

## NEW BATCH OF OREGON LAND FRAUD TRIALS IN PROSPECT

Portland, May 16.—For the specific purpose of inquiring into alleged frauds in connection with the purchase in 1902 of lands on the Umatilla Indian reservation and other lands recently perpetrated on bona fide settlers occupying lands recently thrown open by the government in eastern Oregon, United States Judge Charles E. Wolverton has called a federal grand jury to convene May 25.

It is intimated that the United States postal officials will present interesting testimony and that certain Eastern Oregon cattle and sheepmen and prominent residents of the Roseburg district are in danger of indictment.

**Chicago Wheat Market**  
Chicago, May 16.—May, \$1; July, 89; September, 86; December, 87.

### ALL KILLED EXCEPT INFANT IN CRADLE

Mattewan, N. J., May 16.—W. B. Shepard, a farmer four miles south of Mattewan, his wife and a servant named Jennie Gendy were found murdered today. An infant in its cradle was unharmed. All had been shot.

Three inches of snow fell at Canon, Eastern Oregon, Thursday night, and continued Friday, the first snow storm in May for 29 years, and the first moisture here for several months. The farmers are rejoicing as it means thousands of dollars to them. Wheat men say there is no danger, unless it freezes.

## STRIKE BEGINS ON CLEVELAND STREET CAR LINES OF SALEM FIRM

Cleveland, May 16.—A strike of street car men commenced at 3 o'clock this morning. About 300 men of the original three-cent fare line did not join and a large number of men who have been trained for service since the strike was threatened ten days ago refused to leave their posts.

A number of sharp clashes have occurred and several motormen and conductors have been dragged from their cars and beaten, but the chief of police is firm in his declaration that no rioting will be tolerated.

Efforts were made to run cars on several lines and a large crowd gathered at the Lakeview barn, the police being forced to drive the crowd back with clubs, many being slightly injured. The crowd threw stones but finally dispersed.

The high Sierra mountains were yesterday robed with a mantle of snow 15 inches deep. That amount fell Friday, establishing a new record for May. Flakes began to fall at 3 o'clock in the morning, giving peak and canyon an equal dose.

Guard Special Service.  
Washington, May 16.—Serving Architect Taylor stated today that the department would probably reject the bid of the Salem company for the Eugene building and re-advertise.

### TARGET TROPHY IS NOT FINISHED

Spokane, May 16.—The cup offered by Spokane to the winner of the Magdalena Bay target practice will not be presented to the Maryland until next year at some Atlantic port. It will not be finished in time for presentation while the fleet is on the coast.

The new steam roller which the city ordered at the last council meeting arrived from Portland last night and will at once be unloaded. The work of building macadamized streets in the residence districts will begin in a short time.



**THE POINT OF VIEW**  
Taft—Hope Hill gets the nomination. He's been defeated twice and it will be easy the third time.  
Bryan—Hope Hill gets the nomination; he's never run before and with my experience in two campaigns it will be easy to beat him.

## STATE GRANGE ENDS ITS 35TH ANNUAL SESSION

DELEGATES SAY THAT THIS WAS BEST MEETING IN HISTORY OF GRANGE—ARE LOUD IN THEIR PRAISES OF EUGENE AND EUGENIANS FOR THEIR TREATMENT OF THE VISITORS—INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS LAST NIGHT.

The 35th annual session of the state grange ended last night after what a majority of the delegates present say was the best meeting in the history of the grange. The citizens of Eugene helped make the convention the success that it was by providing the visitors with proper accommodations and extending them the freedom of the city. All are loud in their praises of Eugene and Eugeniens, and declare that they will vote for the convention to be held here again as soon as possible. Most of the delegates left on this morning's trains for their homes, but a number left on the day trains and a few are still here visiting friends.

The session closed last night with the installation of new officers who were elected on Wednesday. At yesterday's session considerable business was transacted, including the acceptance of the report of the mileage committee, which showed that the sum of \$1695.29 had been paid for mileage and per diem for the delegates, each delegate receiving \$1 a day for their time and a certain sum for each mile traveled to and from the convention place.

The committee on good of the order recommended that each grange appoint a press correspondent to report to the local papers the doings of the grange.

The sum of \$500 was appropriated by the grange to defend the initiative law in the courts.

A resolution was adopted favoring a board of three examiners in each county to examine all applicants for fruit inspector, the examiners to be appointed by the state board of horticulture.

The committee to which the resolution favoring the abolition of salmon fishing in the upper Columbia river was referred, reported that it would not commit the grange on the subject, but favored the abolition of fish wheels and traps altogether and that everything possible should be done to protect the salmon industry.

The sum of \$2500 was appropriated by the grange for extension work, such as the organization of new granges.

Walter Thomas Mills addressed the meeting on the single tax question, the address being very interesting.

**No Change in Initiative Law**  
Following is the resolution introduced by R. W. Gill on the proposition to change the initiative law, and which was adopted:

Whereas, Political forces and corporate interests within and without the state are seeking through various ways to destroy and annul our initiative and referendum laws; and

Whereas, These laws may be somewhat eroded in their operation, nevertheless they are capable of expressing the will of the people of Oregon, as has been shown by their use in the past; and

Whereas, We have full confidence in the intelligence of the voters of

Oregon, and believe that should they through misunderstanding pass any bad measures, the same may be remedied through these laws; therefore

Resolved, by the Oregon state grange in session assembled, That we are strongly opposed to any change in the initiative and referendum laws until such a time as these laws have proven themselves detrimental to the people of Oregon; and we believe that any attempt to change such laws while the same are being tested in the courts would be unwise and unjust to our people inasmuch as it

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## PRESIDENT SPEAKS TO METHODIST DELEGATES

Washington, May 16.—The trustees of the American University, in course of construction near this city, today had as guests President Roosevelt, Vice President Fairbanks and Senator Doolittle, of Iowa, who were scheduled to deliver speeches, and upwards of one thousand Methodists who were in attendance at the general conference of the Methodist church, now in session at Baltimore.

The president delivered the principal address as follows:

"It is a pleasure to be with you and to bid you welcome on behalf of the nation, here in the capital of the nation. Important though the Methodist church is in many lands, there is none in which it has played so great and peculiar a part as here in the United States. Its history is indissolubly interwoven with the history of our country for the six score years since the constitutional convention made us really a nation. Methodism in America entered on its period of rapid growth just about the time of Washington's first presidency. Its essential democracy, its fiery and restless energy of spirit, and the wide play that it gave to individual initiative, all tended to make it peculiarly congenial to a hardy and virile

folk, Democratic to the core, prizing individual independence above all earthly possessions, and engaged in the rough and stern work of conquering a continent. Methodism spread even among the old communities and the long-settled districts of the Atlantic tidewater, but its phenomenal growth was from those regions westward. The whole country is under a debt of gratitude to the Methodist circuit riders, the Methodist pioneer preachers, whose movement westward kept pace with the movement of the frontier, who shared all the hardships in the life of the frontiersman, while at the same time ministering to that frontiersman's spiritual needs and seeing that his pressing material cares and the hard and grinding poverty of his life did not wholly extinguish divine fire within his soul. Such was your work in the past, and your work in the present is as great, for the need and opportunity for service widen as the field of national interest widens."

"If the average man is brave and hard-working and clean-living, if the average woman has the qualities

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### WITNESS ASSERTS THAW IS SANE

Paughkeepsie, May 16.—When the Thaw hearing was resumed today Michael Cammins and Lawrence J. Greely, keepers at the Tombs prison, testified that Thaw impressed them

### RECORD BROKEN BY NEW CRUISER

San Francisco, May 16.—A wireless message from the armored cruiser South Dakota, returning here from her final trial, reports that she has broken all records for vessels in her class. Her average speed in the four hours' trial was 22.36 knots at a forced draught and 20.07 at a natural draught.



**DON M. DICKINSON.**  
Former postmaster general and famous Michigan lawyer, who is in failing health.

as rational. Dr. Britton D. Evans, superintendent of the New Jersey hospital for the insane, testified that he "regarded Thaw as perfectly sane, free from delusions and in possession of no hallucinations which would indicate a diseased mental state."

Captain Briggs, superintendent of the University grounds, has the farthest ranged tomato vines he has ever seen. The vines at his place in Farmington are two and one-half feet high, and are in blossom.

### ANOTHER FOREST SUPERVISOR HERE

Anson E. Cohoon, of Portland, has been appointed to take charge of the Tillamook and Umpqua forest reserves, as supervisor, relieving C. R. Seitz of that duty. Mr. Cohoon has arrived here from Portland, where he had charge of the North Cascade reserve, and will have office rooms in the Beckwith block, where Supervisor Seitz' office is located, two new rooms having been engaged for that purpose.



**VICE ADMIRAL SATO.**  
Japanese minister of marine, who is directing the cruise of a battleship squadron against China.

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