

LOWELL'S ADDRESS ROUSES LEAGUE

Judge Lowell Speaks on "A Square Deal for Oregon" at Eugene Meeting.

PEOPLE MUST AWAKE AND PREPARE FOR FUTURE.

Moral Sense of Officials and People Has Been Dwindled Until Law Violation and Law Evasion is Considered No Crime—Pass Evil Has Been a Bane to the State—Three Palls Over Oregon, Foreign Control of Railroads and Alien Ownership of Her Lands—Transportation Lines Are No Longer Private Enterprises, But Public Functions.

Eugene, Sept. 29.—(Special.)—One of the chief addresses before the Willamette Valley Development league today was delivered by Judge Stephen A. Lowell of Pendleton, his subject being, "A Square Deal for Oregon."

The address elicited great applause and was in part as follows:

This state is approaching the half-century mark in its civic life. Its resources in soil, climate, production, location and facilities for commerce and manufactures entitle it to a million people and to a commanding position among the commonwealths of the west.

In fact its population probably does not exceed half a million, while the morning of its material development seems scarcely yet to have dawned.

We are in the zone of power; a mighty ocean and great navigable rivers wash our borders and pierce our territory; our mountains teem with rich ores and limitless forests; our soil responds to the arts of agriculture in glad abundance; coal deposits and unflagging water power invite varied industries, while quarries of sandstone and whitest marble await the hand of diligence and art.

Incubus Over Oregon.

IN THE MARCH OF STATES OREGON, NATURALLY MORE RICHLY ENDOWED THAN ANY OTHER, LINGERS IN THE REAR OVER HER RESTS THE PALL OF THREE SHADOWS: THE SECTIONAL CLANNISHNESS OF HER PEOPLE, ALIEN OWNERSHIP OF HER LANDS, AND FOREIGN CONTROL OF HER RAILROADS.

Socially, commercially and political by one city dominates the state—not always to its uplifting. Legislatures and political conventions assemble, and their members align in groups, eastern Oregon, southern Oregon, the valley counties, the river counties, Multnomah, and the welfare of the state is too often overlooked in the log-rolling for local interests. Few citizens seem to grasp the matchless possibilities of that portion of the commonwealth lying beyond the purview of their personal operations, and most are apparently disinclined to make the sacrifice of time and money to study them. Land madness is rampant. Anxious to secure larger holdings for themselves, immigration is discouraged by many who ought to be of broader vision, and we are in an era of bonanza farming—always a blight and bane.

Our people are industrious, intelligent, law abiding, and God fearing, but they seem at times forgetful that "Righteousness exalteth a nation," and countenance on the part of political leaders and public officials practices which at least are of questionable ethics, if not of questionable morality.

The Pass Evil.

It is currently believed, and presumably true, that the great majority of state officials, legislative, executive and judicial, have for years been the recipients of free railway transportation. These officers have not been intentionally delinquent in official ethics. They have accepted these favors as a courtesy due their positions, following a custom well-nigh universal, and yet every thinking man knows that the free pass system is but a means of polite bribery on the part of railroad management.

The constitution of the state provides that no senator or representative shall, during the time for which he may have been elected, be eligible to any office, the election to which is vested in the legislative assembly, and yet twice within the last decade a United States senator has been elected from the membership of that body. I am aware that the excuse offered

Hitchcock is implacable.
Washington, Sept. 29.—Secretary Hitchcock says he hopes Williamson will be sentenced to the limit, and declares he has only begun the prosecution of this class of criminals. He says he will extend the policy, and follow it up regardless of who is smitten, or how badly.

is that the federal senate is judge of the qualifications of its own members, but the fact still remains that the framers of the Oregon constitution intended to bar elections of that character, and every member of the legislative body takes an oath to support that instrument.

Constitution is Evaded.

For years it has been an open secret that some of the express provisions of the constitution, notably those as to salaries of officials, are being evaded by indirect legislative enactment and by common party consent for party purposes, and yet people have refused time and again at the polls to amend that antiquated instrument and adapt it to present needs.

These things but indicate a lack of sacrificial and comprehensive patriotism, for they are ill which an aroused and united public sentiment can at any moment end.

