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THE DOUGLAS COUNTY GOOD ROADS MOVEMENT

Many of the Road Districts Were Ably Represented
and Resolutions Were Passed Regarding
the Purchase of Machinery

Brief mention was made in the last issue of the Plaindealer regarding the assembly of Douglas county road supervisors at Roseburg for the purpose of going before the county court in a body to discuss general road matters. The meeting was held in the court house late Thursday and interesting addresses were made by Messrs. D. S. K. Buick, J. C. Fullerton, F. B. Waite, Albert Abraham, J. A. Black, J. T. Spang and others. The following resolutions drafted by Mr. Abraham and adopted by the assembly, were presented to the county court, which still have the matter under advisement.

Good Roads Resolutions.
To the Honorable, County Court of Douglas County, Oregon.

Gentlemen: The several road districts of Douglas county, represented by delegates duly chosen therein, met at Roseburg, Oregon, Jan. 5th 11 o'clock a. m. and respectfully represented to your Honorable Body that the following resolution was unanimously adopted, to-wit:

Whereas, the prosperity of a county depends largely upon the facilities for getting the products of the farm to market; and that good public roads are a necessity; and that after nearly a half century, with the expenditure of time and money in the effort to get good roads in Douglas county, the system has proven a failure and a waste of time and money. Now therefore, be it

Resolved, that it is the consensus of opinion of the tax-payers in several road districts represented, that it is the imperative duty of the County Court to purchase three sets of modern road machinery, each set consisting of one rock crusher, one roller and one traction engine to operate the same, with which to commence the permanent improvement

County Court Orders.
Resignation of Mr. Dean as Justice of the Peace of Riddle precinct accepted.

County surveyor and viewers ordered to locate through the premises of N. T. Day, on the Calapooia, as asked for in a petition of T. W. Winniford and 29 others.

Resignation of W. H. Devore as Justice of the Peace at Canyonville accepted and W. R. Stock appointed to succeed him.
Road branching from the Roseburg-Edenbowser road and extending through Riverside Addition and the lands of John Preschorn, ordered open.

WILLIAMS AND HUNT ARE EXONERATED

Mayor George H. Williams and Chief of Police Charles H. Hunt are no longer under indictment for malfeasance in office. Both indictments were dismissed by Judge George late Saturday afternoon on motion of District Attorney Manning, who also asked that the record show that Mayor Williams is fully exonerated of any offense charged in the indictment.

The grand jury had just filed its final report and been discharged from further attendance when Mr. Manning requested the dismissal of the indictments.

LUMBER PROSPECTS ARE VERY GOOD

EGGERS, Jan. 8.—The Lane county mills are all beginning to resume active operations or are preparing for the same and it is anticipated that in a few weeks every mill in the county will be playing the dollar game that makes good times in the county.

Fisher Bros. Mill at Marcola has secured a large lot of contract, and started up this week again, after a season of idleness enforced by the dull condition of the lumber market. This mill cuts from 30,000 to 40,000 feet a day and expects to run steadily from now on.

Hyland's mill near Wendling has secured large contracts from New Mexico and Colorado, and will resume operations about February 1st. This mill has a capacity of about 70,000 feet daily.

THE B. K. L. CO.'S MILLS
The Coburn mill is always reliable and never shuts down except for necessary repairs. The Springfield mill is grinding away and has just received a large run of logs, but the best news comes in a report from Wendling that the B. O. Kelly Company has overhauled and repaired that particular plant, expending several thousand dollars upon the work. This gives an assurance that the mill will be placed in regular operation soon.

LOGGING RAILWAY SYSTEM
It is stated that at the Wendling mill a regular logging railway system will be put in operation, thus insuring that mill's permanent output in the future. It is stated that the logging railway used by the Budget Mill Company in Michigan, which recently acquired considerable stock in the Booth-Kelly Company, will be used in connection with the Wendling mill.
On the 20th of this month the B. K. L. Co.'s stockholders will meet in Eugene and it is expected some important news will be given to the public.
The prosperity of the lumbering camps means increased business activity in all lines Guard

CROSS BETWEEN DOG AND BEAR

ALBANY, Or., Jan. 5.—One of the most curious animals in existence is a cross between a shepherd dog and a bear which is owned by L. A. Newton, a farmers' telephone line solicitor in the employ of the Pacific States Company, who is now making his headquarters at Albany. Mr. Newton secured the animal a short time ago from a man who had just brought it across the mountains from Eastern Oregon. The animal was originally owned by some Indians on the Warm Springs reservation in Crook and Wasco counties, and is supposed to be about 3 years old.

This beast has some of the qualities and characteristics of a dog and some of a bear, and its appearance clearly indicates that it is a cross between these two animals. The front part of the body is that of a shepherd dog, as are the front legs. The hind legs and rear half of the body are those of a bear. The animal walks erect, like a dog, but has the motion of a bear, the movement of its hind legs being exactly like those of a bear. The most peculiar thing about this bear-dog is its eyes. One eye is white, the pupil constantly changing, and the other is dark brown. The hair of the animal is very shaggy like that of a bear.

