meeting, and we shall have more of them." Beautifying Homes Urged.

Introduced by George F. Rodgers, ex-Mayor of Salem and toastmuster, as Oregon's leading agriculturist and authority on agriculture, Governor Withycombe, almost with his first breath, urged his auditors to remain on the farm. He told them to make their homes more attractive, so the children would not want to go to the children would not want to go to the

If you are thinking about building a nice home in some city, I would advise you to erect the home, but not in a city. Build it on the old home place." said the executive. "Improve your farms. This is the richest section of country in the world, and with intelligent management crops never fail."

The Governor urged the farmers to try flax growing. He told of the interest the state was taking in the proposed industry, and declared it was necessary to have as large a diversity of crops as bossible. of crops as bossible.

Spending Money at Home Urged. "I particularly urge that you do all you can to aid your home communi-iles." urged the Governor. "The mail-order houses would not do so well if there was the right kind of co-opera there was the right kind of co-opera-tion between the merchants at home and the farmers. You must do your share in building up your community by spending your money at home." W. C. Hawley, Representative of this district in Congress, said the farmer performed the most important work of

W. C. Hawkey, Representative we district in Congress, said the farmer district in Congress, said the farmer deriver of the land, and he must continue to furnish the food and clothing for all classes. Mr. Hawkey had no sympathy for a suggestion that was made at has gone to bargo be placed on the products of the bargo be placed on the products of the farmers get all out of the soil possible so they could supply the demands of this and other countries. Mr. Hawkey predicted that a rural credits system, which, he said, would be the farmer's greatest boom wild be devised at the next see, so of wild be devised at the next see, so of wild be devised at the next see, so of wild be devised at the next see, so of wild be devised at the next see, so of wild be devised at the next see, so of wild be devised at the next see, so of wild be devised at the promise of the carrest of another the product of the arrest of another will settle the Republican party leaders that capacity had charge of Moyer, list of the carrest of another seem to have brought matters to a shear. Harley G. White, Mayor of Salem, Mr. Bayer Welcomes Farmers.

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ander LaFollette, State Senator from over the country by a Democratic Admarlon County, and L. J. Chapin, Country and L. J. Chapin, Country by a Democratic Administration. He believes that the decition of 1916 will entirely change

Amusement features were vaudeville stunts, several numbers by Willam-ette University Glee Club and the band of the employes of the Portland, Eugene & Eastern Railway Company. "I have been to several of these get-together meetings this year," said Gov-ernor Withycombe touight, "but the one in Salem today beats them all for attendance and enthusiasm. It will be a great thing for this state when the farmers and city people arrive at a better understanding and co-operate more fully than at present."

LOAN MEN PLAN ON BANKS

Washington Associations Consider Action Under New Law.

OLYMPIA, Wash., April 17. — (Special.)—Building and loan associations have announced their intention of converting themselves into mutual savings banks when the new Washington law becomes effective June 10, and others are expected to follow suit.

Whether any concerns not already in existence can be organized successfully under the new law is regarded as ex-tremely doubtful by State Bank Exam-iner Hanson, as the law contains a provision limiting expenses of any year to 2½ per cent of average assets. A new concern able to marshal average new concern apie to marshal average seets of \$100,000 during its first year probably would be unusual, and for such a bank to be able to keep within annual expenses of \$2500 next to im-

The new statute patterned after the New York law, requires incorporators to provide an expense fund of \$5000 and an initial guaranty fund of \$5000, which later is to be kept up to 10 per cent of deposits. Incorporators would have no slock and no greater share than other depositars in dividends.

Washington Early Settler Dead.

WHITE SALMON, Wash., April 17 -(Special.)-H. Bussenshut, early settler in Washington and a resident of the White Salmon Valley since 1882. died here Wednesday. Mr. Bussenshut was a native of Germany, and came to America in 1847. In 1871 he married Miss Anna Folmer, who with one daughter, Mrs. Gilmer, of Bingen, survives him. Interment was in the Oddfellows' Cemetery.

Aberdeen to Have Week's Cleanup.

ABERDEEN, Wash., April 17 .- (Special.)—A cleanup campaign lasting a week will be conducted by the health committee of Aberdeen this month, according to an announcement made by Councilman Grant. The city will furnish wagons in which rubbish will be

RIPARIA FAMILY SAID TO REPRESENT LARGEST NUMBER



On the Left, Scated, Is "Grandma" Starton, 80 Years, and Behind Is Her Daughter, Mrs. Mary J. Stuart, 60 Years, and the Latter's Daughter, Mrs. Alice Wineland, 36 Years, Stands Beside Her, With Mrs. Margaret Brunner, 18 Years, Seated With Her Daughter, Alice May Brunner, Two Months Old, in Her Lap.

