

HOUSE WILL SETTLE FAIR SITE TUESDAY

Claims of Rival Cities Are Compromised—Kahn is Heavily Grilled by Chairman of Industrial Arts Committee.

TUESDAY IS FIXED AS DAY FOR VOTE

Both Sides Redoubling Their Efforts for Final Battle—Congressmen in a Heated Wordy War.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 25.—The house rules committee today decided to report a rule setting Tuesday next for the vote on the location of the Panama exposition.

The ruling came after a short but bitter fight. Chairman Kahn of California and Chairman Rodenberg of Illinois, leaders of the opposing factions, became involved in personalities during the argument.

The decision was, in effect, a compromise of the claims of the rival exposition cities. San Francisco wanted immediate action, naming Thursday or Friday as the date for the hearing. New Orleans wanted Thursday of next week.

Chairman Rodenberg of the industrial arts and expositions committee, which last week reported favorably on the Estopinal bill, awarding the fair to New Orleans, fired the opening gun for the southern city. He charged that Kahn had acted discourteously toward the committee and the entire delegation of San Francisco boosters had followed him up in presenting a resolution to the foreign affairs committee, inviting foreign nations to participate in a fair at San Francisco before the matter had been put to a vote.

The two congressmen talked back and forth heatedly denying the truth of certain statements made first by one then by the other.

The discussion developed the fact that whatever claims San Francisco has to a majority on the floor of the house it is in disfavor with the committee on industrial arts and expositions.

The committee on rules ordered that the matter be decided by a straight vote of the house. Both the San Francisco and New Orleans bills will be decided on a single rollcall, representatives being asked to vote either "San Francisco" or "New Orleans."

The San Francisco delegation asked that the New Orleans bill be voted upon first and the San Francisco bill last. The New Orleans boosters asked the reverse order, and the ruling was considered by both to be an effort at compromise.

Besides Congressman Kahn, Theodore A. Bell was the only other San Francisco speaker. Representatives Estopinal and Brossard handled the argument for New Orleans. Representatives Rodenberg and Covington spoke for the industrial arts and expositions committee.

Should New Orleans win in the vote before the house on Tuesday, the Estopinal bill will automatically come up for consideration. Should the result be the other way, the Kahn resolution which is a simple request that the president invite other nations to participate in an international exposition at San Francisco, will be voted upon. In the event that the first measure considered is defeated, the other automatically comes up.

Following the announcement of the rules committee, both sides redoubled their efforts in lining up their forces preparatory to the vote of the floor.

GRAND JURY TO MEET FEBRUARY 20TH

District Attorney B. F. Mulkey today announced the date for the convening of the next grand jury as February 20.

Ten prisoners are now held in the county jail awaiting a hearing before that body.

This Is a White Man's Country Beyond Doubt

Census Shows That Nearly Entire Population Is White in Jackson County and in Oregon.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 25.—The preliminary distribution of the population of Oregon by counties, according to color and race, was announced by the census bureau today. A late revision is unlikely to materially affect the figures.

The announcement gives to Jackson county: Whites 25,583; Negroes 56; Indians 5; Chinese 84; Japanese 28.

Total 25,756. In the state the population according to color and races is: Whites 655,610; Negroes 1,526; Indians 5,091; Chinese 7,317; Japanese 3,286.

Total 672,765.

SAYS MEDFORD IS BEST ADVERTISED

Publicity Manager of Southern Pacific Says He Is Exceedingly Grati-fied at Growth and Continued Development.

"Medford is the best advertised city in Oregon excepting only Portland, and the years 1911 and 1912 promise its greatest growth," stated William Bittle Wells, manager of the publicity department of the Southern Pacific and Sunset Magazine, who spent the day here.

"I have not been here in six months and I am exceedingly gratified at the growth and continued development, which there is every prospect has only begun. I am personally familiar with conditions all over the coast and by correspondence with them in the east, and I can confidently predict that the northwest will experience a tremendous development in the coming two years, and Medford will secure her share."

