

NOMINATE McCREDIE

Named by Republicans to Succeed Cushman.

ONLY ONE BALLOT WAS TAKEN

Despite All Overtures From Pierce County, McCredie Forces Hold Votes Secured in Caucus.

Olympia, Sept. 30.—With "play ball" the rallying shout and a regulation baseball bat the chairman's gavel, the participants in the caucus carried out yesterday in the Congressional convention the program as outlined and named as the Republican candidate for congress Judge W. W. McCredie, of the Superior court of Clark county, and owner of the two Portland baseball clubs.

Judge McCredie was nominated on the first ballot by 123 votes, the exact number represented in the caucus. James M. Ashton, of Tacoma, received 103 votes, getting in addition to the 99 pledged him from Pierce, Thurston, Mason and Clallam counties, the four from Pacific county who refused to abide by the unit rule adopted in that delegation.

The Ashton forces went down fighting to the last, after skirmishing that commenced at an early hour and lasted until the ballot was taken. Then and only then did they accept the inevitable, and Ashton himself, in a speech no diplomatic that it brought three cheers from the convention, moved to make the nomination unanimous.

In the final vote on candidates Chelalis, Clark, Cowitz, Jefferson, Skamania and Wahkiakum cast their full strength for McCredie and nine of the 13 Pacific county delegates voted for the Clark man also.

Ashton received the full strength of Pierce, Thurston, Mason and Clallam and four from Pacific.

TAFT AT SEATTLE.

First Two Weeks of Presidential Trip Ended at Exposition City.

Seattle, Sept. 30.—President Taft arrived here last night, just two weeks after he started from Boston. He spent the entire forenoon at North Yakima and arrived here at 8:15 o'clock. Friday he will go to Tacoma and early Saturday morning will be in Portland, where he will remain until Sunday night.

The president and his party were met at the Union station here by a reception committee of two dozen members. The space in the station through which the president and his escort passed was roped off and a large body of police kept back the crowd.

The visitors and the reception committee entered automobiles in waiting and, preceded by a troop of mounted police, proceeded to the Rainier club, half a mile distant, where a reception in honor of the president was given by Mrs. Richard A. Ballinger, wife of the secretary of the interior. After half an hour at the club, the president and his escort went to the Hotel Washington, which will be the home of the visitors while in the city.

Tax Harriman Estate.

Chicago, Sept. 30.—Although the amount of inheritance tax which Illinois will demand from the estate of Edward H. Harriman may run up to \$200,000 or more, Walter K. Lincoln, inheritance tax attorney, today expressed confidence that the Harriman heirs will be unable to evade its payment. Mr. Lincoln declared there is no point on which the validity of the new law, which gives the authority to levy the tax, can successfully be attacked.

"I anticipate no strenuous opposition to the state's claim for an inheritance tax," said Mr. Lincoln. "I believe we shall be able to get at the exact amount of the Harriman estate in Illinois, and that we shall collect the tax without more than the usual amount of litigation."

Gomet Close to Earth.

Providence, R. I., Sept. 30.—Frank S. Seagrave, whose calculations relative to Halley's comet have attracted widespread attention, announced tonight that the correction of a slight error in his calculations developed the discovery that May 19, 1910, the comet will reach the same plane as the earth in its orbit. It is thereby determined that the comet will sweep across the plane instead of clearing it. The earth and the comet will meet on the same plane, but not in the same path. The nearest point will be 13,000 miles.

John Bull Wants Pole.

London, Sept. 30.—The lord mayor of London has announced his intention of opening a Mansion House fund to assist Captain Robert F. Scott to raise money for his expedition to plant the Union Jack on the South Pole.

THE KIND OF ENUMERATORS

Farmers and Crop Reporters for the Census of Agriculture.

