

# WARNER LANDS BIG CONVENTION

### Oregon Retailers Will Meet Next Year In This City—Mr. Warner Is Chosen a Director of the State Association.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 28.—After a spirited contest in the convention of the Oregon Retail Merchants association between Portland, Cottage Grove and Medford, the latter town was named as the place for holding the next annual convention. Portland merchants strongly supported Medford and the final vote showed that the southern Oregon city had won by almost 2 to 1 majority.

E. N. Warner of Medford led the fight for his home city. A resolution couched in stinging terms was directed against the wholesale dealers who make a practice of selling direct to the consumers after loading the retail merchant up with goods.

A resolution indorsing Pendleton as the place for holding the "Round-up" was passed with a whoop and the entire delegation shouted "Let 'er buck." San Francisco received the hearty endorsement of the association in her fight to secure the Panama exposition, while the plan to hold a centennial at Astoria next year met the hearty approval of the convention.

The good roads bills now before the Oregon legislature also were indorsed and the present peddlers' license law and the garnishment law were approved by resolution.

A hard fight is to be made to secure the passage of a net weight bill and the committee appointed at yesterday's meeting are bending every effort toward securing its passage.

A vote of thanks was given to the Illihee club and other Salem organizations that had extended courtesies to the visiting delegates.

The prevailing sentiment at today's meeting was that the scope and membership of the organization should be extended to include every retail merchant in the state of Oregon, and it is probable that paid organizers will be sent all over the state in an effort to strengthen the work and functions of the association.

The meeting adjourned at 5:37 this afternoon, after one of the most successful conventions ever held by the organization.

The following new officers were elected: W. A. Perry, of Houlton, president; R. Alexander of Pendleton, first vice-president; W. A. Bell of Eugene, second vice-president; E. Brayford of Hood River, third vice-president; Charles B. Merriek, secretary; Thomas Watts of Reuben, treasurer. The new elected directors of the association are: E. N. Warner of Medford; C. M. Eppley of Salem; A. J. Henderson of Springfield; J. C. Man, Dan Kellaher, F. W. Funk of Portland; J. G. Snodgrass of LaGrande, and J. W. Campbell of Hermiston.

# MAN FORCED TO WRITE BIG CHECK

### Is Beaten By Man and Locked In Room—Notifies Police By Dropping Not Out of Window—Payment On Check is Stopped.

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 28.—Badly beaten about the face and body, and held a prisoner in his room at the Martiniere hotel, while two men and a woman attempted to cash a check for \$250, which they forced from him, was the experience of John R. Robey, president and manager of the Golden West Baking company, last night, according to his story to the police.

Suffering terribly from his beating, Robey was unable to attempt an escape until this morning, when, dragging himself to a desk, he scribbled a note and dropped it from his window.

A passerby picked it up and read: "Notify the First National bank to stop payment on \$250 check. Tell the police I am a prisoner in room 431, Martiniere hotel."

The man who found the note hurried down the street and met Sergeant Pencea and Patrolman Humphrey. They hurried to the Martiniere and after releasing Robey went to the apartments of a beautiful young woman and a big, good looking young man. Another man was arrested as he was attempting to cash a \$250 check bearing the signature of Robey. Payment on the check had been refused. All three are held at the city jail without a charge.

"This young woman I knew as Miss Richards," said Robey. "She has resided at the Martiniere hotel for about a month. Her apartments are right across the hall from mine. Last night she asked me for a drink. I entered her room and she shut the door. No sooner had she taken the drink when the door was burst open and in rushed this man who calls himself Barr, and Carroll. "What do you mean by assaulting my wife?" he demanded. I turned, and to my astonishment to find the woman lying on the bed with her head buried in the covers." Then, Robey says he was compelled to write the check for \$250 after being beaten.

### "DEAD RINGER" FOR RATE SCHEDULE UPHELD.

NEW YORK, Jan. 28.—Mr. Carnegie, I am frequently told that I resemble you. I do not know who is the more complimented, you or I, so I enclose my likeness for your measurement.

"Thanks," replied Andrew Carnegie to this note from Lewis B. Reed of Brooklyn, in a letter which the latter made public today. "Thanks, but you are too good looking—a very handsome man. I'm not."

Mr. Reed is 81 years old and a well known resident of Brooklyn. His friends have long contended that he was a "dead ringer" for the great iron master.

# BOY THRASHED; FATHER PROTESTS

### Irate Parent Takes Matter of Punishment Up With School Board—Matters Satisfactorily Adjusted. State's Superintendent Collins.

The severe and summary punishment dealt out to an exasperating youth at the high school last Friday by an exasperated teacher armed with a section of a rubber hose, served to cause an irate parent to appear before the school board at their meeting Friday night with a vigorous protest.

The incident, as well as can be ascertained, is said to have started when Professor Cudahy, of the commercial class in the high school, exasperated by the actions of Menno Davis, a 16-year-old pupil in his class, inflicted several large welts upon the boy's back by pounding that portion of his anatomy with a long and limber piece of rubber, said by some of the witnesses to the affair to have been a section of hose pipe, and by others, a part of a rubber tire.

Whatever the implement used, the father of the Davis boy, who conducts the "Smoke club" on Front street, decided that the punishment had been too severe and accordingly appeared before the school board and demanded that they take official cognizance of the matter.

