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"I Have Invited Him to Make an Address."

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Oregon Occurrences

Seattle and San Francisco, according to announcement by J. A. Ormandy, general passenger agent for the company. The contracts provide for 32 miles of rail-bed and include the building of a 3700-foot tunnel under the summit of the Cascade range.

The Oregon public service commission has revoked the certificate of operation issued to the Royal Blue stage lines on the ground that the corporation had allowed its liability and property damage insurance to expire. Stages have been operated by the company between Portland and Astoria.

The case brought by the Pacific Spruce corporation to restrain the Oregon public service commission from enforcing an order making the corporation's railroad a common carrier between South Beach and Waldport, will be appealed to the federal court of appeals at San Francisco. It is announced.

Certified seed potatoes from the Weston mountain district entered in an official test in the Yakima valley with lots from 17 other districts in Oregon, Washington and Idaho, produced the highest score in the tests, according to information that has been received by Fred Bennion, county agent.

A total of 33,549 applications for cash bonus and loans have been received, according to a report prepared by the world war veterans' state aid commission. Cash bonus applications paid aggregate 21,500, representing \$4,634,360. Applications for loans paid by the commission total 4927 and aggregate \$12,237,300.

The Oregon supreme court, in an opinion written by Justice Brown, held that all the proceedings attending the issue and sale of bonds in the amount of \$2,200,000 by the Harney Valley Irrigation district were legal. The opinion affirmed the decree of Judge Dalton Biggs, who heard the case in the Harney county circuit court.

A. C. Strange, county school superintendent for Clatsop county, was elected president of the Oregon State Teachers' association, in session at Portland. Miss Cornelia Spencer, of Portland, was elected vice president and J. O. MacLaughlin, of Benton county, and A. C. Rice, of Portland, members of the executive committee.

Fire blight and the San Jose scale will be attacked in every orchard in Umatilla county where found next spring, if plans announced by R. F. Wilbur, deputy state and county horticultural inspector, are realized. Climatic conditions during the past year have been favorable to the spread of the fire blight, he stated. Pruning of the diseased and infested wood and the use of poison spray will be resorted to.

No emergency fund is available from which J. Frank Adams, of Klamath Falls, can be paid for dike construction performed by him something more than a year ago in process of reclaiming a part of Hank's marsh in Klamath county. It has been suggested by American Legion officers at Klamath Falls that Contractor Adams should be paid for this work for which he submitted a bill for \$24,956. Ex-Secretary of the Interior Lane undertook to arrange for the reclamation of Hank's marsh and other tule lands in the upper Klamath lake country on the basis of giving long-time leases on the land to be reclaimed to the contractors in return for their construction work. The American Legion post at Klamath Falls protested, however, and after bids had been received, the lowest of which on reclamation of Hank's marsh was submitted by Contractor Adams, the interior department decided to let no contracts. Adams proceeded with the work and submitted his bill for a part of it, which the department has refused to pay on the grounds that he was not authorized to go ahead.

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 "Suits me all right," said Bronson. "I guess we three have had our fight out and understand each other."
 "I don't like the way Colonel Woodruff acts," said Bonner. "He rounded up that gang of kids that shot us all to pieces at that hearing, didn't he?"
 "I tank not," replied Peterson. "I tank he was yust interested in how Jennie managed it."
 "Well," said Bonner, "he seems to take a lot of interest in this exhibition here. I think we'd better watch the colonel. That decision of Jennie's was crooked."
 "Well," said Haakon Peterson, "talk of crookedness wit' Jennie Woodruff don't get wery fur wit' me."
 "Oh, I don't mean anything bad," Haakon, replied Bonner, "but it wasn't an all-right decision. I think she's stuck on the guy."
 The caucus broke up after making sure that the three members of the school board would be as one man in maintaining a hostile front to Jim Irwin and his tenure of office. It looked rather like a foregone conclusion, in a little district wherein there were scarcely twenty-five votes. The three members of the board with their immediate friends and dependents could muster two or three ballots each—and who was there to oppose them?

