

ROADS LEGISLATION HOBBY OF COUNTIES

Multnomah and Marion Are Noted for Politicians Who Want Better Highways.

SIMMONS TO SPRING COUNTY ROADS MEASURE

Would Give County Court Power to Construct Road Wherever Needed Within Its Own Confines and to Condemn Right of Way.

Good roads legislation is the hobby of Multnomah and Marion counties. County Judge Webster of Multnomah would build a state road from Washington to California and would work the convicts at the penitentiary. The road he would build would be of crushed rock.

Representative Simmons of Marion county, however, has still another measure which he intends to spring upon the legislature, in the shape of a bill providing that the county court in any county shall have power to construct a road wherever needed within the county and to condemn right of way over private land.

The bill is identical with one which is now before the Washington legislature, and which is to be sure of passage in that state. It is exhaustive in its terms and provisions and would be a comprehensive guide in the future road making of the state. It has been considered by the Marion county delegation and will have the support of many Willamette valley members once it is before the house.

Provisions of bill.

The bill provides that it shall be in the power of the county court of any

county to improve existing roads by straightening them and paving them with gravel, blocks, crushed rock or macadam, or any pavement. In the event of it being necessary to pass across private land, power is given to condemn right of way.

In improving a road or constructing a new one, the county court is to appoint three viewers, who shall go over the road with a competent engineer and make a report on the cost of the proposed improvement. In event of damage to private property these are to be assessed and reported.

To secure improvement of a road, five or more land holders whose property will be affected by the work may sign a petition asking for the work to be done. Then the three viewers go over the ground and estimate the cost.

Must File Protest.

In the event of property holders objecting to the passage of a road through their land or other damages, they must file written protest with the county court within 10 days after the survey has been made or else be barred from recourse. If a property holder objects to the decision of the viewers he can demand of the county court that a jury of five men pass upon the question. Two of these jurors shall be appointed by the court, two by the property holder and the remaining man by the other four.

After the viewers report, the bill provides that the court may order the road constructed, but the order is not to become effective until the majority of the property holders affected by the improvement and the owners of a majority of the total number of acres benefited have signed. The cost of the preliminary survey is to be borne by the county and the cost of the road construction is to be met by the issuance of county bonds drawing not more than 4-1/2 per cent and running in six series, the last to reach maturity in 20 years.

It is expected by Mr. Simmons that the bill will meet with the favor of the legislators and will be enacted into law.

VALUABLE WATER FRONTAGE IN EXCHANGE FOR A DEPOT

A valuable grant was given yesterday by the Bay City Land company to the Pacific Railway & Navigation company at Bay City, six miles north of Tillamook. A right of way 100 feet wide and 2,600 feet long through the land company's water frontage, also a city block facing the right of way, was given by the land company, the only consideration being the railroad company's agreement to build depot and freight houses and operate a railroad.

The route of the railroad will run along the tide flat and about 300 feet from the shore line, on C street, along which is the Bay City Land Company's property leading to its dock. Warm competition is immediately promised from the builders of the Astoria & Columbia River railroad from Seaside to Yaguna. This extension will pass through the city, and its builders have asked that

the Bay City people treat their line on an equality with the Harriman line. A representative of the Astoria road, now planned as a Hill line, has just completed a trip on foot along the coast from Yaguna to Bay City. His object has been to make a reconnaissance of the route by which the Astoria road will build.

It is said the Bay City Land company and other owners of the lands will give the Astoria road right of way through about half way between the ebb tide and the Pacific Railway & Navigation company's road, and that both companies will maintain important stations at that point. Bay City people say their town will be the meeting place of rail and water lines, and that the completion of the railroads will be followed by the deepening of the channel in Tillamook bay and the development of an important port there.

THREE O. R. & N. MEN ARE PROMOTED

Lounsbury Becomes General Freight Agent in Portland of the Harriman Lines.

MACCORQUODALE IS TO GO TO SPOKANE

Appointed District Freight Agent of O. R. & N. North of Riparia, Washington—Malboeuf Takes the Place of Dounsbury Here.

Effective February 1, H. E. Lounsbury, now district freight agent of the Southern Pacific lines in Oregon, will become general agent of the freight department at Portland for the consolidated Harriman lines in Oregon.

A. MacCorquodale, formerly performing duties in this department, has been appointed district freight agent of the lines of the O. R. & N. north of Riparia, not including points between Lewiston and Riparia. He succeeds George J. Mohler, resigned. His headquarters will be at Spokane. C. A. Malboeuf, formerly in the office of R. H. Miller, general freight agent, has been appointed district freight agent of the Southern Pacific, succeeding Mr. Lounsbury. All these promotions were officially announced yesterday in circulars issued from the office of General Freight Agent Miller.

Mr. Lounsbury and Mr. Malboeuf have long been in the service of the Southern Pacific and are well acquainted with the Oregon field. Mr. Malboeuf is gratifying to a very large number of friends. Mr. Lounsbury began railroad work 10 of 12 years ago as a stenographer in the office of E. P. Rogers, assistant general passenger agent of the Southern Pacific. After learning the business he became a traveling freight agent, and when the service was reorganized a year ago with R. H. Miller as general freight agent the office of district freight agent was created and he was made its first incumbent.