"One of the leading bankers in Tacoma told me that Medford was better known in the east than Tacoma, although Tacoma had spent much more for advertising purposes. This shows the splendid results following continued publicity work and is a source of gratification to the officials of the Southern Pacific, who are proud of Medford and their part in aiding its development."

"Medford was the first town on any railroad in the northwest to cooperate with the railroad along modern publicity methods, consequently, we feel disposed to give Medford the full benefit of any plan to aid in the development of the community."

"For the coming year, the community publicity work will be along broader lines than ever before and instead of issuing one booklet, the Medford Commercial club will issue, with our co-operation, at least five."

AMID CHEERS AND SHOUTS LA FOLLETTE RE-ELECTED TO SENATE

MADISON, Wis., Jan. 25.—With cheers and shouting which showed plainly his triumph over the stalwart faction in Wisconsin, Robert M. LaFollette was today re-elected United States senator here on joint ballot of the legislature by an overwhelming majority. The opposition was negligible.

Never since LaFollette's entrance into political life has he been given such a vote of confidence. It was freely predicted today that he would be a factor in the republican presidential nomination in 1912.

NEW LEAGUE TO OPPOSE SECOND TERM FOR TAFT?

New Organization Is Admitted to Be a Powerful Factor—Politicians Are Closely Watching Matter and Its Development.

TEDDY APPROVES THE PLATFORM IN OUTLOOK

States That He Believes in Adopting Every Device Which Good in Theory Bears It Out in Practice.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 25.—Although mighty uneasy over the outlook, the standpat administrationists are waiting here today, all mum, to learn how the organization of the National Republican Progressive league is likely to affect President Taft's chances for a re-nomination. Discussing the movement, members of the cabinet privately admit that it will prove a power in the political situation. Few except the progressives accept the statement that the league is not directed against any man, and even those few are beginning to believe that if at present not inimical to anyone, it will necessarily become so. Many believe the league intends to nominate Senator LaFollette for the presidency in 1912. None of its leaders will so admit, but the impression is general that President Taft's program, if not in the main satisfactory to the progressives, will force them into open opposition to his aspirations for another term.

NEW YORK, Jan. 25.—Theodore Roosevelt in a signed article in the Outlook today approves the platform of the National Republican Progressive league.

Roosevelt discusses the following parts of the league's platform: Drastic laws to prevent the corrupt use of money in politics; direct election of senators; direct election of delegates to national conventions with each voter expressing his presidential choice, and the initiative, referendum and recall.

Discussing the recall, Roosevelt writes: "Regarding the recall, it is my opinion that while it is sometimes most useful, it also contains undoubted possibilities for mischief. Of course, it is least necessary in cases of election officers for short terms. There are unquestionably real arguments in favor of it, and particularly as regards officers elected for life."

In the latter class Roosevelt admits the judiciary and promises other articles on this topic later.

Referring to the initiative and referendum, the former president says: "Where the popular interest is sufficiently keen as in the case of certain amendments to the federal constitution, in times past, we see what is practically the initiative under another name. I believe that it would be a good thing to have the initiative and referendum applied in most states, provided that it be so safeguarded as to prevent its use wantonly or in a spirit of levity."

"I believe in adopting every device for popular government which, good in theory, bears out the theory in practice," Roosevelt's article concludes. "Often it is impossible to establish genuine popular rule, and get rid of privilege without using new devices to meet new needs. I think this situation now confronts us. The adoption of the principal program on which the progressives, especially the west, unite, offers the best chance for the achievement of the desired results."

BOY FORGER IS COMMITTED TO HOME

John Schoeffa, 16 years old, was committed to the Boys' and Girls' society of Portland by Judge J. R. Neil in the juvenile court.

Schoeffa was arrested in Eagle Point last week on a warrant charging him with having forged the name of D. L. Sweeney of Eagle Point to a check for \$100. Most of the money was recovered.

TO BUILD NEW POWER PLANT THIS SUMMER

Harry C. Stoddard, Superintendent of Rogue River Electric Company Returns From New York With Good Word Regarding Work.

HAS PURCHASED ALL MACHINERY NEEDED

New Plant Will Be Erected at Rogue River Falls Near Prospect—Supplement Present Supply.

