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LAW MAKERS ARE AT WORK

OREGON AND WASHINGTON LEGISLATURES MEET.

Caucus Agreements in Both States Bring About Organization Without a Hitch and the Two Bodies Get Down to Active Legislation.

Olympia, Wash., Jan. 11.—The organization of both houses in the legislature went through smoothly today as the result of caucus agreements. J. O. Meigs, of North Yakima, was elected speaker of the house without opposition. At a conference Sunday morning the supporters of J. W. Slayden, of Tacoma, checked up their strength and found 35 votes out of the total 89 Republican members. The Slayden men then announced their withdrawal from the contest.

Meigs will appoint Frank H. Renick, of Seattle, chairman of the appropriation committee.

Loren Grinstead, of Seattle, defeated J. W. Lyons, also of Seattle, for chief clerk of the house by a vote of 36 to 35. The defeat of Lyons removes a familiar figure from the legislative roster, he having been secretary of the senate for five years.

The senate was called to order by Lieutenant-Governor Charles Coon, who will preside over that body until Wednesday, when the change of administration takes place and M. E. Hay becomes Lieutenant-Governor. The new members will then be sworn in.

Little beyond organization was accomplished today. Tomorrow the vote in the last election will be canvassed, and Wednesday the official notifications of their election will be delivered to the state officers-elect.

Oregon Legislature Convenes.

Salem, Or., Jan. 11.—The 25th Oregon legislative assembly convened in this city at 10 o'clock today and organized by electing Jay Bowerman, of Gilliam, Sherman and Wheeler counties, president of the senate, and C. N. McArthur, of Multnomah and Clackamas, speaker of the house.

The fight over organization was entirely abandoned Sunday and practically all the Republican members of the two houses participated in the organization caucuses.

The Democrats in the two houses took no part in the organization, except to cast a complimentary vote to one of their party.

Senator A. J. Johnson, of Benton, called the senate to order. The house, according to custom, was called to order by W. Lair Thompson, of Lake county, chief clerk of the last house.

Many Killed in Coal Mine.

Zeigler, Ill., Jan. 10.—The series of mishaps in Joe Leiter's famous \$1,000,000 colliery here during the last few years reached a climax shortly after 1 o'clock this morning, when a mysterious explosion killed 24 men. Nineteen dead have been recovered, five are missing and are undoubtedly dead, and two are injured critically.

WOULD WHIP WIFE-BEATERS

Law Introduced in Montana Legislature to Establish Floggings.

Helena, Mont., Jan. 11.—Among the bills which have been introduced in the legislature, the most important are the appropriation bills and a measure to stop pool selling on races outside of the state, and a measure which would make it possible to punish wife-beaters and others at the whipping post and those regarding the election of United States senators by direct vote of the people.

Will Register Pedigrees.

New York, Jan. 9.—Official registration of pedigrees in order that persons who have traced the branches of their family trees may have the records published in books form, is to be provided by the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society. By this compilation it is hoped to present a standard authority on American pedigrees.

You would not delay taking Foley's Kidney Remedy at the first sign of kidney or bladder trouble if you realized that neglect might result in Bright's disease or diabetes. Foley's Kidney Remedy corrects irregularities and cures all kidney and bladder disorders. P. M. Kirkland.

Eugene to Get Great Convention.

The Retail Grocers and Merchants Association of Oregon had a splendid convention at Portland last week, and they adjourned to meet in Eu-

gene in 1910, and this will be the largest meeting in their history because it is now the Retail Merchants Association, and this means one of the most important gatherings of the year. The Manufacturers' Association, the Portland Commercial Club and individual manufacturers participated in the entertainment of delegates this past week.

LUCILE DALTON CALLED AWAY

Claimed by Tuberculosis in the Full Bloom of Youth.

