

A FIRE DESTROYED

The Mammoth Convention Hall in Kansas City.

WILL BE REBUILT IMMEDIATELY

Insurance to Be Collected at Once and Other Funds Are Available—To Be Used by Democrats.

KANSAS CITY, April 4.—The mammoth auditorium, in which the Democratic convention was to have been held, was destroyed by fire this afternoon. Within a few minutes after it caught, the whole structure was a mass of flames, and 20 minutes after the first alarm the mammoth roof fell.

WILL REBUILD

Kansas City, April 4.—Plans are on foot to rebuild the convention hall immediately, and make it ready for the convention in July. While the fire was still in progress, members of the Commercial Club, through whose efforts the hall was conceived and built, mingled in the crowds of spectators and began soliciting funds for the new structure.

TAKES NO ACTION.

Washington, April 4.—Senator Jones, chairman of the National Democratic committee, says the committee will take no action until he has further information concerning what Kansas City proposes to do.

ATHLETES OF OREGON

TEAMS HAVE BEGUN TRAINING FOR STATE FIELD MEET.

An Inter-State Athletic Tournament at Seattle Next Month—A Newberg Man Talks.

(From Daily, April 5th.) Interest in the annual field meet of the Intercollegiate Amateur Athletic Association of Oregon, scheduled for Salem on Saturday, June 2d, is already awakened.

At any rate the new management of the intercollegiate athletic association is a very conscientious company of young gentlemen who, from all reports, are strong advocates of pure athletic sports and will doubtless inaugurate a reformation along athletic lines in collegiate circles in this state that will cause not a little surprise.

In anticipation of an increasing field meet, the athletic teams of the different colleges have begun training and will be in splendid condition for the June struggle. This year the contest for the championship cup lies between the state university boys, of Eugene, and the Oregon Agricultural College team of Corvallis.

The Oregon Weekly, of the 22d inst., a U. of O. publication, contained the following concerning the work of the athletic team of the state university.

lowed to do so. After the vacation there will be six weeks of active training before the Oregon-Washington meet. The intercollegiate meet is scheduled for June 2d, at Salem.

The following entries have been made in the various events: 100 and 200 yard sprints: Redmond, Bishop, Williams, Waddell, Lewis, Smith, Spencer.

The last issue of the Oregon Weekly also contained the following article relative to the athletic meet between the state universities of Oregon and Washington, to be held in Seattle, Saturday, May 19th.

Arrangements are now being made for a dual athletic meet between the University of Washington and the University of Oregon, to be held in Seattle, Saturday, May 19th.

The U. of O. will send a team of ten athletes to represent her in the northern field, and these men will be selected from the forty-five now on the training list. Only seven weeks remain in which to prepare for the contest, and there will be a general scramble to get on the 'lucky ten.'

In a recent issue of the Crescent, a publication of Pacific College, Newberg, there appeared an article on "That Athletic Convention."

The article in question is very evidently the masterpiece of either Otto Pickett, the newly-elected president of the athletic association, or Mr. Redmond, Mr. Pickett's right bower.

"Considerable comment has been made by the press in regard to the action of the convention of the intercollegiate Amateur Athletic Association, held at Salem February 24th.

"To be more specific, it has been charged that the election was controlled by a ring. If five of the six institutions saw fit to nominate a ticket and legitimately elect it to the exclusion of the sixth there must have been some reason for it.

"We are told that W. U.'s athletic methods have been regenerated (they probably had enough) that the past should not be held against them. But how has this regeneration grieved itself?

"The educational institutions of the state realized that radical measures alone could put a stop to the 'shady' work that was, and, as they believe, is being done in athletics.

It has been said that some women swear like men while others are so pious they won't even darn socks.

BILLS ARE AUDITED

MARION COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT IN SESSION.

Contract for Printing Election Ballots Awarded—Several Pauper Claims Were Disallowed.

(From Daily, April 5th.) The Marion county commissioners' court convened at the court house yesterday afternoon, for the regular April term, the principal matter on the docket being the auditing of bills, the letting of the contract for printing election ballots, and acting upon viewers' reports on roads, heretofore petitioned for.

The court opened bids, for the printing of the election ballots for the June election. The specifications called for printing 48,400 ballots, according to the provisions of the Australian ballot law, and the bids received were:

W. J. Clarke, \$125.00; Statesman Job Office, \$75.00; Ross E. Moores & Co., \$80.15; Henry Pape, \$75.00.

The court awarded the contract to Henry Pape, and provided that the warrant, in payment of the work, should be drawn at the June term of the court, the work to be performed according to the provisions of the law.