Harry C. Stoddard, superintendent of the Rogue River Electric company, returned Tuesday from a trip to New York and other eastern points with the good word that work will start early this summer on the erection of a new power plant at Rogue River Falls, near Prospect.

While east Mr. Stoddard, aside from conferring with Colonel Frank Fry, controlling owner of the company, purchased all of the machinery necessary for the erection of the new plant.

The plans of the company are to build a modern power plant which will supplement their present plant at Gold Ray.

The Rogue River falls have been pronounced by engineers to be the most favorable in point of natural conditions for the location of a power plant, than any other falls found in the west.

The river drops at this point a mile in a distance of less than a quarter mile.

A high power line will be constructed to carry the "juice" to the valley, where it will be utilized to supplement the present supply.

OFFICE NOW IS COUNTY ASSET

Business Transacted by Clerk W. R. Coleman Now Twice as Heavy as When First Took Office—Now Pays Royalty.

As an evidence of the great growth of the population of Jackson county during the last four years County Clerk William R. Coleman is preparing a statement of the monthly receipts of his office at present as compared with those shown by the records when, in 1906, he first assumed the clerkship.

During the months of April, May and June, 1910, \$1026.59 was collected in fees, etc., while but \$458 was received during the same period in 1906. A total of 966 hunting and fishing licenses were issued during 1906, while the estimated made for this year shows that not less than 3700 permits will be applied for and granted to hunters and fishermen.

This will mean that a net revenue of at least \$3700 will be turned over to the state game fund during this year from Jackson county. All of the expenses required to collect this sum, such as license book, stamps, stationery and clerical work, is paid for separately by the county.

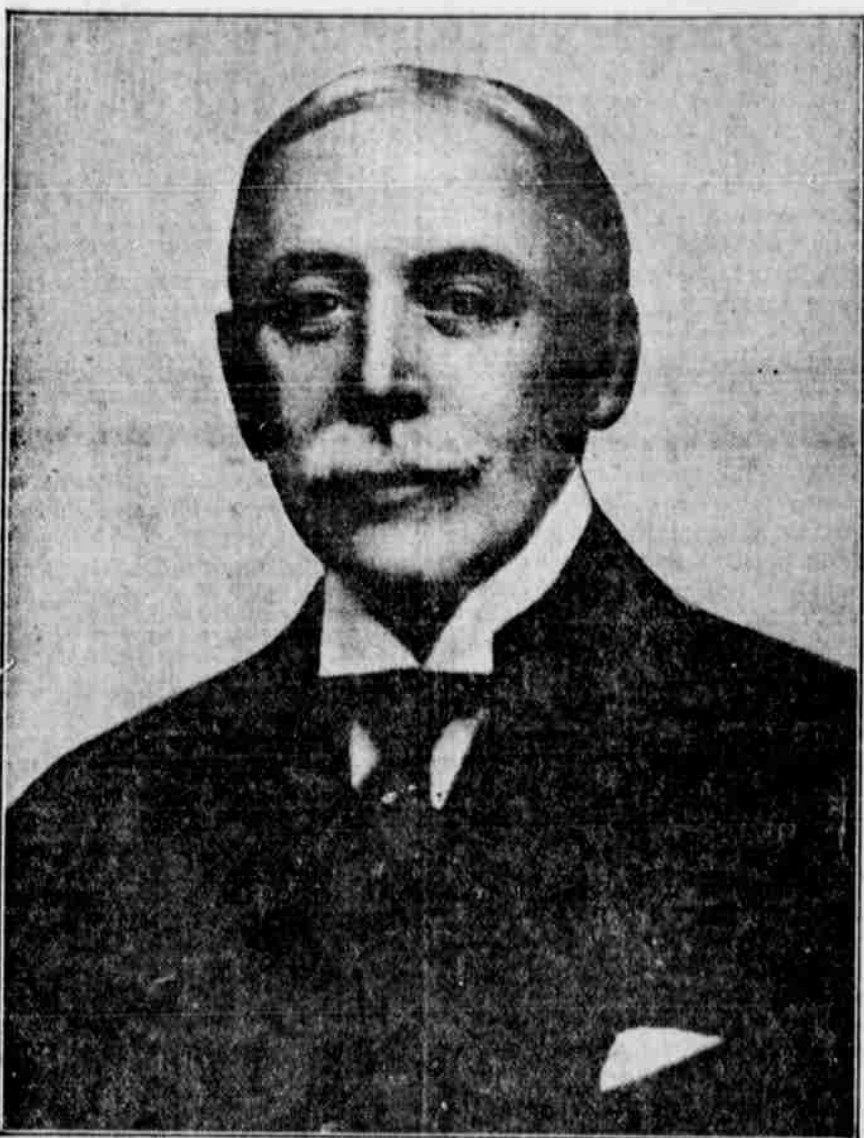
Although the working force of the office consists of but one deputy, as it did in 1906, the work of the office has increased over 100 per cent, and during the last four and one-half years the office has grown from a burden on the taxpayers to a royalty paying institution. With the exception of the flat salary paid the county clerk, all of the fees taken in by him go to the county.

