

Good Roads Association.

Salem, Or., Dec. 15.—The Oregon Good Roads Association elected officers today, decided to hold four sessions next year, and closed its proceedings with an address by Secretary Meikle of the Washington Good Roads Association. The session next year will be held quarterly, one in Southern Oregon, one in Willamette Valley and two in Eastern Oregon. The places at which the sessions will be held will be determined by the executive committee after consulting with towns that desire meetings.

All of the old officers of the association were re-elected as follows:

President—John H. Scott.

Vice-Presidents—Each of the County Judges.

Secretary—H. B. Thielson, Salem.

Treasurer—C. J. Trenchard, Astoria.

Executive Committee—J. H. Scott, Salem; H. M. Palmer, Albany; C. J. Trenchard, Astoria; George C. Blakely, The Dalles; W. W. Travillion, Baker City; Virgil E. Watters, Corvallis; H. B. Thielson, Salem; J. O. Booth, Grants Pass; B. F. Rhodes, McMinnville; T. F. Ryan, Oregon City.

Buying Wool Ahead.

Enterprise, Or., Dec. 14.—Wool in this county has begun to move in earnest. R. C. Mays, who is buying for S. Koshland & Co., of San Francisco, last night closed contracts with sheepmen of this place for 1,000,000 pounds of wool. As a result, the sheepmen, as well as other business men here, are in a happy mood today, rejoicing in the fact that they have a "cinch" on 16 cents per pound for their 1905 wool clip. Regardless of the fact that there are two other buyers in the field, Mr. Mays is getting all the wool, neither of the other buyers having been able to secure a pound so far.

On the sales made last night, Mays turned over to the sheepmen in this vicinity \$53,000, this being one-third of the contract price of the wool. This amount will relieve the sheepmen to a great extent, as money is always scarce with them at this time of year, and they are compelled to borrow at a high rate of interest. By tomorrow Mr. Mays expects to have the entire clip of this county contracted for, which will amount to about 2,000,000 pounds.

Will Ask For New County.

Hood River, Or., Dec. 18.—At the coming session of the Legislature the people of Antelope will renew their efforts to have a new county created out of Southeastern Wasco, with Antelope as the county seat. This new division is to be known as Stockman county. Although in the two previous sessions The Dalles has stoutly opposed the move for Stockman county, it is understood that the city is pledged this time to support the demands of Antelope.

There has been some talk of Hood River asking for a new county at this session of the Legislature. The people here have long had the ambition to govern themselves in county affairs, but the interested citizens realize that with stubborn opposition in the Senate from The Dalles, the requests of this city would receive little attention at this time, especially since the formation of Stockman county is considered certain.

Representative Jayne, of this city at the request of the finance committee of the Hood River City Council, will present a bill to the Legislature next month asking for an amendment to the city charter, permitting the town to issue bonds in excess of the 5 per cent limit now in force. This city finds it self short for funds and must resort to borrowing money to defray expenses for the coming year.

Passes 2,000,000 Mark as City.

Berlin, Dec. 15.—Berlin has passed the 2,000,000 mark in the population of the city proper. The police register shows 2,091,500 inhabitants. The adjoining suburbs have a population of nearly 750,000 persons.

"Retain" and Mark Salmon.

Astoria, Or., Dec. 16.—Fish Warden Van Dusen announced this morning that about 4,000,000 Chinook salmon would be "retained" at the Ontario hatchery this season for experimental purposes. It has been claimed that "retention" of young fish had a tendency to stunt their growth, but the Fish Warden believes proper feeding and care will overcome this objection. Little fish will be held four or five weeks after the time other salmon are turned out. Fish are now given their liberty when about two inches in length, but those to be retained will be three inches long when turned out, and much better able to protect themselves.

For the purpose of determining just what percentage of fish thus "retained" will return to the river, experts will mark a portion of the 4,000,000 and four years hence results will be definitely ascertained. Heretofore packers and fishermen have reported all marked fish caught and this season's innovation will, the Fish Warden believes, prove successful.

School Teacher Loses Case.

Salem, Or., Dec. 15.—The State Board of Education today decided the contest between Miss Nan Shively, of Astoria, and the Cottage Grove District, against Miss Shively, holding that no contract relations can exist between a teacher and a school district unless the contract be in writing. The decision is of wide importance for the reason that in many instances teachers begin teaching without contracts and await the convenience of school boards.

Miss Shively had been elected to a position in the Cottage Grove schools, but no written contract was made, because she did not have her teacher's certificate with her. After she had taught several weeks the Board dismissed her without preferring charges or giving her a hearing. She appealed to the County Superintendent who reversed the District Board. The case was appealed to the State Board of Education and the County Superintendent is reversed and the District Board sustained.

Om Paul in Tomb.

Pretoria, Transvaal, Dec. 16.—Two thousand burghers attended an impressive religious service today prior to the burial of the body of ex-President Kruger. Several ministers of the Dutch Churches spoke, all eulogizing the ex-President for his exemplary religious life and as a lover of his people, and exhorting the Boers, while remaining loyal to the new flag, never to forget the principles of their late leader or their own language. An immense crowd filed through the death chamber throughout the morning. The coffin was draped with the Transvaal and Orange Free State flags, and on it were the tributes of Queen Wilhelmina and the Queen mother of Holland.