Washington, Oct. 1.—Forty-five thousand enumerators out of the estimated grand total of 65,000, will be engaged April 15th next gathering in the required information concerning agriculture for the Thirteenth Decennial U. S. census. Director Durand purposes making every effort to secure progressive farmers and crop reporters for these places. His action is based upon the recommendations of Chief Statistician LeGrand Powers and the advisory board of special agents composed of professors of economics and farm experts who have been assisting in the formulation of the schedule of inquiries concerning farm operation and equipment. It is believed that the selection of this class of men already familiar with statistical methods of securing data and reporting it in comprehensible form, will add greatly to efficiency of the census and to the scientific value of the information obtained. Director Durand does not anticipate any difficulty in procuring enumerators of this kind, as there are in every state of the Union hundreds of crop reporters acting for the department of agriculture, representatives of state boards of agriculture, etc.

The agricultural schedule which is to be placed in the hands of these enumerators is nearing completion by the census bureau. The advisory board, who are acquainted with practical agriculture, its varying conditions, and who are active in their respective states in assisting the farmers to improve their farm methods, have been most earnest and no effort is being spared to make the schedule as simple as possible, and yet secure the greatest amount of important information concerning agriculture.

There will be but one schedule for agriculture. There may be a small schedule for the enumeration of animals in cities. This will be carried by the city enumerators and it will cover horses, milk cows, chickens, etc., housed in barns, stables, etc., in the cities. No attempt will be made to get the area of city gardens or vacant lot cultivation.

TARS JOIN IN PARADE.

Military Men of Seven Nations March With Americans.

New York, Oct. 1.—Twenty-five thousand men of arms marched yesterday before the massed representatives and special envoys of 37 nations, while 2,000,000 citizens shouted themselves hoarse in cheers. The great military parade was the climax of the Hudson-Fulton celebration.

The most conspicuous reception of the day went to the sailors of the German fleet, a magnificent body of picked men, who, as they reached the reviewing stand, fell into the formal slap-slap of the parade goose-step and burst into "My Country, 'Tis of Thee," with an overwhelming volume of basses and a fervor which took away the breath of the listeners. The people sat silent for a moment, and then rising to their feet cheered until their voices gave way.

Inspection Ruins Plants.

Vancouver, B. C., Oct. 1.—Horticulturists of Vancouver, Victoria and vicinity are so thoroughly indignant at the way they have been treated by provincial government officials that they are getting up a signed protest to the department at Ottawa to protest against what they allege is wanton destruction of nursery stock consigned to them from outside points.

A l ornamental nursery and greenhouse stock entering this province has to be inspected and fumigated to guard against pests which may infect the plants. The complainants allege that after this fumigation has taken place the plants are passed to the provincial department, which detains them for some time, often so long that hundreds of dollars' worth of stock rots, is spoiled or condemned.

Colima Spouting Lava.

Guadalajara, Mex., Oct. 1.—The Colima volcano is in one of the most violent eruptions in its history. It began spouting fire and ashes today and the discharge has increased constantly in violence since then. The ashes cover a broad stretch of country and are still falling thickly. It is feared that the fall will cause damage to towns and plantations near the mountain. Two large streams of lava are pouring out of the newer craters, which are located on the western side of the mountain, much below the apex.

Trains Crash, Many Hurt.

Spokane, Oct. 1.—In a head-on collision between two Great Northern passenger trains at Trinidad, Wash., at 5 p. m. yesterday, Dr. J. W. Cox, of Superior, Wis., was injured, probably fatally, his skull being crushed.

OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

IMMENSE TRACT SOLD.

North Yakima Syndicate Takes Over 15,000 Acres in Harney.

Portland—A great tract of Eastern Oregon land, comprising 15,000 acres, has been sold by J. O. Elrod, a local real estate dealer, to Frank H. Clerf and his mother, of North Yakima, and associates, at a consideration of \$300,000. The deal represents a profit of over \$100,000 to Mr. Elrod, who purchased the land 18 months ago.

The property is located in Harney county and comprises what is known as the old John Devine ranch, one of the most noted ranches in Oregon. One of the unique features of the place is that it boasts a herd of elk, one of the few herds of this kind in Oregon. The name of the place is now the Alvord ranch. It has been rented to the Pacific Livestock company, but the recent purchaser will stock the property and operate it themselves.

The land is all fenced and cross fenced, with about 7,500 acres in hay. The remainder is good sagebrush land with a large quantity of available water for irrigation purposes. Good buildings have been erected on the place, and all the improvements are in good shape.

Mr. Elrod says that the purchase represents an advance in the price of the land of something over \$100,000 in 18 months. A year ago last June he purchased it from the Eugene Church company of Tacoma. The deal has just been consummated whereby the property is transferred to Mr. Clerf and associates.

REDUCE EXPRESS RATES.

New Schedule Goes Into Effect on O. R. & N. Lines.

Salem—October 1 the reduced express rates ordered by the railroad commission on the Oregon Railway & Navigation company's lines where the Pacific Express company operates, went into operation. The reductions are material, and in some instances as much as 20 and 25 per cent.

The Pacific Express company accepted the reductions without making a fight in the courts. Patrons of the express company will at once feel the benefits of the reduced rates.

An effort will soon be made to procure a reduction of the rates charged by the Wells Fargo Express company, which operates in the Willamette valley. Representative B. F. Jones of Polk county, who brought the successful complaint against the Pacific Express company, is also prosecuting the complaint against the Wells Fargo company.

Auto Road is Discussed.

Marshfield—The building of an automobile road from Coos bay to Roseburg was the chief subject under discussion at a good roads meeting held at Coquille, the county seat. The plan is to have the residents along the line agree to a special tax and the county appropriate an equal amount. A road, passable at all times of the year, has been agitated for some time, but it is likely that the present movement will materialize in actual work next summer.

Albany Needs More Houses.

Albany—The Albany Commercial club has invited all the people of Albany to an open meeting to be held in the rooms of the Commercial club to consider a number of questions which have been under discussion in the executive board of the club. One purpose of the meeting is to arouse the interest of local capital in the erection of flats for renting purposes, as the demand for houses for rent has far exceeded the supply for the past year.

Increased Lien is Denied.

Salem—After a long discussion of the merits of the case the desert land board has come to the conclusion that the Deschutes Irrigation and Power company cannot demand an increased lien of 140 per cent, or \$40 an acre from the settlers for reclaimed land. The matter will probably be taken up by the settlers, and the reclamation company and finally threshed out in the courts. The dispute is one of long standing.

To Plant Vast Orchard.

Albany—Articles of incorporation of the Linnhaven Orchard company, the corporation which plans to set out a 3,000-acre orchard in Linn county, have been filed in the county clerk's office. The capital stock of the corporation is \$300,000, divided into 3,000 shares of \$100 each, \$100,000 being preferred stock and \$200,000 common.

Imports Fine Chickens.

Milton—B. F. Williams has received 12 thoroughbred young chickens of the Buff Plymouth Rock variety from St. Louis. Mr. Williams will send some of his poultry to the A.-Y.-P. show at Seattle.

ROGUE VALLEY LAND SOLD.

Eastern Capitalists Invest in Large Fruit Tract.

Roseburg—Three large realty deals were consummated in Roseburg last week. The first was the Henry Ridenour farm, six miles west of this city, comprising 314 acres, which was sold to John Busenbark, of Kansas, for \$40,000. The second was 100 acres at Dixonville, to C. J. Stoven, of Virginia, the consideration not being made public. The third was what is known as the old Booth place, in Garden valley, and comprises 320 acres, the consideration being \$25,000.

The buyers are the Overland Fruit & Development company, of Boston, Mass. The purchase by the Boston company was made by its treasurer and general manager, Charles A. Brand. The company will set the entire tract out in apples and pears and will conduct the orchard themselves. Mr. Brand decided upon the purchase after inspection of the fruit lands of Washington and the districts of Rogue river and Hood River, being satisfied that his present location is the best for the varieties of fruit the company intends to raise.

Potatoes Success as Fall Crop.

Weston—The Weston mountain country is demonstrating its fertility by extra good crops this year. Ground used last year for potatoes is proving especially productive, showing that the tubers are a good summer fallow. Albert Gould had 84 bushels of barley per acre from 20 acres of "potato ground," and from five acres of similar ground J. E. Walden had the remarkable average of 116 bushels of oats.

Will Irrigate Orchard Land.

Cottage Grove—S. T. Nelson has sold his 375-acre farm to John Spray for \$16,900 cash. Mr. Spray proposes to place the ranch under irrigation. The land will be worth from \$100 to \$200 an acre as soon as water is on it, and the increase is large, as the orchards increase in size. There are 275 acres which can be irrigated, all of which is bottom land.

Will Represent Oregon.

Salem—Delegates to the annual convention of the Mississippi to the Atlantic Inland Waterways association to be held at Jacksonville, Fla., November 17 and 18, have been announced by the governor as follows: E. W. Spencer, of Portland; John Fox, of Astoria; W. J. Mariner, of Blalocks; J. V. Peters, of The Dalles, and O. B. Hinsdale, of Gardiner.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Bluestem, 96c; club, 89c; red Russian, 86 1/2c; valley, 91c; Fife, 89c; Turkey red, 89c; fortyfold, 91c. Barley—Feed, \$25.50@26; brewing, \$26.50@27 per ton. Oats—No. 1 white, \$27@27.50 per ton.

Hay—Timothy, Willamette valley, \$15@16 per ton; Eastern Oregon, \$18 @19; alfalfa, \$14; clover, \$14; cheat, \$13@14.50; grain hay, \$15@16.

Butter—City creamery, extras, 36; fancy outside creamery, 33@36c; store, 22 1/2c. Butter fat prices average 1 1/2c per pound under regular butter prices.

Eggs—Oregon ranch, candled, 32@ 32 1/2c per dozen.

Poultry—Hens, 15@16c; springs, 15 1/2@16c; roosters, 9@10c; ducks, young, 15@16c; geese, young, 10@11c; turkeys, 20c; squabs, \$1.75@2 per dozen.

Pork—Fancy, 9@9 1/2c per pound. Veal—Extra, 10@10 1/2c per pound. Fruits—Apples, \$1.25@1.75 per box; pears, 75c@1.50; peaches, \$1@1.25 per crate; cantaloupes, 50c@1.25 per crate; 25@50c per basket; casabas, \$1.50@1.75; quinces, \$1@1.75 per box; huckleberries, 10c per pound.

Potatoes—60@70c per sack; sweet potatoes, 2c per pound. Onions—\$1.25 per sack. Vegetables—Beans, 4@5c per pound; cabbage, 1@1 1/2c; cauliflower, 50c@1 per dozen; celery, 50@75c; corn, 15@ 20c; cucumbers, 10@25c; peas, 7c per pound; peppers, 4@5c; pumpkins, 3/4 @1c; squash, 5c; tomatoes, 50@60c per box.

Hops—1909 crop, 22@23c offered; 1908 crop, 17c; 1907 crop, 12c; 1906 crop, 8c.

Wool—Eastern Oregon, 16@23c per pound; valley, 22@24c; mohair, choice, 24c.

Cattle—Steers, top quality, \$4.25@4.50; fair to good, \$4; common, \$3.50 @3.75; cows, top, \$3.50; fair to good, \$3@3.25; common to medium, \$2.50@ 2.75; calves, top, \$5@5.50; heavy, \$3.50@4; bulls, \$2@2.25; stags, \$2.50 @3.50. Hogs—Best, \$8; fair to good, \$7.75 @7.50; stockers, \$6@7; China fats, \$7.50@8. Sheep—Top wethers, \$4@4.25; fair to good, \$3.50@3.75; ewes, 3/4 cent less on all grades; yearlings, best, \$4 @4.25; fair to good, \$3.50@3.75; spring lambs, \$5.25@5.50.

