TAKE DEFEAT EASY

Little Regret Is Manifested by Salem Bryanites.

M'KINLEY'S 1896 PLURALITY DOUBLED

Marion County Is Safely Moored in the Republican Column for Years to Come.

SALEM, Nov. 9.—It is a matter of quite common mention in Salem that the Democrats and Populists do not manifest very deep regret over the defeat of Bryan. While the vote for Bryan was up to the expectations of Republican leaders, showing that the Democrats and Populists quite generally voted for their candidate, it is very evident that, after all, they were not anxious that Bryan should be elected.

McKinley's plurality in Marion County this year is double what it was four years ago, and Republican leaders feel that for the next 20 years this county will be one of the strongest supporters of Republican principles in the state.

The present county administration is conducting county affairs on an economical plan, and will greatly reduce, if not entirely wipe out, the county's indebtedness before another election comes around. A reduction of expenses has been the demand of voters in this county in recent years, and whichever party should be in power when such a reduction is accomplished will gain greatly in public favor.

CLACKAMAS COUNTY.

Finally Agreed That McKinley's Plurality Is About 600.

OREGON CITY, Nov. 9.—The official count of the vote for President, made last Tuesday, will not be made until some time next week, as the clerk and his deputies are busy with the sessions of County and Circuit Courts. No memoranda was brought in of the vote of two or three precincts, but it is generally agreed by those who have kept tab on both sides that McKinley's majority is between 585 and 600.

CLATSOP COUNTY.

Official Canvass Gives McKinley 638 the Better of the Race.

ASTORIA, Nov. 9.—The official canvass of the vote of Clatsop County showed that the total number of ballots cast in the city of Astoria was 1285 and in the county 2154, while the registration in June was 2565. The average vote received by the electors for the different candidates was: McKinley 1320, Bryan 682, Woolley 37, Barker 5, Debs 64.

JACKSON COUNTY.

McKinley Carries Former Bryan Stronghold by 46 Votes.

ASHLAND, Or., Nov. 9.—Returns from all of the precincts in Jackson County give McKinley 46 plurality.

JOSEPHINE COUNTY.

Complete Vote Gives McKinley a Plurality of 176.

GRANT'S PASS, Or., Nov. 9.—The complete vote of Josephine County was late in arriving, the last precinct coming in today. The totals are:

McKinley 929, Bryan 744, Woolley 43, Debs 27, Barker 5.

KLAMATH COUNTY.

Official Canvass Places McKinley's Lead at 104.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Nov. 9.—The official canvass of Klamath County's vote gives the following result:

McKinley 428, Bryan 324, Woolley 10, Barker 8, Debs 4.

LAKE COUNTY.

Declared for McKinley by Plurality of 228 Votes.

LAKEVIEW, Or., Nov. 9.—Complete returns for Lake County give McKinley a plurality of 228 votes.

LINN COUNTY.

Bryan's 1896 Majority of 684 Reduced to 16 Votes.

ALBANY, Or., Nov. 9.—The canvass of votes in Linn County was completed tonight. The result is:

McKinley 1937, Bryan 1921, Woolley 228, Debs 82, Barker 26. Bryan's plurality 68. Linn County in 1896 gave Bryan a plurality of 684.

POLK COUNTY.

Official Canvass Is in McKinley's Favor by 175 Votes.

DALLAS, Or., Nov. 9.—The official canvass for Polk County gives McKinley 1163, Bryan 988, Woolley 103, Debs 15, and Barker 22. Number of votes registered at June election 2326.

Hillsboro Will Ratify.

HILLSBORO, Or., Nov. 9.—The election of McKinley will be ratified at Hillsboro next Tuesday evening by a great jollification. The features will be a torchlight parade, a cavalry squadron, transparencies and short, pithy speeches.

FERRY COUNTY.

Went Democratic by Good Majority—Bryan's Lead Is 413 Votes.

REPUBLIC, Wash., Nov. 9.—The following figures show the vote of Ferry County. The official count will not change these figures more than a vote or two:

Bryan's majority, 413.

Congress—Cushman, rep, 423; Jones, rep, 416; Robertson, dem, 839; Ronald, dem, 818.

Supreme Court—Mount, rep, 429; Dunbar, rep, 444; Million, dem, 788; Winsor, dem, 765; White, dem, 781.

Governor—Frink, rep, 365; Rogers, dem, 901.

