

SPENCE WRITES THAT HE WILL BE UNABLE TO ATTEND MEETING

W. I. Vawter Will Be at O. & C. Conference If Physician Will Let Him Travel.

TUESDAY IS THE DAY

State Grange Master on Record for Paying Railroad Only \$2.50 an Acre for Land.

Salem, Or., Dec. 4.—Replies received today from W. I. Vawter of Medford, and C. E. Spence of Astoria, indicate that the former will probably attend the Oregon & California land conference meeting next Tuesday but that the latter will not.

Spence, who is master of the state grange, says his engagements in Lane county include every day next week and he does not see his way clear to attend the meeting.

Gives His Views. "I believe that an acre is all the railroad company is entitled to," he writes. "If the cost of administration has absorbed the receipts and if their taxes have amounted to a large sum, it is because of their own management and refusal to sell the land in accordance with the terms of the grant. They took these chances when they accepted the grant on such terms."

"If their excess taxes and expenses are taken into consideration, then the fact that for the land already sold the grantee received an average of 77 per cent should be considered."

"I do not favor allowing the company anything for taxes paid from the time it was required to sell the land. I believe that under the decision of the federal court and in common justice the company has no more right to the timber than to the land. The sum of \$2.50 an acre in opinion, is all the claim the company has in the land or timber and, under the conditions of the grant, may consider it in back if it gets that."

Royal Case Up Saturday

Salem, Or., Dec. 4.—The supreme court will hear the case of Peterson & Johnson against State Engineer Lewis, involving the question of whether Lewis or Cantine is head of the highway department, on its merits, next Saturday afternoon at 1 o'clock. McNary & McNary sought to appear in the case today as representatives of Cantine, the claim being made that he could intervene. Harrison Allen, representing the state, objected, saying that a party could only intervene where personal or real property was involved. The court will rule on the proposed intervention. If it is found that counsel for Cantine can not intervene, they will appear as friends of the court and in this way the highway commission and Cantine will be represented.

Ed. Judd on Job

Salem, Or., Dec. 4.—Ed. T. Judd, who was recently appointed state exhibit agent by Governor Withycombe, assumed his duties of his office December 1. He will have charge of the exhibits of the state at the Panama-Pacific exposition, deemed worthy of preservation together with the exhibit now owned by the Chamber of Commerce of Portland, according to chapter 248, laws of 1915.

A law passed by the 1915 legislature provided that the exhibit agent should cause the exhibits at San Francisco and Portland to be assembled at the time and in the manner designated by the governor and there was appropriated for the purpose of maintaining the exhibit and paying the salary of the exhibit agent the sum of \$9000. The legislature appropriated \$8000 to add to the permanency of the exhibits of products and \$1000 for the purpose of adding to and taking over the Chamber of Commerce exhibit in Portland.

Debate Terms Chosen

Salem, Or., Dec. 4.—Debate teams to represent Salem in the state league were chosen last night at the high school and the first debate will probably be January 14, when the Salem team will go to Newberg and the Jefferson team will come here. The question will be: "Resolved, That the United States Should Adopt the Electoral College."

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PAPER IS A WHIRLWIND



Frances Howard and Margaret Gibson.

Albany, Or., Dec. 4.—Under the direction of Prancy Howard and Miss Margaret Gibson, the Albany High School Whirlwind, a monthly publication issued by the students of the school, is a splendid success this year. Howard is editor in chief and Miss Gibson is associate editor. Both are members of the 16 class.

The publication will soon be issued in pamphlet form, the first time this has been adopted in years past, when newspaper form was adopted to cut down expenses.

mental features of Swiss System of Military Training and Service." Those chosen for the teams are as follows: Affirmative, Frank Rosebraugh, Maynard Sawyer, James Walker, alternate, Lloyd Case; negative, Harold Emmel, Ira Mercer, Thomas McGilchrist, alternate, Carlton Savage.

Mrs. Steelhammer's Funeral. Salem, Or., Dec. 4.—The body of Mrs. Grace Martin Steelhammer, wife of Louis D. Steelhammer, arrived here today from Portland and the funeral will be held Monday morning from Webb & Clough's chapel. Mrs. Steelhammer is survived by her husband, who resides at Pendleton, her sister, Miss Leah Martin, of Portland, and her brothers, Newton and John Martin, of Pendleton. She was born at Salem, Oregon, and was 38 years old.

Industrial Commission Reports. Salem, Or., Dec. 4.—The financial statement of the state industrial accident commission for the month ending November 30 shows that there was a total balance with the state treasurer of \$468,581.11, of which \$266,192.52 was in the segregated fund and \$192,388.59 in the general fund. Receipts of the commission from the time the commission commenced business to November 30 totaled \$367,151.03, and disbursements, including balance in reserve, were \$674,762.44. Receipts for November totaled \$85,009.98 and disbursements \$35,781.87.

