CLOSING **SESSIONS**

Of Good Roads Convention on Today.

NEW ORGANIZATION

Perfected and Officers Are Being Elected This After-

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

At this morning's session addresses were delivered by A. L. Craig, Assistant Superintendent of Mail Dedivery of the United States Government. Consul H. B. Miller, who was to have delivered an address on "Roads in China," could not be present on account of being called away to Corvallis on important business. The committee on resolutions recommended the perfection of a permanent organization, which was adopted by motion, after which the convention adjourned to meet at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

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

J. W. ERWIN'S ADDRESS. Mr. Erwin took as his subject "Good

Roads a Pre-requisite to Rural Free Delivery Extension," and handled it excellently. He explained the system of rural free delivery thoroughly and was frequently interrupted by applause. He said in part:

"The Pacific Division of the rural free delivery embraces Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Utah, Nevada, California and Arizona. While in point of area it is the largest of the eight divisions, approximating one-sixth of the United States, it has the smallest number of routes in operation. This is not alone due to the fact that we have only 4 per cent of the population, but the greatest obstacle to the development of the service is the absence of good roads. In 60 cases in this division. petitions for the establishment of the service have been reported on adversely because of bad roads or the absence of roads whereby a route of desirable length could be laid out.

"We have on the Pacific Slope today 243 rural free delivery routes in successful operation, of which 126 are in California, 48 in Oregon, 43 in Washington, 12 each in Idaho and Utah and two in Arizona. Sixty-nine additional routes have en favorably reported upon and will be established within a short time, while 89 petitions are now pending.

"Good roads mean easier transportation of the farm products to market and a consequent reduction in the cost of such transportation. They mean much to the children of the farmer in acquiring an education, enabling them to reach the schoolhouses, from which they are often debarred for many days each year by bad roads."

ADDRESS BY A. L. CRAIG. The address of Mr. Erwin was followed by one by A. L. Craig on "The Railroads and the Wagon Roads." Because of its excellence. Hon, Martin Dodge, the United States Director of Good Roads, will have it printed in pamphlet form and sent free to all who ask for it.

Mr. Craig handled his subject thoroughly and proved to all who heard him that the salvation of Oregon is good roads. He made vivid comparisons between railroads and wagon roads and pointed out the fact that if Oregon would have 'more good roads the value of the land would increase and tens of thousands more families could derive their living off of the soil of this state. In part he said:

"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

"Why has the O. R. & N. spent millions of dollars in eliminating the curves, in reducing grades, in building steel bridges, in laying heavier rails and in more solid embankments? Do you think it is simply that some one may ride with a little more comfort than heretofore? Not by any means. While the comfort of its patrons is always a strong element for consideration, the main reason for the improvement in that the expenditure of this money will mean such a saving in the expense of operation that the result is a greater profit on all the capital invested. Today the greatest distance a farmer can afford to haul wheat over existing wagon roads to the railroad is about 26 miles. If the wagon road can be so improved that with the same number of horses and with the same wagon two tons can be hauled where one is the present limit, it will also be found that the extreme boundary of the profitable wifest would be 40 miles or double what it is now. That is, a farmer under the improved condition of wagon reads, 40 miles distant from the market, could produce wheat with as much profit for himself as the farmer who today is but onehalf of that distance removed from the buyer at the railway stations.

"Over three and one naif millions of acres would be added to the producing area of the Pacific Northwest, if an additional strip only five miles wide could be brought within reach of a market by to remove the impending danger. The Mrs. Adams by poison sent through the good roads, continguous to the entire line situation is menacing, as 400 Apaches mails. The case was begun in Justice

BUSINESS TRANSACTED.

the gentlemen for delivering address The committee on resolutions recommended the organization of the Oregon Good Roads Association, that the association sleet permanent officers and that the bylaws which they recommended be adopted. The report was unanimously adopted. In addition to the list of names printed n yesterday's Journal, the following were

SOME WHO WERE PRESENT. W. C. Cowgill, Baker City; Henry E. Reed, Portland; H. B. Springer, Shedds; H. G. Springer, Shedds; George W. Lamberson, Portland; J. T. Milner, Portland; F. C. Barnes, Portland; H. R. Brookes, Roseburg; John Moren, Mill City: H. B. Chapman, Troutdale; Edwin stone, Albany; B. P. Reynolds, Ione; T. B. Vulin, 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. Shellaberger, Portland; Edyth T. Weathered, Portland; Jefferson Meyers, Portland; H. H. Carson, Grants Pass; John H. Scott, Salem; John Lewellin, Oregon City; L. H. Hazard, Coquille; P. Cox, Astbury; J. C. A. Bowlby, Astoria; D. C. Miller, Portland; E. Rathbone, Seattle; E. J. Frasier, Eugene; R. V. Pratt, Portland; Thos. Froman, Albany; Henry B. Thielsen, 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, Ewgene; 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 stereoption views the principal highways in Europe and America, was delivered last night by James W. Abbott, Commissioner of the Office of Public Road Inquiries. After the address, which was thoroughly enjoyed and appreciated; a banquet was given at Kruse's Grill Room, at which over 100 persons sat down to a sumptuously set table.