The Democrats elected their Legislative candidate and every man on the county ticket, except Clerk, Soule being the successful candidate.

GILLIAM COUNTY.

Rolled Up a Plurality of 78 Votes for McKinley.

CONDON, Or., Nov. 7.—McKinley carried Gilliam County by 78 votes. Last June the Democrats elected all the county officers except Clerk and Assessor and Coroner, and the vote for state officers was close.

GARFIELD COUNTY.

For McKinley by 51 Votes, Against Frink by 50 Votes.

POMEROY, Wash., Nov. 9.—The County Commissioners met today and canvassed the official returns for Garfield County. Following are the results:

Presidential Electors—Republicans, Cosgrove 528, Hastings 512, Sweeney 508, Boyd 504; Democrats, Blalock 457, Cotterell 436, Heim 427, Reeves 419; Prohibition, Gwinn 13, Plummer 13, Skinner 13, Brown 13.

Congressmen—Cushman, rep, 506; Jones, rep, 500; Robertson, dem, 436; Ronald, dem, 427.

Supreme Court—Mount, rep, 530; Dunbar, rep, 508; Million, dem, 521; Winsor, dem, 414; White, dem, 348.

Governor—Frink, rep, 451; Rogers, dem, 401.

The county officers elected are:

Representative, W. L. Howell, dem; Sheriff, Strain, dem; Clerk, Anderson, rep; Assessor, Pomeroy, rep; Treasurer, Dixon, rep; Attorney, Cardwell, dem; Assessor, Messenger, rep; Superintendent of Schools, Nellie Vallen, rep; Surveyor, Reid, rep; Coroner, C. C. Black, rep; Commissioner of First District, D. B. Lewis, rep; Commissioner of Second District, A. H. Malone, dem.

LEWIS COUNTY.

McKinley's Plurality Is 533—Great Victory for Republicans.

CHEHALIS, Wash., Nov. 9.—Lewis County returns complete give McKinley 1904, Bryan 1371; McKinley's plurality, 533. Frink 1794, Rogers 1511; Frink's majority 283. Cushman and Jones, for Congress, have majorities of 474 and 469 respectively.

For Superior Judge, Elliott, dem, the present incumbent, carries the county by 187 majority over A. E. Rice, of Centralia. Rice is elected, however, having about 175 majority in Pacific County, and 100 in Wahkiakum County. The Democrats have had this office the past eight years. Welty, rep, for State Senator, has 176 majority; Ingraham, rep, 255 majority; McCoy, rep, 175 majority. Other majorities are as follows: Spooner, rep, for Superintendent, 587; Meloy, rep, for Surveyor, 397; Green, rep, for Coroner, 362; Deggeller, pop, for Sheriff, 22; Rhodes, rep, for Clerk, 61; Schooley, pop, for Auditor, 72; St. John, rep, for Treasurer, 386; Stewart, rep, for Attorney, 89; Grimm, rep, for Assessor, 538; Commissioner, 2d district, Foster, rep, 89; Commissioner, 3d district, Ferrier, rep, 396.

This is the nearest to a clean sweep the Republicans have made in Lewis County the past 10 years.

SKAMANIA COUNTY.

In Bryan's Column by 21—Democrats Get Most of Local Offices.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Nov. 9.—Returns received here today from Skamania County for seven out of eight precincts give the Bryan electors a plurality of 21; Democratic Congressmen, 22; Rogers for Governor, 37; Superior Judge, Miller, rep, 33; Joint Senator, High, dem, 27; Representative, Moore, dem, 37. The entire Democratic County ticket, except Totten, for Sheriff, and Moore, for Prosecuting Attorney, is in the lead, and probably elected, although the missing precinct is expected to return a Republican majority of 15 to 18 votes. Totten is the only Republican on whom there was any contest who is elected. Moore, rep, for Attorney, had no opposition, and Miller for Superior Judge, and Rands, for Joint Senator, ran ahead of the ticket.

The vote on Superior Judge for Clark, Cowlitz, Klickitat and Skamania Counties, in the two counties of Clark and Skamania, is as follows:

Clark, complete returns—Miller, rep, 1742; Munday, dem, 1051. Skamania, one precinct missing—Miller 190, Munday 157. Miller's majority, 724.