"Muts" Have Incorporated. Salem, Or., Dec. 4.—The Muts filed articles of incorporation with Corporation Commissioner Shulderman today. W. F. Strandborg, J. E. Werlein and Charles F. Berg are the incorporators and the organization is to be devoted to charitable, educational, literary and scientific purposes, according to the articles. There will be no capital stock and assets on hand total \$309.46.

Putnam Is Home. Salem, Or., Dec. 4.—George Palmer Putnam, secretary to Governor Withycombe, returned today from a trip of several weeks, during which he visited New York city, Philadelphia, Chicago and other points. He was particularly impressed with the business revival generally throughout the east and middle west and the tide of prosperity headed for the coast.

Woodmen Have Home-Coming. Salem, Or., Dec. 4.—Members of the Woodmen of the World enjoyed a homecoming and reunion last night in McCormack hall. G. Stolz, F. A. Turner, T. J. Kress, C. T. McIntyre, D. A. White, Ross E. Moore and W. E. Shaha, charter members of the lodge, organized 24 years ago, were among those present.

Cattle Club Organized. Salem, Or., Dec. 4.—The Marion County Jersey Cattle club has been organized here temporarily and another meeting will be held the second Saturday in January to effect a permanent organization. Henry Zorn, of Aurora, was chosen as temporary president and F. S. Craig temporary secretary.

Pension for Mrs. McClendon. Salem, Or., Dec. 4.—The state industrial accident commission has set aside \$6,950.44 to pay a pension of \$30 per month to Mrs. William James McClendon, 530 East Alder street, Portland, whose husband was killed September 23, while employed by the Shevlin-Hixon company, at Bend, and who died September 24.

Roy Shields Pardoned. Salem, Or., Dec. 4.—Roy Shields of Coos county, was granted a conditional pardon today by Governor Withycombe.

Shields was committed to the state prison May 13, 1915, to serve from one to five years for obtaining money under false pretenses.

Land Worth Millions Is Sought by State. Officials Making Effort to Locate Property Owned by Late Henry W. Putnam to Collect Tax.

Los Angeles, Dec. 4.—(P. N. S.)—Somewhere in the United States, between \$25,000,000 and \$50,000,000 worth of property, comprising the estate of the late Henry W. Putnam, inventor of barbed wire, has been lost. Such, at least, is the statement today of John S. Chambers, state controller, and John W. Carrigan, state inheritance attorney for southern California, who have started a nation-wide search for the fortune.

Putnam died at San Diego 10 months ago, after living in the state for 18 years. Despite his long residence here, however, he transacted all his business, even to the paying of his servants, through his son, Henry W. Putnam Jr., in New York.

A month later, declares the officials, a will disposing only of \$300,000 was filed. Attorney Carrigan said today that before that Putnam had confessed

to owning property worth at least \$25,000,000. The state is present search for this vast fortune is with a view to getting the inheritance tax from it.

The English city of Birmingham uses nearly 90,000 penny-in-a-slot gas meters.

NONPARTISAN TARIFF BOARD URGED BY THE OREGON WOOL MEN

Annual Convention at Pendleton Ends With Banquet Given by Business Men.

INDUSTRY IS PROSPEROUS

President Falconer in Address Outlines Various Activities in Connection With Work.

Pendleton, Or., Dec. 4.—Recommendation of a non-partisan tariff board, tariff regulation consistent with the attitude of sheepmen in past years; a pure fabric law for protection of the consumer, and repeal of the La Follette seaman act, were included in resolutions adopted this afternoon at the close of the annual convention of the Oregon Wool Growers' association. It was recommended also that congress appropriate \$100,000 for the construction of range improvements, and increase the appropriation for the extermination of predatory animals, to \$300,000 biennially to check a \$15,000,000 annual stock loss.

The resolutions recommended that congress make no immediate changes in the land laws but appropriate to classify unoccupied public domain; that railroads give sheepmen owning adjacent land first opportunity to buy or lease railroad land and that railroads also increase stock handling facilities and watering places, particularly at Montpellier, Idaho, and Laramie, Wyo. Classification of wool on sheep's back and a thorough system of tagging was also recommended.

That the sheep industry of the state is in better condition today than it has been at any time since the Oregon Woolgrowers' association was organized, was the statement made by President Fred W. Falconer of Enterprise, in his annual address.

Record breaking prices for lambs, good prices for wool, improvement in the quality of the sheep, development of the methods of fattening lambs and preparing wool for market, adjustment of differences with the forestry officials, the confidence which the bankers have shown in the sheepman and the prospects of a wool tariff combine, he said to make the welfare of the sheepmen better than it has been in many years.

