ALLOTMENT OF STATE TAXES

Act Fixes for Five-Year Ratio in Which Counties Shall Be Assessed-May Be Construed as Inequitable.

SALEM, Or., March 14.-That the new law governing the apportionment of state taxes among the several counties of Oregon approaches very closely to an in-fringement of the provisions of the constitution, there are many who believe. That the plan adopted for the apportionment of taxes for the next four years is the best that has yet been proposed few will question. Whether the new system shall be effectually followed during the next four years, or any time thereafter, is a problem the solution of which may be awaited with some degree of anxiety. Stated briefly, the new law provides that until 1935 the state taxes shall be apportioned among the counties in ac cordance with a ratio established by the Legislature, which ratio was determined by ascertaining the average valuations in the several counties for the past five years, and taking this average as the basis for the apportionment of taxes until the permanent plan can be put into ef-fect. It is provided that each of the County Clerks must by January 5 of each year send to the Secretary of State a statement of all the expenses of his county for the preceding year, except ex-penditures for roads and highways. In January, 1965, the State Apportionment Board must ascertain the average amount of expenditure in each county during a period of five years, and "each county shall pay such proportion of said state taxes as its average amount of expenditure for said period bears to the total

The plan for a permanent apportionment seems to involve an inconsistency, for in January, 1995, the clerks will have sent to the Secretary of State reports cover-ing but four years, the years 1991, 1992, 1993 and 1964. The clerks made no report covering 1900, and cannot make a report for 1905 until January, 1906. But it is possible for the next Legislature to remedy this and other defects in the permanent plan. It is the scheme for apportionment for the next four years that is of present

In section 32 of article 1 of the constitution it is provided that "all taxation shall be equal and uniform," and section 1 of article 9 says: "The Legislative As-sembly shall provide by law for uniform and equal rate of taxation, and shall prescribe such regulations as shall secure a just valuation for taxation of all property, both real and personal, excepting such only for municipal, educational, literary, scientific, religious or charitable purpo as may be specially exempted by law. For the apportionment of taxes until 1905 the Legislature has fixed an arbitrary rate based on the assessments of the sev eral countles for the past five years. Tak-ing two countles as examples, Multnomah County is required to pay about 21 pe

cent of the total state tax, and Polk County about 4 per cent. These rates must prevail regardless of actual values. Though Malinoman County should develop until she contained half the actual wealth of the state, she would still pay 31 p cent of the tax. If some disastrous fi cent of the tax. If some disastrous fire should wipe out her great industrial en-terprises. Multnomah would still pay the ame arbitrary rate. However much County may increase or diminish in he material wealth, if this new apportion-ment law shall be observed, she will pay proportion of the state every year until 1965. To put the matte plainly, the Legislature has declared tha counties shall pay in accordance with their property values five years previous. This is not saying that the plan is rela-

tively a had one, or that it is inferior to the one heretofore in effect. It means no more than that the scheme seems to many to approach dangerously near to a conflict with the constitution. So far from finding fault with the plan, nearly every one who has studied it gives it an approval, with the reservation that it is probably the best plan available. It pr ises to afford the long-desired remedy for the constant reduction of valuations in order to escape taxation. Since each county will pay a certain established proportion of the state taxes, regardless of assessments, the incentive will be to in-crease valuations and reduce the rate of levy. Such a change is very desirable for it would make an attractive showing to strangers who come to this state with the purpose of investing in Oregon prop . The total amount of taxes to be would be the same.

Though there is probably room to ques tion the validity of the new law, it is believed that every county will pay its preecribed proportion of the taxes without making any trouble. While the apportion-ment may not be exactly equitable, it is probably as fair as that which has made during the last five years. burden of state taxes never has been borne equally by the counties, nor are the taxes generally ever borne with true equality by the people. While the new plan does not have the appearance of being based upon present actual values, it is probably as nearly correct as any hat could be devised. But the permanent plan, to take effect

in 1995, is altogether another matter, and open to still more serious objections than the temporary method of apportionment. While the apportionment prior to sessments for the past five years, it is oposed that after 1995 values of property all be ignored altogether, and that taxes shall be apportioned on the basis of coun ty expenses. This would certainly en-courage counties to cut down their expenses, and has already done some good in that direction. But so far from appearing to be a provision for a uniform and equal rate of taxation, it is manifest. ly a provision for an unequal rate, for the sparsely settled county with a large area is placed on the same footing with a county of small area, established industries and dense population. There is nothing to show that valuations and current expenses of a community vary alike, though to a considerable extent they