The animal has many of the qualities of a dog. It is completely domesticated, and is devoted to its master. It likes to be petted and receive attention, but the attention of the animal itself cannot be attracted as can that of the ordinary dog. The bear-dog, which bears the name of Deacon, is certainly one of the most curious animals in existence. Mr. Newton has already been offered \$200 for the animal, but has refused to part with it.

LAWSON STARTLES STOCK MARKET

NEW YORK, Jan. 6.—"Attorney-General Moody will be requested to proceed against the Amalgamated Copper company, and he will have plenty of evidence," THOMAS W. LAWSON.
This announcement startled the stock market today.
After the opening there was a very slight gain in strength on the heavy buying, which is supposed to have come from "the System." This was not continued for any length of time, when there was an under current of weakness and prices began to fall away.
The market was a hard one to down, but after several futile attempts to stem the tide the downward fluctuations came rather easy. This was continued to near the closing, when some recovery was made.

THE LEGISLATURE HAS CONVENED

Sharp Contests for President of Senate
and Speaker of House

IMPORTANT BILLS TO BE CONSIDERED

Three Southern Oregon Men, W. I. Vawter, H. G. Sonnemann and S. B. Hermann to be Given Important Positions

Commencing today general interest in Oregon will be centered in the proceedings of the Oregon legislature which assembled in biennial session this morning at Salem. The Governor's message will probably be presented and read tomorrow or as soon as permanent organization is effected, and one gratifying report in this connection to Douglas county is the well authenticated statement that the Governor has changed his attitude toward Normal schools and will really advocate their liberal support. Many bills will be introduced at this session as usual among the principle ones being the following:

Bills to be introduced.
To amend the Portland city charter.
To submit to Portland voters the question of bonds for purchase of part of Lewis and Clark fair site for a city park.

RECOVERED FROM HER LATE ILLNESS



LADY CURZON, THE AMERICAN VICEREINE OF INDIA.
Lady Curzon, wife of the viceroy of India, was before her marriage Miss Mary Leiter, of Chicago. During several years' residence in India she became exceedingly popular by reason of her many efforts to better the condition of the women of that country.

To appropriate \$30,000 for improvements at the state university.
To regulate child labor.
To extend the juvenile court.
To place state officers on salaries and turn fees into state treasury.
To modify the inheritance tax law.
To amend the game laws.
To restrict timber fires.
For a constitutional amendment to enable Oregon to co-operate with the federal government in furthering irrigation projects.
To define a form of public acknowledgment.
To fine the owner of a sheep-killing dog.
To appropriate \$8000 for the Baby Home.

To provide certain fixed rules for specifications for public improvements to be done by contract.
To increase the marriage license fee in Oregon from \$3 to \$5.
To create a tax commission of three to revise taxation laws.
To provide for appointment of a state auditor.
To increase the number of terms of the circuit court in Multnomah county to one each month, and to modify the term of jury service.
To eliminate petty bribery from primary election campaigns.
To make it felony for a man to live from earnings of a disreputable woman.
To aid in state or government ownership of Oregon City locks.

them before they should arrive at this city.

Vawter's Terms.
It is understood that Vawter and his following did not come into the Mills camp until assurances had been given that they would receive ample recognition in the distribution of legislative honors. One of the reports current is that Vawter is slated for the chairmanship of the ways and means committee, the most important chairmanship at the speaker's disposal. Sonnemann, another of the Vawter contingent, has also been promised an important chairmanship. Schiller Hermann and others who were originally aligned with Vawter are to receive substantial recognition when the committees are made up.

LAND FRAUD STORM IN MONTANA

GREAT FALLS, MONT., Jan. 5.—W. G. Conrad, one of the best-known of Montana millionaires, is involved in charges of land frauds in the information imparted to Secretary of the Interior Hitchcock, according to messages received from Washington last night. Startling allegations of fraud, it is said, have been made, to the effect that immense tracts of timber and agricultural land in Cascade and Missoula Counties have been taken up and patented secured through fraudulent means, perjured evidence, it is alleged, being the most common method whereby the fraud was consummated. Patents, it is charged, were secured to large tracts of desert land northwest of Great Falls, title to which has been transferred to W. G. Conrad. An immense territory is included in the transfer to Conrad, the lands being embraced in a district irrigated by the Conrad irrigating ditch, one of the largest individual irrigating projects in the state.

According to information presented to the Interior Department, about a score of Indians took up timber claims in Missoula County, which in turn were turned over to prominent Missoula citizens, about 12 of the latter being included in the charge of fraud. Charges of wholesale frauds near Libby, Flathead County, are also made, it being alleged that the land companies have swindled the Government out of gigantic tracts of land. Dummy men and women, it is said, have played a large part in the frauds practiced, wealthy men of the state having secured possession of large tracts of mining lands, carrying copper, silver and gold ore by fraud.