Monday morning of last week the sweet spirit of Miss Lucile Dalton freed itself from its entombment of human clay and took its flight for those sublime regions above. Her death came as a shock to the entire community, although not unexpected, as she had not enjoyed good health for some months, and for three weeks her condition has been extremely serious. Until the last hopes were had by her relatives and many friends that her constitution would be able to withstand the ravages of the dread disease with which she became afflicted, tuberculosis, but the powers had ordained that she had brightened our lives long enough and at 11 o'clock Monday morning she was called to her everlasting and beautiful home beyond the skies. No sweeter flower was ever granted a period of life in this earthly garden than Lucile. Her sunny temperament, graceful and obliging ways breathed sweet fragrance on everyone with whom she came in contact, and her transplanting leaves a void that can never be filled.

Knowing her intimately as we did since a small child, and being thoroughly familiar with her many beautiful qualities of heart and mind, we cannot help but sympathize most deeply with her terribly bereaved parents, with whom we have been close neighbors for so many years. On the threshold of womanhood, with its joys and sorrows opening up before her tender gaze, she was taken away from the kind, loving care that surrounded, and the endearing arms that now ache so badly to once more entwine her ethereal body in a fond embrace. Lucile was gifted with many accomplishments of mind, and if permitted to live would have finished her college course with honor to herself and pride for her parents.

Miss Lucile Dalton was born in Independence, Oregon, on September 18, 1890, making her 18 years old at the time of her death. She came to Dallas with her parents in 1899, when her father, E. V. Dalton, was elected county treasurer, and has since lived here. Her remains were laid to rest in the Oddfellows cemetery Wednesday afternoon, the funeral services being conducted from the Evangelical church at 1 o'clock, of which Sabbath school she was a member. The funeral was preached by the pastor, Rev. H. H. Farnham, and he laid special stress on her sweetness of disposition and excellence in her studies. Many floral tributes from her bereaved schoolmates evidenced the grief they felt at her demise. Six of her boy schoolmates acted as pall bearers, they being Vern Launer, Geo. Gurney, August Risser, Lew Ballantyne, Walter Ballantyne and Clarence Reynolds. The college was dismissed for the afternoon and the students attended in a body, marching to the church.

The bereaved father, mother and brother have the sympathy of the entire community, she being the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Dalton, and only sister of Maurice Dalton. May their grief be tempered with the knowledge that she has gone to a more beautiful home, where sorrows are unknown and joys everlasting.—Itemizer.

Enterprise Adds New Feature.

The Enterprise will begin the publication this week of a home course of study in modern agriculture. These articles are written by C. V. Gregory, of the agricultural division of the Iowa State College, covering the course of study followed by that institution. The success of scientific farming, with its greatly increased yields, as was largely shown through the efforts of those in charge of the demonstration train which toured the valley last fall, has aroused strong interest among farmers throughout the country. The knowledge obtained from the publication of this series of eighteen installments is worth many dollars to the farmers. Besides the practical value of these articles they are very interesting, revealing the magic of chemistry as seen in growing things.

COUNTY'S PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO DEBATE FOR GOLD MEDAL

ORGANIZATION WAS EFFECTED AT DALLAS SATURDAY.

Comprise 8th and 9th Grades of the Schools of Independence, Monmouth, Dallas, Falls City, Perrydale, Ballston, Bethel and Rickreall.

A meeting of the principals of the Polk county schools having ninth and tenth grades was held in the office of the county school superintendent in Dallas Saturday, January 9. The following principals were present: R. W. Kirk, Independence; L. R. Traver, Monmouth; R. R. Hill, Dallas; F. E. Borneman, Perrydale; J. E. Dunton, Ballston; and O. D. Byers, Rickreall.

This meeting was called for the purpose of organizing debating leagues in the county public schools for the ninth and tenth grades. Eighteen leagues were organized, composed of the following schools: Independence, Monmouth, Falls City, Dallas, Perrydale, Ballston, Bethel and Rickreall.

James E. Dunton of Ballston was elected president of the leagues and H. C. Seymour was chosen secretary.

