

COMING STATE CONVENTION

Plans and Preparations for a Record-Breaking Attendance and Work.

OGDEN CONVENTION WAS A GREAT STIMULUS.

Extreme Advantages of Irrigation by Winter Flooding—Natural Advantages of Oregon Much Greater Than Utah—Plans for the Coming State Convention.

Mr. Holbrook, of Umatilla, who is one of the delegates from this county to the National Irrigation Convention at Ogden, was in the city to-day looking after his business interests here. Mr. Holbrook is well pleased with the results of the meeting at Ogden, and thinks that good things will come from the convention. The delegates from this state were acquainted with the government engineers, and made friends of them. They learned to see from the standpoint of the engineers and now better able to look ahead for the outcome of the question. What was done there and what will be remembered to the profit of the delegates, and through them to the benefit of the state. The system that was employed in Utah, the kind of soil, the results that can be obtained by all noted by the men who went there as delegates, and the advantages of the soil and the climate of the state over that of Utah were noted, and from these observations the men of the state will take courage in the cause of irrigation.

Mr. Holbrook has a hobby, and it is winter irrigation, and he has hard facts in support of his theory that made it plain to the farmer that what he says he knows is really in favor of the government works and thinks that they will be the means of reclaiming a vast number of acres in the eastern part of the state, but he is not willing to let the government do the work. He knows that it will be a long time before the men at the head of the government work can get their feet in operation, and he thinks that in the interim he can raise the standard of the land of this section toward the perfection that will be the outcome of the irrigation of the government projects. The soil of this state is better suited to irrigation than that of any other, and will bring quicker results with less labor. There is no place in the world where, by the simple flooding of the land for 16 days in the winter, the owners can raise thousands of thousands of tons of alfalfa with less labor than they can on butter fields, and what can be done there is not the case in the rest of the country. The ditch system and the utilization of the flood waters in winter irrigation are the means of fertilizing the land even before the government comes in with its help. The soil as Storage Reservoir. It has been shown by practice that the water in the flood water is used in irrigating the land at the time of high water, and where in the summer it is dry before the system was put into practice, now under that system the water for the use of the farmer at the time when it is needed is by them. This stands to reason, for if the great amount of water that runs down the channel of the stream in the winter is spread over the surrounding land and held in it, it leaves that land a large sponge, and this water will, as the season advances, find its way back into the soil for further utilization by the farmer along the channel. This is the means that Mr. Holbrook would employ for the immediate reclamation of a large portion of the land of the county, and he is confident that it will work, for he has been successful in places not so adapted to it as the soil of this county is.

The Coming State Convention. Mr. Holbrook wants to make a love feast and farmers' institute of the coming convention to be held here the first of November in the interests of irrigation. He would like to make the meeting one of permanent benefit to the people and a source of instruction. Therefore, he is in favor of having the Columbia Valley Association and the State Association meet at the same time. To this meeting he would invite all of the old irrigationists of the county and the state, and at other places where that would be practicable, and would take their testimony as to the success they had employed to make their land yield. He would have the men who have made fertile homes

out of sand by the winter irrigation plan tell how they had done it, and would have a stenographer take all of the speeches for the future use of the people interested. In short, he would make of the convention here an institute for the instruction of the people of the county. It will be the effort of Mr. Holbrook to have the convention held with this end in view.

ONE HUNDRED YEARS.

First Centennial of Chicago—Celebrate for a Week. Chicago, Sept. 26.—Chicago is 100 years old today. The two million or more inhabitants and the thousands of guests knew it when sunrise came, even though the elaborate decorations of the city yesterday and the illuminations last evening may not already have forcibly impressed the fact of the approaching birthday upon their minds. As the sun peeped its head above the waters of Lake Michigan this morning all the bells and factory whistles of the city joined in a salute, and the guns of the revenue cutters in the harbor played an obligation. The celebration thus ushered in will continue through the greater part of next week. Today was given over largely to the completion of the final details of the festival program, putting the finishing touches to the decorations, and the reception of honored guests. This afternoon there were interesting ceremonies connected with the dedication of memorial tablets marking the site of the Fort Dearborn massacre and of other historic events in the career of the municipality. A wondrous sight is promised for to-night when tons and tons of Roman fire will be burned on the tops of the tall buildings down town in reproduction of the great fire of 1871.

