

IMPORTED TALENT TO TALK FOR TAFT BEFORE PRIMARIES

Vermont and Michigan Men to
Come to Oregon Early Next
Month; Petitions Will Be
Called In.

Imported talent to advocate the cause of President Taft for another term is to invade Portland early next month. The local Taft committee has been notified by the national organization that Congressman David J. Foster of Vermont and Senator Charles E. Townsend of Michigan have been assigned to Oregon.

Congressman Foster is expected early in March, his engagement being closed. Senator Townsend is not so certain, but thinks he can come and will do so if he can arrange his affairs. Foster is a member of the standpat wing. Townsend is mildly progressive, but a loyal follower of Taft. He won his seat in the senate by defeating Julius C. Browne, renowned as a standpat circles a few years ago.

What outside speakers will come for the progressive wing of the party is uncertain. Francis J. Heney agreed to invade Oregon for Follette, but the La Follette campaign in Oregon is just now in a state of indecision. If La Follette pulls out for Roosevelt, it is presumed that Heney would be equally willing to take the stump for the man at Oyster Bay.

Circulators Called In.
Circulators of both Roosevelt and Taft petitions at the courthouse today were called in because it was found their petitions were being circulated on one general form, without providing a separate sheet for each precinct, as required in the case of a candidate for state or county office.

It had been presumed that it was sufficient without separate precinct sheets, but this is now questioned. In the memorandum of election laws issued by the secretary of state for guidance of circulators it is said that petitions of candidates for president and vice president require the signatures of "a per cent of the electors of the political party residing in each of at least one tenth of the precincts in each of at least seven counties of the state and need not exceed 1000 signatures in any case."

The work will have to be done over again in order to insure compliance with the law. Hundreds of signatures for Taft and Roosevelt had been secured.

Legality of Signatures Questioned.
Another point apparently ignored by circulators is the provision of the presidential preference law that candidates shall be placed on the ballot "solely on the petition of their political supporters in Oregon."

Many voters have signed both Taft and Roosevelt petitions, presuming that in so doing they were merely accommodating those who want the names on the ballot, and in the case of other candidates. But it appears that the law contemplates signatures only by those who actually favor the nomination of the man whose petition they sign, in the case of president and vice president, and the question arises, therefore, as to the legality of the signature of a man who signs more than one petition of a candidate for president.

RIVAL INTERESTS MAY HAVE TILT IN COUNCIL

Tomorrow morning's session of the city council, it is expected, will be featured by a lively tilt between the stone block and vitrified brick interests when a proposed change in the specifications for the Sullivan's gulch sewer comes before the lawmakers for discussion.

The city engineer, in his specifications for the big sewer, provided that only stone blocks might be used in the flooring of the tube. He regards brick as largely experimental for such purposes. The advocates of brick, however, are not satisfied with the ultimatum of the city engineer and will endeavor to put their product in competition.

The sewer committee of the council held a special meeting yesterday morning to consider the proposed change in the specifications, but no action was taken, as the vote on the amendment resulted in a tie.