HENEY WILL SUCCEED HALL

PORTLAND, Nov. 8.—Francis J. Heney will be appointed tomorrow to the office of United States district attorney to fill the vacancy caused by the removal of John A. Hall by President Roosevelt. Mr. Heney's appointment, which is to be made at the instigation of Attorney General Moody, is only temporary. An Oregon man eventually will be chosen to fill the position.
Mr. Heney will continue in full charge of the land fraud investigations as heretofore. One of the reasons why he was selected to succeed Mr. Hall is to insure the validity of all proceedings before the federal grand jury in connection with the land fraud cases. Attorney F. J. Heney is a California democrat.

Freight Rates Reduced.

Another important feature for the inducement of settlers to come to the Pacific Northwest is set forth in the following self-explanatory letter just sent out to all the station agents along the S. P. R. R. lines in Oregon:

Portland, Ore., Jan. 3, 1905.
GENTLEMEN: In order to assist in the immigration work of bringing settlers into the Northwest, the Harriman lines will reduce the rate on immigrant moveables, carloads, from one dollar per hundred pounds, from Missouri River common points to fifty cents per hundred pounds; or in other words, cut the rate in two. This reduction will apply to all points on the Southern Pacific Lines in Oregon and north, so that our section of the country will have the same advantage in working immigration from the East as any other section in the Northwest, as the same colonist rates are applied from East to Portland as to Portland in all cases. This reduction will amount to one hundred dollars and over per car, and the rate of fifty cents is an exceptionally low rate, being lower than the present rate on any other commodity.

This action is taken because of the fact that the low passenger rates on account of the Lewis & Clark Exposition the coming year are expected to bring a large number of people from the Middle States and the East into this section, and the extra inducement of such a very low rate on their household and personal effects leaves no obstacle whatever in the way of their coming to our section of the country to locate, so far as the transportation part is concerned, and it now remains for our people to put forth the attraction and inducements of the country itself, in the way of climate, sure crops, great possibilities for the future, etc., to take full advantage of the opportunity offered by the railroads to settle up the country during this coming year.

Yours truly,
W. E. COMAN.

EX-GOVERNOR GEER IS NOW IN THE TOILS

He is Charged With Conspiracy Together With
Ex-State Land Agents L. B. Geer
and W. H. Odell

SALEM, Or., Jan. 5.—As the outcome of an action in the State Circuit Court, for this county in which W. B. Morse secured judgment against W. H. Odell for a sum of money which was paid the latter to furnish mineral base to the plaintiff for the selection of land in lieu of such "base," the state's title to which "base" having failed, a similar action of much greater magnitude has been filed in the Circuit Court here. The plaintiff in this case is George Summers, of Prineville, and the defendants ex-Governor T. T. Geer and ex-State Land Agents L. B. Geer and W. H. Odell. The complaint embraces 26 separate claims all assigned to the plaintiff, and judgment is asked for in the total sum of \$9494.25. \$8494.25 being the amount of reimbursement asked and \$1000 the alleged damages suffered. The ground upon which the action is based is alleged combined conspiracy on the part of the defendants, through the furnishing of invalid base for land selections, to defraud the plaintiff of his money.

This suit, as was the former one between W. B. Morse and W. H. Odell, is the ultimate result of the state's lien land transactions during 1900, 1901 and 1902 by which over 73,000 acres of alleged mineral base was adjudicated by Odell, who claimed to have been acting in the capacity of agent for the state, all of which base the General Land Office failed to approve on account of the state's failure to establish its mineral character. The consequence was that while the purchasers of such base were reimbursed by the state for the \$1.25 paid the state per acre, they were out from 75 cents to \$1.00 per acre paid to Odell for furnishing the base, and it is to recover this amount that suit is brought. Ex-Governor Geer and ex-State Land Agent L. B. Geer are made parties defendant upon the ground of alleged co-conspiracy. M. E. Pogue is attorney for the plaintiffs.

T. T. Geer's Statement.
"I have nothing to say more than I have frequently said before on this subject to the people of Oregon. All there is to be said truthfully I explained in my different messages to the Legislature and since in the newspapers. The attorney who has finally succeeded in finding a group of men who would consent to accept his request to bring a suit against General Odell that would name me as one of the defendants, has been working it up for six months or more, and it would no doubt have been brought sooner but that the Legislature is about to meet and it would, perhaps, bring him more notoriety at this time. "Any of the charges in the complaint that seeks to connect me with any sort of conspiracy with General Odell to defraud any one, in any manner, are malicious lies, known to be such by the attorney who has promulgated them, and wholly without foundation. It is well that the question has been placed in shape to be thoroughly tried out in court, however, for since so much has been said on the subject, first and last, largely for political effect at first, but latterly perhaps at the sole instigation of the attorney in the case (as I would hesitate to think so little of any other man), I am glad it is to be brought to a head without further delay. Now is a good time to show the animus of the matter and the utter absence of any foundation for it."

A Good New Year's Resolution

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