

CLOSING SESSIONS

Of Good Roads Convention on Today.

NEW ORGANIZATION

Perfected and Officers Are Being Elected This Afternoon.

The organization of the Oregon Good Roads Association was perfected at this morning's session of the Good Roads convention and officers are being elected at the closing session this afternoon.

MORNING'S SESSION

At this morning's session addresses were delivered by A. L. Craig, Assistant Superintendent of Mail Delivery of the United States Government.

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The meeting was called to order by Chairman Richardson, who, after some preliminary remarks, introduced J. W. Erwin of San Francisco as the first speaker.

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The Pacific Division of the rural free delivery embraces Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Utah, Nevada, California and Arizona.

"We have on the Pacific Slope today 243 rural free delivery routes in California, of which 128 are in California, 48 in Oregon, 45 in Washington, 12 each in Idaho and Utah and two in Arizona.

Mr. Craig handled his subject thoroughly and proved to all who heard him that the salvation of Oregon is good roads.

"Without the wagon roads the railroads could not exist any more than this city could prosper or even have its beginning without a surrounding country to support it."

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SOME WHO WERE PRESENT.

W. C. Cowell, Baker City; Henry E. Reed, Portland; H. B. Springer, Shedd; H. G. Springer, Shedd; George W. Lamberson, Portland; J. T. Milner, Portland; F. C. Barnes, Portland; H. R. Brooks, Roseburg; John Moren, Mill City; H. B. Chapman, Troutdale; Edwin Stone, Albany; B. F. Reynolds, Iona; T. B. Quinn, Oregon City; C. A. Hawkins, San Francisco; H. S. Smith, Portland; J. B. Doan, Rainier; Wm. H. Hampton, Placer; Mrs. J. M. Fillon, The Dalles; Mrs. J. B. Shellabarger, Portland; Edyth T. Weathered, Portland; Jefferson Meyers, Portland; H. E. Carson, Grants Pass; John H. Scott, Salem; John Lewellen, Oregon City; L. H. Hazard, Coquille; P. Cox, Astbury; J. C. A. Bowly, Astoria; D. C. Miller, Portland; E. Rathbone, Seattle; E. J. Frazer, Eugene; R. V. Pratt, Portland; Thos. Froman, Albany; Henry E. Thibsen, Salem; B. F. Rhodes, McMinnville; J. D. Wing, Mt. Pleasant, Wash.; George H. Durham, Portland; J. H. Albit, Salem; N. M. Pollman, Baker City; A. C. Woodcock, Eugene; Ben F. French, Portland; S. Weldon, Portland; R. M. Hall, Portland; Otto Schumann, Portland; L. Weeks, Portland.

LAST NIGHT'S DOINGS.

An excellent address on "Highways and Their Construction," showing with stereopticon views the principal highways in Europe and America, was delivered last night by James W. Abbott, Commissioner of the Office of Public Road Inquiries.

FOUND IN CELLAR

Three Human Skeletons Unearthed by St. Joseph Police.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Oct. 15.—The city is considerably wrought up over the discovery of three human skeletons in the cellar of a prominent physician of this place.

What is supposed to be a system of crime which has been carried on in this city for years was brought to light last night when the police while searching for evidence unearthed three human skeletons in a walled-off partition of the cellar of the residence of Dr. C. L. Weaver, which were supposed to have been concealed there by the physician.

Dr. Weaver has occupied the house ever since it was built and it is known that he has a considerable practice of a special nature, and it is the opinion of the officials that the skeletons are those of victims of results of peculiar operations.

TO REDUCE ARMY

President Issues Orders to Keep It Down to the Minimum.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 15.—Under the special direction of President Roosevelt an army order was issued today which provides for the reduction of the United States army to the minimum figure of 59,000.

HELD RESPONSIBLE

Motorman and Conductor Liable for the Death of Craig.

PITTSFIELD, Oct. 15.—Special Justice Hibbard today filed his findings of the inquest held over Craig, President Roosevelt's body-guard, who was killed on September 3rd. He says that the car was allowed to attain a dangerous and unreasonable speed and was permitted to maintain such speed to a point where it became impossible to avoid a collision.

WINDOW GLASS RESUMPTION

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N. P. LAND GRANT

Case Passed Up to the Supreme Court.

TO CANCEL PATENTS

Did the Maps Filed in Early Days Give the Proper Boundaries?

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 15.—The Circuit Court of Appeals has ordered that certain questions of law be certified to the Supreme Court of the United States in the case of the United States, appellant, vs. the Northern Pacific Railroad, appellee. This is an appeal from the United States District Court of Washington, whereby it is sought to review the decree of the Circuit Court in the suit of equity brought by the United States to cancel patents for land issued to the Northern Pacific years ago.

PAYNE COMMENTS

Says President's Message Will Recommend Tariff Commission.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Oct. 15.—Speaking of the next message of President Roosevelt last night, Postmaster General Payne said that it would probably recommend the appointment of a permanent tariff commission.

NAMED BY HANNA.

HELENA, Mont., Oct. 15.—A letter received by the Republican Central Committee from Mark Hanna, states that the Senator has appointed C. H. McCleod, of Missouri, as a member of the Republican National Committee in place of E. L. Bonner.

SENATOR DILLINGHAM.

MONTPELIER, Vt., Oct. 15.—W. E. Dillingham was re-elected United States Senator from Vermont by the Legislature yesterday.

REFUSED AUDIENCE

The Pope and Emmanuel Refuse to See Boer Generals.

ROME, Oct. 15.—A sensation was created here over the information given out this morning that Generals Botha, Dewet and Delarey had been refused an audience with either the Pope or King Emmanuel.

It was learned this morning that the three Boer Generals, Dewet, Botha and Delarey had requested audiences with the Pope and King Emmanuel, which were refused.