The opinion has been expressed by mer conversant with the needs of the sys-tem of taxation that the next Legislature will change this phase of the law so that the apportionment will have some direct connection with the valuations placed upon property, and until then it is hoped

that the fixed ratio may be observed. No county can gain anything by de feating the immediate object of the pres-ent law, for the cost of maintaining the government must be borne, and eventually by the counties, in as nearly iltable proportion as may be pos If the counties should refuse to pay taxes under the new law, there would funds for a year or more, interest would accumulate, and in the end the burden would be greater. The present prespect is that all the counties will recthe law, and that the state will from that system which has led to constant reduction of values and as stendy an increase in the rate of taxa-tion, state, county, and municipal,

McKinley Invited to Visit Oregon.

has written to President McKinley inviting him to visit this state while on his LOSS IS OVERESTIMATED rour of the country next Summer. The resolution also provided for the appointment of a joint committee, "consisting of three on the part of the Senate, one of whom shall be the president, and five on the part of the House, one of whom shall be the president, and five on the part of the House, one of whom shall be the speaker, to act in conjunction with the Governor in receiving and enter-taining the President and making such arrangements for extending the courte-sies of the state to the distinguished visi-

tor as may be appropriate."

Speaker Reeder appointed to act with him Representatives Roberts, Poorman, Briggs and McCraken, President Fulion appointed Senators Kuykendall and Brownell

Shaniko Incorporated.

The town of Shaniko, in Wasco County has been incorporated under the act of 1893, empowering the citizens of a com-munity to incorporate by filing a certified copy of their proceedings in the office of the Secretary of State. The estimated population of Shaniko is 250. The officers elected were: Mayor, F. T. Huriburt; Aldermen, George F. Ross, Fen Batty, P. H. Brunner, N. M. Lane, Frank Lucas, C. C. Cooper: Recorder, Ed Lewis; Marshal, Dell Howell; Treasurer, Don P.

By taking this course in accomplishing its incorporation, the town saved the time of the Legislature and the expense that is involved in the passage of a char-ter bill by the Legislature.

Portland Case Advanced.

The habeas corpus case of Cass Wygant vs. Chief of Police McLauchian, of Portland, was today advanced on the Supreme Court docket and set for trial March Z. School Director Sworn In.

At the School Board meeting tonight A. O. Condit was sworn in ... W. M. Cherrington. H. A. Johnston be-came chairman of the board. O. Condit was sworn in to succeed

CORNUCOPIA MINE CLOSED DOWN. Receiver of John E. Searles' Inter-

ests on Way to Take Charge. BAKER CITY, March 14-P. J. Cirkle eneral superintendent of John E. Searles Western mining interests, yesterday is sued an order closing down the hig Cornu-copia mines until the arrival of the newly appointed receiver, George D. This action was taken by Mr. Cirkle ow-ing to a feeling of uncertainty among the men employed at the property. Mr. Beattys will reach here Sunday, and take pos reasion at once.

The mill at the Cornucopia has been

under way only a couple of weeks since the big electric plant was installed. Extensive improvements were comp with that plant, and all was in readiness for a heavy run. Mining men regret to see the shut-down, but no one can take exception to Mr. Cirkle's attitude, which is in accord with the firm business tone that has always marked work at the Cornucopia. It has been operated on a big scale and in a business-like manner. At all times the company has evinced that independence peculiar to good hold in which the utmost confidence is The earnest hope is universal that the property will not remain closed long, although no predictions can be made at the present. Receivership affairs have many peculiar turns.

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FINED FOR WHIPPING CHILD. Baker City Father Must Pay \$250,

Stepmother, 850. BAKER CITY, March 14.—Judge R. Eakin yesterday sentenced J. M. Mckle-john to pay a fine of \$250 for whipping his 8-year-old child, and imposed a fine of \$50 on Mrs. Mciklejohn, the step-mother, for the same offense. This is the couple that were charged with assault and battery by District Attorney White. Both pleaded guilty. Before sentence was passed, Mcklejohn was asked if he had any statement to make. He said he was merely raising the boy as he had been raised, and he loved the child dearly, but admitted that he had hidden the boy's shoes to keep him from running away from home. Finally he broke down and sobbed like a child. It is the purpose of the District Attorney to have the boy placed in the custody of the Boys' and Girls' Ald Society, and the court asked to make an order to that effect.