The resignation of E. B. Cochran, as supervisor of road district No. 20, Sidney, recently filed, was accepted, and A. L. Whiteman was appointed to fill the vacancy.

Among the bills audited was one sent in by the Baker county court, for \$56.50. It was for medical attendance and board furnished J. C. Jackson, a colored resident of Marion county, who was cared for by the Baker county authorities while sick.

Table with 3 columns: Name, Amt., Paid. Includes W. L. Wade, Dreyer & Craig, A. J. Basey, Baker county, D. S. Bentley & Co., D. S. Jessup, Mrs. Davis, G. P. Terrell, D. C. Thomms, M. M. High, Capital Lumber Co., Harvey Hartman, John Hughes, Harritt & Lawrence, Kraske Bros., Gilbert & Baker, W. H. Byrd, Steiner Drug Co., A. G. Anderson, C. F. Hein, J. N. Smith, P. T. Pace, City of Woodburn.

Table with 3 columns: Name, Amt., Paid. Includes Mrs. I. Patton, John White, J. L. Freeland, W. C. Reynolds, Salem Water Co., D. S. Bentley & Co., Salem L. & T. Co., John Hughes, Willis Bros., Or. Tel & Tel Co.

THE FIRST TIME.—Rev. W. A. Daly, rector of St. Joseph's Catholic church, recently sent an invitation to Sedgwick Post No. 10, G. A. R., and Sedgwick Relief Corps, of this city, to attend services in his sanctuary on Memorial Sunday, being the Sunday preceding Memorial Day.

PASSED AWAY.—David Brower, a prominent elder in the German Baptist or Dunkard church, died at his home at Talent, March 29th, aged 79 years.

ARTICLES FILED.—Salem Camp No. 118 of the World of Salem Oregon filed articles of incorporation in the state department yesterday.

TOOK CHARGE APRIL FIRST.—C. M. Lockwood was appointed manager for the Postal Telegraph Company's business for Salem, to take effect April 1st.

W. F. L. WED.—Wm. McFarlane and Lois Forrest, of Turner, have received a license to marry from County Clerk W. W. Hall, upon the application of Wm. Underwood.

BIDS WERE OPENED

CHANGES IN REPRESENTATIVE HALL HAVE BEEN ORDERED.

Erb & Van Patten Secure the Contract at Very Low Figure—Rules Governing the Contractors.

(From Daily, April 5th.) The State Board of Capitol Building Commissioners yesterday opened bids for the changes in the representative hall, provided for by the legislature at its last session.

The specifications call for bids for either a yellow fir floor or an oak floor. The appropriation for this work, provided by the legislature, was \$11,634, and the board feared that the bids would be all so high as to make the changes impossible until a further appropriation could be secured.

The members were surprised and gratified, therefore, when it was found that most of the bids were within the appropriation. Following are the bids: Erb & Van Patten—Yellow fir, \$2,244; oak, \$884.

The contract was awarded to Erb & Van Patten at \$884, the board deciding on the oak floor at that price.

The members of the board stated yesterday that, in view of the low bids received, and the advantageous contract made, sufficient money would be left of the appropriation, after the changes contemplated by the specifications were provided for, to allow of further improvements, and that changes would be made in the spectators lobby in the representative hall; the seats will be arranged in tiers, raised, and the railing of the hall moved further toward the center of the room so as to increase the space outside the railing, thus providing room for about 250 more seats for spectators, and, in a measure, make up for the absence of the gallery.

Strict rules are laid down by the board for the guidance of the contractor and the time limit for doing the work expires with November 10th. Following are some of the rules prescribed for the contractors and their men:

"After the room has been cleared of all movable furniture and carpets by the state board, contractor or contractors shall then come into possession of the room for the prosecution of the several works planned and specified. Workmen and materials will be excluded from all parts of the building, except the house of representatives and lower south corridor, the use of which will be allowed only for such time as is actually necessary for putting in the over-portion of the work.

It is expected and required of the contractor or contractors to erect a platform at the south end, and pass all materials, etc., through a window or windows, including the passage of the workmen, as passing through the building, other than as before mentioned, will be strictly prohibited, except in cases of absolute necessity, and making and finishing openings between the rooms and rooms. Destruction or damaging of grounds or shrubbery will be strictly prohibited.

It is also required that all interior work, except such parts as is necessary to remove or disturb, will be thoroughly protected from damage by boxing and covering with cloth. Any damage or marking of the interior, except as above mentioned, must be made good without extra expense to the state.