For Joint Senator of Clark and Skamania Counties, complete returns in Clark give Rands, rep, 1630, High, dem, 1082. Smakania, seven precincts—Rands 183, High 190. Rand's majority 521. The missing Skamania County precinct will increase these majorities probably to 740 and 537, respectively.

THURSTON COUNTY.

Republican Electors and Legislators Have Good Pluralities.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Nov. 9.—The majorities given the Republican Presidential Electors, Governor and Congressmen, State Senator and two Representatives in Thurston County are as follows:

McKinley 239, Frink 441, Ruth, State Senator, Falkner and Stocking, Representatives, 305 and 299, respectively.

YAKIMA COUNTY.

McKinley Has 441 Votes to Spare—Bond Proposition Lost by 19.

NORTH YAKIMA, Nov. 9.—The official count for Yakima County is partially finished. It gives McKinley 1907, Bryan 1466, Cushman 1382, Jones 1365, Robertson 1032, Ronald 1024, Mount 1482, Dunbar 1304, Million 1046, Wensor 1095, Frink 1384, Rogers 1260.

The proposition to issue funding bonds of the county was lost, it lacking 19 votes of having the necessary three-fifths.

Payment of an Election Bet.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Nov. 9.—An amusing election bet was paid last night by Professor Davis, leader of the Capital City Band, and James DeMoss. These gentlemen possessed great confidence in the success of Bryan, and paid the penalty by giving E. E. Taylor and O. E. Stickell a free wheelbarrow ride up and down the principal street of Olympia. A brass band was in the procession, and played the lively lively strains of Rogers' march. The wheelbarrows were appropriately draped in streamers of crepe and each of the victorious Republicans bore aloft a banner which contained the words, "What a fool I was to bet on Bryan." The route of the procession was illuminated with red fire, and the crowd cheered or jeered, as their individual sympathy prompted.

IDAHO.

Bryan Electors Get Shoshone County by About 500 Plurality.

WALLACE, Idaho, Nov. 9.—Returns from three precincts in Shoshone County are missing. Several reported unofficially show a difference, each committee construing figures to suit their own case. The total vote cast was about 5600. The Bryan Electors have a plurality of 500. There were very few votes for the Peoples Party, Middle-of-the-Road, Populist or Prohibition tickets.

The Democratic state ticket is a little behind Bryan, and the Republican a little ahead of McKinley. Democratic state candidates have majorities of 275 to 325.

Several county offices are very close. Republicans elect Sheriff, and fusionists elect Assessor, Treasurer, one Commissioner, Coroner and full Legislative ticket beyond doubt. The official count, which begins Monday, will be necessary to determine the successful candidates for other positions.

Republicans charge gross fraud in Wallace precinct, and a contest may result. With that precinct thrown out, the fusionists would lose all the doubtful offices and two, and possibly three, members of the Legislature.

OREGON ELEVEN AT PALO ALTO.

Ready for Hard Game on the Stanford Campus Today.

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, Cal., Nov. 9.—The University of Oregon football men arrived here today at noon. They will line up against the Stanford's "Varsity tomorrow afternoon at 2:30. The men are all in fine condition and will line up as in the Multnomah game. On the hard, fast turf field the Oregon team expects to make an excellent showing. The two teams are evenly matched as to weight, and Coach Kearsberg cannot see how his men can be kept from scoring at least once. Stanford will line up as strong an eleven as can be gathered together. From the showing made in practice here today the Oregon team is the favorite in the game with the Nevada State University November 14.

TRAIN COLLISION INVESTIGATED.

Conductor Testified That He Mistook Thursday for Wednesday.

ROSEBURG, Or., Nov. 9.—The inquest in the case of Engineer Sam Hendricks, who was killed in the train collision near here yesterday, was called by Coroner Twitchell at the Courthouse this morning. Many witnesses were examined, including Superintendent L. R. Fields, of the Southern Pacific Company, who was in town at the time of the accident. He explained to the jury the issuance of train orders. All train orders not on the regular card are issued from Portland and Ashland only. This extra received orders at Ashland, Grant's Pass and Glendale, the last to run to Roseburg. It had no orders against train No. 225, which therefore had the right of the track. The jury retired at 1:40 and came in at 3:00 with the following verdict:

"We, the undersigned jury, impaneled to inquire into the circumstances and cause of death of S. B. Hendricks, Jr., late locomotive engineer in the employ of the Southern Pacific Company, find that he came to his death November 8, between the hours of 6 and 7 o'clock A. M., in a head-end collision between freight train No. 225, south-bound, in charge of Conductor Ingierock and Engineer S. B. Hendricks, Jr., and an extra freight train, north-bound, in charge of Conductor Albert Cloyd and Engineer Walter Drennan, one and one-half miles south of Roseburg, Or.