HORSEOWNERS ORGANIZE. Propose to Bring to a Close Thiev. ing in Northwest.

ONTARIO Or., March 14.—Horse-thieves throughout the range district of Eastern Oregon, Idaho and Nevada will be cared for by a protective association which has just been organized. Too many horses around this district have been stolen re-cently, and the new association will hereafter have one or more members travel-ing along the lines of the different rail-roads upon which large stock shipments are to be made. It will be agreed by each member that no horse shall be sold except upon a bill of sale that shall accompany the same until the animal reaches the final destination in the Bost. The inspector on the railroads will be notified any case of stealing, and will look out for the outfit.

MYSTERIOUSLY DISAPPEARED. Colfax Schoolgirl Tracked to River

by Bloodhounds. COLFAX, Wash., March H .- The tow COLFAX. Wash., March 14.—The town is disturbed over the mysterious disappearance of Laura Morgan, 16-year-old daughter of Mrs. Elizabeth Morgan, principal of the Main-Street school. She was tracked by bloodhounds to a clump of bushes. There one of her books was found. The dogs then worked to a bridge across the Palouse river and would go no further. The missing girl's cap was found near by. The only clue is that a girl was seen on the railroad two miles west of the bridge at dark on the evening west of the bridge at dark on the evening of her disappearance by a section fore-man, who is unable to discribe her. She had been suspended at school for one day, and this is the only reason known for her action. She was formerly a resiin compliance with a resolution adopted for her action. She by the last Legislature, Governor Geer dent of Portland.

YEAR'S WHEAT CROP.

Professor Cordley Discussed Subject at Newberg Farmers' Institute-Large Profit in Dairying.

NEWBERG, Or., March 14.-The first farmers' institute hedl here for a num-ber of years closed last night. The attendance was large at each of the four sessions, and the discussion of the various topics presented was actively taken up by the appreciative audience.

Hon. Jesse Edwards opened the institute and warmly welcomed the Oregon Agricultural College representatives, under whose auspices the meeting was held. Mr. Edwards predicted a bright future for the Willamette Valley, but said it was necessary for the farmer to study the scientific as well as the practical side of agriculture.

come is not so large as some others, age should be considered. Our cows are most-ly thoroughbred or high grade Jerseys. We received \$51 65 for butter fat. The skim milk at 15 cents per 100 pounds HAVAGES OF PESTS ON LAST would be worth \$8 70. Our calves were worth more than \$10 per head, but we will figure them at \$5. The total income would thus be \$63 35 per cow. Allowing that the calves and skim milk would pay for the care of the cows and the pasture, we have only to deduct the value of the feed from the amount received for butter fat. The feed cost was \$24 55 per cow. which deducted from the \$51 65 leave a profit of \$27 19 per cow per year. Our feed consisted of bran, costing \$12 per ton, clover hay valued at \$5 per ton, and corn silage at \$1 50 per ton. Of the \$24 55 only \$14 75 was paid out for feed, as the corn and clover were grown on the farm. In January, February and March we fed eight pounds of bran, 30 pounds of corn sliage, and some clover hay. In April, May and June, just enough bran to make the cows good natured so they would go into the barn to be milked. They run on good pasture both day and night. In July, August and September the feed consisted of eight pounds of bran, vetches during the first six weeks, then green corn the remainder of the time with pas-Professor A. B. Cordley gave the re- ture. During October, November and De-

PROFESSOR A. B. CORDLEY.



WHO SPOKE ON "WHEAT PESTS" AT THE NEWBERG FARMERS' IN-STITUTE.

sponse. He said the Agricultural College rofessors were anxious to tell what they had learned by experiments and attendance at other institutes. "I understand, however," said the speaker, "that this is your meeting. You are to make use of us, and allow yourselves to be used by us. Therefore, we must all speak on every subject presented."