AVAILABLE BANK RESERVES

SECRETARY SHAW HAS NEW PLAN FORMULATED.

Holds That Bank Reserves Should Be Available for Circulation in Times of Emergency—Plan to Prevent Panic.

Newport News, Sept. 26.—Secretary Shaw, on board the steamer Norfolk, last night, addressed a joint convention of Maryland and District of Columbia bankers, offering a plan that he believes will preclude all possibility of money panics for many years. The substance of his views is that the reserves held by banking institutions should be available in times of emergency, and contended that the term reserve does not mean that a certain amount should be holed up and never touched.

GRAIN MARKETS.

Quotations Furnished by Coo Commission Company—B. E. Kennedy, Local Manager.

Pendleton, Sept. 26.—Depression in the stock market continues and stocks are being sold despite low prices. Market is in the hands of professionals, with no support from any quarter.

Strength of the American market caused Liverpool wheat to open 1/4 stronger today.

Chicago wheat—Opening.	Close.
Dec.	77 1/2 77 1/2
May	78 1/2 78 1/2
Corn	
Dec.	46 1/2 46 1/2
May	46 1/2 46 1/2

Minneapolis, Sept. 26.—

Wheat—Opening.	Close.
Dec.	76 1/2 76 1/2
May	78 1/2 78 1/2

Chicago Wheat.

Chicago, Sept. 26.—Wheat opened 77 1/2; closed 77 1/2.

KEEPING POSTED.

J. E. Smith Learns About His Affairs From Outside Parties. J. E. Smith, the sheep man, was surprised this morning to learn that he was about to ship 10,000 head of mutton sheep to the Eastern market. He learned that all was fixed except the date of shipment. This was somewhat of a surprise to Mr. Smith, as he knew that he has 10,000 sheep which he would like to get rid of, but that is all. Mr. Smith has on the ranch 10,000 sheep which he will dispose of as soon as the opportunity presents itself, but for many reasons he would rather sell them to ship. His first effort, then, will be to sell his flock, and failing in this he may decide in the future to ship them, but where, or when, or to whom he has not yet decided.

Escaped From Reform School. Grover Hopkins, the boy sent to the reform school about a month ago from this county for robbing the house of Mr. Rigby, near the city, made his escape from that institution several days ago, and was out for some time. He was captured, however, and is once more in the school, and according to the usage there will in all probability wear the "Oregon lock" for a time.

Major Delmar E. Grotting horse, has sold for \$40,000 in New York. His record is 2:02 1/2.

STEEL SKELETON WENT TO GROUND

The Dollars and Cents Loss Will Nearly Reach Half a Million Dollars.

TWO WORKMEN KILLED AND MANY MISSING.

Completed Structure Will Cover the Largest Electric Power Plant in the World—Similar Accident at the Coliseum in Chicago Lost Twenty Lives Several Years Ago.

Chicago, Sept. 26.—Six hundred feet of the skeleton of the Western Electric Company's new steel building collapsed this forenoon, killing two workmen. A number are missing and the death list may increase. The plant is located at Hawthorne. Ambulances have been sent from here to bring the injured to the hospitals. The building is to cover the largest electric power plant in the world. Steel trusses and upright posts bolted together as one part, broke which caused the structure to fall like a row of cards. A similar accident occurred when the Coliseum was erected several years ago, where 26 were killed. The two killed today have been removed from the ruins.

The collapsed portion was 140 feet in height, excepting the cupolas, which were at intervals of 100 feet, and each of which was 210 feet high. The property loss, including the labor account upon the collapsed structure, and the cost of rebuilding will considerably exceed \$400,000.

OWA REPUBLICANS.

Campaign Opens Tonight at Des Moines—A Forerunner of 1904.

Des Moines, Ia., Sept. 26.—The mass meeting to be held under the auspices of the Polk County Republican Club tonight, with Governor Cummins as the principal speaker, will mark the formal opening of the republican state campaign. For the next three weeks the governor will speak three times a week and then every day until the close of the campaign. In accordance with long-standing custom the presidential campaign in Iowa is opened the year preceding election so that the present campaign is of national as well as state interest.

Wireless Oceanic Telegraph.

New York, Sept. 26.—The Lucania, which arrived today from Liverpool, has the distinction of being the first vessel to cross the Atlantic in constant wireless communication. She exchanged messages with 19 vessels en route.

Curtis Jett Will Hang.

Cynthia, Ky., Sept. 26.—Curtis Jett was today sentenced to be hanged December 18, for the murder of Jim Cokerill. His application for a new trial failed.

UNDER THE WRECK.

Suspected That a Dead Man is Beneath the Coal at Cayuse. It is reported by men of the city who have been to the scene of the wreck in Cayuse canyon, that there is beginning to be noticed there a stench arising from the heaps of coal that are piled in the river bottom along the side of the track.

Large Land Deal.

One of the biggest deals in farm lands to be made in recent months will be closed tomorrow when D. H. Wiley, a prominent Yellow Hawk farmer, will pay over to Mike Toner, \$33,000 for his 560 acre farm located on the Cottonwood, eight miles south-east of Walla Walla. The sale has been practically closed, only the formal signing of the deeds being necessary for Mr. Wiley to become the owner of one of the finest farms in the Walla Walla valley.—Walla Walla Statesman.

EFFORT TO DISBAR GENERAL CRAWFORD

Portland, Sept. 26.—A. M. Crawford, attorney-general of Oregon, will be formally charged before the State Bar Association Monday next, with the crime of perjury. That body will be asked to disbar him. William E. Willis, one of the oldest practitioners in the state, prefers the charges. He alleges that Crawford, in a case in which he was defendant, perjured himself while testifying in his own behalf. A mass of documentary evidence will be presented.

LABOR ISSUES AND AFFAIRS

Sixty-six Thousand Ironworkers Represented in Kansas City Convention.

FIGHT OVER CONVICT PARKS HAS PRECIPITATED CRISIS.

City Marshal of Independence Under Arrest Charged With Threatening Militia—Eight Hours and Increased Pay for Coal Miners—Electrical Workers Elect Officers.

Kansas City, Sept. 26.—An open schism took place in the ironworkers' convention. President Buchanan this morning adjourned the convention because he could not control it. He set no time for reassembling, but the Parks delegates met at 2 this afternoon, Parks in his shirt sleeves presiding. They made no attempt to placate the Buchanan faction. There are 45 straight anti-Parks delegates in the body.

Critical Stage Reached. Later—the ironworkers' deliberations today owing to factional fights, presents a critical stage, which may result in disruption of the union, which has 66,000 members.

More Trouble at Cripple Creek. Cripple Creek, Sept. 26.—City Marshal Lynch, of Independence, was arrested last night charged with threatening the militia. Other arrests have been ordered. A squad of cavalry surrounds Labor Leader Dods-worth's house and no one is allowed entrance or egress.

Electrical Workers. Salt Lake, Sept. 26.—The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers has adjourned. Among the seven vice-presidents elected today is A. J. Sullivan, of San Francisco. William Gilsdorf was elected general organizer. Popular vote from the locals will decide which city—El Paso or Louisville, gets the next convention.

CANADIAN HERDS.

Dominion Will Make a Great Livestock Display at St. Louis.

Toronto, Ont., Sept. 26.—The Dominion department of agriculture, with the active co-operation of the Canadian Livestock Associations, is making active preparations on a large scale for the exhibition of Canadian livestock, at the St. Louis World's Fair. It is proposed to make the exhibit the largest and most representative display of its kind ever held.

Efforts are now making with hopes of success to secure a government appropriation of \$100,000 to aid the exhibit.

Private Theater Burned. San Francisco, Sept. 26.—Fire today destroyed the private theater and ballroom in the residence of M. H. DeYoung. It also destroyed \$10,000 worth of pictures and other property. Two firemen were hurt. The main building was uninjured.

Shorter Hours and More Pay. Fort Worth, Texas, Sept. 26.—The conference of miners and mine owners closed today. It is a victory for the miners, who get an eight-hour day and increase of 17 1/2 cents per ton. The owners say the increase will amount to \$250,000 annually.

FORGED CHECK.

Men Who Uttered It Afterward Forced to Disgorge. Two men passed a forged check this morning on the clerk of the Hotel St. George. The paper was drawn on H. S. Holt and was for \$15. One of the men was a former acquaintance of the clerk at Boise, and he agreed to stand good for the check.

As soon as he had taken the paper the clerk became suspicious and took it to the bank, where it was declared to be a forgery. The clerk then followed the men to the train, where he found them, and forced them to refund the money. They left on the train for the east. Their names are not known.

The sovereign grand lodge of I. O. O. F. has voted \$1,000,000 with which to build a memorial building in Baltimore.

CIGAR MEN INDICTED.

Accused of Selling Brands Under Counterfeit Labels. Lancaster, Pa., Sept. 26.—S. R. Ross, manufacturer of cigars in Lancaster, and his factory manager, H. S. Ryder, have been indicted by the grand jury (two indictments being found against each) for manufacturing and selling cigars under counterfeit labels and trade marks, all of the brands being celebrated and used by owners of imported Havana goods. One of the brands was "Manuel Garcia," and one was "La Carolina," both of which are the property of the Havana Commercial Company. Another was "Henry Clay," belonging to the Henry Clay and Bock & Company, Ltd.

MORE HABEAS CORPUS.

Complications Continue in the Colorado Mining Camps. Cripple Creek, Sept. 26.—Further habeas corpus proceedings were instituted today in the district court to release President Kennason, of district No. 1, and of Member of the Executive Committee Davis, who are in the bull pen without warrant, no information ever being filed against them. Two union strike breakers are also confined, and are included in the proceedings.

Offers \$500 Reward. Portland, Sept. 26.—The O. R. & N. Company has offered a reward of \$500 each, for the capture of the men who attempted to hold up train No. 6, at Troutdale, Tuesday night.

Mrs. Davis Still Ill. Buffalo, Sept. 26.—The condition of Mrs. Davis is unchanged. Her illness is said to be due to obstruction of the bowels.

RUSSIANS CLAIM JEWS WERE THE AGGRESSORS.

Lives Were Lost on Both Sides, and One Hundred and Forty Houses Destroyed—Interests of Foreigners Were Not Involved.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 26.—The official version of the riots at Gomel was made public today. It claims the trouble was started by a fishmonger fight, after which Jews paraded the streets shouting, "This isn't Kishineff," and dared resistance. They fired revolvers, showing they were armed. Railroad workmen became incensed and attacked the Jews, and a general fight resulted in which 140 houses were destroyed and many injured. The Hebrew leaders were arrested.

Losses Stated.

Washington, Sept. 26.—The state department has advised from the American charge d'affaires at St. Petersburg, stating that eight Jews and five Christians lost their lives in the Gomel riots. Neither foreigners nor foreign interests suffered.

SCHOOL FLORAL FETE.

Assembly Hall Beautifully Decorated for Tonight's Unique and Interesting Entertainment. High school assembly hall was never more beautifully decorated, nor was it ever the scene of a more worthy undertaking than that of this afternoon and tonight.

This is flower day at the public school, and the ideal is being carried out to a full realization by pupils and teachers. The assembly hall is tastefully arranged with tables of cut flowers, cosy corners, made of clinging vines and trailing blossoms, festoons of dainty flowers swinging here and there, and vari-colored strings of Japanese lanterns, pots of dreaming posies and a profusion of bloom, perfume and color everywhere.

The afternoon was devoted to final touches and arrangement for the evening reception. It is to be no stiff, formal affair, but it is school flower day, and everybody is welcome and invited. The teachers and pupils have shown a wonderful energy and taste in preparing for the day and should be encouraged by the presence of a large crowd of patrons of the school.