A SQUARE DEAL FOR OREGON DEMANDS THAT THESE HABITS OF THOUGHT AND ACTION SHALL PASS AWAY, AND THAT ALL MEN SHALL STRIKE HANDS FOR PROGRESS AND OFFICIAL HONESTY EVERYWHERE. A WELDING OF SECTIONS MUST COME. OUR BATTLE CRY SHOULD BE NOT OREGON FOR OREGONIANS, BUT OREGONIANS FOR OREGON.

Land Owned by Aliens.

The state was early marked for exploitation. In 1854 the legislature stamped with express approval that which has never failed to curse every nation and every race touched by its withering hand—alien ownership of lands.

The result with us has been that much of our domain is the property of non-residents, private and corporate, who await the unearned increment, and who will make no sacrifice and further no enterprise in the state's development. Land speculators, lumber syndicates, cattle kings, all traffickers in futures, hold in utter idleness or for primitive pasturage vast territories where should be the myriad homes which make a state.

A square deal for Oregon will never come until the people rise to such leg-

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PRESBYTERIANS IMPROVE CHURCH

SEATING CAPACITY OF BUILDING WILL BE DOUBLED.

Between \$3500 and \$4000 Will Be Added to the Church Building at the Corner of Thompson and College—Two Transcepts 10x30 feet to Be Added, Heating Plant to Be Installed and New Pews, Now Plaster, Elevated Floor and Many Other Valuable Changes to Be Made.

Between \$3500 and \$4000 will be expended in improvements to the First Presbyterian church in this city within the next two months.

This was decided upon at a meeting of the board of trustees which was held at the office of Dr. C. J. Smith last night. Architect Troutman is now preparing plans and estimates and the work will be begun as soon as practicable.

The improvements to the church will consist in a transept 10x30 feet on both sides of the church, an elevated floor, new heating plant, new roof, new interior arrangements, including a new choir platform, double the capacity of the present platform, new plaster, new pews, new carpet or else a deadened floor instead, and a complete rearrangement of the Sunday school room to make it more convenient and better suited to the use.

The enlargement of the church building by the addition of the transepts will give it a seating capacity almost double the present capacity, and will add greatly to the architectural beauty of the building. The transepts will open into the auditorium, with pillars supporting the wall, and the seats in the transepts will be arranged so as to face the pulpit at an angle.

The building will be repainted and the front entrance changed and a new entrance to the auditorium made on the College street side. The transepts will be seated with the opera chairs now in use in the auditorium and large pews of the latest pattern will be placed in the auditorium. A four-foot aisle will extend through the center from the pulpit platform to the front entrance and narrower aisles will be left at each end of the pews, between the auditorium and the transepts.

The improvements will practically rebuild the interior of the church and will add much to the appearance of the building on the outside. With this addition of room it is thought the building will serve the congregation for at least 10 or 12 years, when an entirely new and larger building will be erected. The membership has increased rapidly in the past year and the present church is wholly inadequate to the attendance.

The present church building was erected 20 years ago, and was built in a most substantial manner. Practically no improvements or changes have been made to the building since it was erected except to add the Sunday school room on the south.

GOVERNMENT WINNING OUT

Dilatory Tactics of Defendant Packers Meet Reverses in Federal Court.

JUDGE HUMPHREY RULES UPON IMPORTANT PLEAS.

The Legality of the Grand Jury Which Returned the Indictments Cannot Be Questioned—The Fact That Publicity Was Given From Day to Day to the Proceedings of the Grand Jury Does Not Invalidate Its Functions Nor Vilitate Its Conclusions—The Defense Files Other Obstructing Demurrers, But Must Plead Guilty or Not Guilty About the Eleventh of October.

Chicago, Sept. 29.—By first decisions by Judge Humphrey in the beef trust cases the government has won its contention.

This morning the court passed upon three pleas as to the legality of the grand jury which indicted the packers, and declared it could not be attacked. Two other pleas, relating to the publicity in drawing the jury, the court stated it is harder to decide, but no doubt the act itself was so loose and indefinite the packers' plea would not hold, therefore he sustained the demurrer of the government.

