

ANNUAL CONVENTION

Of the Willamette Valley Development League.

HELD AT COTTAGE GROVE JUNE 26.

An Outline of the Work Which Will be Taken up and Discussed—Prominent Men Will be Here.

The annual convention of the Willamette Valley Development League will be held at Cottage Grove Wednesday June 26th, with afternoon and evening programs. This meeting will witness the discussion of some of the burning questions before the people of Oregon. Cottage Grove has been noted for being the home of out-spoken sentiments, the center of the agitation that led to the creation of the railroad commission. The general tone of this convention will be aggressive and decisive and along new lines of thought.

Three great issues—waterways, public lands, and transportation will be handled without gloves by men of state wide reputation. Speakers like Governor Chamberlain, Congressman Hawley on the railroad land grant, Chairman Campbell on the work of the Oregon Railroad commission will be star performers. Hon. B. F. Jones of Polk county will tell of the battle for free locks and canal at Oregon City. The heroic fight of the people of Roseburg and Coos Bay to get an electric line will be reviewed by Hon. Louis Barzee of Roseburg. Hon. T. N. Campbell, the humorist and hard fighters of the Oregon legislature will be on hand and break into the arena as one of the leaders of public discussion in Oregon. Of course there will be music and addresses from the mayor and officers of the club.

Cottage Grove will show hospitality to the visiting delegates—five from each commercial organization of the valley. London mineral water will flow on this occasion with the sparkle and vivacity for which it is famous, at a smoker to be given at the handsome quarters of the Commercial club.

There will be no suppression of free discussion of vital issues at the Cottage Grove convention. It is more than likely that all the promises made by Harriman to build railroads across the state and to Coos Bay will be reviewed at the convention and that gentleman will be invited to show cause why he has not made good.

There will be committees appointed and resolutions adopted at Cottage Grove that will mean a great deal to all western Oregon.

The newspaper men of this state are made delegates to this convention and so are the mayors and county judges.

The people of Cottage Grove will be found putting their city to the front at this meeting as usual.

BRUTALITY OF "NEXT FRIENDS."

Attempt to Take Property of Mrs. Eddy Thus Defied By Arthur Brisbane, as Result of Interview.

Boston, Mass., June 9.—The recent light thrown upon the mental condition of Mrs. Mary Baker G. Eddy, upon which question a hearing is to be held tomorrow in the Superior Court at Concord, N. H., comes from an interview had with her Saturday by Arthur Brisbane, the newspaper and Magazine writer. Mr. Brisbane tonight outlined his observations while with Mrs. Eddy as follows:

"I visited Mrs. Eddy as the re-

presentative of the Cosmopolitan Magazine. I had a long and extremely interesting talk with her. The conditions of Mrs. Eddy's home at Concord are, briefly as follows. Those about her are devoted to her. She is in absolute control of her own movements and mistress of her entire household, that is evident. Mrs. Eddy is thoroughly competent to take care of herself and of her business.

"The suggestion that she should be deprived of her personal liberty or of the property that she has earned, is preposterous and shameful. For a woman of her age—she is 86 years old—her mental vigor and clearness of thought is most unusual. I had every opportunity of convincing myself thoroughly as to her mental and physical condition. She talks clearly, logically. She reads beautifully, with a voice very musical and of great power. She understands business matters thoroughly. She speaks with intense feeling and gratitude of her friends and their devotion. To accuse these friends of conspiracy against her welfare is, in my opinion disgraceful.

"I shall say at length in the Cosmopolitan what I feel most deeply, namely, that if Mrs. Eddy in her old age should be deprived by law of her fortune, of the right to dispose of it, or the right to dispose of herself, the act would be outrageous. And it would cause just apprehension in the minds of all women past three score and ten and possessed of property that might arouse the cupidity or the interest of outsiders.

"Mrs. Eddy lives under ideal conditions of comfort, happiness and contentment. It would be sheer brutality on the part of the so-called 'next friends' or any other to interfere with her life as it is today.

"To interfere with Mrs. Eddy's life, to take away from her her complete liberty of action, would be a shameful outrage, and I am convinced that no court will encourage the effort. I shall write you more fully before preparing the article that I have promised.

(Signed) "ARTHUR BRISBANE."

ANOTHER ELECTRIC LINE.

From Junction to Siuslaw—Seattle People in the Deal—Right of Way Men Now at Work.

Which shall it be? A railroad from Eugene to Siuslaw, Junction to Siuslaw or Cottage Grove to Siuslaw. Agitation of the past year or more has started the people to action from these three points. The line from Cottage Grove has frequently been discussed and the residents along the route, especially at Lorane urge construction of such a road. Now we are assured that Seattle capital is behind a well organized movement to build from Junction and that a representative is already in the field securing right of way and getting ready for active operation.

It is no longer a question of advisability in building a road to the coast, it has become a vital necessity and the town that gets the eastern terminus of such a line will reap the benefits of such well directed enterprise.

The time is at hand when such a road is to be built, and Eugene must get in and hustle or some other point will beat us in the race.—Register.