"We further find from the evidence that the remote cause of the accident was that Conductor Cloyd, according to his testimony, mistook Thursday for Wednesday, and supposed that Engineer Drennan was laboring under the same impression, knowing, according to the time-card, that no freight left on Wednesday, hence he would have a clear track into Roseburg."

The case of Fireman A. Wilhelm was submitted to the same jury, and only testimony regarding the finding and identification of the body and cause of death was taken. The verdict was the same as in the Hendricks case.

Indians Dying Off at Alarming Rate.

SEATTLE, Nov. 9.—Officers of the United States revenue cutter Richard Rush report that the Aleutian Island Indians, as well as those of the Alaska Peninsula and other mainland districts, are dying off at an alarming rate.

The Rush was engaged during the Summer in Indian census enumeration. Attu Island, in past years densely populated with Alaska natives, contains only 73 souls. Atka, the largest island of the numerous group, has an Indian population of but 157. This island half a century ago supported a great tribe.

During the past season measles and pneumonia carried off the Indians by the score, and should these diseases become epidemic again next year, the archipelago will become almost depopulated.

Washington Notes.

The Whitman College football team has disbanded.

Twenty-four buildings are in course of construction at Republic.

The Walla Walla Union estimates that $15,000 changed hands at that city as a result of the election.

Thirty-two teamsters were fined $10 at Seattle Thursday for allowing their horses to stand unhitched.

Thirty-three linemen of the Sunset Telephone & Telegraph Company at Seattle struck Thursday for increased wages.

Albert V. Shaw, of Tacoma, fell from the platform of a Northern Pacific car near Cheney Monday night and was severely bruised.

This week at Hoquiam the wife of Chris Enderson, a shipbuilder, gave birth to triplets, two girls and a boy. Their combined weight was 14 pounds.

At Spokane Tuesday Henry J. Earnest, formerly special road commissioner under Governor Rogers, was arrested on a charge of embezzlement, preferred by Charles H. Moore. Mr. Earnest acted as agent for Mr. Moore in purchasing state warrants for road work done in Stevens County three years ago.

At Colfax Tuesday evening P. Le France, a local saloonkeeper, and several others in sympathy with the saloons, attacked the Rev. J. W. Flesher, pastor of the Methodist Church and president of the Anti-Saloon League, on the street and called him abusive names because of his action in supporting Sheriff Cannutt for re-election.

The reports of the various state officers will be greatly abridged this Fall. The large amount of money usually paid out for wages in the state printing office will be below the average. The printing of the state officers' biennial reports ordinarily costs about $10,000. This year it cannot cost over $3000, because that sum is all that remains of the printing fund.

Yakima carrot growers say they harvest from 15 to 22 tons per acre. The tubers are used extensively for cooking purposes and feeding to dairy stock. When put on the grocery market they retail at $20 a ton. For feeding purposes they sell at from $5 to $12 per ton. They are used as appetizers for dairy stock and are valuable when fed in connection with alfalfa hay. The roots are also valuable for feeding sheep and horses. Dr. R. N. Gordon left for Kansas this week, taking with him one carrot weighing 15 pounds and another weighing 18 pounds.

James Matt Shaw, a farmer living at Steilacoom, was killed Wednesday night in an unknown manner while going home from Lakeview with his horse and buggy. At 7:30 o'clock he left Lakeview. An hour later his horse and buggy were found down the road some distance by pedestrians and taken back to Lakeview. At 12:30 o'clock Wednesday morning J. W. Huggins and two other men coming from Lake City with election returns found the dead body of Shaw in the road, 250 yards back of the Lakeview hotel. Appearances indicated that he either fell from the buggy or got out to fix the harness. The horse was probably frightened, as marks on the body show that the hoof of the horse was planted squarely over his heart, and either the horse's hoof or the tire of the buggy passed over his head, cutting his lips and bruising his forehead. As he was subject to heart disease, the impact of the hoof over his heart is believed to have killed him.

FOR EQUAL TAXATION

SUGGESTION THAT INSURANCE POLICIES BE RECORDED.