RATES ARE SUSTAINED.

Judge Wolverton Upholds Oregon Railroad Commission.

Portland, Sept. 29.—Laws establishing the Oregon State Railroad commission and the schedule of railroad rates established by that body, were declared valid in a decision handed down yesterday morning by Judge Wolverton, of the Federal court.

One important result of this decision will be to force the Oregon Railroad & Navigation company to refund about 14 per cent of the money the company has collected while the case decided yesterday before Judge Wolverton has been pending, since May 26, 1908, for freight carried between Oregon stations. Judge Wolverton's decision was in the form of an order dissolving the temporary injunction granted the Oregon Railroad & Navigation company preventing the commission from enforcing its schedule of rates within the limits of the state. The restraining order was requested on the assertion by the company that the Railroad commission was organized in violation of the state constitution and that the rates established by it would influence interstate commerce illegally.

It has been charged by the company that the penalties provided by the State Railroad commission were exorbitant, but Judge Wolverton did not agree with this statement. He had compared the penalties in question with those in other traffic laws and was unable to find that the Oregon penalties were unjust.

HUDSON-FULTON PARADE.

Great Floats Pass in Review Before More Than 1,000,000.

New York, Sept. 29.—American history in visible form passed in review today before the eyes of more than 1,000,000 spectators that lined the route of the first Hudson-Fulton land pageant from the upper end of Central park to Washington square. Thousands of dollars and months of effort were spent to make this parade of 54 floats an accurate reproduction of the life in New York state from legendary Indian times that preceded the first settlement to the first voyage of Clermont in 1807.

The line of parade had to be selected with great care because of the great size of the floats, which are said to be the largest and most elaborate ever exhibited. They vary in dimensions from 20 to 40 feet high, 32 feet long and 14 feet wide. They could not pass under the elevated railroad, and even the electric decorations of the court of honor and reviewing stand on Fifth avenue, opposite the new public library, had to be changed at the last moment to accommodate them.

Nearly 20,000 men, women and children, most of them in costume, representing every national and patriotic society in the city, posed as historic personages on these floats or marched between or beside them. The cost of the whole spectacle was \$300,000.

On every available spot along the five mile line of march stands had been erected for spectators and the sums paid for seats varied from \$1 to \$5.

BANK IN SORE STRAITS.

Commissioner Takes Charge of Oklahoma Institution.

Oklahoma City, Okla., Sept. 29.—Following a secret session of the Oklahoma banking board, which lasted until 5 o'clock this morning, and included several informal conferences today, Bank Commissioner A. H. Young tonight announced that the Columbia Bank & Trust company, with a capital stock of \$200,000, was in his hands. This bank holds \$50,000 of the \$400,000 state bank guaranty fund. It also holds \$165,000 of the general funds of the state.

Bank Commissioner Young admitted tonight that the situation was very delicate.

"Should the bank close its doors tomorrow, however," he said, "the depositors will lose nothing. The bank guaranty fund deposit and the assets on hand will protect depositors to the fullest extent."

Mr. Young declined to give any hint whatever of way the bank finds itself in an embarrassed condition. It is believed some light on this feature will be forthcoming tomorrow.

Wireless Renders Aid.

Seattle, Sept. 29.—Word was received here tonight that the steamer Cottage City, which sailed from Seattle for Skagway Sunday morning, lost her propeller in Fitzhugh sound, 50 miles north of Vancouver island, last night. The steamer Humboldt, which sailed from Seattle for Skagway an hour ahead of the Cottage City, was communicated with by wireless, and came to the aid of the disabled steamer. The 29 passengers on board the Cottage City were transferred to the Humboldt and taken to Skagway.

Cures Sleeping Sickness.