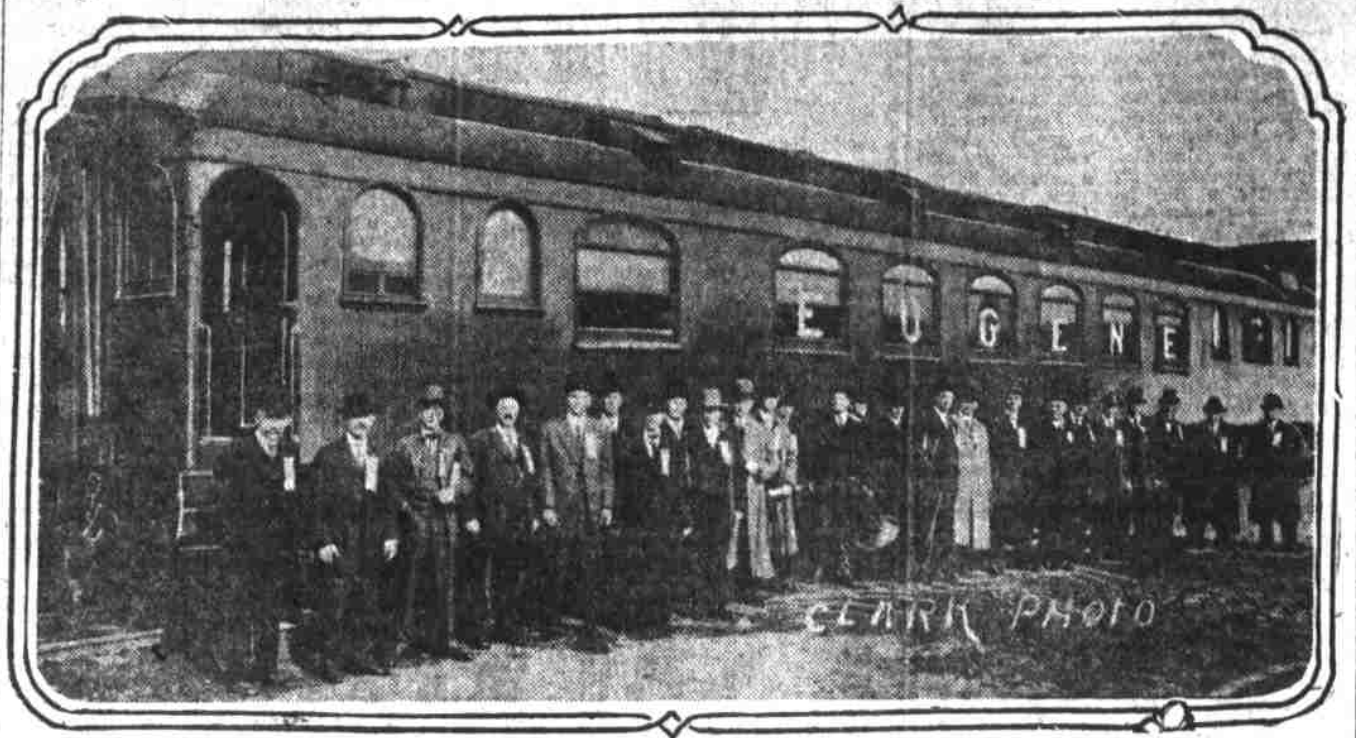
Another controversy will arise when Mayor Rushlight's veto of the oil tank ordinance goes to a vote. The ordinance was disapproved by the mayor, who believes that it would result in no good. He has said he will support a measure which will compel the oil companies to remove all the present oil tanks from East Water street. South Portlanders, under the leadership of Councilman Watkins, will endeavor to have the council pass the ordinance in spite of the veto, but it is unlikely that the council will do this, as it takes 10 votes to override the mayor.

CITY ITSELF MAY END ROW OVER POLICE CHIEF

(Special to The Journal.)
Oregon City, Or., Feb. 13.—The accusers of Policemen Green and Frost, who are charged with sleeping while on duty, have been at work, with the city called upon to present the charges in writing at a meeting of the city council tonight by Mayor Dimick. Councilmen Albright and Toose, of the committee on health and police, said today they would not file written charges against Green and Frost unless written charges were filed against Chief of Police Shaw and policeman Cooke. Meanwhile Shaw and Charles E. Burns, appointed chief by Mayor Dimick, are both acting as chiefs. Burns has no keys to the jail, and should he make an arrest would have no place to put his prisoner. Many residents of the city are complaining about the inability of the council and mayor to settle their differences, and it is probable an election will be called to determine whether the voters want Shaw or Burns for chief. Friends of Shaw declare he would win by more than two to one, while friends of Burns are equally as confident their man would be the choice of the voters.

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(United Press Leased Wire.)
Washington, Feb. 13.—President Taft nominated today George Bourquin to be federal judge for the district of Montana.

Eugene, Or., Business Men Go Junketing in Southern Oregon



The party, photographed just before leaving Eugene.

(Special to The Journal.)
Eugene, Or., Feb. 13.—The Eugene business men who left yesterday afternoon on an excursion to Klamath Falls, are traveling in a Pullman car which the railroad company has placed at their disposal. At each of the cities which the party will visit the car will be set out and the members will make it their headquarters, sleeping there at night. The cities all along the route are preparing banquets for the junketers. On each side of the car is pasted on the windows big letters spelling "Eugene."

Roseburg, Or., Feb. 13.—Twenty-six

Eugene boosters who are making a get-acquainted tour of southern Oregon were royally entertained in Roseburg last night. The visitors arrived here at 5:20 p. m. and were met at the Hotel McCallen, where they were tendered a dinner. In the evening they were given a public reception at the Commercial club rooms and this feast of fun was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

They are making this trip for the purpose of getting into closer touch with their friends in the southern part of the state. They say, "We want to know them better; know more about their

growth and progress; see what they are doing, and how they do it."