Dr. James Withycombe gave an inter-esting talk on "Breeds of Livestock," illustrated with a stereopticon. Particular attention was called to the difference in conformation of the beef type and the dairy type in cattle. A considerable number of views were shown illustrating some of the registered stock owned by Oregon breeders. "These animals," said Dr. Withycombe, "compare very favorably with similar stock anywhere in the United States."

Professor F. L. Kent in discussing the Dairying." "Co-operative that all creameries and cheese factories are in a measure co-operative, though it is customary to consider these institutions as being divided into three classes as regards their management, viz., the proprietary or individual plant, the stock company, and the co-operative concern. At those factories coming under the first two classes the milk is purchased, or the butter fat made into butter or che at a stipulated price per pound. At the co-operative factories the operating expenses are deducted from the gross receipts and the remainder divided pro rata among the patrons.

people have confidence in one another. and especially in the community leaders, co-operative concern is almost sure of success, provided of course that there is a sufficient numbe rof cows available to provide the milk supply, and that men of business ability are placed in the re-Wheat Loss by Pests Overestimated.

Professor A. B. Cordley, discussing 'Wheat Pests," said in part:

"The general failure of the wheat crop throughout the Willamette Valley last year has directed attention to the cause thereof. The prevailing opinion is that it was due to insect pests. Hardly a week goes by that some one does not discover a supposed new wheat pest. At the experiment station considerable attention has been given to an investigation of these posts, with the result that we find that the actual loss from their ravages was much less than is popularly supposed. These pests have been deter-mined: The Hessian fly, the joint worm, and the grain aphis. The first is capable of causing almost total failure of the wheat crop and is likely to prove a serious pest in the future, but it has only recently been introduced into Oregon and is as yet not widely distributed. In the Willamette Valley it is not known to occur south of Hillsboro. It, therefore, could not have been the cause of such widespread fallure." A brief description of the babits of this

neect, which was stated to be the worst wheat pest in the world, was given and methods of preventing its ravages were discussed.

"The joint worm was numerous throughout the Willamette Valley last season. It was thought by many to be the principal cause of the wheat fallure. It is a small greenish larva that works in the of the joints of the wheat stems In the past it has been reported as doing immense damage in some Eastern States At the station we carefully examined a number of samples of wheat by counting and accurately weighing the kernels from infected and non-infected straws. The greatest difference was little more than 10 per cent and in some samples the grain from infected straws weighed the

tributed last season and undoubtedly caused some loss. It does not lessen the number of heads or kernels but by withdrawing nourishment from the forming kernels causes the grain to be shrunken In certain instances this shrinkage was probably not less than 10 per cent, but the average loss was much less. While no one of these pests caused serious and widespread loss, still the loss due to their combined ravages was probably not less than 10 to 20 per cent of the crop. The rest of the loss was due not to insect pests, but in all probability to unfavorable soil and elimatic conditions."

Profit in Dairying.

In the discussion of "Profit in Dairying," J. M. Atkinson said in part:
"To show the profits in dairying I will give a short statement of our cows for the year ending December 31, 1900. Part of the cows were helfers, hence if the in-

cember the feed consisted of eight pounds of bran, 30 pounds of corn stlage, with some clover hay and pasture. The foregoing is the average amount fed, some cows consuming more and some less.

"We try to have most of our cows be ome fresh in the Fall, so they will be in full flow of milk during the Winter months, when butter is high-priced. They will not go dry until we want them to, which is about a month or six weeks fore they freshen. When cows come fresh in the Spring they will not give as much milk during the year as Fall cows will, and their largest flow will be at a time when butter is cheapest."

Rotation of Crops.

Dr. James Withycombe, in discussing Rotation of Crops," said in part: "Farmers begin to realize that for ome reason their farms are steadily growing less productive. While the soil has been depleted through a long series of cropping with cereals, it is by no means exhausted of its plant food. It is not possible for one generation or even many generations to exhaust the fertility of our soil. Nature has generously endowed our soil with plant food that can be made, with an application of an intelligent system of husbandry, to feed and to bless generations of people for thousands of years to come. Changed conditions of our soil demand better and more improved methods of husbandry. Tillage and a proper system of rotation of crops will restore the soil, and place the farmer upon the highway to prosperity. Grow more leguminous crops, and convert them into meat and butter. Transform extensive into intensive farm ing. Conserve the manure and apply it to the land, thus replenishing the soil and causing it to bring forth abundantly. Clover traps atmospheric nitrogen which is worth to the farmer from 12 to 15 cents pound. Experiments have demonstrated that three crops of crimson clover plowed under in a green state in an orchard increased the nitrogen content of the soil to the value of \$200 50 per acre. that is, if the increased nitrogen brought soil by growing the clover had been purchased as a commercial fertilizer, it would have cost the sum named. Surely,