The preliminary debates will occur on February 24, 25, 26 and 27th. There will be one set of judges for all the preliminary debates, to be chosen from McMinnville College, Willamette University, and Oregon Agricultural College. The second debate will occur on March 25 and 26, when the four winning teams of the preliminary debates will contest, and the final debate will come on April 23, when the two winning teams of the semi-finals will debate for final honors.

H. Hirsberg of Independence has offered a gold medal to the winning team in these debates.

Much interest is already being manifested in the various schools which will take part in these debates.

Eclipses for the Year 1909.

In the year 1909 there will be four eclipses, two of the sun and two of the moon. A total eclipse of the moon June 3d, partly visible here; the beginning visible generally in South America, Africa, Europe and Southwestern Asia, the ending visible generally in Africa, Central and Western Europe, South America and North America except the northwestern part. A central eclipse of the sun June 17th, visible here as a partial eclipse, the sun setting eclipsed. A total eclipse of the moon November 27th, visible in the United States. A partial eclipse of the sun December 12th, invisible here, but visible to a large area around the South Pole.

HISTORY OF HIS BEGINNING

How an Independence Boy Got His Start.

Several years ago a prize was offered by a national horticultural association, says Oregon Agriculturist. The amount of the prize was \$50, to be given for the largest pansy shown. Every state contested and Oregon won. The prize was won by Ross Nelson of Independence, who was then a small boy. Being economical he had saved "a few pennies." These pennies and his \$50 he invested in a few cows and that was the start of the Nelson Stock Farm.

Now it is one of the largest dairy and stock farms in the vicinity of Independence. The herd is headed by Dorinda, grandson of Peer's Surprise, while they have two yearlings coming on who are true blue-blooded aristocrats of the highest order.

Such skill and foresight has been displayed by Mr. Nelson, Jr., in the rearing of his present young stock that they are now conceded to be as high quality as any A. J. C.'s on the Coast. The Nelson farm comprises a good many broad acres.

One of its features is a fine apple orchard. Mr. Nelson, Sr., has pruned and trimmed to that extent that the apples produced this year are almost perfect in quality. Electric lights are installed in both the house and barns, while they are now contemplating the erection of more new buildings.

Two miles up the valley from Dallas, just below the bend of the S. F. C. & W. R. R., is situated the snug little villa of Mrs. W. J. Farley, in

partnership with her brother, D. C. Cline. The herd of Angoras on this ranch is noted by their connection with the celebrated Judy and King Arthur, Jr. Their prize winner had not been home long from his tour, which had commenced at Salem and had encompassed the fairs at Spokane, North Yakima and Portland, and we were shown ribbons and medals which he had won more than sufficient to decorate a Zulu chief. There are over a hundred registered animals in this herd, and now having a herd which meets their satisfaction as to quality, they are filling orders for foundation stock.

Coast Artillery for Marshfield.

Portland—Adjutant-General W. E. Finzer of the Oregon National Guard has received instructions from the war department for the organization of a full company of coast artillery at Marshfield at as early a date as possible. The department also asked for a report on the work and present status of other coast artillery of the Oregon guard service.

Marshfield is the second coast town to get a coast artillery organization, the first having gone to Astoria. The Marshfield roster must bear not less than 58 names. These men will be furnished everything in the way of equipment by the United States government. The equipment includes the new service rifles, it being necessary for heavy artillery to be drilled for operations as infantry. An outlay of approximately \$5000 will be required to launch the new organization.

Oregon State 50 Years.

Portland—The Oregon Historical Society is making arrangements for the celebration, on February 13, of the 50th anniversary of Oregon's admission into the Union.

Frederick N. Judson, of St. Louis, a widely-known lawyer and author, will be the chief speaker. Other notable addresses will also be delivered at that time. It has not yet been decided whether the ceremonies will be held in Portland or Salem.