All dirt, rubbish, material, etc., not needed in the work and improvement of said hall of representatives, shall be removed from the building and premises as fast as the same is displaced or accumulated; the same to be carried out and put into wagons or carts and taken away and deposited where so directed.

The contractor or contractors shall, at their own order cost and expense, furnish all materials and labor, the best of their several kinds, cartage, scaffolding, models, moulds, etc., etc., needed for the work herein and therein set forth.

All connections with the new and old work of brick, iron and wood, must be properly made and banded together with straps, anchors, ties, etc.

Upon completion of the work, and before final acceptance, the building shall be thoroughly cleaned and ready for relaying carpets and free from all blemish.

Contractors who bid on the within specified work will be required to enclose a certified check in the sum of ten per cent drawn to the order of the state treasurer, to be forfeited to the state in case the lowest or accepted bidder fails to qualify in ten days after the opening of bids, with good and acceptable bond for the full amount of contract price.

The above work as specified must be completed on or before November 10, 1900.

Fine printing, Statesman Job Office.

SCARCITY OF HORSES.

Farmers are beginning to realize that there is a great scarcity of horseflesh everywhere. There has been an unusually large demand for good farm teams, for the cropping season now at hand.

Two Quick Shots

A Belgian Tinsmith's Attempt to Commit Murder.

It was the wise farmer who kept right along breeding good animals in spite of the discouraging outlook of three or four years ago, for he has now on hand something that will bring him a profit, and he need not look up a buyer. In fact, buyers seem to be more numerous than horses.

Good brood mares are especially in great demand now that the horse's future begins to look bright again. In fact the owner of a large, trim, clean-built mare can get his own price, if he is willing to part with the animal at all.

It will not be long until good horses will be selling at old-time prices, and those who go into the business now and breed with a definite object in view will be in the best shape to realize good profits when they have a surplus ready for the market.

COULD NOT AGREE

JURY FAILED TO CONVICT SAM RAMP IN JUSTICE COURT.

He Was Charged With Riding Upon a Bicycle Path—Case Was Very Stubbornly Fought.

Sam Ramp, of Brooks, was given a trial before Justice H. A. Johnson yesterday afternoon, but the jury could not agree upon a verdict and after having been out 5 1/2 hours, was discharged from further service in the case. From the first ballot it is understood the jury stood five for conviction and one for acquittal and a dozen ballots failed to change the result.

It was a very interesting case and was very stubbornly fought on legal grounds. When the case was called before Justice Johnson at 10:30 o'clock yesterday morning, attorneys B. F. Bonham and J. A. Jeffrey, counsel for the defendant filed a demurrer to the complaint, alleging the unconstitutionality of the act creating the tax. The demurrer was argued by C. L. McNary, deputy prosecuting attorney, speaking for the state, and this effort to abbreviate the case was overruled.

In the course of the trial, counsel for the defendant detected an alleged deficiency in the technical construction of the bill, upon which they dwelt with particular emphasis. The defendant admitted having driven upon the path but in extenuation of the act called witnesses to show that two teams were standing in the roadway and it was necessary for him to drive upon the path in order to pass safely.

The defendant claimed that in the meaning of the law concerning bicycle paths, the driving or riding upon a path did not constitute a crime unless as a consequence the path was injured or defaced thereby. In support of this claim, counsel referred to section 10 of the bicycle law, which reads as follows:

"Such paths shall be constructed in such a manner that they will not materially interfere with any road, street or crossing, and when so constructed it shall be deemed a misdemeanor for any person or persons to in any manner injure or deface said path, to place tacks, glass, wire, iron, sticks, stones or any other object or substance upon or upon the path, or to the rider, or any part of the bicycle, or to the pedestrian, result of or liable to result. This provision is not to prevent ingress or egress to any field, yard, lot or other place, at road crossings or the driving of loose stock; providing the loose stock is not wantonly driven upon said path and due care is taken to prevent injury to paths by loose stock being driven along highways.

The prosecution showed by the testimony of four witnesses that there remained a space of fully 12 to 15 feet on either side of the vehicles standing in the roadway and to which the defendant objected, thus making it possible for the defendant to pass the said vehicles without driving upon the bicycle path.

The prosecution also alleged that the following section defined for what uses the bicycle paths were intended, and that any infraction in that regard was a violation of the law and punishable under the terms of the measure. Section 11 of the bill reads as follows:

"These paths when so constructed shall be exclusively for pedestrians and cyclists, it being the object and intent of this act to provide for pedestrians and cyclists a highway separate from that used by teams and horsemen."