Assessor Would Thus Be Given a Very Good Idea of the Owners' Estimate of Valuation.

BAKER CITY, Nov. 9.—A novel plan to enable County Assessors to secure full and accurate valuations of property in the course of their work will be submitted to the general meeting of the County Judges, Commissioners and Assessors to be held in Portland November 20. George W. Jett, Assessor-elect of Baker County, will ask the county officials to recommend a law requiring all insurance of property to be recorded in the office of the County Clerk, the record to show the owner's name, location of property, its character, insured valuation and such other matters as will enable the Assessor to arrive at correct estimates.

In the recent investigations conducted here by a committee of the Chamber of Commerce it developed that one of the most difficult problems for Assessors to solve was obtaining correct valuations. In different counties different customs seem to prevail. The Assessor in one county takes as the basis of his assessment a given per cent of the value. In another county a different per cent may be accepted. There is no common board to equalize and adjust variations. Mr. Jett figures that about one-third of the real value of property is the general average of all counties for assessment. Any county working on a smaller basis escapes a portion of the common burden, and a county going above is unduly taxed.

Another important consideration is the fixing of a standard for Assessors that will lighten their work and be perfectly just to all. Mr. Jett holds that if the full value of property is the basis for assessment, instead of a per cent, the Assessor is not given such a latitude and will be forced to be more uniform. To aid the Assessor in his work the plan of recording all property insurance is advocated.

All personal property is not insured, but much of it is. Stocks in stores are usually protected by insurance, and the values are very difficult for an Assessor to estimate, unless he happens to have had "store" experience. Even though a policy did not cover the entire value a correct basis is given for reaching it. Merchants are naturally anxious to insure their goods for as near their worth as possible, and will be more inclined to overestimate than underestimate. By simply requiring policies to be recorded, as in the case of mortgages and certain other instruments, a key is given the Assessor which is as reliable as if he had access to the accounts of the concern, for it is on facts learned from the books that insurance is usually made. Mr. Jett thinks all the annoyance of prying into private affairs would thus be avoided, and the Assessor greatly assisted.

Mr. Jett and the other members going from Baker County will be prepared to urge the adoption of a measure incorporating the suggestions recently made by the Chamber of Commerce. One of these was the formation of a State Board of Equalization, composed of all the County Assessors. Another was to have Assessors collect the tax on personal property at the time of levy, unless the owner had real property on which the tax might become a lien. A change is suggested in time of assessment. Instead of March 1, the Assessor is to be given the privilege of assessing any time within a period of six months.

County Judge Travillion, Assessor-elect Jett, Assessor J. A. Payton and probably Commissioner Brown will attend. Much interest is being shown in assessment and tax collection matters in this part of the state.

R. D. CARTER

MAYOR-ELECT OF BAKER CITY.

BAKER CITY, Nov. 9.—R. D. Carter, Mayor-elect of this city, is 44 years of age. He was born in Maryland. He came to Baker City in 1877, and since that time has been closely identified with the business interests of this section. He was employed in the engineers' department during the survey and construction of the O. R. & N. Railway line between Union and this place. In 1884 he organized the firm of Carter & Miller, and engaged in the butcher business, and has been instrumental in building up a large and paying business. His interests in the city and county are large, and the successful management of his own affairs affords good assurance that he will make an efficient official.

RAILROAD TIE INDUSTRY.

Distributed About $127,000 in Clackamas County Within Past Year.

OREGON CITY, Nov. 9.—Adkins Bros.' sawmill, near Canby, has been awarded a contract for cutting 600,000 feet of lumber for the Southern Pacific Company, principally ties. During the past year this mill has cut over 2,000,000 feet of lumber, a considerable portion of which was sold to the Southern Pacific. The tie industry is now the means of placing considerable money in circulation in Clackamas County, giving steady employment to a large number of men. It is estimated that eight sawmills in the northeastern section of Clackamas County have sawed 700,000 ties for the Oregon Railway & Navigation Company within the past year, which, computed at the contract prices of about 18 cents per tie, would bring a revenue of $127,000.

Strong Appeal for County Road.

The residents of Union precinct, situated east of the Willamette River, and south of Pudding River, in the extreme south end of the county, have petitioned the County Board of Commissioners for a county road from their precinct to connect, in a direct way, with the county in which they reside. The petition also includes a bridge across Pudding River.