F. J. Denny, who owns a large top field four miles east of Jefferson, has contracted with the E. Wattenberg company of New York to sell 10,000 pounds of his 1907 crop. The price agreed upon is 11 cents per pound. The contract was filed for record with the Linn county recorder.

The Leader leads—never follows.

SALE NOW CONFIRMED

Harriman to Take Over Corvallis & Eastern.

PRESIDENT A. B. HAMMOND OUT

Expected That J. P. O'Brien Will Head New Set of Officials. G. W. Talbot as Vice-President.

Within two weeks the Corvallis & Eastern railroad will be formally taken over by the Harriman interests and operated by officials chosen from the Harriman ranks. A. B. Hammond, president of the road, tendered his resignation at a meeting of the directors in Albany on Monday. His successor has not yet been elected, but it is expected that J. P. O'Brien, general manager of the Harriman lines in the Pacific Northwest, will be president of the road. It is said that the Corvallis & Eastern will be operated as a separate line and will retain its name and individuality.

The date has not yet been set for the meeting of the directors to choose the next president of the road, but it is expected to take place within the next two weeks. At that time the property will be formally taken over.

It is understood that G. W. Talbot, now general manager and treasurer of the C. & E., will be made vice-president and general manager, succeeding J. K. Weatherford, of Albany as vice-president. Mr. Talbot will probably retain his Portland offices.

J. A. Shaw is now secretary of the road and his successor has not yet been decided upon. It is probable that H. F. Connor or W. R. Litzenberg, of W. W. Cotton's staff of attorneys, will be elected to that position.

The Corvallis & Eastern is 142 miles long, extending from Yaquina on Yaquina Bay to Idanha, in the foothills of the Cascades. Connections are made at Albany with the main line of the Southern Pacific. The line operates 18 locomotives, 10 passenger cars and 302 freight and miscellaneous cars.

Prior to the sale of the property President Hammond had planned extensions to the property at each end. He mapped out a survey from Yaquina to Newport and from the present terminus at Idanha across Central Oregon to Detroit.

Whether these extensions will ever be realized cannot now be learned. Mr. O'Brien has not been informed what the plans of the Harriman management are for the road, and as he has no official connection with the line as yet, he has not made recommendations.

General Manager Talbot, of the C. & E. leaves tonight for New York, and it is understood that upon his return another directors' meeting will be held and the proposed changes in officials put into effect.

The formal transfer of the C. & E. property fully confirms the story recently printed in The Oregonian telling of the purchase of the property by Mr. Harriman.—Oregonian.

ASSIGNED TO COAST DEFENSE.

The Seven Companies Selected for Coast Defense Work.

Orders have been issued at National Guard headquarters directing that several companies of the Oregon infantry participate in what is supposed will be coast defense maneuvers at Forts Stevens and Columbia early in July. The order designates troops that have been assigned for this duty and

fixes July 6 as the date for leaving Portland.

It has been known for some time that seven companies of the Oregon National Guard would participate in the maneuvers this summer under government appropriation. The commands that have been selected are: Company A, Baker City; Companies C and K, Portland; Companies A and C, separate battalion, Eugene. These companies will go to Fort Stevens. Company B, Portland, and Company M, Salem, are assigned to Fort Columbia, Washington. Lieutenant John M. Poorman will be in command. A detachment of hospital corps will accompany each command.

The staff officers assigned to the expedition are: Major John L. May, Captain L. H. Knapp, quartermaster Third Infantry, First Lieutenant Rease Leabo, battalion, adjutant and Captain M. B. Marcellus, assistant surgeon. These officers will be stationed at Fort Stevens.

First Lieutenant J. B. Hibbard, battalion adjutant, and Second Lieutenant Carl Ritterspacher, battalion quartermaster and commissary, will accompany the Fort Columbia division. These officers are directed to report to Lieutenant Poorman in Portland at 8 o'clock on the morning of July 6, but further than that nothing is known as to what time of day the troops will depart for their respective stations on the coast.

Nothing whatever is known as to the nature of the maneuvers that the companies will be ordered to take part in at the coast station, not even in a general way. Orders for action are never given until dusk of the day preceding this maneuver. However, it is presumed that the guard will co-operate with the regular troops in coast defense work because the artillery has been given direct command over the movements of the entire force at Forts Stevens and Columbia.—Journal.

STENSLOFF CALLED DOWN.

Assertion That 70 per cent of Lane County Sheep are Scabby is Untrue and Ridiculous.

A statement purporting to have emanated from State Sheep Commissioner Stensloff, that 70 per cent of the Lane county sheep were afflicted with scab, has been widely circulated through the State press, but according to the following communication to the Eugene Register a grievous wrong has been done our county, which should be rectified as soon as possible and as widely as possible under the official signature of Mr. Stensloff.

Junction, Or., June 11.

Editor Register:—I should like to correct a statement published in The Register some time ago that there was 70 per cent of the sheep of Lane county, scabby.

This report has gone out over the state and which, if not corrected, will work great injury to the sheep industry of this section.

After consulting with Mr. Roper, agent of the Federal department, who has been making careful inquiry into the condition of Lane county sheep, and with his statement corroborated by many sheep owners in the county, I desire to state that not ten per cent. of the sheep in Lane county are affected with scab.