OIL BRINGS TO DUCKS CLINGING TO STAKES

SAN QUENTIN, Cal., Jan. 25.—Two hundred dead ducks, covered with crude oil, litter the shore between here and McNear's Point. Fishermen report that at least 1000 ducks have died this week in San Pablo bay.

Oil, washed from the Contra Costa coast, clings to the feathers of the birds and they are unable to search for food, starving to death.

James A. Farrell, New Chief Of Billion Dollar Steel Trust.



The selection of James A. Farrell, president of the United States Steel Products Export company, to succeed William E. Corey as head of the United States Steel corporation when the latter goes out of office is looked upon in the financial world as the corporation's reward to an officer of a subsidiary concern who had been especially active in promoting business in a dull season. The Steel Products Export company conducts the United States Steel corporation's foreign business and has been thriving while unfilled orders at home decreased and rumors of price cutting filled the air. The steel corporation's trade abroad has surpassed all previous records in the past year, and individuals in a position to know what has been accomplished do not hesitate in giving Mr. Farrell credit for his successful efforts. Mr. Farrell was born in New Haven in 1863, and he early went into the steel business. He began with the New Haven Wire company, going from that plant to the Oliver Steel and Iron company at Pittsburg his assistant superintendent. He afterward sided in forming the Pittsburg Wire company at Braddock and was general manager of the concern. When this company was absorbed by the American Steel and Wire company Mr. Farrell took up the work of building up a foreign demand for the products of the new concern, which was eventually taken over by the United States Steel corporation. Mr. Farrell lives at 249 Garfield place, Brooklyn. He is a member of the Montauk club, the chamber of commerce, the Railroad club and the Brooklyn Riding club. Mr. Farrell and his family, his wife and five children, are active members of St. Francis Xavier's church.

12 ARE HURT IN EXPLOSION

Spark From Motor Causes Explosion as Men Are Hurling Truck—All Were Horribly Mangled—May Die.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Jan. 25.—Twelve miners, of whom five are reported fatally injured, were burned today by a powder explosion at Colliery No. 19 of the Pennsylvania Coal company at Pittston.

A spark from a motor caused an explosion of the powder with the result that 15 were mangled, of which at least five will die. The crash came when the men were on a routine work. Most of them carried kegs of powder when they boarded an electric motor and entered the passages of the mine. When the motor's spark ignited the powder the men were all hurled from the truck and were found along the gangway. Shreds of flesh were hanging from their hands, faces and necks. All were horribly mangled.

To Fly to Havana.

KEY WEST, Fla., Jan. 25.—Aviator McCurdy, who will attempt to fly from Key West to Havana, announced today that he would start as soon as the weather was favorable. This morning a 14 mile wind was blowing.

THREE THIS WEEK PAY "CUPID" FEES

Three marriage licenses have been issued since Monday by County Clerk William R. Coleman. Walter Warren of Ashland secured a license Tuesday to wed Vera M. Dresbach; Robert Ellsworth Hale and Clara Creighton and Francis J. Leonard and Elizabeth C. Gibson secured licenses Monday.