then, clover is a veritable gold mine for "Plant food exists in the soil in two forms, available and unavailable. Continuous cropping with non-humus farming crops, such as the cereals, has exhausted the available plant food. Humus is an important, in fact an indispensable factor in perpetuating soil fertility. Its offices in the soll are important, making the soil warmer and materially increasing its capacity for holding moisture. Chemically humus is of great importance to the soil for by its oxidation not only is nitrogen formed, but it is a constant source of carbonic acid. This acid will dissolve lime, and is one of the active agencies by which potash is liberated.

Thus it will be seen that humle acid. as it is sometimes called, is capable of converting unavailable or inert mineral matter into available forms of plant food. The farms of Oregon are by no means exhausted, and I believe no field offers better opportunities for a young man than that of agriculture if he will study the principles that underlie soil manager

To Preserve and Restore Land. Dr. H. A. Grafe, in an able paper, dis cussed "The Land: Its Preservation and Restoration." Mr. Grafe held that it was unreasonable to expect to continually take crops from the soil without returning the plant food thus removed. Stable manure green manuring, and commercial fertilizers are the means at hand for preservation of the fertility of the soil. Clover was recommended as a great weed killer. The first crop of clover, maturing before the weeds, gives an opportunity for cutting them back, and the second crop when cut gives the weeds a further setback Clover may well be called the poor man's friend, for it furnishes plant food, improves the physical condition of the soil, adds nitrogen and humus, and conserves moisture intim e of drought. Other topics discussed were: "Balanced

Rations," by Dr. James Withycombe; "Care of Milk," by Professor F. L. Kent; "Oregon's Fruit in Commerce," by Pro-fessor E. R. Lake; "The Codlin Moth," by Professor A. B. Cordley. Music and recitations by local talent served to enliven the programme. The

position of chairman of the meeting was very ably filled by J. M. Atkinson. Washington Cows for Japan.

CHEHALIS, Wash, March 14.-Cows are being purchased here for shipment to

DON'T SEE AS HERMANN

SECRETARY OF INTERIOR AGAINST LARGER RESERVES.

Will Not Act on Commissioner's Recommendations for Northwest if He Can Avoid It.

WASHINGTON, March 14.-Commissioner Hermann, of the General Land Office, has filed with the Secretary of the Interior numerous applications for the es-tablishment of new and enlargement of existing forest reserves in many Western States, including Oregon, Washington and Idaho. The scheme contemplates the creation of a new reserve in Southwestern Oregon, embracing 182,000 acres, and en-larging the Cascade reserve by 43,000 acres. A reserve of about 55 townships on either side of the Blue Mountains, in Eastern Oregon and Washington, is in-

cluded in the intended change. In Washington it is proposed to create a Mount St. Helens reserve, to the west of the Rainler reserve, embracing nearly 400,000 acres, while the Washington reserve is to be enlarged nearly 200,000 acres, and the Rainler reserve 150,000, aside from the creation of the Cedar Lake reserve and smaller additions to the Priest River

In Idaho 160,000 acres are to be added to the Priest River reserve, and a new reserve in the Coeur d'Alene country, em-bracing 264,000 acres, is recommended. These propositions now are up to the Secretary of the Interior, and he does not seem inclined to take the responsibility for acting on the recommendations. So far as can be learned, he will not act in any of the cases in these three states if he can avoid it. The Secretary is of the opinion that so much difficulty has been experience with reserves created in the past that new ones should be created or old ones enlarged only after the most careful examination as to the advisabil-ity and necessity of such increases. His department is just now more concerned in reducing existing reserves, and it is not probable that the Commissioner's recommendation will be acted upon for some

The Geological Survey is anxious to plunge in and establish more reserves, "establish them arbitrarily," as one official says, "and cut out the undesirable selections afterwards, as we have done in the past." The Secretary, however, will hold down this desire. The proposed scheme, if adopted, would create one vast reserve across Washington from the Columbia to the Canadian border, and of greater area than the Cascade reserve in Oregon.

BRITISH COLUMBIA RATES. Government Official Will Interview

Farmers.

VICTORIA, B. C., March 14.-In reply to the representations of the associated Boards of Trade of Southern British Columbia, Finance Minister J. H. Turner said that an official of the Agriculture Department would start out immediately o collect data for the use of the government in fixing railway rates. This official would pass through the farming districts, and get farmers' ideas in regard to proper freight rates on farm produce, so that British Columbia farmers might ompete with farmers to the south of the oundary in supplying the mining camps of British Columbia.

Another question of prime importance to the province at large touched upon by the delegates, was the attitude of the government toward the charter sought by the crow's Nest Company from St. Michael to Crow's Nest Company from St. Michael to the international boundary. The dele-gates spoke for free trade in railways. During the discussion which followed, Manager Drewry, of the St. Eugene mine, who acted for Dooderham in the purchase of the Trail smeller, said that he had as of the Trail smelter, said that he had assurance from Ellas Rogers, managing di-rector of the Crow's Nest Company, that if the rallway charter were granted, and the company thus enabled to put in their 1000 coke overs, the company would guarantee to supply the smelter at Trail with all the coal and soke it required at 21 cents per ton less than it was paying at present.

Mr. Turner asked if the company would put this in writing, or would consent to its insertion in the charter. Manager Drewry replied that his principals had no hesitation in accepting the statement, and had no fear that Mr. Rogers would go

back on his word. Manager Troup, of the Canadian Pacific Navigation Company, announces that the company will place the steamers Islander Amur, Danube and Tees on the Skagway run and that they are looking for two any now on the routes.

MULTNOMARS WOY. Basket-Ball Team Defeated Vancou

ver by 7 to 4. VANCOUVER, Wash., March 14.—The ladles' annex of the Multnomah Club, of Portland, defeated the ladles' team of the Vancouver Amateur Athletic Club, in a hotly contested game of basket-ball here last night. The score was 7 to 4. It was by far the most exciting game played here during the season.

During the first half the game was exciting in the extreme. Every point was closely contested, with honors in favor of Vancouver by 4 to 2. In the second half the visitors assumed the aggressive and forced the play from the start, two baskets being thrown in quick succession by their players. The game was witnessed by over 300 spectators, including 50 visitors from Portland. After the game refreshments were served to the visiting team and their friends by ladies of the club, following which there was dancing until time for the visitors to catch their car A return game will be played at the

Multnomah Club gymnasium, Portland, on Saturday, March 30. Following is the personnel of the teams, with their positions:

Vancouver-Forwards, Miss Downie, Mrs. Elwell; center, Miss Thorpe; guards, Miss Padden, Miss Taylor, Mrs. Scanion. Multnomah-Forwards, Miss Murphy, Miss Hegele; center, M'ss Zimmerman; guards, Miss Lawler, Miss Lauer, Miss Wasserman.

SETTLERS JOIN INTERESTS. Will Build Roads to Homesteads and

Act Together in Contests.

DALLAS, March 14.—Forty men who have settled on lands west of Dallas under the homestead act met here yester-day and formed an association. It is proposed to construct roads and trails to the several claims, Dallas and Falls City being the initial points. If any trouble should arise in securing title, the home, steaders are to act in unison in pushing the interests of the settler. Hon, George Hawkins was elected president, and J. I. Goodfriend secretary of the association. Burgiars last night made an unsuccess ful attempt to enter the "White Corner"

saloon. The proprietor was asleep in the rear of the building, and, aroused by the noise of some one trying to break in the door, fired a shot through the door. This was answered by a sharp cry, which would indicate that his aim was good The officers are without a clew in the

NORTHWEST DEAD.

Funeral of James Taylor. PENDLETON, Or., March 14.-James Taylor, of Echo, who died Monday, was buried there yesterday. Mr. Taylor was a well-to-do stockman, and leaves an es-

tate of \$30,600. Mrs. Taylor survives him.