TRIAL OPENED.

The Famous Molineux Murder Case Begun This Morning.

NEW YORK, Oct. 15.—Much interest is being shown in the famous murder trial of young Molineux, who is being tried the second time on the charge of killing Mrs. Adams by poison sent through the mails.

CONFESSES MURDER.

LEXINGTON, Oct. 15.—Earl Whitney, of Nashville, in this afternoon making a confession of the murder of A. R. Chinn and various other burglaries. A stenographer is taking the confession.

THE MARKLEY TRIAL

Champoeg Murder Case Is in the Hands of the Jury.

CABLES FOR HELP

SALEM, Oct. 15.—The trial of J. F. Markley, the Champoeg murderer, for the killing of his former business associate, J. D. Fain, was the all-absorbing attraction in this city yesterday, and the Circuit Court room at the court house was crowded all day by spectators to hear the testimony in the case.

The witnesses for the prosecution did not always agree, and as a result the chain of circumstantial evidence was not made as strong as the state's attorneys



AMERICAN INTERESTS IMPERILED AT VALENCIA.

TERRIFIC FIGHTING

United States Battleships Go to the Scene of Action at Once.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 15.—Quite a stir has been created here in Army circles over a message cabled to the State Department by Minister Bowen last night.

JOHN F. MARKLEY CASE NOW IN THE HANDS OF THE JURY.

Department from Caracas that the American interests at Valencia are in great danger. He says that both armies have been facing each other for several days and have finally come together and a terrible battle is now in progress.

The situation has become so threatening as to the ultimate results of the revolution which has been so long fought, and has cabled to the department that it is absolutely imperative that additional protection be sent at once for the American interests in the turbulent district.

MANY MISHAPS.

Schooner Shenandoah Encounters Four Storms.

NEW YORK, Oct. 15.—The American four-masted schooner Shenandoah arrived here this morning, being out 123 days from San Francisco. She brings a report of an exceptionally unfortunate voyage, having encountered four severe storms, which resulted in the ship being very badly crippled.

A GOOD BUSINESS.

Walla Walla Land Office Makes a Good Showing.

(Special Service.) WALLA WALLA, Oct. 15.—Last quarter the local land office made a record in its business and handled \$29,203.33 in cash, as against \$2490.12 for the same quarter last year.

WHEAT MARKET.

CHICAGO, Oct. 15.—Wheat—70¢@71¢. SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 15.—Wheat—\$1.22½@1.23½.

ROOSEVELT AND MITCHELL

They Are Holding a Private Conference Today Regarding Offer of the Mine Operators.

Important Announcement Expected—Alabama Coal Miners Win—Big Mass Meetings Endorse Mitchell—Owners Won't Talk.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 15.—It is understood here that President Mitchell has rejected the operators' arbitration plan and has submitted a counter proposition accepting the arbitration principle, but insisting that President Roosevelt should be left unrestricted.

STATEMENT TONIGHT. WASHINGTON, Oct. 15.—At 3:30 President Mitchell left the temporary White House saying that after getting lunch he would leave for Wilkesbarre. He again declined to discuss the conference.

TALKS AT LONG DISTANCE. WASHINGTON, Oct. 15.—President Mitchell was in Sargent's office until time to return to the conference with President Roosevelt.

IMPORTANT CONFERENCE. WASHINGTON, Oct. 15.—President Mitchell, of the Miners' Union, arrived here early this morning. When questioned as to the object of his visit he would not discuss the matter any further than to say that he had come to hold an interview with President Roosevelt.

ON HIS ARRIVAL here President Mitchell went at once to the temporary White House and immediately entered the conference room where he met Speaker Henderson, who happened to be in the room at the time.

AS SOON as he could get away from the newspaper men who were besieging him with questions, President Mitchell at once went directly to the office of Commissioner of Immigration Sargent, where he remained for some time.

MINERS WIN. BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Oct. 15.—The coal strike in this region was settled today and the entire force of five thousand miners will return to work tomorrow morning.

KLEPETKO SAILS. BOSTON, Oct. 15.—Frank Klepetko, who is mentioned as a probable member of the strike arbitration commission, formerly general superintendent of the Boston-Montana Amalgamated Copper properties, at Butte, sailed last night for Peru, where he takes charge of J. B. Haggins' copper mines.

LEAVES WILKESBARRE. WILKESBARRE, Pa., Oct. 15.—President Mitchell left for Washington at 3 o'clock this morning, accompanied by Walter Wellman, a newspaper correspondent who is supposed to represent the administration.

ENDORSE MITCHELL. TAMAUCA, Oct. 15.—Large mass meetings are being held throughout Panther Valley today and in all cases it was voted to leave the matter of settlement entirely in President Mitchell's hands.

OPERATORS WAITING. NEW YORK, Oct. 15.—The coal operators today are simply waiting word from Washington. Until then they decline to discuss the strike situation.

STOCK GOES DOWN. NEW YORK, Oct. 15.—The absence of an official announcement after this morning's session between President Roosevelt and President Mitchell lead to a pessimistic feeling in Wall street and the belief that Mitchell declined the operators' arbitration plan caused the result that Reading stock again declined away.

THE STORY OF A HOLD-UP

How the North Powder Agent of O. R. & N. Felt at the Time.

Harry Walters, O. R. & N. agent at North Powder, was seen by a Journal representative today and told the story of the recent "hold-up" of his office a few weeks ago.

CAN'T FURNISH BAIL.

GENIUS RECOGNIZED.

ELECTED CHIEF.

At the afternoon session of the Rathbone-Bishop Billie Inbarre was elected Grand Chief and Mrs. Barrett Grand Matron of the O. R. & N. This would support nearly 25,000 families.

RESOLUTIONS were then passed thanking