Whoever caused such a report to be published not only did not know what he was talking about, but did the sheep industry here an almost irparable injury.

GEO. H. BOGUE,
Deputy Sheep State Inspector.

Eugene Business College will begin a summer session June 1st. Book-keeping, shorthand, typewriting. Removed to the Rankin building, 7th and Willamette Sts. Send for catalogue. Address W. J. Hooker, Prin., Eugene, Oregon. 7-3.

NEW TEXT BOOKS FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

All New Selections Excepting Four.

WHAT THEY WILL COST PARENTS

The New Books Will be Introduced at the Beginning of the Next School Term.

The State Text Book Commission has announced its selection of books for the public schools of Oregon, and in the common schools all are new selections excepting four, and the books retained are the fourth and fifth Cyr readers, Thomas Elementary History and the Reed Speller. The eight course will require 25 books, the aggregated cost of which is \$9.14. If a pupil should exchange an entire set of old books for a complete set of new ones the difference he will have to pay is \$4.51.

The new books will be introduced at the beginning of the next school year.

The new adoption distributes the books among a larger number of publishers, the so-called small houses getting a number of contracts. Ginn & Co., have lost three of the readers and the geographies but gained the nature study and the music. The W. H. Wheeler Company gets the contract for the primer and the first three readers; the American Book Company publishes the newly adopted geographies; Ginn & Company, the arithmetics; Heath & Company the elementary history; Doubt & Company the advanced history; Newsome & Company, the grammars; D. Appleton; the physiology; O. P. Barnes, the writing books; Maynard-Merrill Company, the speller, and the Prang Company, the drawing books. Ginn & Company received the award for the arithmetics again, though there is a change of authors.

While this feature of the distribution may not have been considered by the commission, it is at once apparent that the scattering of the text-book business practically prevents the building up of an educational machine backed by a publishing house. The American Book Company, which once had a monopoly of the business in this state, gets one contract under the new selection.

The books adopted with the retail prices are as follows:

Wheeler's graded Primer...	\$ 25
Wheeler's graded 1st Reader	25
Wheeler's graded 2d Reader	35
Wheeler's graded 3d Reader	45
Cyr's fourth Reader	50
Cyr's fifth Reader	60
Natural Intro'ry Geography	54
Natural school Geography	1 13
Smith's primary Arithmetic	35
Smith's practical Arithmetic	65
Mental Arithmetic—	
No separate book adopted; will use written arithmetic.	

Thomas' elementary History	60
History of U. S. by Doubt	1 00
Buchler & Hotchkiss' Modern English Lessons	40
English Grammar	55
Civil Government—	
No separate book adopted—history to be used.	
First book in Hygiene	35
Graded lessons in Physiology and Hygiene	60
Agriculture for beginners (Burkett Stevens & Hill)	75
Outlook writing book, 1 to 7	05
Copy slips, 1 to 6	05
Practice books	05
Empire Writing Speller	05
Reed's Word Lessons	22
New Educational Course:	
First book	30
Second book	30
Third book	35
Fourth book	40
Fifth book	50
Art Education Drawing book 1 to 8, first three books 15 cents; last five	20

The foregoing list was adopted by unanimous vote of the Text Book Commission, composed of H. W. Scott, P. L. Campbell, W. M. Colvig, B. A. Jones and M. A. Miller.

TEXT BOOKS FOR THE HIGH SCHOOL.

Following is a list of the text books which will be used in the Oregon High Schools for the next six years. Considerably more than half of these books are new.

Buchler's English Grammar	\$0 60
Herrick & Damon's Composition and Rhetoric	1 00
Carson's Handbook of Composition	60
Well's Algebra	1 20
Tarr's Physical Geography	1 00
Hale's First Latin Book	1 00
Hale's Latin Grammar	1 00
Guttmann & Harley's Caesar Greenough & Kittridge's Virgil	1 50
Allens & Greenough's Cicero	1 30
Channing's U. S. History	1 40
Meyer's General History	1 50
Power's & Lou's Office Methods and Book-keeping	2 10
Hutchinson's Physiology and Hygiene	1 00
Bergen's Botany	1 30
Newcomer's Eng Literature "Amer."	1 00
Wentworth's Geometry	1 25
Milken & Gale's Physics	1 25
Le Conte's geology	1 08
Will's Acad. Arithmetic	1 00
Bullock's Economics	1 00
Strong & Schaler's government of American people	65
Joynes German grammar	1 12
Huss' Reader	70
Heath's German Authors	Catalogue prices.
McPherson & Henderson's Elements of Chemistry	1 25
Davenport's Introduction to Zoology	1 10
Todd's Astronomy	1 00

Sparks from neighboring forest fires ignited a large quantity of logs the property of the Hoover Lumbering Company, last Thursday night and before the fire was brought under control, over \$10,000 worth of valuable timber had been destroyed. The logs were piled in the hills about 8 miles from Mill City near camp No. 2, and were ready for shipment to the mills.

The Leader tells the news.

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