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

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 eve 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 these of victims of results of peculiar operations. The doctor was at once arrested and will be held pending an investigation.

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 59,600. In speaking of the matter the President gave as his reason for this action that he considers the Philippine situation at the present time is sufficiently peaceable to obviate the necessity. of keeping the army up to the present rating of 65,000.

HELD RESPONSIBLE

Motorman and Conductor Liable for the Death of Craig.

PITTSFIELD, Oct. 15 .- Specal 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 collison. In view of these facts, I am obliged to find that it was the unlawful act of James Kelly, conductor, and Motorman Euclid Madden, that contributed to the death of William Craig.

WINDOW GLASS RESUMPTION

MUNCIE Ind., Oct. 16 .- In pursuance with the Detroit agreement today witnessed a general resumption of work at the window glass factories of the Indiana gas beit. After being idle all summer the big factories here and at Alexandria, Gas City and elsewhere, in the vicinity, have begun work in full blast and expect to continue operations during the next seven or seven and a half mouths without cessation.

TROUBLE BREWING.

PHOENIX. Oct. 15 .- The Board of Trade here is investigating the troubles Resolutions were then passed thanking inevitably precipitate a deadly conflict, verdict of the first trial will be upheld. pher is taking the confession,

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 by the Supreme Court of the United States in the case of the United States, appellant, vs. the Northern Pacific Rallroad, 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. On account of the great public importance of the question, as it affects a great part of the land north of Portland as far as the Sound, and affects practically all the settlers, the Circuit Court passes it up to the Supreme Court to decide first. Did the Perham map of 1865 and the maps filed in 1870 with the Secretary of the Interior sufficiently designate the bound? aries of the grant of that portion of the road along the Columbia River to Portland so that more lands were included in a subsequent grant by a joint resolution of 1870 in aid of the road from Portland to the Puget Sound. Second: Are the appellees estopped by reason of the filing of said maps. Third: Was it the intention of the joint resolution of 1870 to include in the grant in aid of the road from Portland to Puget Sound any lands within the place of the limits so designated on said map.

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. During an interview he said: "He will probably favor a reduction of import duties upon products which no longer need protection. He is also inclined to favor the creation of a permanent tariff commission which can at all times receive testimony subject to expert consideration and the varying interests of production and trade, submitting its reports and recommendations to Congress as other departments of the Govern-

NAMED BY HANNA.

HELENA, Mont., Oct. 15 .- A letter received by the Republican Certral Committee from Mark Hanna, states that the Senator has appointed C. H. McLeod, of Missoula, as a member of the Republican National Committee in place of E. L.

SENATOR DILLINGHAM. MONTPELIER. Vt., Oct. 15.-W. P. Dillingham was re-elected United States Senator from Vermont by the Legislature

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 Delarney had been refused an audience with either the Pope or King

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. Although an attempt was made to interview the three Generals in regard to the refusal of both the King and the Pope to grant them an audience they would not make any statements as to what effect it would have upon the continuance of the European tour, however, it is believed that they will not take the refusals in the light of a turn-down.

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 at Ft. McDowell Indian Agency and hope the second time on the charge of killing of the O. R. & N. This would support prey upon the ranch goducts of a score Barrett's court this morning. The prison of Nashville, is this afternoon making a nearly 22,000 families."

of settlers, and the latter are losing paer is confilent of acquittal, while the tience. Any overt act on either side will prosecution feels just as sure that the and various other burglaries. A stenogra-

Champoeg Murder Case Is in the Hands of the Jury.

SALEM, Oct. 15.—The trial of J. F. Markley, the Champoog 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 taking of testimony bears at 9 o'clock, and was completed at 1, 25 witnesses being examined during that time. The case was amined during that time. The case was the hardest fought legal battle in the history of Marion County, but there was little jarring between opposing counsel and the contest developed no ill feeling, so often the result of similar fights. Markley was in court, bright and

smiling, and watched the proceedings closely. He had more the appearance of an attorney interested in the case than that of a criminal on trial for his life, and his coolness attracted general atten-tion, when the most damaging testimony was introduced by the state.

The witnesses for the prosecution did chain of circumstantial evidence was not ment by Minister Bowen last night.

THE MARKLEY TRIAL CABLES FOR HELP

American Interests Imperiled at Valencia.