Mills Are Inspected. Among the things he urged the association to take action on are the pure fabric law, the matter of securing better feeding and watering stations en route east; the loss of sheep by thievery in transit; protection from coyotes; proper tagging, inspection and grading of wool and more recognition of the faithful sheepherder.

The arrival of other woolmen last night and today brought the number up to more than 60. No session was held this morning, the sheepmen instead making an inspection of the Pendleton wool mills.

Commendations Are Made. Commendation of the Oregon Livestock Sanitary Board, of State Veterinarian Lytle and Dr. Pinkerton, of the bureau of animal husbandry were given.

W. B. Barrett, of Heppner, member of the state livestock sanitary board, was elected president, and Ernest F. Johnson of Walla Walla, vice-president, after four ballots had been taken. The secretary is to be named by the president, who intimated that he would make a change in order to get some one near Heppner than the present secretary, John G. Hoke, of Baker.

As members of the executive committee Barrett named Jay Dobbin of Joseph; J. N. Burgess, Pendleton; A. N. Ingalls, Keating; D. O. Justus, Heppner; J. W. Creath, Portland. The next convention place is to be named later.

Banquet Is Given. Sheepmen are being entertained this evening at a banquet by Pendleton business men.

Argentina has the greatest railroad mileage of any South American country.

J. L. SUTHERLAND IS C. OF C. PRESIDENT



J. L. Sutherland.

Vancouver, Wash., Dec. 4.—At the annual meeting of the Vancouver Chamber of Commerce, which was held Wednesday evening, J. L. Sutherland, attorney of this city, was elected president for the ensuing year.

Mr. Sutherland is a native of Michigan and is 41 years old. He is graduate of the law department of the University of Michigan and prior to entering the university attended the Michigan Agricultural college.

After his graduation he practiced law in Michigan for 10 years before coming to Washington. He was a member of the Michigan constitutional convention in 1907 and was instrumental in drawing up one of the sections which was adopted. He also served as mayor of his home town, Grand Lodge, Mich.

After leaving his home state, Mr. Sutherland located in Kilkittat county. He practiced law at White Salmon and Goldendale, coming to Vancouver about a year ago from Goldendale.

Since coming to Vancouver he has been active in the commercial organizations of the city and was one of the first applicants for membership in the new Chamber of Commerce. He was one of the members of the committee which drew up the constitution and by-laws of the new organization.

Wins Own Freedom; Prisoners Ask Aid. Paul Dormitzer, Mill Worker, Who Formerly Practiced Law in Various Coast Cities, Blames Liquor.

Baker, Or., Dec. 4.—Paul Dormitzer, pleading his own case, was acquitted late Friday afternoon on a charge of obtaining money under false pretenses by passing three worthless checks. His defense was that he was mentally unbalanced at the time, and further that the two checks were given for liquor purchased on Sunday. It was the second trial of the case, the jury disagreeing at the first.

Several prisoners in the county jail awaiting the grand jury, have engaged Dormitzer to represent them, including James Maccomb, who two weeks ago killed Leonard Goul.

Dormitzer at one time practiced law in various coast cities. He had been working at a sawmill in Grant county for some time before he was arrested. He assigns his downfall to liquor.

Eastern Prosperity Coming This Way

Wenatchee, Wash., Dec. 4.—(P. N. S.)—Declaring that eastern prosperity is working westward, General Superintendent J. J. O'Neill, of the Great Northern railway, here on a trip of inspection, says the lumber and shingle traffic which his road is now enjoying is the heaviest since the big year of 1907.

TWO-YEAR-OLD GIRL CAUSES DEATH OF HER LITTLE BABY SISTER

Beulah Kalani Tries to Make Norma Drink Carbollic Acid and Spills It.

THE FAMILY WAS MOVING

Funeral Will Be Held This Morning From the Irvington Methodist Church.

Vancouver, Wash., Dec. 4.—The funeral of little Norma Kalani, nine-months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alvah Kalani, who died yesterday from carbollic acid burns, will be held at 12:30 o'clock Sunday morning from the Irvington Methodist church.

The little child's death was caused by a 2-year-old sister, Beulah Kalani, who, not knowing what the contents of the bottle were, attempted to make the infant drink some of the "medicine." In doing so she spilled the liquid over the child's body, the burns being so severe that the child died.

The family was moving yesterday from the top of Harmer hill to a residence on East Fifth street, and it was during the confusion that one child secured the bottle, unknown to the parents, and attempted to make the other drink its contents.

