HARNEY COUNTY IS PINNING FAITH UPON IRRIGATION FUTURE

William Hanley Tells of Possibilities Along Development Lines.

TO ATTEND CONFERENCE

People of Harney County Said to Be Delighted at Interest Portland Is Showing in Matter.

Harney county looks hopefully toward the Oregon Irrigation, Drainage & Rural Credits conference which is to be held at the statehouse in Salem March 9.

"The people of the state must get behind their future in an effective way to bring about a future of development," said William Hanley, the sage of Harney, and former president of the Oregon Irrigation congress, while in Portland on his way to San Francisco.

Mr. Hanley is president of the Burns Commercial club and in this capacity will attend the conference and give the delegates there the benefit of his long experience and wide observations in reclamation.

Assessor Sees Benefits.

His associates from Burns will be Leon M. Brown, cashier of the Harney County National bank; H. C. Levens, county judge of Harney county; George Fry and J. M. Dalton, president and manager of the Lunaberg & Dalton department store.

James Donegan, assessor of Harney county, sees in the plan to give reclamation drainage by state guaranty of irrigation and drainage securities the assurance of greatly adding to the taxable property of Oregon.

"Let Harney county serve as an instance," he invited, while in Portland. "We have 550,000 acres of tillable but not cultivated land. It is assessed we will say at $5 an acre. It is now unproductive and consequently the money to pay taxes on it must come from other sources.

"But suppose this land is reclaimed. Its value, based on the alfalfa the land can produce, will go conservatively to $75 an acre, and if only assessed at half that amount, it would be 7½ times the former valuation.

Tax Burden Not Heavy.

"This land can produce four tons of alfalfa to the acre and with alfalfa at $10 a ton you easily can see that the tax burden on the reclaimed land would not be heavy.

"Land in the Boise, Idaho, valley, reclaimed, has averaged $200 an acre, and reclaimed in Malheur county has sold for $150 an acre. I consider my own estimates, therefore, conservative.

"The people of Harney county are delighted with the interest shown by the business men of Portland in the coming conference. It is essential that big movements for state development should center in Portland and that the entire state should have benefit of the ability possessed by Portland's leading citizens. And we think it is time the great city of the Oregon country should join the rest of the state in getting organizedly back of development."

Mothers' Congress Tag Sale Success

Incomplete Returns Last Night Show $522 With Many Associations Yet to Be Heard From.

Incomplete returns from the downtown district show a sale yesterday of $522.39 worth of tags for the benefit of the Oregon Congress of Mothers. Practically all of the 52 parent-teacher associations of the city had tags for sale and many of these had not reported. While Mrs. Aristene Felts is conducting a statewide sale, the returns from these sources are not yet being in. The sale was the most successful ever held by the congress. Mrs. J. H. Stanley, who is recognized as a banner tag seller, carried off the honors with sales amounting to $25. At the Northwestern Bank building Mrs. Frederick Farrington Jr., Mrs. K. Busby and Mrs. J. C. Alexander sold $50 worth of tags. Mrs. Alva Lee Stephens had one of the interesting experiences of the day, while selling at the Portland hotel. A man whom she asked to buy a tag told her he had no money, she smilingly assured him that she was surprised. "Because you look like a millionaire," she declared. "Do I? Well, here's five dollars for that," and he left a shining gold piece in exchange for the tag. Later when his wife was asked to buy a tag, she said, "You just worked my husband for five dollars and what's more I won't be able to live with him for a week after what you told him."

The little tags bore the picture of Portland's 1915 perfect baby, the child of Mr. and Mrs. Owen Summers. Both Mrs. Summer and Mrs. Jacob Kanzler, mother of the 1913 perfect baby, were among the successful saleswomen. The committee to whom much credit is due for managing the sale, consists of Mrs. A. F. Flegel, Mrs. I. D. Bo Dine, Miss Wilda Buckman and Mrs. C. F. Clarke.

James John High School.

A recital will be given in the James John high auditorium under the direction of Miss Georgia Rich on March 3. A number of pupils will take part in the program. A featuring number will be a trio by Clyde Spencer, violoncello; Flavius West, violin and Georgia Rich on the piano.

Convicts to Do Road Work.

Sacramento, Cal., Feb. 19.—(U. P.)—Fifty Folsom prison convicts will begin work within a week on the improvement of Lake Tahoe road between White Rock and Shingle Springs, State Highway Engineer Fletcher announced today.