Families of three and four generations are frequently photographed together, but the family of Mrs. Starton, of Lewiston, boasts five of the gentle sex, who gathered at the Stuart Hotel, Riparia, Idaho, for their picture. "Grandma" Starton is reputed as spry as her direct descendants and is one of the best-known residents of that part of the state.

Republican Leaders to Meet in Boise to Decide.

GEORGE A. DAY MAY QUIT

Latest Arrest of ex-Idabo Official Causes Worry in Camp and New Hands May Control Machin-

more such luncheons,
"It has proved such a success," declared the Mayor, "that we are simply
amazed that we never thought of the
plan before. We must get better acquainted with each other, for that will
redound to our mutual benefit,
Presidenf Hamilton, of the Commercial Club: Professor H. T. French, of
the Oregon Agricultural College; Alexander LaFollette. State Senator from
who are familiar with the situation. He
has much to say about National politics and the conditions brought about
were the country by a Democratic Adthis condition and bring about a Repub-lican majority in both houses of Congress and possibly a new President,
"I feel as happy as does a boy when
the last day of school arrives and the
fishing is good," said Senator Brady,
speaking of his return to Idaho from
the long session at Washington.

Western Independence Urged. "The session of Congress just closed was a strenuous one. The war in Euof our surplus products, both manufactured and agricultural.
"The balance of trade is in our favor

EARLY SETTLER DIES AT HER HOME AT ELMA, WASH.



Mrs. Ruth Ann Taylor.

ELMA, Wash., April 17,-(Special.)-Mrs. Ruth Ann Taylor, one of the old settlers of this secor the old settlers of this section, died at her home here Tuesday. Mrs. Taylor was \$2 years old and had lived in this county more than 30 years. She was born in Kentucky in 1833 and was married to Noah Taylor in 1866, She was the mother of 12 children, all but one of whom survive her. They are the Taylor. dren, all but one of whom survive her. They are: Sam Taylor,
of Elma; Mrs. Margaret Ray, of
Porter; J. J. Taylor, of Butts.
Mont.: Mrs. Elizabeth McCollum,
of Elma; Mrs. Alice King, of
Montesano; Tom Taylor, of Cedarville; Mrs. Silvia Murray, of
Wisconsin: Mrs. Jennis Oliver
and D. Taylor, of Whites, and E.
Taylor, of Elms. war lasts. Capital is more timid than usual, and we of the West must learn to depend more and more on our own resources and ability to develop than we have in the past. Therefore, it behooves each of us to put his shoul-der to the wheel and help the good

quarters in Boise- His close friends here are awaiting anxiously for word from him with reference to his re-turn. He is quite likely to drop quietly into the city, even waiving the cere-mony of the reception his friends had

It is said that George A. Day, chairman of the Republican State Central Committee, will resign from that of-fice, resulting in the selection of an-

Now that the report has been cir-culated that the Commissioner of the Land Department might resign, the ex-Secretary of State is considered tim-

ber for that office.
The recent arrest of E. F. Van Val-

In the meantime Governor Alexander has been "looping the loop" through North Idaho and down through the Southeast back to Boise, conferring with his political henchmen and meetng the people.

Inter-State Road Promised.

ROSEBURG, Or., April 17 .- (Special.)

Creek Canyon Completed.

ROSEBURG, Or., April 17.—(Special.)

The new road through Canyon Creek Canyon, in Southern Douglas County, was completed laie today. The members of the County Court will leave for the canyon early tomorrow, when the road will be accepted.

The new piece of the Pacific Highway is about 2½ miles in length and eliminates some of the worst grades between Portland and San Francisco. It cost approximately \$15,000 The road was built by Harry Hildeburn, of Roseburg, assisted by Engineer Smyth, of Portland.

GROWERS ELECT OFFICERS

Unsold Fruit in Wenatchee Less Than 15 Per Cent of Production.

WENATCHEE, Wash., April 17.—
(Special.)—W. T. Clark, president of the Wenatchee Valley Fruit Growers' Association, tendered his resignation Thursday and Grant Paton, of Cashmere, was elected in his stead. J. L. Weythman. of Monitor, is vice-president, George W. Coburn, who has been manager of the association for three years, will be re-elected.