The petitioners assert that they have no way of reaching their own county except by paying toll across Boone's ferry to the west side of the Willamette, or by driving 10 miles out of a direct course through Marion County, for the reason that there is no road or bridge leading from their section across Pudding River. The petition further recites that the residents of Union precinct have been treated like stepchildren by the county authorities, and unless speedy relief is granted "that at the next session of the Legislature we shall make the most strenuous efforts to be cut loose from Clackamas County and be embodied into Marion County, to which naturally and geographically, on account of river courses, we belong."

Fatal Case of Diphtheria.

A prominent resident of Canby, who was here today, stated that the 12-year-old son of Jack Howard died yesterday evening of diphtheria. Cases also are reported in the Smith and Hutchinson families, but the attacks are not considered serious. The malady at first was pronounced tonsilitis, but a physician who was attending the boy that died pronounced the complaint diphtheria. When the boy was first taken ill he was at the home of his grandmother, where three teachers in the public school board. It is feared that the malady will spread.

Circuit Court Decisions.

In the Circuit Court today decrees were entered in four divorce suits, as follows: From Multnomah Count—Lucinda vs. George Hollenbeck, desertion; Dixie vs. A. L. Brasee, desertion; Elizabeth vs. W. E. Emmons, desertion. From Clackamas County—H. W. vs. Mary Gillingham, cruelty. The jury was excused from further attendance until next Monday, when the trial of A. W. Hertka, the Portland Christian Science healer, will take place.

LINCOLN COUNTY'S ASSESSMENT.

Taxable Valuaton This Year Is 23 Per Cent Less Than in 1896.

SALEM, Or., Nov. 9.—In reporting reductions in the valuations of taxable property, Lincoln County is probably the banner county of Oregon this year. The summary of that county's assessment roll for 1900 was filed in the office of the Secretary of State today. It shows the wealth of the county for 1900 to be 23 per cent less than that given in 1896.

The chief reductions are in real property. Last year Lincoln County reported 4o2 acres of tillable land, valued at $46,457. This year the Assessor could find but 3836 acres, which he appraised at $34,961. This was a reduction of 626 acres, and $11,496 in valuation. Last year's summary shows that in 1899 Lincoln County contained 161,553 acres of nontillable land, but now there are only 143,325 acres, or 18,528 acres less than last year. In the same time, the valuation of nontillable land has fallen from $368,148 to $270,313. The total reduction in area is 19,154 acres and in valuation $104,321. A reduction in either acreage or valuation is difficult to understand, in view of the rush there has been for Government land, and the increase in the market value of timber land, which is assessed under the head of nontillable land.

Town lots in Lincoln County have more than kept pace with other real estate in the downward course. Property that last year was reported worth $138,869 is now assessed at only $78,310, or a little over one-half the value a year ago.

The summary is as follows:

Acres of tillable lands, 3836	$ 34,961
Acres of nontillable lands, 143,325	270,313
Improvements on deeded lands	41,904
Town and city lots, 3363	78,310
Improvements on town and city lots	44,795
Improvements on lands not deeded	7,450
Miles of railroad bed, 42	40,943
Miles of telegraph and telephone lines, 61	690
Rolling stock	8,527
Steamboats, sailboats, stationary engines and manufacturing machinery	10,450
Merchandise and stock in trade	26,497
Farming implements, wagons, carriages, etc	2,721
Money	2,030
Notes and accounts	6,610
Household furniture, watches, jewelry, etc	14,055
Horses and mules, 506	5,372
Cattle, 2624	40,305
Sheep, 4021	8,026
Goats, 2468	4,616
Swine, 223	446
Gross value of all property	$653,832
Exemptions	69,314
Total value taxable property	$584,518
Total taxable property in 1899	$761,781
Reduction	$177,263

WILL SELL FORT SHERMAN LANDS.

Idaho Military Reservation Tract Placed on the Market.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 9.—The President has issued an order placing under the control of the Secretary of the Interior, for disposition under the law, all of the land included within the limits of the military reservations of Fort Sherman, Idaho, reserved under previous executive orders. The land is situated on the Coeur d'Alene Lake, at the outlet of the Spokane River, in Kootenai County, Idaho, and comprises in all nearly 900 acres.

Mining Stock Transactions.