TERRIFIC FIGHTING

United States Battleships Go to the Scene of Action at

WASHINGTON, Oct. 15,-Quite a stir has been created here in Army circles over not always agree, and as a result the a message cabled to the State Departmade as strong as the state's attorneys | Minister Bowen has cabled to the State



might have desired. Two physicians who Department from Caracas that the Ameriheld a post-mortem examination over the can interests at Valencia are in great semains of John D. Fain, the murdered man, on June 25, were the first witnesses, been facing each other for several days and they disagreed as to the number of and have finally come together and a wounds found in the body of Fain, where terrible battle is now in progress. The the death-dealing shot had entered, one town is completely surrounded and it is of them testifying to one wound, the other feared that it is liable to fall into the to two. The Jette family, of Champoog, hands of the enemy almost any moment neighbors of the murdered man and the in which case it is certain that great defendant, was there in full force. C. W. damage will be done to American inter-A. Jette-he purchased the land from ests there as well as in other parts of Fain which was believed to have been the the state. motive for the crime-was on hand, and told the story of the shooting as told him | ing that Minister Bowen has become fearby Fain before the latter died. He was ful as to the ultimate results of the revofollowed by others of the family and other lution which has been so long fought, and witnesses who had reached Fain's side has cabled to the department that it is before death closed the stricken man's absolutely imperative that additional prolips, and on direct examination they told | tection be sent at once for the American the story of the killing, disagreeing only interests in the turbulant district. He in minor parts. But on cross-examina- requests that United States battleships be tion, conducted by John M. Gearin, of sent to his aid at once, as the situation Portland, on behalf of the defendant, they is very alarming. differed widely, and as the witnesses were all excluded from the court room, and no one of them knew what others testified to, witnesses frequently damaged the case of the state materially. The proseaution brought very little testimony to show that the shotgun belonging to Markley had been found in a condition showing that it had been recetntly fired, when

the owner was arrested. The defense placed Mr. Markley on the stand and he denied many of the statements made by the state's witnesses. Other witnesses for the defense, leading citizens of the Champoeg neighborhood, testified to the defendant's good character and peaceable disposition during a residence of 25 years in that section, many years of which were spent in the mer-

cantile business. At 4 p. m., the testimony being all in, District Attorney Hart made the opening statement to the jury on behalf of the state, and he was followed by John A. Carson, who made a plea for the defense, and this morning John M. Gearin closed for the defense, and Deputy District Attorney John H. McNary for the state, when the court delivered the charge to the jury and the 12 men retired to de-

liberate upon a verdict. Opinions varied among the spectators as to the result of the work of the jury. Many believed that a verdict of acquittal or at legst a hung jury would be the result, while others just as confidently predicted a verdict of murder in the first degree. Attorneys on both sides were confident of success, while the defendant himself, the one most vitally interested. expressed his confidence in his acquit-

LIPTON'S CHALLENGE.

NEW YORK, Oct. 15 .- Lord Lipton's challenge arrived on the Oceanic mail today and will be officially read to the New York Yacht Club tonight. The challenge is similar to the one of two years ago. It is for races between 90-foot sloops.

CONFESSES MURDER.

LEXINGTON, Oct. 15 .- Earl Whitney, of Nashville, is this afternoon making a danger. He says that both armies have been facing each other for several days

The situation has become so threaten-

In response to the request of the Minister the department will dispatch battleships to the scene of action without delay.

MANY MISHAPS.

Schooner Shenandoah Encounters Four Storms.

NEW YORK, Oct. 15.-The American four-masted schooner Shenandoah arriv ed here this morning, being out 123 days from San Francisco. She brings a report of an exceptionally unfortunate vovage, having encountered four severe storms, which resulted in the ship being very badly crippled. There were several accidents to members of the crew during the voyage, one of them being fatal. William Varney fell from aloft and was killed. Mate Taylor was seriously injured by falling wreckage and the cabin boy had a leg and several ribs broken.

A GOOD BUSINESS.

Walla Walla Land Office Makes a Good Showing.

(Journal Special Service.) WALLA WALLA, Oct. 15 .- Last quarter the local land office made a record in its business, and handled \$29,301.33 in cash, as against \$8490.13 for the same quarter last year. This is a splendid showing and is accounted for by the rush for lands in Adams and Franklin Countles during the past year. Homesteads to the number of 196 were entered, while 39 final proofs were made. The record for the past year has been good, exceptionally good, in fact, and it promises to be kept up for a year

WHEAT MARKET.

CHICAGO, Oct. 15. - Wheat - 70% @71146.

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 3:50 President Mitchell left the temporary White House saying that after getting lunch he would leave for Wilkesbarre. He again declined to discuss the conference. Immediately after Mitchell's departure Secretary Cortelyou saw President Roosevelt and later announced that a statement might be issued tonight.