Their itinerary includes the towns of Roseburg, Jacksonville, Medford, Central Point, Ashland, Klamath Falls and Grants Pass.

As the visitors arrived here at dusk and departed before daylight it was impossible to show them the town and surrounding country, so they have been invited to stop here upon their return next Saturday. If they decide to do so they will be taken on an automobile sightseeing tour over the town and throughout the surrounding country.

BOMB WILL NOT BRING REFORMS

Big Interests Will Accede to
Demands of People, Says
Norris.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Washington, Feb. 13.—"The great political, social and economic reforms for which the people of the United States are clamoring will be gained without recourse to bomb and barricade," said Congressman George W. Norris of Nebraska today, discussing a speech by Judge E. H. Gary of the steel industry in New York, in which Gary predicted that revolution in America is near.

"These reforms are being accomplished daily by the actions of the people," Norris continued, "which are prompted by a great unrest. Evolution, not revolution, will be the saving of the country."

"No better evidence of this fact could be asked than the attitude of those very representatives of vast aggregations of wealth who are predicting revolution. They have already seen the handwriting on the wall; they are already convinced that the time for reform is at hand, and they know that the people demand it and mean to have it."

"These men are already planning to accede to the people's demands, and when they have done so a revolution will be needless. The American people, throughout history, have accomplished great reforms peacefully—not by the force of moral movements."

"I notice President Taft has the 'mob' idea. In his speech last night he showed an inability to grasp the progressive movement's significance which he assumed that progressivism is synonymous with revolution; that the sincere friends of popular government are 'neurotics and emotionalists.' The reason President Taft cannot understand this matter is disclosed in his utterance before the New York Bar association, where he flatly announced his belief that the people are not fitted for self government."

O. A. C. SHORT COURSE HELPED 1603 PERSONS

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, Or., Feb. 13.—Registrar H. M. Tervant of the Oregon Agricultural college estimates the total enrollment in the winter short course, farmers' week and poultry show as something over 1600, although the final figures have not been turned in by all departments of instruction.

"There were 842 students registered in the regular short courses," he says, "and a conservative estimate places the number that attended the poultry lectures and demonstrations at 761, making a total of 1603 persons benefited by the short courses this year. Men formed 76 per cent of the attendance."

"The total enrollment may be classified by courses as follows: Agriculture, including poultry demonstrations, 141; domestic science and art, 136; special course for forest rangers, 7; mechanic arts, 32; commerce, including courses in business methods and rural law, 14."

"Every county in Oregon was represented, and in addition there were men and women from 15 other states, Washington, California, Idaho, Illinois, Iowa, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, New York, North Dakota, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Texas and Virginia. "There were 10 foreign students registered, one each from Switzerland, Germany and Mexico, and seven from Canada. The records show that these short course students ranged in age from 16 to 54, the average age being about 35 years."

Madame Lillian Nordica Ill.
(United Press Leased Wire.)
Boston, Feb. 13.—Madame Lillian Nordica, the opera singer, is endeavoring today from an acute attack of neuritis, following a severe cold which compelled her to cancel her engagement at the Boston opera house last night. She was to have sung "Tristan and Isolde."

Madame Johanna Gadski was summoned from New York to sing the role.

Will Build at Bay Ocean.
Bayocean, Or., Feb. 13.—P. D. Hanco, a Portland contractor, has leased from the Bayocean owners a tract of land on the waterfront where he will erect a building for the handling of lumber and building supplies. He has secured a number of contracts for the erection of bungalows from owners of lots at Bayocean.

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CRIME EPIDEMIC AROUSES POLICE

Numerous Robberies Reported
—Drastic Action May Be
Taken.

A surprising outbreak of crime occurred in the city last night, in various quarters that will probably result in the police again establishing the "reserve force" which for some time was so effective in checking the wave of lawlessness that was terrorizing the citizens.

Mrs. B. Edwards of 409 Yamhill street, reported to the police that shortly after 2 o'clock this morning she was awakened by a noise in her room and found a man in the room with a flashlight thrown on her face. The woman states that she jumped from her bed and taking her revolver from under her pillow, fired two shots at the intruder.

Man Utters Cry.
She asserts that as he fled, he muttered "My God," and acted as if he had been injured. Detectives Mallett and Maloney were assigned to investigate the case.