Mr. Borden's Ambition.

According to Washington gossip Spencer Borden, the Fall River cotton manufacturer, would like to succeed Secretary of Agriculture Wilson in President Roosevelt's cabinet.

MISS IRVING IN JEROME COMEDY

Announcement has just been made that Miss Isabel Irving, one of the most charming comedienne on the American stage, will appear at the Hellig theatre on January 28, 29 and 30 in "Susan in Sober Husband," a play by Jerome K. Jerome, the English humorist.



in which she has scored a big hit in San Francisco, where she is now playing. Francis E. Reid, former dramatic editor of the New York Herald, who is Miss Irving's advance agent, was in Portland yesterday preparing for the star's engagement.

"The play is just a light little comedy," said Mr. Reid, "but it's the thing to drive dull care away and Miss Irving has a real all-star cast supporting her. Marie Wainwright is in the company and so is Jessie Liete, Edith Lemmer, Hester Short, Ernest Malwaring, Herbert Stanling & Co. and G. Andrews. With a cast like that any play ought to go and 'Susan' is really a good play."

Fear in Children.

An examination of 1,569 children, recently made in the west, shows that thunderstorms are by far the worst terror of childhood.

Afterwards, in the order set down, come snakes, strangers, darkness, fire, death, disease, wild animals, policemen, water, insects and ghosts.

In the fear of rats and mice girls exceed boys in the ratio of 75 to 16. In boys fear begins to diminish after the fifteenth year, in girls after the eighteenth.

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Last Week
All Dress Goods Reduced. All Undergarments Reduced. All Close Department Reduced. All Pictures Reduced. All Odd Lots Reduced.

Last Week OF THE LOW January Sale Prices

1250 Silk Petticoats

\$8.50, \$10.00 and \$12.50 Values at - - \$4.87

For Monday Sale, we offer the most sensational petticoat bargain ever offered in Portland by any store—1,250 extra quality silk petticoats, in gray plaids, gray stripes, black, brown, navy, purple, green, light gray, light, medium and dark red, violet, reseda, dark gray, tan and the blue and brown changeable. On display in both our corner windows. Regular \$8.50, \$10.00 and \$12.50 values. Biggest bargain ever offered \$4.87 at.....

See Third Street Windows. Only a few of a kind. Come early.

750 Walking Skirts

\$7.50 Vals.

\$2.95

For Monday the Lipman-Wolfe School of Style offers 750 Women's Walking Skirts, made of fancy gray mixed cloths in plaid and check effects. Gored and pleated styles, conservatively trimmed with straps and cloth-covered buttons. Regular \$7.50 values. Your choice while they last Monday at less than wholesale..... \$2.95



Clearance Sale of Infants' Bonnets

Infants' colored and white Silk and Velvet Caps and Bonnets in new and pretty styles, including French, Revere and Dutch Caps and Poke Bonnets—for Monday Clearance at these radical prices:

Bonnets to \$1.50 25c
for
Bonnets to \$2.50 50c
for
Bonnets to \$3.00 \$1.35
for

FINE MILLINERY for Present Wear

One hates to buy a velvet or felt hat as late in the winter as this, even if one does need it, and straws and lingerie models are a trifle advanced for January, but there are some charming melines and lace models which would do very well for dress and evening purposes even in January, and some of the black and dark horsehair models trimmed in velvet and ostrich or Paradise feathers are not too summery for appropriate use now, though they will be satisfactory possessions in the spring.

\$6.00 to \$12.00

500 Tailored Suits

Values to \$40.00 for \$17.65



The Lipman-Wolfe School of Style offers for Monday Clearance 500 highest grade Tailored Suits for Misses, Young Ladies and Women, embracing every fashionable style and color. The materials are chevots, Meltons, broadcloths and fancy mixtures. Styles—combination box coat, Norfolk, semi-fitting jacket, pony jacket, tight-fitting jacket and Prince Chap. Colors—black, navy, brown, green, gray mixtures, red, plaids, checks and tan mixtures. Some simply, others elaborately trimmed with velvet, buttons and braid. Sold regularly to \$40.00, and wonderful values in high grade, desirable suits at..... \$17.65

See Big Window Display—Mail Orders Promptly Filled.

500 Pairs of Lace Curtains

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500 pairs of Cluny, Renaissance, Battenberg, Cable Net, Irish Point and Nottingham Lace Curtains in sufficient variety to please every taste; white, ecru and Arabian color; actual values to \$5.00 a pair; reduced to the low special price of..... \$3.19

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REAPPORTIONMENT IS ACCORDING TO LAW

Lockwood Defends Bills Drafted by Him for New List of Representatives and State Senators and Quotes From Oregon Constitution to Prove Contention.

Reapportionment of state representation in the legislature is provided for in the house bill introduced by Representative Washburn and the senate bill which will be presented by Senator Bowerman is causing much discussion among the members, and some dissatisfaction is expressed in several cases where county representation is cut down by the new figures. The claim is also made that Multnomah county is receiving more than its share by the granting of 17 house members and eight senators.