The packers' attorney then asked for a delay of two weeks in which to file a demurrer to the indictment. The court allowed them to October 5. The demurrer will be argued a week from Monday, with two days for argument, when the packers must come into court and plead guilty or not guilty.

IN THE TYPHOON'S TRAIL.

Great Loss of Property and Many Lives Were Lost.

Washington, Sept. 29.—General Corbin cables that all the officers and six passengers aboard the coast guard boat Leyte, wrecked in the typhoon, were lost. The temporary shelter posts at six places were destroyed.

Property damage at Manila was \$250,000. Telegraph service is demoralized and loss of life in the islands is larger than supposed.

Losses to hemp plantations was \$100,000. The transport Rodriguez is ashore at Legaspi. Thousands are homeless and many dead in the interior of Samar.

NEW MEXICAN POLITICS.

Fight Over Succession to Office in Bernalillo County.

Albuquerque, N. M., Sept. 29.—The Bernalillo county court house was filled this morning at an early hour with followers of T. S. Hubbell, lately relieved sheriff, and Perfecto Armijo, the newly appointed official, as Armijo had announced he would take charge of the jail at 10 o'clock.

Armijo made a demand on Hubbell for the jail, which was refused. He then secured an order from the court upon Hubbell to turn over the office. Hubbell refused and was cited by Judge Abbott for contempt. A warrant was placed in the hands of Armijo, but up to noon it had not been served. If Hubbell is arrested violence is feared.

NELSON AND FREEMAN CALLED.

One Pleaded Guilty, the Other Took a Postponement.

In the circuit court this afternoon Mark Nelson and Alex Freeman were arraigned, the former for having accepted the earnings of a prostitute, and the latter for obtaining money under false pretenses. A plea of not guilty was entered by the former, while Freeman took until next week in which to plead. The latter was admitted to \$750 bail, but failing to give the same, was remanded to the county jail.

LUMBER SCHOONER ASHORE.

Badly Damaged Craft From Washington to the South.

Los Angeles, Sept. 29.—The schooner Muriel from Raymond, Wash., with 700,000 feet of lumber, ran on the seawall at San Pedro last night in a fog and was stove in. The hull was damaged and she was pulled off by a tug. She will be docked at San Pedro. Her decks are awash. The damage is not estimated.

CHICAGO WHEAT MARKET.

Chicago, Sept. 29.—Wheat closed today at \$4 7-8, corn at 51 3-8 and oats at 27 1-8.

SPECULATED ON COMPANY FUNDS

Hyde and Associates Were Privately Profited by Equitable Investments.

BELONGED TO SYNDICATE HANDLING INVESTMENTS.

Schiff, Who is an Equitable Director, Testified That Most Corporation Directors Are Nothing More Than Dummies—Corporation Committees With Interchangeable Parts and Poo Bah Functions—Auditing Committee "Was Supposed at the Time They Were Appointed to Be Honest"—Hyde and Alexander Controlled Appointments in Their Own Interests.

New York, Sept. 29.—Jacob H. Schiff was a witness before the insurance investigating committee this morning. He is a member of Kuhn, Loeb & Co., managers of the Union Pacific syndicate in which the Equitable was a participant.

Schiff stated the general run of corporation directors are nothing more than dummies. Schiff said when he was a director in the Equitable he became a member of the executive committee, which defined the operations of the finance committee. He said the finance committee merely approved the actions of the executive committee. With one exception the members of the finance committee were also members of the executive committee and simply sat in judgment upon themselves.

Hughes questioned, prosecuting the inquiry to account for the funds apparently missing. Schiff said when the finance committee appointed the auditing committee they supposed them honest, not believing any man dishonest until proven so. Schiff said the appointing power of the finance committee was "all for Hyde and Alexander." He didn't know of the contribution to any campaign funds, but heard that Hyde had contributed.

Schiff produced the list of securities the Equitable bought by his firm. He said in no case did he ever pass upon a transaction of that kind. He described the syndicate operations, saying they were very profitable. Schiff said he had no reason to question the honesty of any one connected with the transaction.

Schiff said he didn't know until the present disclosures that Hyde participated in the syndicate transactions. Schiff was questioned about the Union Pacific preferred stock syndicate, in which the charge has been frequent that Schiff's firm sold a tremendous amount of the Equitable at a great personal profit to Hyde and his associates.

