SIMPSON DECLARES HE WILL NOT MAKE RACE FOR SEAT IN CONGRESS

Coos Bay Lumber Operator Incidentally Asserts He Is Fighting Free Tolls Repeal.

RIGHT TO RUN CANAL OURS

Mational Monor Not Violated in Taking Over Own for Our Own Use; "Hair-Split" Arguments.

L. J. Simpson, mayor of North Bend and one of the owners of the big Simpson Lumber company of Coos Bay, in Portland today definitely announced that he will not make the race for the Republican congressional nomination ously announced. Incidentally he declared he is out to fight against the repeal of the free tolls clause, being urged by President Wilson, for the reason, he says, that the repeal of the clause will give British Columbia a advantage in the forthcoming fight for the Atlantic coast lumber

Sunpson has just completed a six weeks' tour of California, Oregon, Washington and British Columbia. He tomorrow for his home

Canal Is Ours.

"I believe the entire coast should unite and fight against the proposi tion to repeal the free tolls provision which gives American coastwise vessels free passage through the Panama canal," said Mr. Simpson, "I have little use for such thin skinned folks who declare that we, in taking wha is our own and our right, are violating our national honor. We built the cana listen to bair-split arguments advance British interests, who are only seeking an opportunity to turn to their advantage the limmense achievemen which is coming to be a reality only through American brains, energy and We own the canal and mest certainly should have the full right to run it as we see fit.

"In British Columbia I found the lumber mills running on slow time and complaining of bad business. And everywhere I went they were all unit in declaring that the repeal of the free tolls provision would make thing: hum for them. And it would, to the detriment of our own industry.

Big Development Predicted.

"In San Francisco I had long confer ences with the Southern Pacific of ficials in regard to the Willamette Pacific railroad now building into Coos

"The completion of the line will mark the beginning of big development in tions of the section. At the present time, with only steamship connections,

monopolize the trade. The Port of Coos Bay, which re- sum, a station about eight miles from for harbor improvements, is now con-templating a second issue of \$300,000 A. P. Schloat, foreman

John Scott Back From San Francisco Cosford and Mrs. Rizor tasted it and found it was not whiskey.

General Passenger Agent of Southern fecting Exposition Next Year. John M. Scott, general passenger

agent of the Southern Pacific, returned in giving Merrill poison. this morning from San Francisco where he attended the Transcontinenta Passenger association conference in regard to the establishment of rates Unemployed March from the eastern and middle states to San Francisco while the Panama-Pacific exposition is on the boards. Mr. Scott says the granting of a \$50 rate for the round trip from Missouri Remnant of Los Angeles Idle Routed river points to San Francisco by direct route is considered a liberal concession on the part of the rallroads. The

In company with Mr. Scott came C. E. McPherson, assistant passenger traffic manager of the Canadian Pacific at Winnipeg. Man., who also attended the conference Mr. McPherson, like Mr. Scott, was born in Scot-

matter of rates by indirect routes was

Scotchman," said Mr. Scott this morn- rival at the city prison the men were ing, "and we enjoyed the trip north lined up single file and marched into very much. It is two years since he the structure to the strains of "The was here, and today he nearly got lost | Marseillaise." among the tall buildings that he saw

ENTERS RACE FOR COUNTY SURVEYOR



James M. Myers.

James M. Myers, a civil engineer of this city, has for the Democratic nomination for county surveyor. Mr. Myers, who is the son of the late John Myersy a Fortland pioneer, is a graduate of is registered at the Portland and sails the University of Oregon, and makes

home at 861 Ainsworth avenue. In his platform he states that he will serve the people of the county to the best of his ability, and will advocate the development of a system of permanent roads to facilitate the movement of produce to market. Mr. Myers has chosen for his slogan,

Economy, Permanent Roads.

MULTNOMAH CIRCUIT COURT IS REVERSED IN

Held That Companies Were Not to Blame Because Man Unintentionally Poisoned.

Bay and they assured me that trains way to blame for the death of V. E operating on regular schedule will be Merrill, the supreme court today rerunning into Joes Bay not later than versed the verdiet of the Multnomah county efrenit court awarding date the toos Bay district, and will com- Bridge & Iron company, and the Fapletely revolutionize the trade rela- cific Lime & Gypsum company in favor of Mrs. Elizabeth F. Merrill, Merrill was employed by the bridge most of the trade goes to San Fran- and iron company, which had a con-But with the railroad in, Port- tract from the Pacific company of the construction of a steel frame build ing on the company's property at Gyb

cently issued \$300,000 worth of bonds Huntington. Merrill's fingers were A. P. Schloat, foreman of the bridge to complete the work and give a 25- company, took Merrill to the nearby foot channel, 300 feet wide. The bar office of the Pacific company and dredge 'Michie' is working on the bar, asked T. H. Cosford to dress the inand we anticipate a 30-foot depth. With jured fingers, while he went after a these completed we will then be in team to take Merrill to Huntington to position to go after more foreign trade as it will be possible to charter the heavy draft ocean goers." team to take Merrill to Huntington to a physician. While Cosford was dressing the wound Merrill grew faint and Cosford wanted to give him some whiskey. He saw an unlabeled bottle, and supposing it contained whiskey gave it to Merrill, who said the stuff was "queer tasting whiskey." Then

ound it was not whiskey. Merrill was taken on to Huntington and died within a few hours from poisoning. A verdict awarding Mrs. Pacific Attends Rate Conference Af- Merrill damages was returned in the lower court, but the supreme court hell that the companies could not be held responsible for the action of Cosford

Into Jail, Singing

From Biver Bed and Taken Off to Jail for Violating Ordinance.