James Hissop, a coffee merchant at 63 Front street, reported that he was held up early this morning on Seventh street near the custom house and relieved of a diamond stickpin valued at \$250, a Knights Templar charm valued at \$15, and \$5 in gold. He described the robber as being a dark woman, about 25 years of age, and weighing five feet six inches tall and wearing 160 pounds. Detectives VanOvern and Litherland have been assigned to this case. Hissop lives at the Hotel Oregon.

At 1 o'clock last night a masked highwayman held up and robbed the proprietors of the Oregon restaurant at 93 Grand avenue, and stole about \$6. The man walked in the door with a big gun in his hand and a handkerchief over the lower part of his face and compelled Charles Awanes and George Paen to turn their backs while he searched the cash register. He then fled down an alley between Washington and Alder streets toward the river. The police were notified and Sergeant Wanless and Patrolman Gristin went in search of the robber but he had disappeared.

Saloon Robbed.
At 7 o'clock this morning it was discovered that the Vellebet saloon on North Second street, conducted by Joe Sekick, had been broken into during the night and \$10 taken from the cash till. Malcomb Ruby reported that two men attempted to hold him up at East Ninth street near Schuyler streets last night but failed.

The report made by Jack Boland, 18 years old, of 619 Poplar street, to the effect that he had been held up by two men last night at Eighth near Mill street, and that two shots were fired at him, is believed to be the outgrowth of the attempt of several foreigners of that vicinity whom he has been annoying, to frighten him away. Several witnesses are said to have told the police that such was the case.

LOCAL BELTING FIRM OUTBIDS COMPETITORS

In the face of spirited competition coming from many of the largest eastern leather belting companies, the Davis-Scott Belting company of Portland has just signed a contract to supply all the leather belting required during the year by the following lumber companies: Booth-Kelly Lumber company, Bridal Veil Lumber company, Hammond Lumber company, West Side Lumber & Shingle company, North Pacific Lumber company, Dallas Lumber & Logging, Clarke-Wilson company and the Silverton Lumber company. These concerns control between 15 and 20 mills and require about \$50,000 worth of belting a year. Representatives of many of the largest belting concerns in the country were in Portland and submitted bids to supply these mills, but the local concern won out, submitting the lowest bid and best product.

The Davis-Scott Belting company manufactures all of its product right here in Portland. The managers of the company take great pride in the fact that they were able to make so large a contract away from the larger and older established companies in the east.

Eastern Shasta Very Dry.
(United Press Leased Wire.)
Redding, Cal., Feb. 13.—Thirteen saloons in the eastern part of Shasta county are closed today, the 90 day limit allowed by law after the supervisory district was voted as having expired.

SAY FRANCHISE TAX IS TRIPLE CHARGE

Telephone Company Ready to
File Suit in Federal Court
Against County.

Attorney Harrison Allen, representing the Pacific States Telephone and Telegraph company, today completed his suit against the county relative to the delinquent franchise tax and the complaint will be filed in federal court late this afternoon or Wednesday morning.

In this suit, the telephone company asks that the county be restrained temporarily from attempting to collect the taxes.

The complaint of the company sets forth that the county had no authority to levy a franchise tax for the years 1907-1909 inclusive. It is declared in the complaint that the company does business outside the city limits and within the county by reason of a grant from the state known as the legislative act of 1862. Such franchise is not taxable, it is claimed.

Inside the city limits, the suit maintains, the telephone company occupies the streets by a grant from the city for the specified sums of money for this privilege.

It is declared in the suit that the telephone company pays a quarterly license fee to the city to do business within the city, which answers the purpose of a franchise tax. It is charged the company also pays to the state the fee required of it to do business in the state, which includes a corporation license fee.

The complaint further sets out that the sheriff has threatened to levy upon the company's property, thereby closing all telephone business in the county. A levy of a franchise tax is charged to be triple taxation. The merits of the suit will be determined in a suit in which the county has retained Attorney L. R. Wester to represent the county.

The telephone company owes about \$18,000 back taxes on its franchise. The Postal Telegraph company and Western Union company each owe about \$3000. All other corporations in the county have paid their franchise taxes.

WHAT'S THE USE, SAYS DISTRICT ATTORNEY

What will be done with the charge recently made against Attorney Max Cohen of soliciting a bribe from a woman, the district attorney asked today by District Attorney Cameron.