Following were the quotations at the Oregon Mining Stock Exchange yesterday:

	Bid.	Asked.
Adams Mountain	5	5½
Buffalo	2½	2¾
Copperopolis	5¾	6½
Gold Hill & Bohemia	5¾	6
Goldstone Consolidated	2½	3
Isabella	.004	1
Lost Horse	3	3½
Oregon-Colo. M. M. & D. Co.	5	5½
Oregon Ex. & Dev. Co.	4¾	5½
Riverside	4½	7
Umpqua	3	5

SPOKANE, Nov. 9.—The closing quotations for mining stocks today were:

	Bid.	Ask.		Bid.	Ask.
Blacktail	0½	1½	Noble Five	5	5
Butte & Bos.	1	3	Prin. Maud	1½	2½
Crystal	5	5½	P. M. Tunnel	17	
D. T. Con.	2¼	2½	Ramb. Car.	25½	26½
Even. Star	5	6½	Reservation	5	8
Gold Ledge		2½	Ross. Giant	1¾	2¼
Gold Harv.	¾	¾	Sullivan	11	12
Hom. Mask	35		Tom Thumb		19
Jim Blaine	2½	8	Waterloo	3½	3¾
L. P. Surp.	5	5½	Winnipeg		4½
Mtn. Lion	50		Conjecture	3½	4
Morn. Glory	6¾	6¾	U. S. Marble	12	15½
Morrison	2	2½	Amer. Boy	8½	9½

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 9.—The official closing quotations for mining stocks today were:

Alta	$0 01	Kentuck Con	$0 02
Alpha Con		Mexican	26
Andes	4	Occidental Con	8
Belcher	8	Ophir	77
Best & Belcher	20	Overman	6
Bullion	2	Potosi	8
Caledonia	42	Savage	16
Challenge Con	13	Seg. Belcher	5
Chollar	16	Sierra Nevada	22
Confidence	60	Silver Hill	34
Con. Cal. & Va.	1 00	Standard	3 25
Crown Point	9	Union Con	16
Gould & Curry	33	Utah Con	7
Hale & Norcross	21	Yellow Jacket	22
Justice	2		

NEW YORK, Nov. 9.—Mining stocks today closed as follows:

Brunswick	15	Ontario	$6 25
Chollar	$0 16	Ophir	75
Crown Point	8	Plymouth	15
Con. Cal. & Va.	1 25	Quicksilver	1 25
Deadwood	50	do pref	7 00
Gould & Curry	30	Sierra Nevada	21
Hale & Norcross	17	Standard	3 20
Homestake	60 00	Union Con	14
Iron Silver	28	Yellow Jacket	20
Mexican	24		

BOSTON, Nov. 9.—Closing quotations:

Adventure	$ 5 50	Osceola	$ 74 25
Allouez M. Co.	2 75	Parrott	46 00
Amal. Copper	92 25	Quincy	155 00
Boston & Mont.	320 00	Santa Fe Cop.	7 25
Butte & Boston	63 00	Tamarack	263 00
Cal. & Hecla	806 00	Utah Mining	32 75
Centennial	17 75	Winona	3 25
Franklin	15 00	Wolverines	40 50
Humboldt	22 00		

Oregon Notes.

Young men of Vernonia are organizing an athletic club.

One hundred and thirty-six telephones are used at La Grande.

Andrew Neel, of Lone Rock, recently sold 1500 sheep at $5 per head.

The La Grande Journal says one farmer netted $40 per acre on his beet crop.

People in the vicinity of Loon Lake, Coos County, will build a wagon road to Alleghany.

As was expected, the freshet washed out racks, etc., at the hatchery on South Coos River, allowing the salmon to escape.

Joe Dupont is putting in a shingle mill on his farm at Valley, Columbia County. He will use the water power of Scappoose Creek.

The County Clerk failed to send the registration books to Ranier precinct Tuesday, and the vote was taken in the old manner.

D. Creighton, of Three Mile, Wednesday consigned to a Portland commission house 10 boxes of Newton Pippin apples for shipment.

Commissioner Case began work on the Upper Nehalem bridge Wednesday. If weather permits, the work will continue until the bridge is finished.

The Valley Improvement Company, of Hood River, is enlarging its irrigating ditch, so as to supply increased acreage of strawberries and clover next year.

The development at the Tempest mine, at Greenhorn, disclosed a few days ago a two-foot body that gives high values, says the Baker City Democrat. Arrangements are being made to ship ore to the smelter.