The arguments in the case were concluded at 4:20 o'clock when the case was submitted to the jury retired for deliberation. At 10 o'clock the jury was unable to agree upon a verdict and Justice Johnson dismissed them from further service. In all the bailouts only one juror held out for acquittal the other five being satisfied of the guilt of the defendant. It is understood the only juror favoring acquittal was S. T. Northcutt.

The final disposition of the case will be awaited with interest by bicyclists who are interested in the preservation of and further improvement of existing cycle paths.

A CITIZEN.—Paul Marnach, a native of Belgium, was yesterday granted final citizenship papers by County Judge G. P. Terrell.

Fine printing, Statesman Job Office.

Two Quick Shots

A Belgian Tinsmith's Attempt to Commit Murder.

While the Latter's Railway Coach Was in the Station at Brussels—The Fiend Apprehended.

BRUSSELS, April 4.—The Prince of Wales was shot at while leaving the railroad station here. He was not hurt. The would-be assassin jumped upon the footboard of the prince's saloon car as the train was starting and fired into the car, aiming at the prince. The man was immediately arrested.

The would-be assassin is a tinsmith, named Spide, a resident of Brussels, 20 years old. His pockets were found to be full of anarchistic literature. He fired two shots at the Prince of Wales. The Princess of Wales and others were in the car, but no one was touched. When examined by the station officials, Spide declared he intended to kill the Prince of Wales, and that he did not regret his action and was ready to do it again if given the chance. Spide subsequently said he wanted to kill the prince "because he cursed thousands of men to be slaughtered in South Africa."

Hearing the shots, the station master rushed to the scene and knocked down the would-be assassin's arm as he prepared to fire a third shot, and a number of persons threw themselves on the prince's assistant. In the confusion a second man, who was quite innocent, was seized, roughly handled and beaten.

BUTTER TO BE MADE

NEW CREAMERY WILL BEGIN OPERATIONS NEXT MONDAY.

The Plant Will Have a Daily Capacity of 350 Pounds and Will Be Patronized Liberally.

(From Daily, April 5th.)

T. S. Townsend, the aggressive creamery operator, will have his Salem plant completely installed by the end of this week and everything will be in readiness for the commencement of butter making on Monday next or on Tuesday at the latest.

The building at the corner of State and Eighteenth streets that has been secured for the creamery is being remodeled in many particulars and will today be ready for the reception and installation of the machinery which arrived yesterday. The plant will have a capacity of 350 pounds of butter per day, but, if the requirements demand, the capacity can be easily doubled. But it is thought the 350 pound capacity will be adequately large to handle all of the cream that will be available for the present. Until the farmers become educated into the dairy business and increase their herds, the volume of cream that will be available in the country contiguous to Salem will not be large.

Mr. Townsend is devoting some attention to the establishment of routes leading in every direction from Salem, for the collection of cream. Cream will be collected from all sections of Marion county, also parts of Polk county, while much will be shipped in by boat and rail. A number of cream separators have been sold to farmers who propose to become patrons of the creamery and others will invest in this almost indispensable machine, when they are assured that the creamery is a go.

Marion county people have several times been disappointed in securing the location of a creamery and a majority of them are naturally suspicious of creamery promoters and do not propose to go to any needless expense until they are assured the creamery man is acting in good faith. It will not take long for Marion county farmers to ascertain that Mr. Townsend means business and will engage in the butter making business in this community on a more extensive scale than any of them had ever dreamed of. He has asked for no bonus from Salem people and has disappointed in securing good faith and all he asks in return is that he have the patronage of the farming community of this section of the valley. There is little doubt but that his request will be very generally complied with by the farmers.

L. B. Ziemer, a practical butter maker recently from Wisconsin, is in the city and is assisting Mr. Townsend in installing his plant, of which he will be in charge when it shall have commenced operations.

Fine printing, Statesman Job Office.

A NEW TEACHER.—Johnson Williams, of Dungeness, Washington, reported at the Salem Indian Training school at Chiamawa this week as a teacher, being ordered to the school under the civil service. Mr. Johnson is a native Indian being a descendant of a Washington tribe. He has charge of the third grade in the Chemawa institution.

Advertisement for Cuticura Resolvent. Includes an illustration of a baby and text: 'Babies Take Cuticura Resolvent. Because it is so pure and wholesome that mothers can give it freely to children of all ages. It cools and cleanses the blood, and is of the greatest value in speedily curing disfiguring, burning, scaly humors, rashes, and irritations, when taken in connection with hot baths of CUTICURA SOAP, and gentle anointings with CUTICURA, the great skin cure and purifier of emollients.'