Paris, Sept. 29.—Dr. Laveran, of this city, has announced to the Academy of Science a new cure for the sleeping sickness. It consists of sub-cutaneous injections of an aniline emetic.

RATE CUT ORDERED

Oregon Railroad Commission Issues Ruling to O. R. & N.

ROAD TO LOSE \$75,000 A YEAR

Decision Follows the Northern Pacific Ruling in Washington and Will Likely Be Obeyed.

Portland, Oct. 2.—The state railroad commission of Oregon yesterday handed down its findings in the matter of the Oregon Railroad & Navigation company and its various branches in Oregon, known as the grain rate case, which has been before the commission for several months. The commission declares the rates now in force to be unjust and unreasonable and orders a reduction equivalent to a cut of about one-eighth in the present rates, which will make a difference in the revenue of the railroads of approximately \$75,000 per year on the volume of business being done at this time.

The grain rate order was issued by the commission from its office in Salem, and while the general freight department of the Oregon Railroad & Navigation company yesterday was aware that such an order had been issued, only its general terms were known. W. E. Coman, assistant general freight agent, declined to express any opinion as to whether the railroad company would abide by the order or appeal to the courts to prevent its enforcement.

The order, in effect, is practically the same as that made by the Washington railway commission, commanding a flat reduction of 12 1/2 per cent on grain rates from points on the Northern Pacific to Puget sound.

Recent action by the Northern Pacific has given the Washington commission the understanding that the railroad will obey the order without recourse to the courts. The Washington commission has made such an announcement, but in the offices of the North Bank railroad, which of necessity in the preservation of its business will be compelled to meet the cut, nothing definite is known as to the purpose of the Northern Pacific.

As to the points affected by the Oregon commission's rate order, the issue is almost solely one for the O. R. & N. The Northern Pacific has a short branch running into Oregon, but the Northern Pacific is not affected by an Oregon order nearly so much as is the O. R. & N. by a Washington order reducing grain rates.

ORDERS NEW EQUIPMENT.

Harriman Railroads Buy \$17,000,000 Worth of Rolling Stock.

Chicago, Oct. 2.—Orders for equipment and power have just been placed by Harriman lines which will bring the total expenditure for this purpose during the last six months up to fully \$17,000,000.

The latest order is for 1,500 steel under-frame refrigerator cars, which are being constructed by the Pullman company, and an order for 500 all-steel ballast cars. Orders have also been given which bring the Harriman lines all-steel passenger equipment up to nearly 600 cars. Orders which are now being delivered are for 480 all-steel passenger cars, the largest order, with one possible exception, that of the Pennsylvania road, ever given.

In this connection it is stated that the Harriman lines were pioneers in the use of all-steel passenger cars in the West, and that they will hereafter use nothing in their passenger service which is not all-steel and practically indestructible.

Harriman lines are also beginning to receive the first of 5,400 freight cars and 105 locomotives ordered less than six months ago. The order for locomotives calls for 33 of the heavy Mallet compound type. These locomotives, it is claimed, will haul fully 19 per cent more than any two of the ordinary locomotives in use.

Rebate Fine Is Paid.

Los Angeles, Cal., Oct. 2.—The Southern Pacific railroad pleaded guilty today in the United States District court to rebating and was fined \$1,000 by Judge Olin Wellborn. Through Attorney C. M. Durbrow, of San Francisco, the company entered a plea of technical and unintentional guilt. The maximum penalty would have been \$10,000. The counts in the indictment on which the fines were imposed were the cases in which the Southern Pacific granted rebates to the Penn Fruit company and Harris-Newmark company.

Roosevelt's Return Delayed.

Naibroli, B. E. A., Oct. 2.—Colonel Roosevelt, who was expected to arrive here October 15 from his hunting trip in the Mweru district, will probably not come in until October 23. The delay is caused by the indisposition of Edmund Heller, the zoologist of the expedition, who is suffering slightly from the pressure of work.