NAMES PHILIPS HUMAN FIEND

Most Scathing Denunciation Ever Heard in Wheeling Court Room Is That of Mrs. Schenk's Attorney In Regard to Her "Friend."

WHEELING, W. Va., Jan. 25.—Characterizing Daniel Phillips as a "human worm" and as a man too small to admit that he had broken a law of the land, Attorney Boyce, chief counsel for Mrs. Laura Farnace Schenk, charged with having administered poison to her millionaire husband, John O. Schenk, resumed his argument today.

Boyce's denunciation of Phillips was one of the most scathing ever heard in a Wheeling courtroom. "Phillips," said the attorney, "is a man whom, I believe, Schenk has a right to kill. Not only did he betray the husband, but he also betrayed the woman who had lavished gifts upon him. Day after day he went willingly to the county prosecutor and betrayed the woman who was his best friend. This community will never hear of him again, thank God, and let us hope we never meet him again."

Phillips, on the stand, told of automobile trips with Mrs. Schenk. They frequently rode into the country, he said, where lunch, provided by Mrs. Schenk, was eaten. The chauffeur, he testified, then left the car, leaving him with Mrs. Schenk until summoned back by the automobile horn.

District Attorney Handlan began the closing argument of the prosecution shortly before noon. He was asked by the court to hasten his argument, so that the case could be given to the jury by tonight, if possible. The court intimated that his instructions to the jury would be brief.

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PROSPECTS ARE BRIGHT FOR A LOCAL STATION

Captain M. F. Eggleston, Member From Jackson County, Returns Home for Brief Rest Owing to Illness—Returns Sunday.

HUME INTERESTS ARE MAKING HARD FIGHT

Grangers Fight Good Roads Bills—Westerlund Introduces Bill Fixing Later Deer Season.

That southern Oregon has a splendid chance in the legislature to secure a branch experiment station is the good news brought by Captain M. F. Eggleston, a member of Jackson's delegation, who returned home Wednesday for a brief visit owing to an illness from which he is suffering. Mr. Eggleston will return to Salem Sunday evening.

The bill providing for a branch experiment station here was introduced by Captain Eggleston and has a good chance of passing. It provides for an experiment station in the Rogue River valley. The bill provides \$7500 a year for its maintenance.

Rogue Fish Bill.

Captain Eggleston states that the Hume interests have developed considerable strength in the legislature, but he does not believe that they will be able to knock out the people's law. They are putting up a hard fight in connection with it, however, but legislators balk at overthrowing a law passed by the people with a majority of over 16,000.

Road Bills.

The grange members are putting up a fight of some dimensions against the proposed road laws. They state that they are in favor of good roads legislation, but that they object to certain features of the present bills.

Captain Eggleston has introduced a bill providing for the creation of new counties. The bill provides that when the residents of any district wish to form a new county they may put the matter up to a commission by petition. These petitions must be signed by 50 per cent of the voters. The commission then fixes the boundaries of the proposed new county and orders an election, at which the people living within the boundaries of the proposed county may vote. Seventy-five per cent is necessary to carry the matter. A board of arbitration is also provided which fixes the new county's pro rata of the indebtedness of the old county.

J. A. Westerlund has returned from Chicago and has introduced his bill fixing a later deer hunting season.

The legislature today in a body visited the state university.

FORMER LOCAL BOY DROWNED AT KLAMATH

Lorence Kinnear, the 13-year-old son of Lincoln Kinnear, formerly bookkeeper for the Burrell orchard, near Medford was drowned in Klamath lake last Saturday afternoon.

In company with Robert Smith, a partner of the elder Kinnear's in an orchard near Gold Hill recently acquired by them, the boy had gone to the lake to skate, but the ice broke under his weight and, before he could be rescued, he was drowned.

The boy's father is at present in Michigan. The body was taken to Klamath Falls, where it will be held until the funeral details are settled.

MARTINE IS ELECTED NEW JERSEY SENATOR

TRENTON, N. J., Jan. 25.—James Martine was today elected United States senator from New Jersey to succeed John Kean, jr., at a joint session of the legislature. Martine received 47 votes and his opponent, James W. Smith, 3.