

WASHINGTON ROAD WORK MAPPED OUT

Improvements on Several of
State Highways Planned.

GAPS ARE TO BE FILLED

Clarke County to Get Paving for
Three and One-Half Miles
From Pioneer to La Center.

OLYMPIA, Wash., March 12.—(Special.)—The programme of highway improvement to be carried on under authorization of recent legislation has been announced by the state highway commission. Completion of as much of the paving of the Pacific highway during the current year as possible was decided upon by the commission.

The following projects are included in the programme of new paving: From Blanchard to Allen, Skagit county, six and a half miles; East Stanwood to Silvana, six and a half miles; Island schoolhouse south, two miles; half-mile gap at Nisqually station; from Tenino to Grand Mound, eight and a half miles in Thurston county and three and a half miles between Pioneer and La Center, in Clarke county.

Aberdeen to Get Paving.
Other Pacific highway work authorized covers three miles of grading between Allen and Burlington in Skagit county; filling in the trestle at Kwik-Sit-Da creek in Snohomish county; widening the first 14 miles between Centralia and Chehalis; making a fill south of Toledo; construction of a steel bridge across Salmon creek, and straightening of the highway between Kelso and Kalama preparatory to paving.

On the Olympic highway the commission authorized paving from Olympia to Perry creek, four and a half miles; paving three miles from the Thurston county line to Kamela; three and a half miles of paving between Aberdeen and the Grays Harbor country club. Grading on this highway covers widening of the route between Hoodport and Brinnon, 10 miles, which work will be commenced shortly; three miles between Crocker Lake and Discovery bay; graveling 1 1/2 miles around Lake Crescent, grading seven miles from Elma to McCallery, and widening of the highway from McCallery to Perry creek.

Grading Also Planned.
On the National park highway the commission authorized grading of paving from Muck creek to Chop hill in Pierce county, straightening out of the Chop hill grade; five miles of paving between Pateros and La Grande; completion of grading work in Nisqually canyon; three miles of grading between La Grande and Alder and 1 1/2 miles of grading between Alder and Ashford.

Three miles of grading will also be carried from Ashford up towards the Rainier National park gates. Three miles of graveling will also be laid between Mineral and Morton. It is also planned to complete the six miles of paving on the Sunset highway in King county from Canyon of the Sierras to Issaquah, and complete the gap between Renton and Burlington.

PRIMARY TOPS ISSUES

IDAHO'S POLITICAL CAMPAIGN ALREADY UNDER WAY.

East Legislature Deadlocked, Two
Factions Now Lay Plans to Cap-
ture Republican Convention.

BOISE, Idaho, March 12.—(Special.)—The sixteenth Idaho legislature left in its wake an issue that promises to be paramount during the next political campaign in Idaho—the direct primary. The fight to give the direct vote to the people failed, because a strong anti-primary faction was in control of the legislature. It seems to be generally conceded that there will be a decidedly interesting fight between the two factions to gain control of the next republican state convention, for the demand is already heard that a state-wide primary plank must be written into the party platform. The party to enact a primary law, if control of the next legislature is to be retained.

Primary League Organized.
A state-wide primary league was organized on the closing day of the legislature. At a joint caucus of the primary members of the house and senate George H. Van de Steeg, representative from Canyon county, a lieutenant-colonel in the world war who saw action in France, was named president of the league. Jay Parrish, representative from Ada county and a Boise attorney, was elected secretary-treasurer. President Van de Steeg was authorized to appoint an executive committee of five to direct the state campaign and a chairman for each of the 44 counties in the state. These chairmen are to organize up supporters around the primary, and each county is to be an active unit of the state organization. Through the perfection of this organization it is the plan of the primary advocates to elect primary delegates to county conventions, thereby controlling selection of delegates to the state convention. If the plan works out, the primary advocates declare, they will not only write a primary plank in the platform, but candidates will be nominated for congressional and state offices who are ardent primary advocates.

Borah's Help Expected.
More than passing significance is attached to this move, because of the strong stand that United States Senator W. E. Borah has taken for and in behalf of the primary. He is now having said that if the legislature turned down the primary bill, the issue would be taken to the people. Backers of the organization are confident that, with Senator Borah actively in the fight for the primary, they can win.

The primary fight before the legislature was an interesting one, as it was intricate. No secret was made of the claim that both private and election committees in Boise. If senate were so selected as to secure defeat of any primary bill. The primary advocates caucused and signed 31 members who jointly introduced a direct primary measure, which was passed. The senate killed the measure through indefinite postponement after a heated debate. Later the republican state central committee met in Boise and passed resolutions to the effect that the party

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was only pledged to amend the present bi-primary law and a measure so providing was introduced in the senate and passed. The house amended it so as to leave nothing but the cover and inserted the house measure, which the senate had defeated. The senate refused to concur. Conference committees were appointed; that of the senate was composed of pro-convention members; that of the house pro-primary members, with the natural result that no agreement could be reached.

Final Attempt Failure.
On the final day of the session the senate passed a referendum measure, referring the primary question at the next primary election. The house amended the resolution so as to submit the question at the general election, and the senate refused to concur in the amendment, so the primary issue went down to defeat and Idaho remains under its present combined convention and primary law, while the direct primary is left a mooted issue.

Chinese Held as Cocaine Vendor.