"What's the use of indicting when you can't convict?" replied the district attorney this morning to an inquiry about the case. "Now look at that case yesterday against Krasner. He's guilty and the jury let him go. The judge said Cohen had not committed a crime, or something to that effect. I am willing to prosecute if there is anything upon which to prosecute, but I don't see any chance in this case."

Attorney Cohen was indicted for soliciting Eleanor Maceo, who is the wife of Sam Krasner, to offer a bribe to Cohen while he was acting as municipal court judge in the absence of Judge Tazewell. This bribe was alleged to have been asked by Cohen for him allowing the woman to escape a charge of conducting a bawdy house in the north end.

When the case was called for trial Cohen set forth that the indictment was faulty, in that there is no law in Oregon covering the solicitation of a bribe. Judge Morrow held this view and dismissed the indictment, directing, however, that the case should be resubmitted to the grand jury. The case was dismissed in December. The case was taken up before the January grand jury, neither has it been taken before the present grand jury.

A point raised since the dismissal of the indictment is that the act of soliciting a person to offer a bribe is a crime under the law. Under this view, it is contended by some of the most prominent criminal attorneys in the local courts that the old indictment could have been sustained.

STARTS FIRE WITH OIL; BURNS MAY BE FATAL

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Stockton, Cal., Feb. 13.—Pearl Weir, 17, lies at the point of death at Acampo today from frightful burns received while attempting to start a fire with kerosene. She spilled the oil on her dress. A living torch, she ran from the house screaming frantically. Neighbors smothered the flames with a blanket,

HILL TELLS HOW HE DEFEATED JOHN D.

Secured Only Railroad Run-
ning to Rich Mesaba Ore
Land.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Washington, Feb. 13.—How he outwitted John D. Rockefeller out of the rich tribute levied by the oil king upon the Mesaba range ore properties was detailed by James J. Hill to the Stanley steel investigating committee. Hill said his leases in the Mesaba range were made through his sons. The first was acquired in connection with his purchase of the Duluth & Winnipeg railroad, a bankrupt line running from Duluth to the ore fields. With a little smile Hill testified that he grabbed the line only when he heard that Rockefeller was after it.

Hill estimated the tonnage leased to the steel corporation at \$5,000,000 tons of ore. He thought the steel trust leased from him 3000 to 5000 acres of ore bearing property. This lease insured to the Hill roads a high freight rate on ore and an exclusive contract for its transportation. Hill said he paid \$4,065,000 for 25,000 acres of the ore lands and the railroad. None of this money was paid out of the funds of the Great Northern road.

Asked to summarize the companies in which he was interested, Hill merely laughed.

Mr. Hill was again called to the stand today when the Stanley house committee resumed its investigations into the steel trust. Hill asserted that the Lake Superior holding company, which had held the Mesaba ore lands for the benefit of the shareholders of the Great Northern railroad, was reorganized into the Great Northern company. This, he said, "was a trust, pure and simple, as the company held the lands for the railroad shareholders."

Hill betrayed remarkable ignorance regarding the location of the Mesaba ore lands. He said when he leased his ore holdings to the steel corporation, he and his two associates, Longear and Bennett, controlled practically all the ore fields except those held by various steel companies.

Declaration was made by Hill that the United States Steel corporation canceled its lease on the Hill ore lands because its officials were frightened, adding:

"They just got scared to death, lost their nerve completely and went white."

Asked to give some reason for this, Hill said that he knew of none, but the steel corporation's attorney volunteered:

"Because the several departments of the government were camping on their trail."

Chairman Stanley then questioned Hill about statistics in the report on the steel trust by the bureau of corporations, which indicated that the trust was overcapitalized. Hill replied:

"I started to read the report, but I found it so far from the real facts as I had found in that I didn't finish it."

When asked to show some of the alleged inaccuracies, Hill evaded the issue, declaring that he was not an expert on the subject.

FAMILY'S NEED GETS LENIENCY OF COURT

Rev. E. Nelson Allen, in whose home at 204 East Twelfth street, Carl Groner, a florist, was captured Sunday night, after he had been robbed this morning consented to the charge against the man being reduced from burglary to simple larceny and Groner entered a plea of guilty to that charge. Groner was sentenced to 360 days in the county jail, but service was suspended on account of his wife and two children, whom he declared were in want, and he will leave with his family tonight for some place in Missouri, where he says he has friends.