Mr. Coburn reported that only 10 or 15 per cent of the total association that has been seriously occupying the minds of all power users of the Lower Snake River Valley for some

Senator Brady will make his head-quarters in Pocatello. Addison T. Smith has notified his constituents that he will be at home at Twin Falls. Friends Await Mr. Borab. Senator Borah will make his head-

The recent arrest of E. F. Van Valkenburg on the charge of embezzling state funds from the insurance department while Insumance Commissioner has not tended to alleviate conditions at the Statehouse. The fact that Van Valkenburg held office under the former Republican administration is worrying party leaders. They believe the party is placed in a bad light and that steps should be taken forthwith to prevent a repetition.

In the meantime Governor Alexander has been "looping the loop" through North Idaho and whose efforts first called attention to

His claims of saving \$1,000,000 to the taxpayers since taking office is having some little effect, it is admitted. He has now promised to see that North and South Idaho are connected by a railroad before his term of office expires. The fact that such a project, if completed, would be a great boon to the state means that the Governor in his determination to see that it is completed will have the support of Republicans and Democrats alike.

BAD GRADES ELIMINATED

Pacific Highway Through Canyon Creck Canyon Completed.

Figure 1 this country of the products of flax fiber.

Amount Planted Only Trifle.

The amount that can be produced on the 500 acres planted near Salem, she says, will be only the merest trifle compared to what the demand will be.

For 17 years Mrs. Lord has interested during this time she says the Eastern flax manufacturers unitedly fought the establishment of the industry. Until now they have refused to purchase the Oregon product, while Europe has purchased it at fancy prices, Mrs. Lord has interested during this time she says the Eastern flax manufacturers unitedly fought the establishment of the industry. Until now they have refused to purchase the Oregon product, while Europe has purchased it at fancy prices, Mrs. Lord has interested.

Farmers Are Interested.

tures in the state, and other actions even more questionable.

The last Legislature, however, set aside \$50,000 for the erection of a prison scutching plant to handle the 500 acres planted, and, says Mrs. Lord, with the eyes of the manufacturers of the world turned toward Oregon, an industry is about to materialize.

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Mrs. W. P. Lord Says Flax In
die any matters calling for a settlement between the users and power
company officials.

EUGENE, Or., April 14 .- (Special.)-With the European source of an annual whose efforts first called attention to Oregon as a flax-producing state, and she is known as the mother of the flax

industry in Oregon.
Oregon alone, she says, is the chief purchaser in this country of the prod-

Mrs. Lord is visiting in Eugene at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Auld, and has interested the farmers to some extent in the production of flax. It is still not too late to plant for this year's crop if the seed could be obtained.

The history of the flax industry in Oregon, held back by the alleged interference of the so-called "trust," as related by Mrs. Lord, is a remarkable story of attempted bottling of an industry by such alleged tactics as boycotts, the employment of "experts" to advise capital and farmers against ventures in the state, and other actions Farmers Are Interested.

anager of the association for three ars, will be re-elected.

Mr. Coburn reported that only 10 or per cent of the total association ipments for the year 1914 were unlike the past, and an organization has been effected for that purpose under

the name of the Lower Snake River Power Users' Association.

The association will be represented before the Board of Public Utilities at a meeting to be held in Boise June 4, at which time the lowest consistent rates will be asked for. Another purpose of the association is to have a grievance committee appointed to han-

SCHOOL EXPENSES LOWER

erdeen Cuts Running Cost From \$59,667 to \$47,155.

ABERDEEN, Wash., April 17 .- (Spechial.)—The school board has cut down thony's church, Father Cronin con-expenses for the past nine months \$12,-400 under what they were for the same St. Mary rendered the music. The total expenditures last year for nine months were \$59,667.61, and for the same months this year \$47,155.12.

Twenty-sight out of 45 departments which called for expenditures showed a reduction in running expenses. The heavy reduction has made it possible for the schools to exist upon a levy of 49 mills which is hellowed to be averaged. period a year previous. 4.9 mills, which is believed to be among the lowest school district levies in the Last year the school levy was

Strawberry Festival Begins May 18.

Thomas Authory Murray Is Victim of Long Illness

BEAVERTON, Or., April 17 .- (Special.) - Thomas Anthony Murray, who died April 5 at the age of 31 years, Cedar Mill, Washington County, and

was a prominent farmer. The funeral was held at St. An-

Mr. Marray is survived by his moth-

La Grande to Be Beautified.

LA GRANDE, Or., April 17.- (Special.)—Clean-up week begins in La Grande Monday morning. For a week trawberry Festival Begins May 18. the Commercial Club and the Neighbor-hood Club, a leading woman's organization will have direct supervision of the At a meeting of the carnival commit-

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