

Davey Asks Solons Pass On Selection Of Contested Site

Legislative decision the suitability of the proposed site for the new boys' training school, as selected by the majority members of the state board of control for the location of the new \$286,000 school plant authorized by the legislature in its last regular session, is sought by Representative Davey, Marion, in a concurrent resolution introduced in the house Tuesday.

Mr. Davey proposes that a joint committee consisting of three members from the house and two from the senate be appointed "to investigate conditions relative to the proposed site as selected by the majority members of the Oregon state board of control as to its general feasibility and as to its general fitness as a site for such proposed new boys' training school, or as to the advisability of the purchase of an entirely new site not so situated upon lands now owned by the state, said investigation to be made forthwith and said committee to report its findings to the present special session of the legislative assembly, or to said Oregon state board of control."

Onlookers to the controversy of several months' standing between Governor Olcott and Secretary of State Sam Koser, the majority members of the board, and State

Treasurer Huff, the third member of the board of control, view the resolution as a move to secure legislative approval of the position of Governor Olcott and Secretary Koser.

Mr. Huff's position has been that of unalterable opposition to the proposed site, on the grounds that it does not include suitable agricultural land necessary to the efficient operation of such a plant as the boys' training school, that the character and lay of the land is such as to make the construction of the new school plant there unnecessarily expensive, and that the close proximity to the state tuberculosis hospital, asylum farm and penitentiary make the site one of poor environment for the boys to be housed in the school.

In his resolution Davey justifies the selection of the site by the provisions of the legislative act appropriating the money for the school, which provides that the new school shall be built on state lands.

A new high power life line gun has been produced, which is capable of throwing a "slug" with the line attached, for a distance of from 1600 to 1800 feet.

Work in the United States army air service requires the skill of more than 50 trades.

Oyster Beds Damaged By Puget Storm

Olympia, Wash., Dec. 21.—A freezing north wind, coupled with extremely low tides is causing severe damage to the Sound oyster beds near Olympia, according to reports reaching here yesterday and today. The recent flood water is said to have damaged dikes at several beds making it impossible to keep water over the oysters at low tide to protect them from the freezing temperature.

Owners of large beds in Oyster bay, Shelton bay and North bay declare they have suffered heavy losses and reports would indicate that the damage may total several thousand dollars. D. R. Heiser, proprietor of a local oyster concern, said today that thousands of oysters have been killed by the freezing temperature.

The beds located on the Sound have been rich and healthy and have yielded large quantities of the Olympia oysters. Continued cold may destroy some of the richest beds of the locality, it is said.

The value of Eugene property is \$8,398,200, and that of Lane county \$34,786,997. Eugene's tax levy will be 53.8 mills as against 52.2 mills last year.

The pay scale for privates in the United States army per day per man is \$1; United Kingdom, 69 cents; France, 5 cents; Japan, 6 cents.

35,000 Germans to Ask Papers as French Subjects

Paris, Dec. 21.—About 35,000 Germans, residing in Alsace-Lorraine, will ask to change their nationality and become French. It is estimated by officials in the reconquered provinces.

By a provision of the treaty of Versailles all Germans who resided in Alsace-Lorraine before August 3, 1914, and who remained there uninterruptedly for at least three years during the war are now entitled to ask for French naturalization papers. All the demands will be subjected to close scrutiny and Germans suspected of retaining hostile sentiments toward France will be denied naturalization.

The right to vote will not necessarily accompany the transfer of allegiance. A law probably will suspend the voting privilege for a number of years until the new citizens have given undeniable proof of their devotion to France.

"White Slaves" Increasing

London, Dec. 21.—A decided increase in the white slave traffic was reported at a meeting of the National Vigilance association. The reason given for the increased number of betrayed girls is the extreme poverty now prevailing in eastern Europe.

New socks and stockings will wear much better if washed in warm water and a little soap before being taken into use.

Japs Launch Battleship To Be Scrapped

Tokio, Dec. 21.—(By Associated Press.)—The dreadnaught *Tosa* was launched today at the Mitsubishi shipyard at Nagasaki. Like her sister ship, the *Kaga*, launched a month ago, the *Tosa* is slated to be scrapped under the naval limitation plan agreed to at the Washington conference. An immense crowd attended the launching, the last in Japan prior to the "naval holiday." Vice-Admiral Prince Hiroyasu Fushimi officiated, acting as proxy for the regent.

The *Tosa* and *Kaga* were estimated to cost upwards of 73,000,000 yen each to complete. Each is 700 feet long, has normal displacement of 40,600 tons, and was to be equipped with special anti-torpedo protection and armed with a main battery of 16-inch guns.

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Amendments To Woman Jurors Bill Proposed

Two bills dealing with the question of service by women on juries in Oregon were introduced in the house late Tuesday by Representative Martin, Marion.

House bill 14 amends the present law and eliminates that provision requiring that at least six of the 12 jurors in cases involving minors shall be women.

House bill 13 adds to the ex-

emptions under the woman juror act by exempting wives of attorneys, wives of judicial officers and trained nurses from jury duty. It also modifies the method of securing excuse from jury duty by providing that women may be excused by the presiding judge by reason of physical disability or family circumstances.

Twelve prisoners in the county jail at Grants Pass have been put to work constructing a new concrete sidewalk around the court house.

House Requests Congress to Pass McNary Measure

Reported favorably by the committee on resolutions, house memorial No. 1, memorializing congress to pass the McNary-Sullivan reclamation bill, raising \$1,000,000 by royalties, rentals and leases on public lands, 45 per cent of which will be used for reclamation purposes, was approved unanimously by the house Tuesday afternoon.

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