The capture of Groner was sensational, for Mrs. Allen was watching her home, which adjoins the church, and noticed a light she had left suddenly go out. She called attention to this fact to several of the congregation and with their aid the man was captured after the house had been surrounded. Groner lived at 306 Glenn avenue.

VAUGHN RESIGNS FROM LINNTON ROCK QUARRY

Superintendent Andrew G. Vaughn of the Linnon rock quarry today tendered his resignation to Mayor Rushlight, and asked that it be accepted as the city can conveniently do without his services. The resignation has been expected for some time, as there has been a great deal of criticism of the leniency with which Vaughn has treated municipal prisoners. It is said he practiced the golden rule too well to the ideas of the police. On one occasion, it is reported, he permitted a prisoner to go duck hunting.

Mayor Rushlight will appoint A. G. Ross to succeed Vaughn. The position, which pays but \$90 a month, is not being sought.

FATHER OF DROWNED BOY SUES PORTLAND RAILWAY

(Special to The Journal.)
Oregon City, Or., Feb. 13.—O. F. Platt, father of Paul Platt, the 8-year-old boy who, while going home with his mother, fell from the Canemah walk into the basin and was drowned, has filed suit, through Attorneys Brownell & Stone, against the Portland Railway, Light & Power Co. for \$7500 damages.

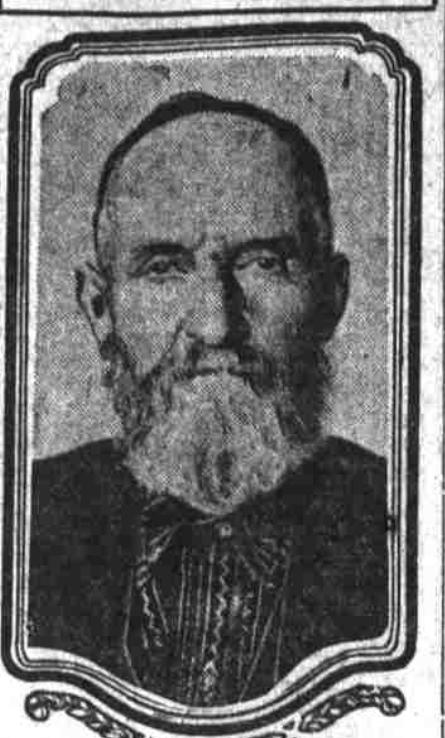
The plaintiff alleges that the franchise of the company to operate a railway between this city and Canemah provides that it shall erect a railing such as will keep anyone from falling through.

The boy fell while he was blowing a whistle his mother had purchased for him a short time before, and slipped under the railing into the basin. His body has not been recovered.

PILEDRIER BUSY ON OREGON ELECTRIC LINE

(Special to The Journal.)
Junction City, Or., Feb. 13.—A piledriver was brought here today for the Oregon Electric company, and driving of piling across Keok's lake, in the northern part of town, will begin tomorrow. Grading between here and the Williamsite is completed, and when the piling work is done across the lake and for the approach to the river bridge, the line will be ready for the rails from Harrisburg to this city.

PIONEER RECALLS TRIP ACROSS PLAINS IN '52



William Calvert.

William Calvert, 66 years old and a pioneer of 1852, is spending a few days in Portland after an absence for eight years. Mr. Calvert as a boy of six joined the emigrant train under the leadership of John Whitaker, one of the early governors of Oregon and prominent in affairs of the early days of the state.

The train of ox-drawn wagons, numbering about 150, left Schuyler county, Missouri, in the spring of 1852 and after six months of outdoor life reached its destination. Comparatively little trouble from Indians was encountered, but a strict watch was kept each night by pickets. The wagons were hanked in a great circle when on the plains at night and within this the company slept.

Mr. Calvert's parents first located at Dry Muddy, five miles east of Harrisburg and his present home is eight miles west of Junction City, in Lane county. He has lived in this section of the country practically ever since his arrival. Mr. Calvert remembers Portland when First and Second streets were roads with stumps in them and back of Second street was largely virgin forest. People were few and far between in Oregon at that date.

Mr. Calvert was in the business of hauling cream until hurt in a wreck caused by a runaway due to the horses being scared by an automobile a couple of years ago. Since that time he has been engaged in soliciting subscriptions for The Journal among his friends. He has now recovered enough so that he is contemplating resuming his cream route.