BIRD MANNA

will keep you canaries in good health and song. It is the secret of the Hartz Mountain Breeders. It will make new feathers grow after moulting. It will cure most of the ailments of Canaries and other Song Birds. Sold by Druggists and Bird Dealers. Delivered by Mail for 15c. in Stamps together with a Scent Bird Book by the Philadelphia Bird Food Co., 400 North 3rd St., Philadelphia, Pa.

Canary Birds Are Burned to Death In Dwelling Fire

Over a dozen canary birds were bured to death in a fire early last evening, which totally destroyed a small dwelling at 931 Oswego street, St. Johns. The building was owned by H. L. Hazel, an employe of Olds, Wortman & King. Mrs. Hazel had just returned from town, and had started a fire. She went out on the back doorstep for wood, and found a package of meat, which was intended for a neighbor. She delivered the meat, and, upon her return, found the house in flames. Engine No. 32, Captain Stark, responded, but the fire had too much of a start. The damage amounts to about $800.

HOO HOO WILL BE ESTABLISHED ONCE MORE IN PORTLAND

New Life Will Be Put Into the Black Cat; Concatenation Will Be Held Thursday.

W. P. Lockwood

Next Thursday night Hoo Hoo will reestablish in Portland. For more than nine months the order has been dead so far as this district is concerned, but the intention is now to put new life into the black cat. Robert D. Inman, of the Inman-Poulsen Lumber Co., and past snark of the universe, has been elected vicegerent snark for the northern Oregon district.

A concatenation will be held next Thursday night at the Chamber of Commerce and it will be the biggest ever held here, it is believed, except perhaps the one "pulled off" at the time of the Lewis & Clark exposition.

W. P. Lockwood, supreme senior, whose headquarters are in Seattle, was here yesterday, and conferred with some of the old members of the order. The meeting was at luncheon at the Chamber of Commerce. Everybody seemed enthusiastic, and all favored the proposed concate.

Hoo Hoo is to the lumbermen what the Shrine is to Masons. It has its fraternal features too, and it is reported by Supreme Snark of the Universe Julius Seigel of St. Louis that prosperity is again the order.

Hoo Hoo is an order without lodge-room headquarters. It is directed by a vice-gerent snark in each district.

Jay S. Hamilton presided at the luncheon. Others present were: F. A. Sullivan, W. W. Clark, George Wentworth, Kurt Koehler, J. L. Jackson, A. L. Bratton, Roy Slocum, George W. Cecil, R. B. Oakleaf, Miles Jameson, George Leuders, R. B. Stewart, George M. Cornwall, E. R. Blair, George Douney, W. P. Lockwood, W. Phillips and A. Whisnant.

Three Tongs Agree To Keep the Peace

Motto of Los Angeles Tongs Is "Ngor Shi Bit Shiu Wo Ping," Meaning "We Must Have Peace."

Los Angeles, Feb. 19.—(P. N. S.)—Official representatives of the Hop Sing, Wong Wing and Bing Kong tongs met with Chief of Police Snively today and signed a peace pact. Until the actual signing of the papers, Chief Snively had feared a tong war in Los Angeles as an outgrowth of the Portland war, he declared today.

The tongs adopted the following motto: "Ngor Shi Bit Shiu Wo Ping." It means, "We must have peace."

Escape Was Miraculous.

Noles Babbott, proprietor of a shoe shop at 202 Philadelphia street, St. Johns, miraculously escaped serious injury in an accident about 6 o'clock last night. Babbott, who is a cripple and owns a motorcycle, attempted to ride the machine, and going at a terrific speed crashed into the First National bank of St. Johns, breaking an 8x12 plate glass window. He received a few minor cuts and bruises. Officers were stationed about the scene of the accident until the large window had been replaced.

Interesting Program Rendered.

An interesting program was rendered at the regular business meeting of the St. Johns Parent-Teacher association Thursday afternoon. Arrangements were made for yesterday's tag day sale. The program was rendered by pupils of the North school and consisted of the following: Recitations, exercises and folk dance.

Very Good, Miss Ryan.

Toledo, Wash., Feb. 19.—Miss Bah Ryan, trying to ride a colt bareback, with a halter strap, was given probably the most exciting moments of her life, and wound up under the colt's hoofs in a stall.