Deceased was a native of Kentucky, and

was born January 4, 1826. He removed to Missouri in his boyhood, and to the Wil-lamette Valley in 1845, coming to Umntilla County in 1884. He was in the mer cantile business during the early days at Echo, losing his store by fire in 1839. Since then he had devoted his time to sheep and cattle-raising ,and was heavily interested in these industries.

Richard Herin, of Biglow.

WASCO, Or., March 14.-Richard Herin, of Biglow, a highly honored resident of Sherman County for the past nine years, died this morning aged 72 years. He was a native of Ohio, and had lived for many years in Iowa.

Wm. Garwood, Washington Pioneer. STEVENSON, Wash, March 14.-Willlam Garwood, a pioneer of Skamania County, died suddenly of heart disease yesterday. He left a wife and nine

Oregon City Notes.

OREGON CITY, March 14.—County Astheir official duties next week. The fol-lowing field deputies have been commissioned: Nixon Blair, of Elliott Prairie; J. A. Tufts, of Oswego; F. J. Harken-rider of Garfield, and B. Sullivan, of Highland. The latter will assess outside town plats, and the other deputies farm property in their respective districts.

County Treasurer Luelling has issued a

call for all road warrants indoneed prior to July 11, and also several warrants in-dorsed on that date. Road warrants are sold at par, while warrants on the general fund bring 2 per cent premium. David S. Moore, of Carus, was arrested oday on complaint of his wife, charged

with insanity. At the examination this afternoon, the physician was unable to discover any symptoms of insanity, and the County Judge refused to commit him to the asylum. Sifted down, the trouble appears to be a family misunderstanding

Miners Had to Eat Dogs. VICTORIA, B. C., March 14.-Further news from Cape Nome has reached here, as follows:

J Densmore has returned to Nome fron Kuskokwill and reports that his party, which had a hard trip, having run short of provisions, had to eat three dogs, their noceasing and deerskins. They found no gold, although they prospected the country thoroughly.

C. Betch and J. McKay, while en route to Nome from Teller City, found a man lying nude in a sleeping-bag on the snow, frozen to death. They did not remove the body, but notified the authorities at Teller, who suspected four play. Stampedes occurred from Nome to American Creek, in Kougrock and Norton

Sound, where rich strikes have been made

The news of the Presidential election had not reached Nome on December 10. Grant's Pass to Have Another Bank GRANT'S PASS, Or., March 14.-This place is to have another bank, with a cap ital stock of not less than \$25,000. The principal stockholders will be Senator R. A. Booth and James T. Tuffs. The latter

owns the best unoccupied business corner in Grant's Pass, and will at once begin the erection of a 50-foot front two-story brick building, of which the new bank will occupy the corner. The second floor will be used for much-needed office rooms. The bank is to be ready for business be-fore the close of Summer. The recently organized Grant's Pass Banking & Trust Company expects to open its doors about April 15, so that the close of the Summer will see three banks doing business in

After Title to Wonderful Cave. CHEHALIS, Wash, March 14.- The man who made the reputed discovery of a cave somewhere in the vicinity of Mount Rainier has a firm of local attorneys looking up the matter of securing him a title to the land. It has been established that he bought horses in Winlock, and was registered at one of the hotels there at the time he said last Summer. Further than that no one knows as to the truthfulness of his story. His narrative hangs together in every particular, and no one here has been able to fathom the object of his story if it is not true.

Will Visit I. O. O. F. Lodges. ASTORIA, Or., March 14.-James W. Welch, grand master of the Oregon I. O. O. F., will leave here Sungay to pay official visits to lodges at the following places: March 18, Detroit; March 19, Mill City; March 20, Albany; March 21, Spring field; March 22, Coburg; March 23, Browns-ville; March 25, Lebanon; March 26, Buena Vista; March 27, McCoy; March 28, Amity March 29, Cascade Locks; March 20, Columbia Rebekah, No. 3, Portland.

One Miner Killed, Another Injured, WARDNER, Idaho, March 14-Patrick Donley was killed and Bartram Walker probably fatally injured by a blast in the Last Chance mine this evening. The bodies were found near by a shaft in the drift where the men had been working. Donley had a wife and three children in Thornton, Wash, Walker had a mother and sister in Eastern Canada. They were experienced miners.