TALKS AT LONG DISTANCE.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 15 .- President Mitchell was in Sargefit's office until time to return to the conference with President Roosevelt. During the entire hour and a half he was there the long distance telephone line to Wilkesbarre was kept busy. It is said that Mitchell was conferring with the District Presidents. who were assembled at his office in Wilkesbarre.

IMPORTANT CONFERENCE.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 16 -- 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. He would make no statement whatever as to what he had to report.

On his arrival here President Mitchel went at once to the temporary White House and immediately entered the con ference room where he met Speaker Henderson, who happened to be in the room at the time on business foreign to the strike. Mitchell and Speaker Henderson entered into a conversation which lasted several minutes before the arrival of Commissioner Wright who Mitchell to President Roosevelt. No tim was lost in formalities and the discussion was opened immediately. The meeting lasted over an hour and it is believed that some important conclusions were reached, however, on emerging from the conference room Mr. Mitchell positively declined to discuss either the strike or the features of the interview, saying that it would be disrespectful to President Roosevelt.

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 officer of Commissioner of Immigration Sargent, where he remained for some time.

President Mitchell has an appointment to meet President Roosevelt again at 3

tors. Great interest is being shown as to the result of the meeting, as important developments are expected.

MINERS WIN. BIRMINGHAM, Als., 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. The terms of settlement are not made public, but it is believed that the companies agreed to collect the assesument levied for the aid of the striking anthracite miners.

KLEPETRO SAILS. BOSTON, Oct. 15 .- Frank Klepetko,

who is mentioned as a probable membe 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. Haggin's copper mines.

LEAVES WILKESBARRE.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Oct. 15 .- Presi dent Mitchell left for Washington at 3 o'clock this morning, accompanied by Walter Wellman, a newspaper correspondent who is supposed to represent the administration. It is generally understood that he has gone to confer with President Roosevelt.

TAMAQUA, 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. It is believed that he will lend the miners to victory.

ENDORSE MITCHELL

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 peasimistic feeling in Wall street and the belief that Mitchell declined the operators" arbitration plan caused the result that Reading stock again declined away.

SCMITZ IS CALLED.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 15 .- Mayor Schmitz leaves tomorrow morning on reo'clock this afternoon for the purpose of quest of Mitchell to meet the District further discussing the offer of the opera- Presidents in New York on Tuesday next.

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.

"No. 5, the west-bound passenger train was late that evening," said Mr. Walters, "and I was sitting up to wait for it. Having nothing particular to do, as my office work was done up early in the evening, I went over to the town, a few blocks away to find a crowd, where could spend the hour with a little enjoy ment, as a depot is the lonliest place or earth, when the doors are closed and the lights out. My wife was asleep in our living apartments and there was nothing unusual in the appearance of the "hoboes" who had visited the depot that

About an hour before the train was due I started back to the office, thinking I would have some passengers to go. About half way between the town and the of fice I was seized from behind by two men and before I could call for help my mouth was stuffed full of rags. It seemed like there was a whole "bolt" of calloo in my mouth. I couldn't make a sound of any kind and was so frightened that I didn't make much of a struggle. I was pushed and dragged into the depot, my hands and feet tled, after I had opened the safe, and I was placed on my back on the floor of the waiting-room. It seemed an age from the time I was left there until a passenger intending to go away on the train found me and awoke my wife. It may be an interesting experience for some people to crave, but it is not conducive to long life, as I felt in that 40 minutes.

CENTRAL ALASKA.

Important Discoveries by Geologist Schrader.

TACOMA, Oct. 15.-Geologist Schrader has returned from Central Alaska, where, with 17 assistants, he explored and mapped a great area of country that has hitherto been unexplored. He made important discoveries of copper ore on the Tanana and Nebesna Rivers. These rivers head from two immense live glaciers, one of which is 40 miles long and two miles wide. The season's work will be quickly mapped for use by Alaska pros-

CAN'T FURNISH BAIL.

DETROIT, Oct. 15 .- The Supreme Court this morning fixed the ball of Frank Andrews, who was convicted of wrecking the City Savings Bank by misappropriating \$1,000,000, at \$100,000. Andrews says he cannot furnish the amount and will probably have to accept the alternative of 15 years' imprisonment.

GENIUS RECOGNIZED.

Harry Murphy, for some time past care conist for the Oregonian, has accepted a similar position with the Philadelphia Enquirer. Mr. Murphy has been with the morning paper for some time and is very well known to the newspaper readers of

ELECTED CHIEF.

At the afternoon session of the Rath-SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 15 .- Wheat- that about five years of misery had passed Grand Chief and Mrs. Barrett Grand M.