Recovering herself, Miss Ryan walloped the stuffing out of the colt and rode it to a standstill.

EFFICIENCY BUREAU VITAL NEED, ASSERTS PRESIDENT GRIFFITH

There Is But One Answer to Argument — Establish It, Says the Speaker.

WORKING PLAN OUTLINED

Capable Management Necessary; Bureau Must Not Be Controlled by Any Private Interests.

"There is but one answer to the argument for a public bureau of efficiency and economy—to establish it," said Franklin T. Griffith, president of the Portland Railway, Light & Power company, during an address before the Oregon Civic league yesterday afternoon.

Mr. Griffith outlined the bureau organization that meets the approval of his judgment—one that shall be first of all efficient within itself, manned by a capable executive, supported by private subscriptions open to all, controlled neither by public official or clique or ring, putting into effect the betterments suggested by its findings through weight of public opinion.

"I do not feel that a bureau of public efficiency and economy in Portland will uncover graft or corruption because I do not believe that graft and corruption exist," continued Mr. Griffith.

"Such a bureau would not be a detecter but a help to officials who desired to do their duty."

Business organizations of all kinds, averred the head of the street car company, have found efficiency organization indispensable. The administration of a city's affairs is business; efficiency is an essential to the success of municipal administration and just as the business enterprise has its efficiency engineer to point out ways of avoiding lost motion, to secure maximum production of minimum outlay, so the city must have its efficiency organization to serve similar purposes.

"But," he qualified, "efficiency organization is not alone to increase results. It fails if it does not add to the contentment and welfare of the people employed."

The Portland Chamber of Commerce has appointed a committee to investigate the propriety of establishing a Portland bureau of efficiency and economy. This committee, said Mr. Griffith, is conducting an inquiry touching on the methods of all cities that have efficiency bureaus. Though a member of the committee Mr. Griffith explained that his address was not intended to anticipate the committee's findings or compromise its conclusions but was an expression of personal opinion.

Says Wilson Is a Hard Man to Beat

"It Will Be No Picnic to Defeat President for Reelection," Says O. H. Fithian, Republican.

"It will be no picnic to defeat President Wilson for reelection," declared O. H. Fithian, Republican, who has lately returned from an extended business trip through the east, visiting New York and Boston and Chicago and other cities. He is a member of the Fithian, Barker Shoe company.

"The fellow who can beat Wilson is going to get up and go some," he said. "He will know he has been in a race."

He said the sentiment he encountered was that the Republicans will nominate Theodore Roosevelt as Wilson's opponent.

"Sentiment was in favor of Hughes as first choice and Roosevelt as second," he said. "But so many think that Hughes will not accept that they believe Roosevelt will be the nominee. After the New York Tribune published a strong editorial favoring Roosevelt sentiment esemed to crystallise rapidly in his favor.

"In Boston McCall sentiment is very strong and he seems to be popular elsewhere. I discovered no sentiment for Weeks. The standpatters seem to be eliminated. Those with whom I talked thought Roosevelt was the strongest man the Republicans could get."

Langguth Retains Municipal Judgeship

Incumbent Will Resign State Senatorship and Drop Work as Counsel for the State Land Board.

Arthur Langguth will continue as municipal judge. He will resign the state senatorship in time to permit election of a successor, and will drop the work as counsel in Multnomah county for the state land board.

Judge Langguth explained that he had not hitherto resigned the state positions because he was not sure in his own mind as to how long he might be able to handle thes judgeship.

"I took the office tentativaly. The work was new to my experience. I could not reach a conclusion until I had had some real experience in handling the business of the court. I am becoming greatly interested in the court work and am keenly anxious to make it an agent for the general good."

Injures Self by Fall.

Walking across the intersection at Third and Morrison streets yesterday afternoon, Richard Adams, manager for Perrott & Co., merchandise brokers, slipped on an orange peel, and his left ankle was fractured. Dr. Frederic J. Ziegler took him to the city Emergency hospital, and he was then sent to the Good Samaritan, where he is under the care of Dr. E. W. Morris. Mr. Adams resides at 180 East Twenty-fourth street.

Possibly Vogan's Moire chocolates do cost us both a little more.

MODERN CONFECTIONERY CO. Portland Oregon

Military Exhibit to Be Special Feature

Sham Battle at Night to Be Attraction on Multnomah Field February 22; Fireworks Planned.