Big Exhibit for Fair.

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 16.—"Missouri is to be splendidly represented at the Lewis and Clark Exposition at Portland," states M. T. Davis, president of the Missouri State's Fair Commission, today.

"We will send out there an exhibit that could not be duplicated for \$300,000," he continued.

The displays for the Western Fair will be selected and prepared for shipment by E. S. Carver, special Commissioner from Missouri to the Lewis and Clark Exposition. He is now actively at work.

Wireless Telegraphy Record.

Kansas City, Dec. 15.—Wireless telegraph messages were sent today from Kansas City to Cleveland, O., 725 miles, without relay. This is said to be the longest overland message ever covered.

Weekly Oregonian—Heppner Gazette.

MADE DEAL ON DEATH BED.

Strange Transaction Between William Rockefeller and the Late Marcus Daly.

A peculiar business transaction in which William Rockefeller and the late Marcus Daly were concerned has just come to light. It seems that when the Montana copper king was lying at the point of death he had on deposit in the National City bank one account amounting to \$197,995, and a special account of \$1,300,518.

A singular thing in connection with the special deposit of \$1,300,518 in the National City bank is that it was opened only a few days before Mr. Daly's death in the form of a check of William Rockefeller for money which he owed to Mr. Daly as a result of transactions in which both men were interested, but the nature of which is not disclosed, says a New York report.

It is understood that it was Mr. Daly's intention to use this money in the purchase of the Amalgamated Copper company, of which he owned at the time he died 67,300 shares.

Claims amounting to \$1,600,000 are pending against Mr. Daly's estate, the chief of which is in an action brought by the United States against the estate to recover \$1,365,000 for trespass on government lands and the conversion of timber removed from it. P. J. Shields also has a claim against the estate for \$258,000. He claimed to have been a partner with Mr. Daly in a coal mine and some other enterprises. John H. Maloney and others have an action pending in the Montana courts to recover \$50,000.

FREE SMOKES FOR SINNERS.

Tobacco Used in Prisons Does Not Pay a Government Revenue Tax—A Recent Ruling.

Convicts serving terms in the various prisons of the country have one privilege people outside the walls do not enjoy. The commissioner of internal revenue has decided that it is permissible for state prisons to manufacture tobacco or cigars for its own inmates without paying license. The commissioner says:

"I would say that upon careful consideration of the question involved, it is held that a charitable or other institution conducted by the state and under state authority with its own operatives, has the right to manufacture tobacco, cigars, or any other tobacco product without the payment of tax when all such manufactured tobacco is used exclusively within the state institution.

"The tobacco must, however, be manufactured within the limits of the state institution, and no portion of it be removed therefrom. If any portion of such manufactured tobacco is found outside of the limits of the institution, it will be liable to seizure and forfeiture, the same as any other unstamped manufactured tobacco which might be found upon the market."

A DIET OF WOOD.

German Chemist Invents an Animal Fodder with Sawdust as Principal Ingredient.

Wood is to be the newest food, says Heinrich Reh, a professor of chemistry in Berlin. He has secured a patent upon a form of animal fodder which has sawdust as its chief ingredient, says a London report.

He argues that animals have a decided liking for young shoots, roots of shrubs, tree bark and other heavy food of the same nature, and, since experiments have proved that the nutriment contained in such growth remains in it even after it has become wood, he observes that with a little salt and water added to it the sawdust will prove to be a highly nourishing diet.

He has statistics to prove it. Pine, birch, alder, acacia, beech and walnut woods and straws have been analyzed chemically by him and he finds that the wood has vastly more albumen, nitrogen and fatty substance than the straw.

The inventor claims that "a very cheap cattle food can be prepared in this manner, to which may be added potato peelings, corn husks and shells of grain and the residue from the sugar beet after the sugar has been extracted."

Sweetbread in Spinach Cases.

Boil the spinach in usual way and when tender chop very fine; season with salt and pepper and add a little melted butter or hot cream, but do not make it too moist. Have some large rounds of bread nicely toasted, place on a hot dish and arrange a wall of spinach around the edge of the toast; rounds. Fill center of these with creamed sweetbread and serve very hot.—Washington Star.

Apple Bread-Pudding.

Slice thin four large cooking apples and arrange them in alternate layers with thin slices of buttered bread in a deep pudding dish. Cover with a rich egg custard, let stand ten minutes and then bake in a moderately hot oven until the pudding is "set." Eat cold with sweetened cream flavored with nutmeg or stick cinnamon.—Boston Globe.

William Carroll, in the police court room at Salt Lake, while his wife was testifying against him of his cruel treatment of her, suddenly stood up in front of her and cut his throat, dying in a few moments.

James Morris, aged 80, died December 14 at Turner, Or. He had lived in Turner and Albany for 59 years.

J. P. Rogers has returned to Sa'em from Cuba, and declares that the island, and especially Havana, is full of yellow fever, notwithstanding the general denials spread broadcast.

Two beets raised near Shedd station weigh 47 and 40 pounds respectively.

The third lodge of the Knights of Columbus has been organized at La Grande.

Many sections of Oregon hold out natural invitations to thousands of homeseekers.

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