CHAPTER XIII
The Colonel Takes the Field.
 Jim stood apart and alone with his thoughts after his rebuff by the caucusing members of the school board.
 "I don't see," said a voice over against the cooking exhibit, "what there is in this to set people talking. Buttonholes! Cookies! Humph!"
 It was Mrs. Bonner who had clearly come to scoff. With her was Mrs. Bronson, whose attitude was that of a person torn between conflicting influences. Her husband had indicated to the crafty Bonner and the subtle Peterson that he was still loyal to the school board, but while consorting with the censorious Mrs. Bonner she evinced restiveness when the school and its work was condemned. Was not her Newton in charge of a part of this show? Was he not an open and defiant champion of Jim Irwin, and a constant and enthusiastic attendant upon, not only his classes, but a variety of evening and Saturday affairs? And had not Newton become a better boy—a wonderfully better boy?
 Mrs. Bronson's heart was filled with resentment that she also could not be enrolled among Jim Irwin's supporters. And when Mrs. Bonner sneered at the buttonholes and cookies, Mrs. Bronson, knowing how the little fingers had puzzled themselves over the one, and young faces had become flourey and red over the other, flared up a little.
 "And I don't see," said she, "anything to laugh at. I'd like to help them."
 Mrs. Bonner was far too good a diplomat to be cornered in the same enclosure with a rupture of relations.
 "And quite right, too," said she. "The little things ought to be helped—at home and by their mothers."
 "Well," said Mrs. Bronson, "take them Simms girls, now. They have to have help outside their home."
 "Yes," agreed Mrs. Bonner, "and a lot more help than a farm-hand can give 'em in school. I shouldn't wonder if there was a lot we don't know about why they come north."
 "As for that," replied Mrs. Bronson, "I don't know as it's any of my business so long as they behave themselves."
 Again Mrs. Bonner felt the situation getting out of hand.
 "Ain't it some of our business?" she queried. "I wonder now! By the way Nettie keeps his eye on that Simms girl, I shouldn't wonder if it might turn out your business."
 "Pshaw!" scoffed Mrs. Bronson. "Puppy love!"
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Albany Directory

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Halsey Happenings, etc.

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 The Mountain States Power company is to build a new electric power station between Marshfield and North Bend, to cost \$175,000.

Only one man was killed in hunting accidents in this county this year, and only five were killed and eight injured in the state. Thus the cost of the sport in human gore is less than usual.

Twenty-one relatives of L. F. Higbee and wife, a mile and a half southeast of Peoria, gathered at the home Christmas and enjoyed a reunion of old and young with the pleasures of the season.

A second time one of the Brock sisters of Harrisburg, who conducts a confectionery there, has married—not the same one. Ethel Brock and Karl Kimmell were united last week and propose to reside in Harrisburg.

Last summer the Lebanon cannery cut the price of berries below that named in contracts, claiming the fruit was inferior. Growers took samples of the condemned fruit to Salem and it was canned as first class. Thereupon the Salem cannery was given contracts for so much of this year's crop that it is doubtful if the Lebanon Cannery will be operated. Those fruit-growers are not as meek and helpless as the jokesters represent farmers to be.

The name of the burglar who robbed the Sternberg store is Robert Carry. He was able to Carry off the plunder, but our sheriff failed to carry him home from Merford, where he had been jailed, for he sawed his way out and disappeared.

The courts have decided the county tax commission law void. Well, the counties can spend enough tax money with one less commission's cost to pay. In fact, they could spare a few more salary drawers. In Linn county the budget committees were so conservative that the commission could not find any budget items to pare off. In other counties in the state budgets were cut down an aggregate of about \$1,000,000.

High waters and engine trouble put the Harrisburg ferry boat out of commission Saturday night and it was expected that several days would pass before traffic could be resumed there. We want that bridge.

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Only a Transposition
 A printer dropped a small handful of linotype matter, which is cast, each line in one piece, ready to print from. He picked it up, not noticing that he got the lines transposed, and this is the way it looked last week:
 The Enterprise cannot indorse the doctor's predication of the destruction of half the wild life. If all wild species were sent cure a firearm, competent fellow who can pry every irresponsible and in that are not private property away at all the birds and beasts present practice of blazing suit would be better than the nated at once it believes the re- and animals could be extermin- game in a year, but if the birds to Nirvana no more of them would die in agony from shot- gun wounds. And humanity Rearranged, the same lines read: