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WILL TRY INITIATIVE

Hood River People To Try for
 New County at the Polls

PETITIONS MUST HAVE 7500 SIGNERS

Long-Cherished Hope for Cascade
 County May Be Realized By
 Direct Vote of the People

Hood River, twice unsuccessful in attempts to get a measure through the state legislature creating the new county of Cascade out of portions of Wasco County, will now resort to the initiative and submit the matter to the people direct at the June election. In pursuance of this intention several hundred petitions have been sent to various parts of the state and put in circulation for the purpose of securing the required number of signers. In order to get the matter before the people in June, it will be necessary to have 7500 signers on the petitions, and these signers must be secured between this time and the 31st day of January. The committee at Hood River having the matter in charge feels confident that the signers can be obtained, and that once the question of a new county is submitted to the people of the state, the long-cherished hope of the Hood Riverites will be realized. It is said that many many Portland residents who own property in the Hood River valley are aiding in the movement for the new county.

Cascade County, or Hood River county as it has come to be known, has had a rather stormy time of it in two previous sessions of the state legislature. The measure was opposed by the Wasco County delegation, who were successful in defeating it, in spite of a large number of lobbyists from Hood River who thronged the lobby of the state capitol during the sessions of the legislature. Wasco County's opposition arose from two sources. Many of the heavy taxpayers of Wasco were opposed to losing the rich Hood River valley territory from the tax-rolls of Wasco County at a time when that county was just getting out of debt. The greatest objection, however, arose from the manner in which the Cascade county lines were drawn, these lines coming to within a few miles of The Dalles, the county-seat of Wasco.

MT. HOOD RY. PROGRESSES

Power Plant in Operation—Will Be
 Used in Construction Work

The Mount Hood Railway Company has set in motion the first generator at its Bull Run power plant. The power thus generated will be used to run saw-mills, planers, mixers and drills and furnish light for construction work. Water from Deer Creek, with a 680-foot fall, operates the generator. At Bull Run the erection of the big plant has been begun. It is announced that the company will be in a position to supply light in Gresham within nine months, says the Oregonian.

During the week the Mason Construction company moved its stock of goods to its new warehouse on the line of the Cedarville-Troutdale extension of the Oregon Water Power line, where it is crossed by the Mount Hood line. A side track has been put in and some grading and other work done at this point. It is announced that from this junction machinery will be sent to Bull Run. Several new surveys have been made near Rockwood and there is a choice of three routes. From all indications the company is making preparations to push the construction on the railway and power plant this Spring.

The company is gradually securing rights of way over land for which the owners have been asking high prices. At Lusted's hill the owner of three acres wanted by the company asked \$3000, but the jury gave him only \$580. At Gresham, where the company wanted 3.28 acres, an owner asked \$3700 and was awarded \$800.

CRUSADE AGAINST COYOTES

Crook County Sheepman Keeps Pack
 of Hounds for Hunting Them

Sheepmen all over the state are determined if possible to eradicate the race of animals known as coyotes. They have inaugurated a campaign of poisoning the pest in some localities while in others hounds are employed, and traps are used in other places. Any and every means is used. State Sheep Inspector W. H. Lytle has solicited sheep owners to assist in the work of extermination. From Mr. T. S. Hamilton of Ashwood, and an extensive sheepman, we learn that he has a dozen hounds with which to catch coyotes and they have made good. These animals Mr. Hamilton paid \$100 apiece for, but they have proven their worth many times over. In the localities where poison has been used it has been found that the plan was successful, but has to be done with extreme care, lest the suspicion of the wily animal is aroused and in that case, he would not venture near the bait.

The coyote curse had assumed alarming proportions in the sheep country, but now will most likely abate, owing to the systematic plans made to get rid of the pest. As it was it had cost wool-growers \$1,000,000 a year.—The Dalles Chronicle.

TWO FEDERAL DISTRICTS

Bill Introduced in Congress For
 Another Federal Court in Oregon

A bill introduced in the Senate by Senator Fulton, to divide the state of Oregon into two judicial districts, one west of the Cascades and the other east of the mountains, was reported favorably by the Senate committee and has been passed by the Senate. The bill provides that the judge and other officials of the present federal district, known as the district of Oregon, shall be assigned to the Western District, and that new appointments be made for the Eastern District.

Attorneys in Eastern Oregon have for a number of years contended that the state should be divided into two federal districts, instead of there being but one United States Court in Oregon and all federal cases being tried at Portland.

A CHALLENGE TO DEBATE

We, the Mud Springs Literary and Debating Society do hereby challenge any debating society or group of persons in Crook County to meet us in joint debate, taking the negative side of the following question:
 "Resolved, that the Government should own and control the railroads."
 Any person interested in the negative side of this vital question and wishing to meet this society in discussion of the same for the betterment of all and a general good time may call on the Society any Saturday evening, or address James S. Fleck, Madras, Oregon, secretary of the Mud Springs Literary and Debating Society.

PLOT TO BLOW UP FLEET

Anarchists Planned to Destroy
 United States Battleships

WARNING IS SENT OUT FROM PARIS

Brazilian Police Are After Arch Con-
 spirator—Foreign Anarchists May
 Be Deeply Involved

The press dispatches of Monday contain a story of an alleged anarchist plot to blow up the American fleet, now on its way to the Pacific Coast. The story is as follows:

Rio de Janeiro, Jan. 19.—The Brazilian police have discovered an anarchistic plot here having as its object the destruction of part of the American fleet now lying in the harbor. The conspiracy, while centering in Rio Janeiro and Petropolis, has ramifications in Sao Paulo and Minas Geraes.

An individual named Jean Fedier, who resided in Petropolis, was the chief conspirator here, although it is understood that foreign anarchists are deeply involved in the plot. Fedier is believed to have fled to Sao Paulo and the police, who know him, have been sent to that place for the purpose of apprehending him. One of the detectives who was well acquainted with Fedier, having served on the police force at Petropolis for some time, returned from that place today. After having made investigation there and had a long conference with the chief of police at Rio Janeiro, the latter says it to be understood later that the Sao Paulo police are on the track of the arch-conspirator and expect to arrest him soon.

In an official note which the chief of police sent to the correspondent of the Associated Press he says:

"Some time before the arrival of the American fleet at Rio Janeiro the Brazilian government received word from Washington and Paris that anarchists of different nationalities intended to damage one or several of the ships of the American fleet. The names and addresses of the conspirators were indicated by information which the police here had received previously from France and Germany. The police of this district are working with the police of Sao Paulo and Minas Geraes and I am sure every precaution will be exercised and the most rigorous vigilance observed both on land and at sea to prevent any injury being done."

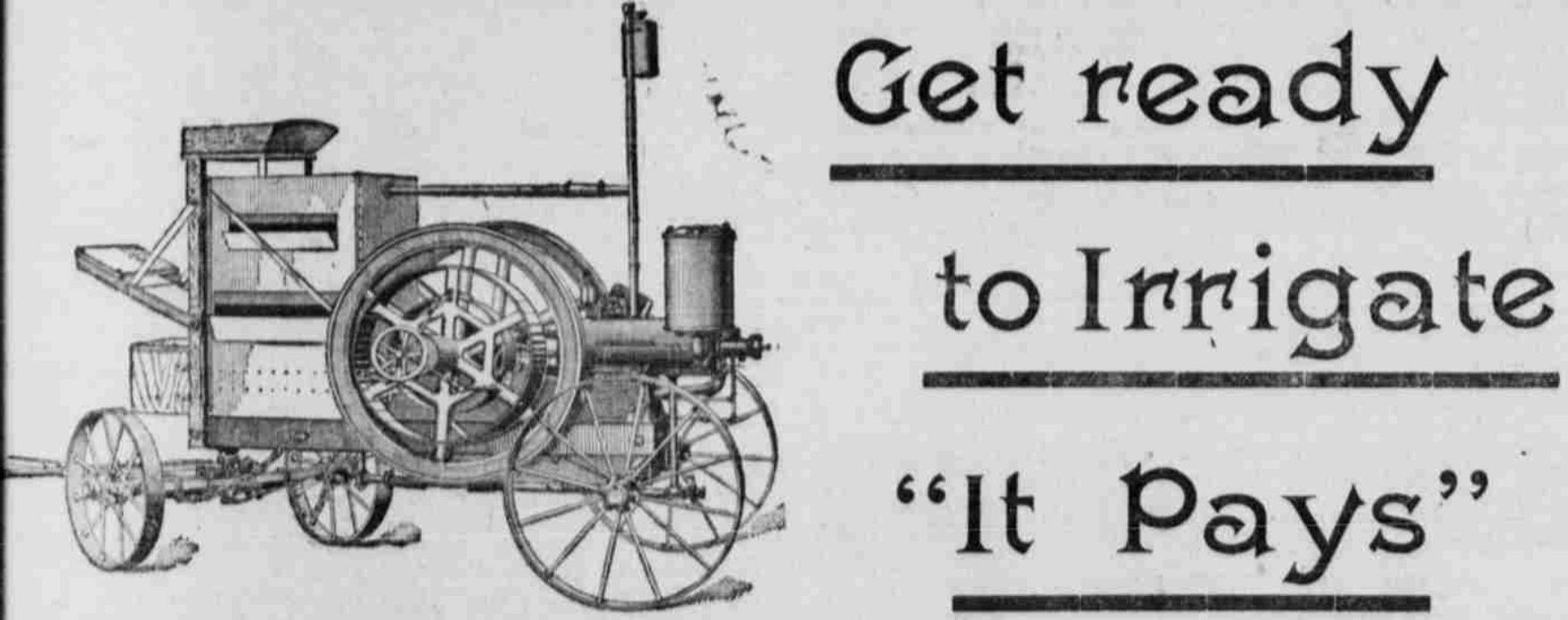
W. J. COLLINS DEAD

W. J. Collins, step-father of W. H. Peck, and a resident of the Culver neighborhood, died at the home of O. G. Collver last Friday morning, after an illness of only a few days. Mr. Collins had come down to the home of Mr. Collver to visit for a few days, and while there was taken seriously ill, his death following on Friday. He was 71 years of age.

Deceased had been a resident of this county for about eight years, having moved to the Culver district from Carlton, Yamhill County. He filed upon a homestead near the home of his stepson, W. H. Peck, and resided there up until the time of his death. Prior to moving to Carlton he had resided at Santa Barbara, California. He was a member of the Santa Barbara lodge of Odd Fellows, having been a member of that order for many years. His remains were shipped to Carlton for burial, and will be laid at rest by the side of the body of Mr. Collins's wife, who died a number of years ago.

EXCITING RUNAWAY

A horse belong to Fred Green created some little excitement in town Tuesday afternoon by breaking from the hitching-post near Loucks' corner, and running away with the buggy hitched to him. The horse ran out across the townsite flat, into the McTaggart lot and several times around the inside of that, finally heading off towards the Waymire place. With the buggy still hitched to him he climbed the steep embankment there, and then followed a bunch of badly frightened horses out the Haycreek road. Later when caught he was minus the buggy and several pieces of harness, the buggy having been badly smashed in the runaway. Mr. Green had driven into town to have a tooth extracted, and while he was undergoing that painful operation his horse broke loose from his hitching-post, lending color to the old saying that troubles never come single.



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