ASTORIA, Or., March 12.—(Special.)—Wah Hing, alias Henry Koo, a Chinese, and Freddie Lundquist were arraigned before United States Commissioner Zimmerman this afternoon on charges of selling cocaine. The case against Lundquist was dismissed on the motion of Deputy Federal Attorney Flegel. Wah Hing was held to await the action of the federal grand jury, with bonds fixed at \$1000. The case against Jack Chong, alias Jack Murphy, another Chinese, involving a similar charge, was set for hearing next Monday.

Prisoners Give Bonds.

ASTORIA, Or., March 12.—(Special.)—Dean B. English and Edward Hafflinger, who have been held in the county jail since last December on a charge of assisting Frank Wagner to escape from the custody of the warden of the state penitentiary, were released today on \$500 bonds each. Both defendants were tried a few days ago, but the jury failed to reach an agreement and the cases probably will not be retried before the June term of court, although this was not definitely settled.

Lieutenant Truax to Retire.

THE OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, D. C., March 12.—First Lieutenant Jesse P. Truax of Grants Pass, Or., is to be retired from the regular army with the rank of captain, a retiring board having found him disqualified by reason of disability incident to service.



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Ben M. Collins Is Freed of
Fraud Charge.

MEDFORD TRIAL AT END

After Five Ballots, Jury Votes to
Acquit Man Charged With Part
in Looting Closed Bank.

MEDFORD, Or., March 12.—The jury today returned a verdict of not guilty in the case of Ben E. Collins, charged with aiding in defrauding the Bank of Jacksonville, of which he was cashier, and which failed last August with the loss of several hundred thousand dollars to depositors. On the first ballot the vote stood seven to five for conviction. Five ballots were taken. This was the third trial of those indicted in connection with the failure of the Bank of Jacksonville, the first resulting in a disagreement, the second in a dismissal.

Collins was a former cashier of the defunct bank, and the feature of the trial, which was hard fought, was the testimony of W. H. Johnson, indicted president and cashier of the bank, and former friend of Collins, who gave damaging and sensational testimony alleging that Collins had victimized him in the country jail with a proposal to pay a personal debt of \$2800 if Johnson would "swear false-ly" in regard to notes being paid.

This phase of the case was not mentioned in the court's instruction, and was not considered seriously by either counsel for defense or prosecution in their arguments. Another feature of the case was the lack of interest displayed in the outcome of the case by citizens of Jacksonville, the heaviest losers in the failure. Only four spectators were in court when the verdict was received.

Court adjourned this afternoon after the Collins trial until March 21, and the first of the bank cases to be tried will be that of J. E. Bartlett, a former Medford electrical supply dealer, indicted on the same charge as Collins. The remaining bank cases are those against Chester C. Kuhl, an Apolgeta stockman, and S. T. Johnson, a sawmill operator, indicted on charges embracing the same points of law as the one against Collins, and that against President William H. Johnson former president and cashier of the failed bank and self-confessed wrecker of the institution, who is expected to plead guilty.

Editorial Candidates Nominated.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, March 12.—(Special.)—Four sophomores were nominated for the editorship of the "23 Beaver," junior annual book to be published in the spring of 1922. Wayne Davis of Pomeroy, Wash., feature writer for the Barometer, a student publication, was the first nominee. Allan Brown of Corvallis is another Barometer reporter nominated. George Stador of Portland and Robert Hamill of Portland are the other nominees. Paul Walker of Hillary, Wash., declined nomination.

Women to Hold Convention.

WOODLAND, Wash., March 12.—(Special.)—The Presbyterian Women's Mission society will hold a convention at Camas, Wash., March 14, 15 and 16. Delegates from Clarke, Cowitz and several other counties will attend.

Read The Oregonian classified ads.

DEMOCRAT BACKS HARDING

Senator Kendrick Declares Help.
Not Hindrance, Needed.

SHERIDAN, Wyo., March 12.—After declaring he would do everything in his power to assist the national administration, United States Senator Kendrick, democrat, speaking to his fellow townsmen at a banquet to-night said:

"Harding is president of the whole people. It would be most unfortunate if the minority party obstructed rather than assisted him."

Senator Kendrick endorsed the Fordney emergency tariff bill and added that he favored a tariff on wool.

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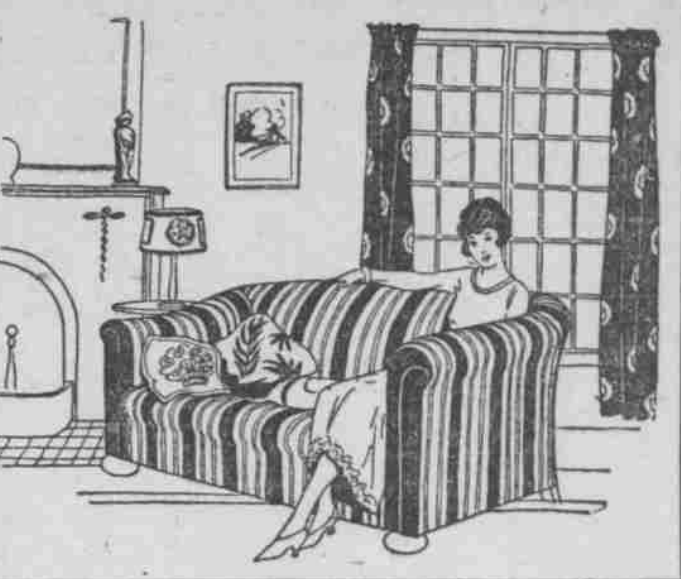
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