The La Grande sugar factory stopped cutting beets Tuesday, and operations will end this week. The wholesale value of the product this season approximates $140,000. The factory has capacity for a great many more beets than were received.

Salmon have been running at Ten-Mile, Coos County, for the past few days, and the Marshfield and Empire canneries have been receiving considerable fish. All available teams were hired Sunday and put on the beach route, delivering salmon at the stage station.

Good reports come from the farming sections of Wasco County, says a Dalles paper. Fall grain is looking better than ever before. The acreage is larger than usual, and with a favorable season next year there will be an increased yield of wheat.

C. D. Henrich, of Hood River, who is well informed in regard to the apple orchards of the valley, says every orchard on the east side, but one, was sprayed. That one is in the Odell neighborhood, and its apples are wormy. All the other orchards have a full crop, with a very small per cent of wormy apples.

M. M. Davenport last week finished building a sheer dam at Hood River to keep saw logs from entering the irrigating ditch. About 3,000,000 feet of logs have been placed in the river above the head of the ditch during the past Summer. The heavy rains of last week raised the water in the river, and some of the logs floated down and were caught in Winans' flume.

Money-lenders are doing large business these days, according to The Dalles Chronicle. In nearly every instance the loans are solicited by farmers for buying more land. The brokers say it is a very rare thing to find a farmer asking a loan in order to pay an old debt, but when he does the loan is only for a short time, and is solicited because he refuses to sell his wheat at the prevailing price.

The Oregon Irrigation Company has been reorganized, by A. M. Drake, a capitalist of Minneapolis, Minn., and others, who will push the scheme to an early completion, says the Prineville Journal. The plan includes the building of a dam across the Deschutes at Bend to raise the water nearer the level of the desert and to create a water power for sawmills, etc. The desert east of the Deschutes will be irrigated and a large body of fine land opened to settlement.

McKinley's electoral vote is the largest ever given a Presidential candidate. The tribute is not to McKinley the man, but to him as the representative of our new and progressive but conservative Americanism. The people did not vote merely for sound money or prosperity or expansion, but for a safe and sound National policy on all matters of public interest. The voters did not choose to run any risks, and, more than that, they were determined not to yield to the suavity of pure demagogy.—La Grande Journal.

T. J. Greene has built a sawmill at Sixes for Guerin Bros., who have a contract for an 1800-foot flume for the Thompson-Searles Mining Company. The flume will be built in the canyon of the South Sixes, and will carry the entire flow of the stream in Summer, thus leaving the bed of the stream, from the falls at the head of the flume, so that it can be drained and mined to bedrock. Machinery will be run with water-power. The placer grounds of the South Sixes, both above and below the canyon, where the company is operating, are rich in coarse gold, and the portion of the river bed where the company will operate has never been worked.

No better advertisement could be given for the State of Oregon than the overwhelming repudiation of Bryanism which she gave at the polls on Tuesday. In Oregon's majority for Republicanism there is no sign of wavering or hesitancy. Unlike some other Western States, we did not have to wait until all the backwoods precincts were heard from to know the result. To the whole country it is known that Oregon gave a decisive decision. She has fully demonstrated that she is on no backward track; but is for a brisker movement forward. In 1896 Oregon decided for McKinley with a majority of 2000 in round numbers, while in 1900 it will reach 15,000. These figures tell a story which needs no comment.—Newberg Graphic.

Idaho Notes.

A quarterly examination of teachers will be held at Moscow, November 22-24.

W. A. Lander has shipped another carload of apples from Moscow to Kansas.

Professor French, of the University of Idaho, will hold a farmers' institute at Troy in the near future.

C. Lone lost a valuable team of horses last Sunday near Post Falls. While crossing the river the animals backed off the ferry and were drowned.

Work has been begun on the Soldiers' Home at Boise. The workmen are now engaged on a new roof which will protect the interior of the building from the weather during the Winter months.

A. Gammel, Latah County Tax Collector, has given notice that taxes for 1900 will become delinquent on the first Monday in January, 1901, and unless paid prior thereto, 3 per cent will be added and 6 per cent will be added if paid after the first Monday in March. Poll taxes will become delinquent December 10, and after that time a 50-cent penalty will be added.

The public school savings system at Everett has meet with favor. The deposits are gradually increasing.