While the constitution of Oregon was adopted by the people of Oregon in 1857, and officers chosen thereunder, it was not until February 14, 1859, that Oregon was admitted to the Union as a state by act of Congress. As February 14 this year falls on Sunday, those in charge have deemed it advisable to hold the celebration on the Saturday preceding.

Klamath County to Have Exhibit.

Klamath Falls—Klamath county is going to have a representative exhibit at the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition, established and maintained through the joint efforts of the Klamath Chamber of Commerce and Klamath Water Users' Association. It is intended to make a display of products of this section. The Indian reservation and the Modoc lava beds will both probably furnish attractive contributions to the collection that will be made, and the agricultural development and possibilities will be represented.

The Chamber of Commerce committee has taken up with the Oregon State Commission the question of employing space in the Oregon building, which will probably be made the chief center of installation if the plan is acceptable to the commission.

Clatsop County to Pay Bounty.

Astoria—Clatsop county will, during the year 1909, pay a bounty of \$200 each on cougar scalps, \$3 each on bear scalps and \$1 each on bob and wildcat scalps. This action was taken by the county court on account of numerous reports being present that during the past year these animals had done great damage in certain sections of the county by killing domestic animals as well as a large amount of small game.

A provision was made in order to guard against the bringing of scalps from other counties, where the bounty is not so high, and every one presenting a scalp for bounty must file an affidavit that the animal was killed in Clatsop county.

Cottage Grove Working for County.

Cottage Grove—This city is deeply absorbed in the plan to create a new county. Nineteen hundred and fifty-six square miles, with a valuation of \$5,000,000, would be included. The county as outlined will run about three miles north of Drain and one mile north of Creswell. The population is about 8000. Cottage Grove is designated as the temporary capital.

The proposed lines on the south do not include Yoncalla nor Drain, which passed resolutions against the plan. The new county would be called "NeSmith."

FRUIT TREES ARE NOT HURT

But Stock Will Suffer During Present Severe Storm.

It is believed that the orchards of the valley are not going to be injured from the zero weather of the past ten days. People well qualified to say claim that there has been much colder weather here than that of the present storm and that orchards were not damaged. J. B. Stump of Monmouth is uneasy on account of his walnut orchard but examination at this time fails to determine whether it is being damaged. Wm. Riddell, also of Monmouth, says there is no way to determine if his walnut trees are hurt and he cannot tell until thawing weather comes. Mr. Riddell says that previous severe cold snaps of years past failed to damage walnut trees and he thinks they can come through this storm without injury.

There have been some cases of suffering of stock reported to the Enterprise. There appears to be plenty of shelter and feed for the stock but the suffering is from dry feed which the goats cannot stand up to. Some cases of sheep dying are also reported. Reliable authorities claim there will be much loss of stock during the storm.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Track prices: Club, 90c; red Russian, 88c; bluestem, 96c; Valley, 92c.

Barley—Feed, \$26.50; rolled, \$28@29.

Oats—No. 1 white, \$32; gray, \$32.

Hay—Timothy, Willamette Valley, fancy, \$15; do. ordinary, \$12; Eastern Oregon, mixed, \$16; do. fancy, \$18; alfalfa, \$12.50; clover, \$12.

Butter—Extra, 36@37c; fancy, 33@34c; choice, 40@43c.

Eggs—1908, choice, 6@7c; Hops—1908, choice, 4@5c; 1907, 2@4c.

Wool—Valley, 14@15½c; Id.; Eastern Oregon, 8@16c, as to shrinkage.

Mohair—Choice, 18@19c.

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Burned by Flames of Oil

Fort Stevens—J. Duff, an electrician in charge of the electrical work of the United States engineers stationed at Fort Stevens, was burned about the arms and shoulders by the explosion of oil in a stove which he had attempted to light. Supposing all fire extinct, he poured a large quantity of oil upon the coals. His action was followed by a heavy explosion which enveloped him in flames.