Schiff spoke at length and declared that Kuhn, Loeb & Co. never sold any kind of stock to the Equitable, and explained how, in that particular transaction, it acted as a clearing house, absolutely without profit. He had never spoken a word to Hyde about his interest. The first indication that Hyde had an interest in the syndicate was last July, after Morton knew of it.

The witness thought he ought not to answer the question what was the purpose of the syndicate, and did it intend to control the Union Pacific.

Schiff Attacks Hendricks.

Schiff in closing made a statement scoring insurance Superintendent Hendricks, and took a slap at Morgan, declaring that the bonds of the Equitable with which Kuhn & Loeb were connected had risen, while Morgan's railroads fell. He declared Hendricks published untrue reports, and said: "I see the superintendent made the statement the Equitable bought Japanese bonds from Kuhn, and sold them back to Kuhn at less than two and a half per cent, while the testimony before Hendricks showed the contrary. I suppose the statement was made because he did not understand the rate exchange."

Oyster Bay Office Closed.

Oyster Bay, Sept. 29.—The executive offices were dismantled today. Roosevelt, his family and clerical force will return to Washington tomorrow. The capital is prepared for a great reception.

Fine for Goo-Goo Eyes.

The city commission of Houston, Texas, decreed that "hereafter any male person who shall make what is commonly called goo-goo eyes, cough, whistle or seek to attract the attention of any female person on the street," shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. Penalty, \$100 fine or the calaboose.

Daniel Shockey Hurt.

At 3:30 this afternoon Daniel Shockey, lineman for the local telephone company, was badly hurt by falling 40 feet from a telephone pole, close by the Court street bridge over the mill race. Dr. Smith was called, but at this time it is not known just to the extent of Mr. Shockey's injuries. He is unconscious and it is known that his right hip is badly hurt, and possibly broken. The shock was very severe.

SMUGGLERS CAPTURED.

Smooth Gang Taken at Seattle With the "Goods on Them."

Seattle, Sept. 29.—George Berger, a local superintendent of the Pullman Palace Car company, and "Big Steve" Stevens, the notorious smuggler, and his wife were arrested by the local customs authorities this morning just as the trio stepped from the Vancouver train.

The arrests were made by Customs Officers Frank Loftus, Brinker and Knox. Berger, when arrested, was carrying a dress suit case containing 27 1-2 pounds of opium. At the police station he claimed that he did not know what was in the suit case. He stated that Mrs. Stevens had approached him as he was about to leave the car and asked him if he would carry the suit case for her.

He said he took the valise and had only gone a few feet when the officers placed him under arrest. Stevens was one of the gang captured some time ago along with more than 2000 pounds of the illicit drug. The customs officers have been working on the case for some time. Nearly three weeks ago word was received at the local office that there was something "doing" in the "dope" line, and that the smuggling was not confined to the steamboats.

REGISTERING MORE RAPIDLY

PREVIOUS RECORDS ALL WERE BROKEN YESTERDAY.

Fifty-Five Voters' Names Went Upon the List Thursday, and Seven Hundred Thirty Were Thereon This Afternoon—Estimates Are That in Round Numbers One Thousand Will Register, Which Will Be Relatively a Full Registration—Only Four Days More to Which to Get Names Upon the Books.

All previous records were smashed at the city registration office yesterday, 55 names being recorded during the day. This brought the total up to 701 last night, and indicated that more interest is being taken in the matter by the voters of the city. No longer can there be any doubt but that there is going to be a heavy registration, for the majority have already enrolled, and there is four days yet left for registration. This afternoon the number on the book was 730, 29 having registered up to that time today.

Estimates on the total registration place the number at about 1000, for there are only between that and 1200 voters in town. However, should the work continue as it has during the past few days, the total enrollment cannot fall short of 1000.

Oath of Qualification.

Following is the statutory oath of qualification which a suspected voter is required to take where his vote has been challenged by either a judge of election or an elector who witnesses his attempt to vote illegally.

