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Senator Kuykendall Lands Presidency of Senate on Sixty-fifth Ballot.

Work of Adding Laws to Oregon's Statute Books Now On In Full Blast.

Dr. W. Kuykendall occupies the State Senate rostrum and looks over his eye glasses at the twenty-nine senators in front of him.

After a two days contest, he was elected president of the senate on the sixty-fifth ballot. His election did not come until he had been made to feel the force of the opposition and he was brought to the point of willingness to concede most anything asked to secure election. The first one to weaken among the opposition was Senator Farrar of Marion. T. B. Kay, the defeated candidate for speaker, is said to have influenced Farrar to give in but this is hardly the fact. If there was any cause other than Farrar's inability to stand out against persuasion that moved him, it came from a higher power, politically, than Kay.

The standing committees of the senate and also of the house will not be announced before Monday.

TALKING BY WIRE

Independence Connected with Rural Lines and Dallas Opened To Subscribers.

The poles were set this week and wire is today being strung between Independence and Monmouth. This line will connect Independence with the Airlie and Lewisville people and with all the people of Polk county on the Independent lines. The Independence terminus of the line will be for the present at Locke's drug store. The Silverton people are now talking connection with Polk county via Independence. The rural lines are growing very rapidly in Marion county, around Silverton, Woodburn, Aurora, Hubbard and all the northern portion of the county.

The Bell telephone people have strung another wire on their poles between Dallas and Monmouth and subscribers to that system can now talk to Dallas without extra charge.

Many Witnesses.

Fifty-two residents of the Sweet Home and Foster neighborhoods came down to Albany Monday, and left for Portland, where they are cited to appear before the federal grand jury as witnesses in the land fraud cases. These are nearly all men who have in the past few years taken up timber claims in the southeastern part of Linn county, and sold them to different land dealers. Many of these men have told openly that for the past few months that they had taken their claims for others, receiving for their services \$50 each and expenses. Most of them are men who sold to F. A. Kribs, one of the Minnesota land buyers. Many of the men going down have already stated that they would save themselves all trouble by making a clean breast of the whole matter. About 25 more men were wanted as witnesses before the grand jury, but the officers sent to summon them were unable to find the men, the latter having taken to the woods, when it was known that subpoenas were ready for them.

The Douty and Simpson Mill.

An agreement has been reached between the Douty & Simpson Lumber Co. and Geo. Brey, lessee of the O. R. & N. warehouse at the foot of C street which together with the ground has been secured as a site for the new mill. For a

time there was prospect of a hold up of the building of the mill as the O. R. & N. warehouse site secured for it was under lease to Mr. Brey at the time the sale was made. The matter however has been satisfactorily settled and the work of the erection of the mill will now proceed.

Fined \$50 And Costs.

After deliberating on the case of Wong Sing the Chinaman charged with selling liquor without license, Judge Sharman this week pronounced a fine of \$50 and costs. Oscar Hayter, the Chinaman's attorney was over and took a transcript of the judgment and stated he could beat the case on writ of review. It is not known whether the Chinaman will carry the case further or not. He has left for Portland leaving his restaurant to Foo the 11 year old China cook.

Lodges Install.

The Degree of Honor had installation of officers at their regular meeting Monday evening. After the ceremonies a social time was had and a delicious lunch was served in the banquet hall. The following officers were installed: Mrs. Hattie Henkle, P. C. of H; Mrs. Mira Kimberlin, C. of H; Mrs. Etta Hodge, L. of H; Mrs. Nellie Damon, C. of C; Mrs. Anna Owen, Financier; Mrs. Nora Mattison, Treasurer; Mrs. Susie Locke, Usher; Miss Nola Owen, I. W; Roy Hawkins, O. W.

The local lodge of Eastern Stars installed the following officers Tuesday night: Mrs. Ica Mattison, W. M; Mrs. Flora Mix, A. M; Mrs. Myrtle Richardson, conductress; Mrs. Hannah Burton, A. C; Mrs. Della Butler, secretary; Mrs. A. J. Wilson, treasurer; Miss Maud Hiff, Adah; Miss Bell Dickinson, Ruth; Miss Nellie Harris, Esther; Mrs. Hattie Henkle, Martha; Miss Gertrude Dickinson, Warder; P. M. Kirkland, Sentinel.

The Independence order of the W. O. W. installed officers at their last meeting as follows: C. L. Masterson, P. C. C; E. W. Cooper, C. C; Fred Hooper, A. L; A. S. Locke, banker; C. W. Butler, clerk; J. E. Hubbard, escort; O. A. Kramer, watchman; Dr. O. D. Butler, sentinel. The next regular meeting will be Wednesday evening, January 18. There will be initiation work at this meeting and all members are requested to be present.

FINE MACHINE SHOP

H. M. Edgar, the Machinist Building up Good Business Here

A business that has built up wonderfully in Independence within the past six months is the machinery and general repair house conducted by H. M. Edgar. Mr. Edgar came here last July bringing with him a good outfit for repairing including a big turning lathe, power drills, etc. He repairs most anything in wood, iron or leather goods. He repairs bicycles, automobiles, wagons, buggies, umbrellas, guns or in fact most anything from a sewing needle to a threshing machine. He is a workman; his charges are reasonable and he attends strictly to business. In addition to his repair shop, Mr. Edgar also has the agency for the Stover gasoline engine, one of which he uses himself, and for different makes of bicycles.

Previous to locating here he operated the Salem Iron Foundry, which he did successfully for two years and would still be running under his direction but for the sale of the ground and buildings.

Any kind of repairing will receive prompt attention at Mr. Edgar's place on C street, and every customer will receive courteous attention.

NOTICE SERVED

Mr. Calahan Desires to Operate a Ferry Across Willamette at Independence

Time Has Come When Business Interests Require a Free Ferry Here

J. H. Callahan has posted notices reciting that he will apply to the county court at the February term for the privilege of operating a ferry on the river at Independence. The district across the river is filling up with settlers and there is a strong sentiment for a free ferry. The business interests of Independence also are awaking to the necessity of providing a less expensive way for people of the county naturally tributary to the town on the Marion county side to get across the river. The building of a bridge at this time is beyond the hope of realization but as a matter of fact, a free ferry should be maintained across the river at Independence. This is without prejudice to the interests of Geo. W. Jones, the present ferryman, for it is assumed that to establish a free ferry, he will be paid if he desires it, a fair and reasonable price for his boat cable etc. That a free ferry across the river here would be a great accommodation to people living in "Missouri Bottom" and of incalculable value to the business interests of Independence and the traveling public generally, there is no doubt. The people of the town should heartily co-operate with citizens across the river in this movement.

There is no complaint so far as this paper knows of overcharge under present arrangement. The present ferryman is guided by the law in the charges, but as the country is becoming more thickly settled and the ferry business has multiplied, the legal charges, like those of the Locks at Oregon City are a great embargo on business.

Following are the charges that may be exacted under the law: Team 25c each way; single rigs 25c each way; horseback 15c each way; footman 10c each way, loose horses 5c per head, cattle, sheep or hogs 5c per head.

BUSINESS GROWING

Post Offices at Independence and Monmouth Show Business Good, County Growing

There is probably no better index to the progress of a community than that afforded by the business done through the post offices. According to the various departments of the Independence post office, prepared by Postmaster Merwin there has been an increase in all branches for the year 1904 over 1903.

The increase summarized is as follows: General postal account 11 1/2 per cent; box account 8 per cent; newspapers, 43 1/2 per cent; money orders issued, 20 1/2 per cent; newspaper postage, 43 per cent.

The business of the rural delivery route also grew appreciably last year.

The Monmouth postoffice business increase for the same time according to a summary prepared by Postmaster Lucas is: Postal receipts, 13 1/2 per cent, box rent 11 per cent, money orders issued, 9 per cent.

There has also been a slight gain in the business picked up by the rural carrier out of Monmouth.

Chas. A. Mattison Injured.

Word is received as this issue goes to press that Chas. A. Mattison fell from the steps of the Willamette hotel in Salem this morning receiving serious injuries. Mrs. Mattison has driven over.

Label is Charged.

Rev. Mears, pastor of the Methodist church at Buena Vista filed a complaint against William McClaine, charging libel. The defendant is charged in the complaint with circulating a report to the effect that the pastor had been unduly intimate with a lady of the town. Rev. Mears has the substance of the report in writing over McClaine's signature and he proposes to go into court and offer evidence to disprove what the defendant will be required to prove.

The city council had a midnight session Monday evening. It was the regular meeting, and business was piled up. The session began at 7:30 and did not end until 1 o'clock in the morning. After the clock struck twelve, the brethren looked horns over the extension of the city limits. All kinds of visions were held by those in attendance, other than councilmen. One proposed that a dozen hot tamales be sent for as a peace offering. Another suggestion was that a doctor be sent for to write prescriptions in the hope that a little stimulation might help out.—Corvallis Times.

FRATERNAL VISIT

Falls City K. of P's. Entertain Independence Lodge and Grand Officers

Homer Lodge No. 45 K. of P. chartered a motor last night and attended a meeting of Cascade Lodge No. 92 at Falls City. Grand Chancellor Curl and Grand Keeper of Records and Seal Stinson who were in town, accompanied the party. The special motor left the station at 5:10 when snowflakes filled the air. At every stop along the way the excursionists were out indulging in the luxury of snow baling.

The Falls City Lodge knows how to entertain and the members made every visitor present glad they had braved the miniature snow storm to attend Cascade Lodge No. 92. After the regular work of the lodge including the giving of the third degree to G. H. Morris, an elaborate banquet was served at the hotel. Following the banquet a program was rendered by the local talent which was well received.

Cascade Lodge is in a flourishing condition. One year ago it started up with a membership of nineteen. It now has thirty members with prospects of a number more.

The officers for the year have been installed. They are: A. J. Muckle, C. C; C. E. Dill, V. C; W. B. McKown, prelate; M. Courter, M. of W.; A. Courter K. of R. & S; Norman Hamilton, M. F; L. T. McMurphy M. of E; Sam O'Brien, M. A; Frank Harris, I. G. J. O. Chamberlain, O. G.

Those of Homer Lodge comprising the visitors from here were: Arthur Moore, Verd Hill, David Calbreath, J. W. Richardson, W. L. Bice, Claude Kurra, Clement Jones, W. A. Scott, Wm. McAdams, Chas. Irvine, U. L. Frazer, Pearl Alexander, W. H. Walker, John Burton, Wm Campbell, Chas. Masterson, Frank Masterson, W. Stuble, Clarence Clodfelter, Frank Flukes, Chas. Gibson, O. T. Soley, Geo. Burton, Chas. Hubbard. The ladies of the party were; Mrs. U. L. Frazer, Mrs. Arthur Moore, Miss Florence Burton, Mrs. Claude Kurra and Mrs. O. A. Kramer. It was 4 o'clock this morning when the excursionists returned.

It was only forty-one years ago that the first newspaper was published in Japan, today she boasts of one thousand five hundred daily news papers and periodicals of which Tokio has over twenty.