Elks to Observe Day. Vancouver, Wash., Dec. 4.—The program for the Elks' memorial service, which is to be held at the Elks' Temple Sunday afternoon, has been announced by the committee as follows: Selection by the orchestra; opening ceremonies, lodge members, Brother George B. Simpson, exalted ruler; opening ode by lodge members; invocation by Rev. Thomas F. May; Clifton quartet, "Hide Not Thy Face," by Mrs. D. W. Kimball, E. S. Boniface and Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Freeman; eulogy by Brother John A. Padden; tenor solo, "Lord, I Believe," by Professor A. B. Caughey, Miss Aurora Potter, accompanist; memorial address by Brother Maurice A. Vancouver; Charles Borglund, piano solo, "There is a Land," by Margaret DuBois' Waring; closing ceremonies by the lodge members; doxology by lodge members; benediction by Rev. Thomas F. May; postlude by the orchestra.

Vancouver Marriage Licenses. Vancouver, Wash., Dec. 4.—Ten marriage licenses were issued today at the office of the county auditor. These were secured by the following persons: Henry Arnacher, 25, and Miss Mary Durschmidt, 19, both of Portland; J. H. Kilgore, 25, and Miss Jessie Clifton, 24, both of Cornelius, Or.; Frank Martin, 33, of Portland, and Mrs. Emeien P. Marks, 25, of Vancouver; Leon Begleries, 25, and Miss Grace Davis, 19, both of Clifton, Or.; John W. Carlson, 25, of Seattle, and Mrs. Ellen Cavender, 36, of Portland; Claude Cloninger, 23, of Aloha, and Miss Mae Hemming, 17, of Portland; Henry Babler, 50, of Logan, Or., and Miss Mahalia A. Gill, 37, of Portland; Victor Lund, 31, of Doty, and Miss Stina Larson, 25, of Portland; John J. Stoll, 22, and Miss Pauline Burkhardt, 21, both of Vancouver; Charles Borglund, legal, and Miss Laura Collins, legal, both of Portland.

Want More Members. Vancouver, Wash., Dec. 4.—Another active campaign for memberships in the Vancouver Chamber of Commerce will be started Monday morning by the membership committee, which will meet at 9:30 o'clock and outline its plans of operation. The committee was named today by President J. L. Sutherland and is made up of the following members: J. B. Atkinson, H. L. Burdman, Thomas P. Clark, E. J. Burdick, C. W. Davis, R. C. Sugg, J. G. Bennett, F. A. Swan, W. B. Bonekemper, W. S. Wood, P. J. Flynn, E. F. Gilbert, H. L. Parcel, J. L. Marsh and W. C. Semberg.

The finance and auditing and the budget committees were also appointed today.

today, James J. Pedden, W. B. DuBois, M. B. Kies, C. W. Ryan and C. A. Blurock constitute the finance and auditing committee and together with Shaw, W. J. Kinsey, M. B. Kies, J. M. Dunbar and W. Foster Hildebrand constitute the budget committee.

Lane Taxpayers Are For Cutting Budget

Committee Has Already Made Some Reductions and Others Will Probably Be Suggested at Meeting.

Eugene, Or., Dec. 4.—The Lane county tax budget for 1916, which is now being published in the Eugene papers, will be scrutinized and will be thoroughly studied by the taxpayers' committee which was appointed last year, and which was successful in pruning the 1915 budget about two mills. The first meeting of this committee will be held at the Y. M. C. A. Monday night at 7:30 o'clock.

While the 1916 budget calls for a levy of only half a mill greater than that of 1915, some of the members of the taxpayers' committee are of the opinion that it can be made still lower.

Y. M. C. A. Outing Arranged. Eugene, Or., Dec. 4.—Douglas Foster, Y. M. C. A. secretary at the University of Oregon, left last night for Roseburg, Medford, Grants Pass and Ashland to arrange for an extension trip to be made by members of the Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. to take a circuit during the Christmas vacation, December 17 to January 2. Mr. Foster will take with him on the extension trip six members of the men's association and two women of the Y. W. C. A. The men will play basketball against the high school teams of the cities to be visited and boys' hikes will be featured at each place. Semi-religious services will be held and the students will take part in church services on Sunday, December 18. They will spend three days at each city. The Y. M. C. A. has previously conducted short extension trips of this nature, but never before has the organization attempted a trip of this length.

Making Baseball Bats. Eugene, Or., Dec. 4.—Baseball bats are being manufactured in Eugene. A local planning mill, situated on the mill race, has already obtained orders from local dealers for 15 dozen of the bats and a salesman will be put on the road to cover the state and possibly other states. J. H. Smith, one of the owners of the mill, said yesterday that as far as he knows the company is the only western manufacturer making bats for the western jobbers. They conceived the idea because of the abundance of material in this valley.

Examinations Are Announced. Eugene, Or., Dec. 4.—The regular quarterly teachers' examinations for Lane county have been announced by E. J. Moore, county school superintendent. They will begin Wednesday, December 15, at 9 a. m., and close Saturday, December 18, at 4 p. m. They will be held this year in the court house instead of in the high school building.

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