Six companies of the Third regiment of infantry, Oregon National guard, Eighth company coast artillery and Troop A, cavalry under command of Colonel Clenard McLaughlin, will give a military exhibit on the night of Feruary 22, at Multnomah Field that has never been equaled in Portland. The military parade through the principal streets will start promptly at 3 p. m. from the Armory, headed by the Third Regiment band and the Coast Artillery band. Tents will be pitched in the Multnomah field and a night attack, or sham battle, will be realistically put on.

Several thousand rounds of ammunition will be consumed in the mimic warfare. The Multnomah club management is to cooperate with the military to make the affair a success.

The military bands will play patriotic airs and military marches.

There will also be a series of set fireworks, which will include the American eagle, American flag, U. S. soldier, portrait of George Washington and other displays of pyrotechnic art.

BATES NOT REQUIRED TO RENDER ACCOUNT IN $107,000 DEAL

Circuit Judge Gantenbein Makes Ruling in Vitrified Brick Company.

TIME ELEMENT IN CASE

F. S. Akin Had Waited Years Before Bringing an Action Against Bates and Associates.

George W. Bates will not have to render an accounting to F. S. Akin and other former stockholders of the Diamond Vitrified Brick company for $107,000, for which the corporation was sold in 1908. This was the decree of Circuit Judge Gantenbein, rendered yesterday at the conclusion of arguments by E. B. Seabrook and W. C. Benbow, counsel for Akin, and Guy C. M. Corliss and R. R. Giltner, acting as attorneys for Bates.

Judge Gantenbein said that the fact that Akin had waited for years before bringing action against Bates and his associates, and that the plaintiff had not interested himself in the brickyards during Bates' management of the plant was evidence, in the opinion of the court, that even Akin himself regarded Bates as the real owner.

Bates took over the brickyard, which was located in Vancouver, Wash., in 1900, at a time when the plant was nearly bankrupt. He financed the revival of the yards, paid off an indebtedness of $19,000 and put the business on a paying basis. At the time Bates took over the management he received 127 shares of the 250 shares of stock of the corporation. Later Akin transferred to Bates 123 more shares in the plant. This transfer, Akin contended, was a trust bestowed on Bates. It was shown, however, that Bates had a deed to the stock, which was sold in 1908 to a Seattle corporation.

In his unwritten decision Judge Gantenbein said it was not within his province to take money from the pocket of one man and place it in the purse of another merely because one man had much and the other not so much. Each side must pay its own costs.

SUICIDE VICTIM WAS ENGAGED TO MARRY GIRL IN PORTLAND

Mother Tells L. P. Mitchell He Would Have to Earn More Money First.

YOUTH SWALLOWS POISON

Act Committed as Constables Were Entering House to Arrest Young Man for Alleged Theft.

Lawrence P. Mitchell, the youth who committed suicide Friday night at the house of his fiance, Miss Marion Brownell, 1062 East Twenty-eighth street north, was granted a marriage license February 10. The girl's mother, Mrs. M. B. Brownell, gave permission for the issuance of the license. Both the principals were 18 years old.

"I told him he would have to earn a man's wages before he could marry my daughter, and that he would have to learn to be more truthful," declared Mrs. Brownell when asked why the marriage had not been allowed to take place.

"Lawrence was a good hearted boy and we thought a great deal of him. But he was only earning $8 a week. I begun to suspect that things were not right when he brought us presents of toilet waters, perfumes, scissors and such things.

"Last Wednesday night he brought out a dozen pocket knives and said they were samples. I knew something was wrong and called up his employer."

Deputy constables to arrest the lad for the alleged theft were entering the house Friday night when he swallowed the deadly fluid. Just before their appearance the girl had told him that she could not marry him, police who made the investigation, say.

The body yesterday was removed to the A. D. Kenworthy undertaking parlors in Lents. The funeral will probably be held Monday.

Took Poison "For the Exercise."

Toledo, Ohio, Feb. 19.—(U. P.)—Asked if she had a motive for attempting to commit suicide with poison, Irene Lane, 20, told the doctor, "No, I took it for the exercise."

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At the end of two weeks every instrument in this sale must have found a purchaser. If not, we shall ship them elsewhere. It is necessary to act quickly.

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