GRANT TO TRAVERSE RESERVATION GIVEN

(Washington Bureau of The Journal.)
Washington, Feb. 13.—Senator Chamberlain was notified today that a reservation has been granted by the war department to construct a street railway across Vancouver Barracks reservation.

Water Rights Considered.
Washington, Feb. 13.—William Caldwell, of Pendleton, has consulted Senator Chamberlain, who made an appointment with the commissioner of Indian affairs regarding the water rights of Umatilla reservation.

Astor Fortune Affected.
(United Press Leased Wire.)
London, Feb. 13.—A decision of the chancery division of the high court of justice today is that the estate of Consuelo, the late duchess of Manchester, must pay \$300,000 legacy duty. This decision, as the money was never brought to England, is regarded as setting a precedent for the collection of tribute on the estates of deceased American millionaires and may greatly affect the Astor fortune which is principally based on New York city real estate.

Colonel Dodd Dead.
(United Press Leased Wire.)
Los Angeles, Feb. 13.—The body of Colonel Marshall Dodd, a pioneer San Franciscan, was found today in a vacant lot here. It is thought he succumbed to apoplexy. Colonel Dodd commanded the famous third United States cavalry during the civil war.

MILLIONS OF FAMILIES are using SYRUP OF FIGS and ELIXIR of SENNA

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BABY EMPEROR KEEPS HIS TITLE

Concessions Granted Manchu
Dynasty by Republicans to
Save Their Faces.

Peking, Feb. 13.—Following the edicts there was a general relaxation of the tension which has gripped the vast empire for the past months, and only the minority faction of the Manchus exhibited resentment. The three edicts published, the first proclaiming abdication, the second discussing the establishment of the republic and the third urging the maintenance of peaceful relations.

The Republicans in view of the abdication make eight pledges to the Manchu dynasty as follows:

"First, The emperor shall retain his title and shall be respected as a foreign monarch. Second, The emperor shall receive an annual grant of 4,000,000 taels until the currency is reformed, after which he shall receive \$4,000,000 Mexican. Third, A temporary residence shall be provided in the Forbidden City, and later the imperial family shall reside in the summer palace, 10 miles outside of Peking. Fourth, The emperor may observe the sacrifices at his ancestral tombs and temples, which will be protected by Republican soldiers. Fifth, The great tomb of the late emperor, Kwang Su, will be completed and the funeral ceremony fittingly observed at the Republic's expense. Sixth, The palace attendants may be retained, but the number of eunuchs cannot be increased. Seventh, The emperor's property will be protected by the Republic. Eighth, The imperial guards will be governed by the army board, the Republic paying their salaries."

Pledges for Royal Kinsmen.
Four pledges for the treatment of the imperial kinsmen follow:

"First, the princes, dukes and others having hereditary titles shall retain their ranks. Second, the nobility shall have the rights and privileges of ordinary citizens. Third, their private properties shall be protected. Fourth, the nobility shall be permitted exemption from military service."

Seven pledges are given in the interest of the Manchus, Manchus, Mohammedans and Tibetans:

"First, they shall have rights and privileges similar to the Chinese. Second, their private property shall be respected. Third, the nobility shall retain their hereditary ranks. Fourth, the state shall find employment for such of the nobility as are in financial difficulties. Fifth, the Manchus' pensions shall continue until the state becomes strong enough to restrict the occupations and dwelling places shall be abolished. Seventh, they shall be accorded religious liberty."

The Dowager Graves Peace.
In concluding the second edict, the empress dowager says:

"Our sincere hope is that peace will be restored and brightness will be encountered under the new republic."

The third edict describes the throne's motive in modeling its policy "according to the progress of the times and the earnest wishes of the people with the sole object of suppression of a great disorder and restoration of peace."

"Should the warfare continue," adds the edict, "the country might be irreparably ruined and would suffer the terrible consequences of racial war."

It exhorts the general in command in Peking to maintain order and to explain to the people that "the throne is acting upon heaven's will."

Sun Yat Sen Is Yankee.
Washington, Feb. 13.—It is a queer fact that Dr. Sun Yat Sen, the provisional president and probably the one man to be chosen for the first president of the reorganized republic, is an American citizen. He was so declared in 1904 because, having been born in Hawaii, he came in under the general act of 1900 granting citizenship to all natives of Hawaii.

OREGON MINERALS GO TO SPOKANE CONGRESS