The timely and heroic action of his wife undoubtedly saved his life, as she promptly covered him with blankets, thus smothering the flames.

Lane County Gets Help.

Salem—Through the efforts of Representative Hawley, the chief of engineers has authorized the loan to the county court of Lane county of certain United States property and plant to be used in connection with the county's project for the extension of the jetty at the mouth of the Siuslaw river.

Mr. Hawley will follow this up with an earnest appeal to congress for provision in the next river and harbor bill for further continuance of the government improvement of the Siuslaw and its entrance.

Oregon Advertisers in Earnest.

Six tons of advertising matter, and the highest possible grade of advertising matter at that, was forwarded to the East by the Portland Commercial Club last week. This remarkable addition to the enormous advertising Oregon is already receiving, tells of all the resources of the state in picture and text, and comprises 5,040,000 full newspaper columns, certainly a great accomplishment, and one which five years ago would have been considered impossible.

WORST STORM OF THE WEST

SNOW FALL ATTAINS DEPTH OF TWELVE INCHES.

Has Not Delayed Trains on West Side Division of Southern Pacific but Main Lines of all Train Service Suffers to Make Schedules.

The hope that the beginning of his week would see a break in the storm which has raged over the Western states has failed and even colder weather has prevailed, the thermometer registering zero Monday morning for the first time in the remembrance of old timers for a quarter of a century. Nothing like this has been experienced, says Forecaster Beals of Portland, since 1895. Others say that this January storm is the worst that ever struck the Willamette valley since 1834; and still others contend that there has been nothing to compare with it since 1864.

It has not only continued cold during the entire time of the storm but snow continued to fall intermittently every day up to Monday of this week, while only once the thermometer fell to zero in Independence. In other parts of the state real Klondike weather was experienced. At Pendleton zero was beaten by 21 degrees and at The Dalles the Columbia river is frozen over and traffic has been established from shore to shore. This has stopped navigation at all points on the Columbia river and will for weeks to come. There is no telling when the ferry at Vancouver will resume traffic.

The Willamette river is frozen over from shore to shore at Portland for the first time in twenty-one years, when teams crossed on the ice. In a few days it is expected the ice will be strong enough to support skaters and, perhaps, regular traffic.

Wednesday Forecaster Beals reported a storm of unusual severity moving in from the ocean over Southern Oregon. The track of this storm is so far south that a change in the direction of the wind cannot result soon. Warmer weather will not come until the wind changes.

On the same river the locks at Cascades is frozen up and traffic is suspended. The locks on the Yamhill river is also frozen up and boat service on that river is suspended.

At Roseburg, however, it is said, no snow had fallen, up to this week but it rained there in regular old Willamette valley style. It was from the effects of these rains that the Willamette river was last week swollen to high water mark.

School in Independence was dismissed indefinitely much to the enjoyment of the school children. Sunday school classes were depleted and not a fourth of the usual attendance was out.

Clearance sales which were in force at Dallas and Salem have been seriously interrupted and will, in most cases, be continued only after the storm subsides.

Committee Decides on Measure.

The Legislative Committee of the Oregon Good Roads Conference held their closing meeting last Saturday in Portland, and decided upon the bill they are to present to the legislature.

A Running Broad Jump.

"One day," related Denny to his friend Jerry, "when Ol had wandered too far inland on me shore leave Ol suddenly found that there was a great big haythen, tin feet tall, chasin' me wid a knife as long as yer arm. Ol took to me heels an' for fifty miles along the r-road we had it nip an' tuck. Thin Ol turned into the woods an' we run for one hundred an' twenty miles more, wid him gainin' on me steady, owin' to his knowledge of the country. Finally, just as Ol could feel his hot breath burnin' on the back of me neck we came to a big lake. Wid one great leap Ol landed safe on the opposite shore, leavin' me pursuer confounded and impotent wid rage.

"Faith an' that was no great jump," commented Jerry, "considerin' the runnin' start ye had."—Everybody's Magazine.