Los Angeles, March 31 .- The Los Annot discussed at the conference, he said.

In company with Mr. Scott came C.

geles unemployed "army" is under arrest today, following its failure to obey the command of Chief of Police Sebastian to abandon its camp in the bed

Since the chief's order was issued last week the army has been weakened by desertions and the marching northland, and a very warm friendship the raid was made today only 90 men ward of small parties, so that when sprang up between them on the trip remained in camp. These were ar-"Mr. McPherson is a very fine rested and marched peaceably to jail, singing "America" en route. Upon ar-

> The army was charged with violating a city ordinane

FIRST JOINT MEETING OF GOVERNING BODIES IS HELD LAST EVENING

City and County Commissioners and School Board Discuss Pertinent Subject.

NO ACTION IN THE MATTER

Building Code Clause Affecting Schoolhouses and Transfer of Reservoir Site Considered.

Beyond discussing a number of maters pertinent to the work of the school board, the county commissioners and city commissioners no action was taken at the first combined meeting of the three governing bodies held n the office of the county commissioners last night. All of the memows with the exception of W. L. Brewster, city commissioner of public affairs, who was ill, were present.

Plans were discussed for a clause i

he building code whereby school buildings may be constructed under class B conditions instead of class A. The members of the school board contended that ample safety could be given in case of fire by building school structures under class B buildings, and the saving in cost would be enormous. was suggested by Commissioner Dieck that the question be taken up with the building department, which is now revising the building code and have such a provision inserted in the measure before it is submitted to the

ity conneil. While the exchange of the old reservoir block at Sixth and Grant streets to the school board for use as a site for the new Shattuck school was discussed, no action was taken. It has been proposed that the city give this block to the school board, providing the board purchases a block westward for use in the completion of Terwilli-

At the conclusion of the conference t was decided to have a committee, onsisting of County Commissioner Holman, City Commissioner Brewster and Chairman Sabin of the school board, make a schedule of questions whereby the three organizations may be able to secure cooperation for greater economy. This committee is to make its report next Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock, when another joint meeting will be held. Regular meetings of the three bodies are to be hereafter held the last Monday night of each month.

CLUB MEMBERS INVITED

Members of the Portland Ad club today are being mailed notifications of the proposed trip by special train the club to the Oregon Agricultural ollege at Corvallis, May 1, where they ages of \$2500 against the Missouri will be the guests of the faculty and at Morrison street and Broadway, the

According to information received entertained. The program will include a May pole dance by the young women students.

BECOMES CANDIDATE FOR CIRCUIT JUDGE



George W. Stapleton.

Attorney George W. Stapleton, of this city has announced his candidacy for the Republican nomination of cir cuit judge, to succeed Judge Cleeton. Mr. Stapleton has been a member of the bar for 16 years and before remov ing to Portland a number of years ago served as mayor of Vancouver thro

Miniature Land Rush Is Expected

Government to Open About 400,000 Acres in Southern Crook County to Homesteaders on June 7. Bend and Lapine, apparently, will

e the starting points of a miniature land rush June 7 when the government opens approximately 400,000 acres omestcaders.

The land in question is being elimnated from the Paulina and Deschutes National forest reserve. The usual method land drawing will not be followed. Instead, settlers are now being allowed to pick their land,

and the first man on hand at the land

office with his witnesses will be given the parcel selected. A number of inquiries have been received by officials of the O.-W. R. & N. and the Oregon Trunk line, and settlers will come from the coast and

MOTORCYCLIST RUN DOWN

K. M. Walker, 554 Weidler street, rported to the police last night that was run down by automobile No. 4 driver refusing to stop and give aid as required by the state law. Walker here the clubmen will be extensively was riding a motorcycle, which wes badly damaged and he received minor

Yorkshire Miners Tie Up Industry See

At Least 70,000 Will Be Idle by Thurs day and Prospects Are the Strike Will Spread Over England.

London, March 31 .- More coal minrs were going out today in the Yorkshire coal fields, and, according to officals of the Miners' Federation of Great Britain, there were prospects that the strike would extend throughout the country if the struggle coninues long. Not only will there be at east 70,000 men idle by Thursday, but he coal tieup will speedily compel suspension of other industries. niners are not the only class of labor to show unrest, and many people be-lieved their walkout initiated a series of labor struggles on a large scale luring the coming season.

Postmasters' Examinations. Washington, D. C., March 31 .- A ivil service examination will be held May 9 for postmaster at Balston and



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