Just what happened at the meeting is a mystery, as those members of the school board approached yesterday on the subject assumed a clam-like attitude, but Superintendent U. S. Collins, when seen last night, asserted that the matter had been satisfactorily adjusted.

Arthur Davis, the father of the boy, also expressed himself as satisfied with the action of the school board.

### Goodwin Tries New Tack.

NEW YORK, Jan. 28.—Nat Goodwin's defense in the divorce suit brought against him by Edna Goodrich will question the jurisdiction of the state court, it was reported today. Mr. Goodwin contends that his wife is a resident of California, where he lived, and that the action should be brought there.

In today's hearing before Referee J. Campbell Thompson, Mrs. Goodrich, the plaintiff's mother, testified that she and her daughter had lived in hotels in New York for several years. Goodwin did not appear.

The hearing was held behind closed doors.

### Clerks Appeal to T. R.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Jan. 28.—Colonel Theodore Roosevelt was brought into the controversy today between Postmaster General Hitchcock and the railway mail clerks. At a secret meeting this afternoon the clerks decided to petition the former president to intercede for them against Hitchcock's "economy program."

Haskins for Health.

# BODY OF MINER HERE FOR BURIAL

### Remains of Former Resident, Killed In Colorado Mine Accident, Are Brought Back to Medford for Burial—Was Well Known Here.

The remains of the late Columbus Stenbaugh, formerly superintendent of the Sunnyside coal mines near here, who was killed in a mine accident last week at Hezlo, Col., arrived in this city yesterday afternoon. They were accompanied by Mrs. Stenbaugh; Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Cook, the deceased's daughter and her husband; and their children.

The funeral will be held Monday afternoon from the Perle Undertaking company's chapel and interment will follow at the I. O. O. F. cemetery.

According to the present plans of the relatives who accompanied the remains here, they will make their future home in this city. Mr. Stenbaugh, during his lifetime, was well known in this city.

### RATE SCHEDULE UPHELD.

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prived of its property or a fair remuneration upon its investment without due process of law, and we believe we would not be justified in restraining operation of the new rates pending the final adjudication of the case upon its merits.

"The application for the restraining order must be denied."

It is expected the Southern Pacific company will appeal the case to the United States supreme court. W. D. Fenton, attorney for the railroad, is in California and members of his office said today they could not state what action would be taken. All the members of the state railroad commission are in Salem.

### Argument of the Commission.

The granting of the injunction was opposed by Attorney J. N. Teal for the railroad commission, on the grounds that the commission's order, merely revised the present class rates from Portland to points on the Southern Pacific within the state and placed these rates on something like a parity with those of other railroads throughout the country.

Mr. Teal showed that the principal changes made in existing rates were in classes four and five, which, using the table of comparison in general use in making class rates, showed the company's charges to be excessive. He also showed that there was no danger of the proposed changes being confiscatory inasmuch as the Southern Pacific company had flourished astonishingly in the past 10 years, exceeding all other roads in the state and many others in the country in the growth in gross and net earnings.

### Vital Legal Point Decided.

The most important feature of the application for an injunction, in the minds of many, was that the railroad

# PTOMAINE VICTIM BURIED FRIDAY

### The funeral of Grace Throckmorton, who died at her home at Ruch, Jackson county, last Wednesday of ptomaine poisoning, was held in the Jacksonville cemetery Friday afternoon.

Rev. Mr. Ennis officiated at a short service held at the graveside. The pallbearers were Messrs. Roy Offenbacher, H. Offenbacher, D. Buckley, George Buckley, H. Perno and Robert Ray.

She was poisoned early last week by eating some slaw in which she had poured a can of canned cream.

hoped to prevent the state commission from changing intra-state rates on the ground that such a change would interfere with interstate rates, while on the other hand they could prevent the interstate commerce commission from changing purely state rates, as something entirely outside of the commission's control.

# ANOTHER STREET IS AFTER IMPROVEMENTS

### The property holders on Geneva avenue filed a petition with City Recorder Robert W. Telfer yesterday afternoon requesting that the city proceed to have that portion of their street running between Main street and Sherman avenue paved with asphalt at an early date.

The street in question was only very recently opened up but sewer and water mains have already been laid along it.

### CHAMPION BASKETBALL TEAM TO PLAY HERE

Company "F" basketball team of Portage, Wis., the A. A. U. champion's of America will play the local basketball team on the Natatorium floor next Tuesday and Wednesday evening.

The team is making a tour of the west.

### Chicago Bowlers Lead.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 28.—Chicago forged to the front in the double events at the tournament of the American bowling congress today, when Ericson and Manuon, representing the windy city, rolled a total of 1229.

# WESTERLUND HOME ON BRIEF VISIT

### J. A. Westerlund, a member of Jackson county's delegation in the state legislature arrived in Medford Saturday morning for a short visit here. He will return to Salem this evening with Captain M. F. Eggleston who is also spending a few days at home.

Mr. Westerlund states that a number of important horticultural bills are now being considered by the committee on horticulture of which he is the chairman in the house. Professor O'Garra is now suggesting a number of matters which will be considered by the committee.

Mr. Westerlund has the distinction of being the largest man in the legislature, far outweighing any other member.

### Racing Resumed.

JAUREZ, Mexico, Jan. 28.—Racing was resumed at Terraz Park this afternoon after a week's suspension on account of the bad condition of the track.

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