Motsemann's orchestra, consisting of piano, violin, cornet and clarinet, will furnish music at the evening reception, from 8 to 10:30. There will be no regular program, except the musical program furnished by this excellent orchestra, and as it is the result of a worthy plan laid by the teachers and women's clubs, last spring, it should be made a happy occasion of the school year.

Returned From Hot Lake. E. J. Sommerville, the county treasurer, accompanied by his daughter, Miss Esther, returned this morning from Hot Lake, where they have been for a couple of weeks. Mr. Sommerville went there to spend his vacation and returns to his office much improved in health.

C. H. Carter Recovering. Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Carter have returned from the coast and returned, where they went for the benefit of Mr. Carter's health. Mr. Carter has about recovered from his recent sick spell and will be in his office from now on.

A. O. U. W. IS DEEP IN DEBT

Financial Affairs of Famous Fraternal Benefit Order Are in Bad Shape.

ONLY RECOURSE IS TO RAISE ASSESSMENT.

Sixteen Thousand Members Were Taken into the Order in California in Three Years' Time—Debts Now Reach a Quarter Million Dollars—Urgent and Great Issue.

San Francisco, Sept. 26.—The A. O. U. W. national convention was addressed by Past Supreme Master Wilson, of Michigan, who explained a plan for relief for the debts which are piling up and now amount to \$250,000.

California took in 16,000 members within three years about 25 years ago. These members are now rapidly dying, and the plan to meet these obligations is to increase the monthly assessments of all members between 54 and 55 years to \$4.20 per month. Unless some plan like this is followed it will take \$30,000,000 to pay the death benefits in California in a few years.

REBALLASTING.

O. R. & N. Is Using Gravel From an Immense Pit Near La Grande. W. Bollens has returned from a visit to La Grande, where he has been for several days starting the work on the 30-mile stretch of track that is being overhauled at that place.

It is the intention of the company to reballast the track east of La Grande for some distance, and the work now under way is the beginning. For a long time the company has been looking for gravel, and it has at last found a bed near La Grande that will furnish it with all of the gravel it needs, and the work on the track will be pushed as fast as possible. The cars at the gravel pit are being loaded with a new steam crane, such as has not been used in this part of the country before. It is much faster than the old steam shovel, and does the work better.

NEW WOOD YARD TO OPEN.

W. C. Minnis Will Begin in Business Again After October 7, After a Year's Idleness. W. C. Minnis, who was formerly in the wood business in this city, but who sold out to R. P. Collier a year ago, will again enter the field about October 10.

Mr. Minnis is well and favorably known in this city and county, having conducted here one of the largest and most extensive wood markets in Eastern Oregon for several years. He has a large amount of timber tributary to the O. R. & N. track, at Murdock spur, near Meacham, and will have a full stock on hand for the winter trade, by the time set for opening his business, on October 7.

Death of Mrs. Fitzgerald.

Mrs. Rhoda Fitzgerald died last night at her home in Portland, from the effects of childbirth. Mrs. Fitzgerald was well known here, where she has many relatives and friends, and where she made her home before her marriage. As yet no one in the city has received word concerning the arrangements for her funeral. The little boy born is well and a robust child.

Decree of Divorce.

Judge Ellis today handed down a decision in the divorce case of E. F. Carter vs. Allie M. Carter. The plaintiff alleged desertion and cruel and inhuman treatment as the cause for the action, and in the estimation of the court the charge was sustained. The couple were married on June 30, 1899. Balleray & McCurt were the attorneys for the plaintiff.

Will Feed Cattle.

Boddy and Coppick, of Athens, have purchased the herd of cattle belonging to Warren Bros. of Starkey Prairie, and will feed them in the neighborhood of Athens this winter. Hay is very high priced in Starkey, and other Eastern Oregon points, and buyers and stock and beef cattle selling very cheap.

In Grand Commandery.

T. C. Taylor, of this city, was elected grand standard bearer of the Knights Templar, at the 250th anniversary of the order, at Albany this week. Mr. Taylor was grand sword bearer of the order last year. Cuba has been used as a source of power, but the nation has been up more modern machinery, and the very satisfactory results are being purposes.