In support of the bills presented, Charles E. Lockwood, who drafted them, argues that they follow the letter and spirit of the constitution strictly and that no wrong has been done to any one or any county by his figures.

In support of his contention Mr. Lockwood quotes the constitution to show that his bill has been drawn according to rule and that no injustice has crept into it. The constitutional provisions relating to reapportionment are as follows:

"Sec. 2, Art. IV.—The senate shall consist of 30 and the house of representatives of 60 members."

"Sec. 6, Art. IV. The number of senators and representatives shall, at the session next following an enumeration of the inhabitants by the United States or this state, be fixed by law, and apportioned among the several counties according to the number of white population in each. And the ratio of senators and representatives shall be determined by dividing the whole number of white population of such county or

district by such respective ratios; and when a fraction shall result from such division, which shall exceed one half of such ratio, such county or district shall be entitled to a member for such fraction. And in case any county shall not have the requisite population to entitle such county to a member, then such county shall be attached to some adjoining county for senatorial or representative purposes."

In compiling the law Mr. Lockwood used the figures given in the state census of 1905 as officially given by the secretary of state. From this he found the different counties of the state to have the following populations:

Baker, 15,220; Benton, 6,761; Clackamas, 20,478; Clatsop, 15,948; Columbia, 7,163; Coos, 11,783; Crook, 4,713; Curry, 2,924; Douglas, 16,042; Gilliam, 4,233; Grant, 10,652; Harney, 2,548; Jackson, 15,909; Josephine, 8,489; Klamath, 3,332; Lake, 3,964; Lane, 22,665; Lincoln, 2,673; Linn, 18,408; Malheur, 6,221; Marion, 25,914; Morrow, 4,497; Multnomah, 125,185; Polk, 10,184; Sherman, 2,580; Tillamook, 4,124; Umatilla, 12,229; Union, 14,701; Wallowa, 4,822; Wasco, 15,974; Washington, 16,672; Wheeler, 2,422; Yamhill, 14,187. Total, 464,528.

Dividing this total by 80, the number of members in the house, the working ratio of 7,448 was secured. By using 20 the number of members in the senate, as a divisor, the working ratio of 15,455 was secured. With these figures Mr. Lockwood calculated the representation and he is certain that the only fault that can be found with the new bills will be the grouping of some of the smaller counties into joint districts.

NO STATEMENT ON CANAL ISSUED

After a Lengthy Conference President Arrives at No Decision on Contract.

BANGS' BID WILL BE REJECTED ALTOGETHER

Whether Elimination Can Be Accomplished Without Throwing Out Entire Bid Is Problem—Some Say It Cannot Be Done.

(Publishers' Press by Special Leased Wire.) Washington, D. C., Jan. 26.—After a lengthy conference between the president and a number of his close advisers, it was announced from the White House this evening that no statement relative to the government's action on the Pan-

ama canal proposal would be forthcoming for the present.

The conference did not conclude until after 7 o'clock. Those connected with it, in addition to the president, were Secretary Taft, Secretary Root, Postmaster-General Cortelyou, Assistant Secretary Bacon, Commissioner of Corporations Garfield and Chairman Knapp of the interstate commerce commission.

The president is perfectly willing to enter into a canal contract with William J. Oliver of Knoxville, Tennessee, if he can enter into satisfactory arrangements with some large contracting firm, it seems that Anson M. Bangs of New York, who submitted his bid jointly with Mr. Oliver, is, for some reason, the obstacle to the awarding of the canal contract at six and three quarters per cent of the estimated cost.

The president has decided to eliminate Bangs as a factor. Whether this can be accomplished without throwing out all the bids is the problem. Those who have kept in close touch with the matter are convinced it cannot be done.

Short Hours for Telegraphers.

Three southern railroads, the New Orleans & Northeastern, the Alabama & Eastern and the Alabama, Shreveport & Pacific, have taken action to shorten the number of hours of work of their telegraph operators.

Utah Wants Postal Savings Banks.

The State Federation of Labor of Utah is circulating a petition to Congress asking the creation of postal savings banks.

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MANY NEW MEMBERS JOIN COMMERCIAL CLUB

Annual Report of Retiring President Shows Flourishing Condition of Organization.

The annual report of F. W. Leadbetter, retiring president of the Portland Commercial club, showed that the club in the last 12 months has increased its membership 185, making the total membership 952. He paid a high compliment to the retiring board of gov-

ernors, saying that not once during the year had there failed to be a quorum present at a meeting, and not a meeting had been held without the taking in of new members. The club now has 12,000 available in its treasury for the furnishing of the new quarters that will be provided in its \$150,000 club and office building.

On motion of Col. James Jackson, Mr. Leadbetter was tendered a vote of thanks for his services. He became an ex-president yesterday at noon, when his successor, C. W. Hodson, was elected.

Iowa's Lucky Democrat.

Samuel L. Destrow, lieutenant-governor under Horace Boies and the only Democrat ever elected lieutenant-governor in Iowa, died recently at his home in Chariton, aged 84.

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