Captured in Portland.

ALBANY, Or., March 14-Sheriff Mc-Hargue was notified today of the arrest in Portland this morning of Sam Dugger, of this place, by the Chief of Police, left this afternoon to bring him to Albany. Dugger was one of the three men recently indicted by the District Attor-ney of this district on the charge of gam-He will be tried at bling at this city. the June term of court.

Great Northern Delayed by Slide. SPOKANE, Wash., March 14.-The Great Northern eastbound passenger train is held at Bonner's Ferry, Idaho, by a bad landslide near Troy. A large force of workmen are clearing the track, but it is reported the work cannot be completed for 12 hours. The slide is at a point which has given the company a deal of trouble. The track there hugs the mountain side to keep out of the river.

Syndicate's Pacific County Holdings SOUTH BEND, Wash, March 14 - The Weyhauser syndicate pays taxes on \$15,-664 64 in Pacific County this year, or on \$6500 more than it did last year. syndicate's holdings are largely confined to timber lands, which represent the in-crease over last year. Its assessment represents one-fourth of that of the county.

Man Narrowly Escaped Drowning. TILLAMOOK, Or., March 14.-G. O. Nolan had a narrow escape from drowning yesterday. He was working on a boom of logs in Hoquarton Slough, when he fell overboard. He had on rubber boots and heavy clothes, which made swimming nigh impossible. He had gone down twice when rescued by a laborer in the sawmill close by.

Idaho Buffalo Fair Commissioner. BOISE, Idaho, March 14.-The Governor has appointed ex-State Treasurer Rice as commissioner to the Pan-American exposition at Buffalo. The law under which the appointment is made makes an appropriation of \$15,000 for an exhibit.

Work Begun on New Sawmill. CORVALLIS, March 14.—The Benton County Lumbering Company Wednesday began the erection of a large sawmill on the John Hyde place at the foot of the Alsea Mountain, 15 miles southwest of here. The plant is to have a capacity of 30,000 feet per day.

Deputy Assessors.

CHEHALIS, Wash., March 14.—County Assessor S. A. Crimm has announced the following deputies for the present year:

The Blues

Ever have them? Then you know how dark everything looks. You are completely discouraged, terribly depressed. A little work looks like a big mountain; a little noise sounds like the roar of a cannon; and a little sleep is all you can secure, night after night.

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Write the doctor freely all the particulars in your case. You will receive a prompt reply. Ad-dress. Dr. J. C. AYER, Lowell, Mass.

A. T. McDonald Chehalls, office deputy W. Osborne, Mineral; S. D. Coleman, Verndale; P. Somersett, Alpha; Clay Swigert, Mossyrock; Dillon Farrell, Toledo; S. G. Bise, Winlock; F. J. Sailiger, Chehalls; J. E. Stearns, Adna; H. H. Speer, Pe Ell; C. G. Ellsburg, Centralia.

School Clerk at Pendleton.

PENDLETON, Or., March 14.-The newly-elected School Directors, C. E. Jack-son, W. M. Pierce and Jesse Falling, and the two hold-overs, J. A. Fee and Dr. C. J. Smith, met last evening, and elected Miss Bell Bishop, clerk, to succeed Mrs.

Alaska Soldiers Are Well. WASHINGTON, March 14.—General Greely, Chief Signal Officer of the Army, has received a dispatch from St. Michael, Alaska, dated January 12, which anounces that the officers and troops at that post are all well,

AT THE HOTELS.

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D W McLean, Omaha
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Wm H Daugherty, Tacoma
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L E Stine, Needles,
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Thos Hammond, Madlson, ia
R H Guthrie, Dalles
S F Cook, St Paul
Anna M Beade, Minpis
G H H Gurkel, Seattle
G W Jones, Salem
R Thomas, Astoria
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Mrs R R Glenn, do
H A Joy, Tacoma
M W Gardner, McMinne, III
Mrs R R Glenn, Moline, III
Mrs L E Crowe, Dalles
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Tacoma Hotel, Tacoma

American plan. Rates, \$3 and up. Donnelly Hotel, Tacoma-

European plan. Rates, 50c and up. The Golconda mine received a carload of freight at Sumpter last Monday, including an Ingersoli-Sargent compressor with three drills.

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