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The legislature has appropriated \$160,000 for a portage railroad at The Dalles.

A bill to repeal the scalp bounty law passed the house the other day in a hurry. Eastern Oregon members tried to do something but they were never given a chance and were outnumbered by a large majority.

A meeting of the executive committee of the Oregon Irrigation Association will be held on February 20, to consider the different irrigation projects before it and make recommendations to the government in favor of the most feasible, says a Portland exchange.

The vote for U. S. Senator remains the same from day to day, notwithstanding the fact that the papers predict startling changes immediately. The Multnomah delegation still continue hopping about from one to another.

From exchanges we learn that the Northern Pacific Railroad has an eye on Central Oregon and will likely profit by any delay that may be caused by the present complicated affairs between the Harriman people and the Columbia Southern.

The Oregonian of Feb. 9, editorially, says in part: "This is not the first time that private differences have stood in the way of public progress. Nor would this be the first time that private differences are forced to yield to the demand of the public; for, of course, it is not to be admitted for a moment that the great state of Oregon is to be bound and gagged for a petty railroad quarrel."

Judge Webster, E. E. Lytle and Samuel White were before the legislative irrigation committee the other day, the two former, who have applications pending under the Carey act, objected to the Williamson bill, and the latter

avored it. Judge Webster made an extended address, in the course of which he declared it a mistake to say that the irrigation company could dictate to those who own the land. He also suggested that it might be wise to appoint a commission to draw up a bill to be presented at the session of the legislature two years hence.

E. E. Lytle said he believed the people doing the irrigating should be entitled to the control of the land, at least until it was settled upon. He referred briefly to the section making it compulsory for people to be actual settlers before they could acquire possession, and illustrated this by declaring that prospective settlers might come here from the East and make partial payments but that under the Williamson act they would not be able to do that.

Mr. White stated that he was present as a delegate from the irrigation convention and he believed section 10 should be amended so that the land should be given only to actual settlers and then only when they put it into cultivation, or improved it.

Canyon Red and Gun Club.

A number of residents of Canyon City met at the county treasurer's office last Saturday for the purpose of organizing a rod and gun club, says the Eagle. Temporary organization was effected by the election of V. G. Cozad chairman and A. D. Leedy secretary.

OBITUARY.

Died—February 10, 1903, Jessie Ernestine Hayes, daughter of Bailey and Edith Hayes, of Lawen, Oregon; aged 6 years, 5 months and 3 days.

We regret to chronicle the death of the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bailey Hayes from scarlet fever. The little sufferer lingered for nearly three weeks and notwithstanding the utmost care and attention upon the part of her devoted parents was unable to survive the serious complications that supervened upon her disease.

Jessie was a child of marked precocity, bright and pretty, and of such a nature as to win for her the love of all who knew her. Her loss will reach many hearts, and her bereaved parents upon whom this affliction falls so heavily have the sympathy of this entire community.

Table with financial data for the First National Bank of Burns, including assets, liabilities, and capital.

STATE OF OREGON, COUNTY OF HARNEY, ss. I, S. U. CHRISTIAN, Clerk of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above account is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

THE MASQUERADE BALL.

One of the pleasant social events of the season and one long to be remembered by the participants was the mask ball at Loeher's Hall last night. The hall was crowded at an early hour and although the weather was extremely cold many lady spectators were there and enjoyed the different features very much.

Some unique costumes and characters were in evidence and the judges had a hard time to decide who were entitled to the prizes for the best sustained character. There were Chinamen, Japanese, Irishmen, English dudes, Dutchman, Mexicans and in fact everything imaginable.

Mrs. M. Fitzgerald was awarded the prize for the best sustained lady character, representing a Japanese lady. T. J. Garrett, as "Blind Jack" was a easy winner for the prize. The decision of the judges met with general approval. Others who were strong competitors for the prizes were Sam Parish as "Cap Kennaday" who led "Blind Jack" around with a stick, Mrs. Pearl Vulgamore as "Blind Jack's Squaw" sustained her character well and was natural as life.

The Times-Herald man was privileged to be present and take the names of the maskers as they came in, but owing to the rush at the door, he was unable to get the whole list. Following are those he caught:

- MESDAMES: Hugh Witzell, June F. M. Jordan, Nurse Chancellor, Fred Haines, Bat Tom Allen, Chrys. Whist Club, Henry Vulgamore, Indian Squaw, C. H. Voegtly, Japanese lady, G. W. Waters, Beggar, O. D. Rusk, Gypsy, W. Y. King, Negress, H. C. Leonard, Peter Clemens, Japanese Lady, M. Fitzgerald, Maloy, Topsy, Frank Otey, Black Domino, Bradwell, A. Jordan, Foley, O. Sagers, Flower girl.

- MESSES: Edyth Miller, Chambermaid, Ethel Sagers, Dancing girl, Agnes Ward, Alma Marshall, Liberty, Frankie Miller, Myrtle Hancock, Buttercup, Veda Lyons, Fortune teller, Lea Robinson, Mask, Stella Hagay, Morning, Vera Winters, Alies Hamilton, Queen of Morning, Veva Cowing, Red Riding Hood, Ora Williams, Spanish dancer, Nanie Cross, Valentine, Ida Turner, Nun, Junia Cavander, Lady in black, Goldie Duncan, Little girl blue, Cora Rusk, Eclips, Myrtle Smith, Dancing girl, Vina Rusk, Queen of Hearts, Nellie McClain, White Witch, Jessie McClain, Fortune teller, Nannie Maupin, Night, Lennie Dyer, Japanese lady, Hurlburt, Agnes Sayer, Fancy Dress.

- MESSES: Julius Chandler, Uncle Sam, Ray Baker, Mexican bandit, Harry McClain, B. A. C. basket ball, Clifford Reed, Lee Stevens, Wm. Smith, Mask, Bat McClain, Band Boy, Fred Esmond, Fireman, Clay Clemens, Vaquero, Corey Smith, Francis Anderson, Clown, Marvin McGee, Swell Coon, Frank Wiseman, Clown, T. J. Garrett, Blind Jack, Sam Parrish, Cap Kennaday, J. M. Tackabery, Dutchman, Ed Morgan, Geo. Waters, Cal. Christian, Clown.

- F. M. Jordan, Knight, Henry Welton, Court Jester, Claude Smith, Clown, Marion Wilson, Clown, Frank Anderson, Clown, Oscar Cavander, Country Square, Emiet Reed, Sailor, Ches Carter, Chas. Johnson, Frank Gowen, Broad, August Gilbert, Sailor, Fred Hill, Sailor, Will Robertson, Jessie James, Allen Jones, Frank James, Eldon Johnson, Swell Coon, Tom Maupin, Clown, Bruce Byrd, Clown, Billy Corbell, Clown, Carlie Parker, Spanish Cavalier, Oscar Swain, Dude, Claud McGee, Face, Al Welcome, Face, Hank Felton, Face, James Varion, Spanish Cavalier, Jimmie Buckland, Jockey, Homer Reek, Fisherman, Grover Jameson, Fred Racine, Alphonse, G. McGee, Con, A. V. Racine, T. E. Morgan, Farmer, E. Dale, Fred Brown, Con, Ray Dickenson, Boy Blue, Fred Fisk, Clinaman, Loren Hembree, Sailor, Hurlburt, Mask, Ed Moore, Jockey, Hancock, Frank Welcome, Carpenter, Earl Swack, Saddler, Chas. Cronin, Football player, Boots Smith.

BIG THINGS FOR OREGON.

The construction of the portage road, the opening of the mouth of the Columbia and the extension of a railroad into Central Oregon, are now absorbing the attention of the heavy commercial men of the state and the industrial workers, says the Portland Telegram. The portage road project depends upon the action of the legislature in passing the Gun bill; the deepening of the Columbia channel is in the hands of the government and work will be started this year, and the last project will receive the full attention of the business men as soon as the excitement now centered into the legislature dies out.

The opening of Central Oregon by railroads, in the opinion of business men, is as important as either of the other projects. They are fully aroused to the necessity of giving their undivided attention to this year. As already suggested in the Telegram, just as soon as the legislature adjourns a committee of business men purpose to inquire into the most feasible routes for reaching the territory and lend aid to whatever movement will best open the country to trade.

The Columbia Southern will be given due consideration. That road, as already told, has incorporated for the purpose of extending

its line 150 miles south to Bend, in southern Crook county, and has the assurance of \$1,000,000 from Eastern capitalists if Portland will furnish \$500,000. Just how much the agreement between the Columbia Southern and the O. R. & N. into the interior if the latter gives all of its freight to the big line, hampers the Columbia Southern in its desire to penetrate Central Oregon, is a matter which the business men will endeavor to determine.

It is the intention of the Columbia Southern, if allowed to follow its plan, to extend the main line south, throwing out short feeders as the development of trade conditions warrant, and eventually to build its main line down the Deschutes river. Along that river is the ideal route for tapping Central Oregon. It goes into the very heart of the territory. The only objection raised to building the road now is that for a distance of 50 miles, more or less, there is no trade territory from which the line could draw for support, while the extension of the present Columbia Southern line would draw from every mile it covered.

It is much easier to induce capitalists to build a road through a fertile country than it is to build one up a canyon like the Deschutes, where it will not derive any benefit until completed. But as the trade of the interior grows in volume through the development of the country's resources a direct line down the Deschutes will become a necessity to handle the traffic with more ease. Of course, it would pay to build the road up the Deschutes at the start, but it requires several times as much capital as will be needed the other way, and will take longer to get returns. Every line covered by the other route draws revenue from the rich surrounding country.

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