Sec. 2774.—If the challenge be not withdrawn after the person offering to vote, shall have answered the questions put to him as aforesaid, the chairman of said judges shall administer to him the following oath: "You do solemnly swear or affirm that you are a citizen of the United States or have declared your intention to become such one year next preceding this election; that you are of the age of 21 years; that you have been a resident of this state for the period of six months next preceding this election; that you now reside in this precinct; that you have not yet voted at this election and that your true name is as you represent it to be."

Dropped Dead in Church.

Portland, Sept. 29.—With an unexpressed prayer for mankind wedding to her lips, and in the midst of a congregation that had assembled to be led by her in divine invocation, Mrs. Phoebe J. Adams fell dead last evening at Bethany Baptist church, Sellwood. Just as the meeting was to open, Mrs. Adams, who has been styled, "Mother of the Church," by the Bethany congregation, dropped dead in an aisle.

Sherrick Arrested.

Indianapolis, Sept. 29.—Deposited State Auditor Sherrick has been indicted and arrested, and was released on a \$20,000 bond this morning.

WOULD INVOKE POPULAR VOTE

People Should Assume Responsibility Concerning the State Normals.

FRIENDS OF SUSPENDED SCHOOLS SHOULD RUSTLE.

P. A. Worthington, Secretary of the Weston Normal Regents, Believes a General Vote Would Result in Indorsement of All Four Institutions—He Has Scant Hope of the General Appropriation Bill Being Upheld Next June, While Admitting Such a Possibility—He Believes the Weston Normal Could Have Been Kept Running on Public Subscription Funds.

"I would like to see the initiative and referendum invoked, and a vote taken next year on the question of normal schools, so as to settle the question of what is wanted of those institutions in this state," said P. A. Worthington, secretary of the regents of the Weston normal, who is here today from Portland and is devoting some time to the affairs of the suspended schools while in this county.

The above proposition was broached by Mr. Worthington after a discussion of the probable outcome of the vote which is to be taken on the appropriation bill next June, and the probable future of the Weston school. His suggestion is that an initiative petition be started by the friends of the Monmouth, Ashland and Weston schools, and that an indorsement of these schools be asked of the people at the next election. It is his opinion that the three schools would be upheld by the popular vote, and should such occur the legislature, which would convene during the following winter, could not well refuse to vote necessary money for the support of the schools. Also, the matter of whether or not the three schools shall be maintained would be settled forever.

When asked if he did not think there was a good chance for the appropriation bill to be upheld next June, Mr. Worthington admitted that there might be a reaction from the present public sentiment, with the result that the bill might carry. However, he is apparently not building up much hopes of such an outcome. But should the bill be sustained, there will then be \$25,000 available for the Weston normal, and as a result it could commence again in full swing next fall. While this amount was voted for two years' maintenance, there would then be another legislature meeting soon, when more money could probably be secured, and as a result as much of the \$25,000 as was found necessary could be used to revive the school.

Over the action of the regents in ordering the suspension of the normal at Weston, Mr. Worthington does not seem to be well pleased, and evidently he believes the school could have been maintained by popular subscription had affairs been handled right. However, he declined to particularize any further in his criticism.

This morning Mr. Worthington left for Milton to attend to business during the day, and he will return to Pendleton this evening and while here will consult with the local regents regarding the care of the school property during the suspension. There are four buildings with their equipment, consisting of a library, pianos, laboratory and other supplies, which must be looked after even though the school is closed. Of these things nothing will be sold, according to Mr. Worthington, but instead, everything will be kept in readiness for the reopening of the school when funds are available for such.

Sugar House Falls.

Paris, Sept. 29.—The failure of one of the biggest sugar houses in this city is announced. It is believed the firm were creditors of Jules Jaluzot, who recently failed for 15,000,000 francs.

Cale Rosewell in Hospital.

Cale Rosewell, a veteran stage driver of overland stage days, is sick at St. Elizabeth hospital suffering from stomach trouble and other complications. Mr. Rosewell's home for several years has been at Sumpter.—Baker City Democrat.

Ovation for Haragushi.

Tokio, Sept. 29.—General Haragushi, commander of the forces which conquered Saghalien, has returned and received an ovation. The minister of war and civil officials greeted him. He expressed dissatisfaction at the government taking only half of the island.