## THE POLL TAX

NO RECORD OF IT IN THE SENATE JOURNAL.

But the Act Will Probably be Held Under the Law to be Valid.

SALEM, Or., April 4.-An examination of the Senate journal of the last Legis-lature shows that there is no record of the passage of Mattoon's bill for a road poll tax of E. This was at first thought to be a fatal defect, and was so con-sidered by a member of the Legislature, but under the liberal decisions of the Oregon Supreme Court, it is probable that the act will be held to be valid. That the not did in reality pass, there is no reason

The constitution provides that "Each house shall keep a journal of its proceedings." The natural and popular con-struction to be placed upon this requireproceedings in its journal, and that only matters of record will be considered part of its proceedings. This has not been the ruling of the courts, however, and the latest opinion on the subject is, in brief, that the silence of the record does not affect the validity of an act. It is held that in order to defeat a bill signed by and filed in the office of the Secretary of State, the record must affirmatively show that the bill did not pass.

Aside from the general provision that each house must keep a journal of its proceedings, there are but few require-ments as to what shall be entered in the journal. It is provided that "the yeas and mays on any question shall at the request of any two members, be entered, togethe with the names of the members demand-ing the same, on the journal; provided, that on a motion to adjourn, it shall require one-tenth of the members present to order the yeas and nays." It is also sided that any member may protes and have his protest entered in the jour-mal. These are the only matters, it would seem, that must be made a matter of ecord in the journals.
The Mattoon bill, known as House bill

No. 25, passed the house February 21, and was read three times in the Senate February Z. On motion of Senator Mar-sters the bill was laid on the table. Later it was taken from the table on motion of the same member. No further record is in evidence until the next day coted for it, or whether it was ever, coted upon. All this is a matter of pre-sumption, and it would seem that the bill would be a law, even though there few hours it was displayed. was no mention of it in the records of

The facts in the case probably present as strong a case against a bill as any that has ever been passed upon by the Supreme Court where slience of the rec-ords was involved. In the case of Mut-chell vs. Campbell, reported in the 19th Oregon, page 211, the court held that an act which had stood upon the statute books for 10 years, unquestioned, and cted upon by the courts, should be presumed to have been adopted in conformity with the requirements of the constitution. In that case the record did not show the reading of the bill on three several days, nor the suspension of the nor the concurrence in certain

The case of Currie vs. Southern Pacific Company, reported in the 20th Oregon, page 570, involved the validity of an act, the failure of which was affirmatively shown by the Senate journal. The court held that where the journal showed the fallure of the bill, it would be held invalid, though regularly signed and filed. The opinion was written by Judge Stra-ham, Judge Bean concurred, but with hes-itation, while Judge Lord reserved his judgment. Judge Bean's hesitation was as to the right of the court to examin the journals in order to inspect the ac-In the case of the state vs. Roger 22d Oregon, page 364, Judge Bean bel that "every reasonable presumption is made in favor of legislative proceed ings, and when the constitution uire certain proceedings to be entere in the journal, the absence of such record will not invalidate a law." same rule was approved by Judge Bean in 1897 in the case of McKinnon vs. Cot-ner, reported in the 30th Oregon, page 588.

While the judicial rulings make the legislative journals of comparatively slight importance in determining the acts of the Legislature, after the session is over, this view would seem to be a wise one, for the journals, as they have been kept, are often full of inaccuracies which must be after the Legislature has ad-There is greater chance of error or trickery in the keeping of the journals than in the signing and filing of acts that are certified as having been passed. It is sible, but not probable that a presiding officer might secure the legal en-actment of a law which had in fact falled to secure the necessary vote. In the last days of a session, there is so much member of either house knows what the legislature has done. Even the journal clerk is not able to keep track of legislative proceedings.

## PORTLAND MAN ON TRIAL,

Charged With Murder of a Chinaman in Washington County.

HILLSBORO, Or., April 4.—The trial of James Alken, charged with the murder of a Chinaman near Raleigh, December is progressing slowly in the Circuit ouri. Aiken is well known in Portland, and the police have had more or less trouble with him for some time. enoon was consumed in the selection a jury. When court opened after the hour, District Attorney Allen presented the case of the state to the jury. He was followed by H. T. Bagley for the

The state alleges that it will identify Aiken, beyond a reasonable doubt, as one of the parties who was present at the time the Chinaman was killed; that it will prove that Alken, upon his return to Portland, told a man by the name of Woodard, a saloon keeper for whom Alken had previously 'ended bar that 'Henry had killed a Chink," meaning Henry Bacon, who is supposed to have been in the party, and the identical man who fired the fatal shot; that Aiken knew the Chinamen had money in their possession, and that the night was sufficiently light for

The defense will endeavor to prove as alibi by a Portland woman by the name of Bertha Craig. The deposition of this witness was taken last night in Portland, the defense alleging that she was too li to appear in court. It is said this woman swears Aiken was with her that evening until after the hour the murder was committed. Alken's mother is present at the

One of the incidents of the trial was the arrest of a man by the name of Bud Malin, who was brought here as a wit-ness for the defense. Malin was jointly indicted with Aiken, and as soon as he reached the court room was arrested and placed in jail.

## CREAMERY INDUSTRY THRIVING.

New Washington Plant Ready for

Work, and Another to be Built. HILLSBORO, Or., April 4.-The creaminty. A new plant will start at Gaston Monday. It will have the milk from about 200 cows. The citizens of Nelson station, five miles east of this piace, met last evening, pledged over 150 cows for a creamery, and voted to establish one at once in that neighborhood. William Neison of the plains north of Hillsboro, is in charge of the primary work. Washington County boasts that it has

the first creamery established in the state | death two hours later,

BILL the Farmington creamery—which has been running for 15 years, and has never missed a day except for repairs.

CARROLL B. MINE SOLD. Eastern Oregon Property Brings

BAKER CITY, Or., April 4.—The Carroll B. mine, in the Picasant Valley district. If miles southeast of this place, was yesterday sold to Letson Balliet by W. L. Vinson. Mr. Vinson states that the property passed on a \$200,000 basis, \$100,000 of which he is to receive in cash by the end of the year. A payment was made yesterday, the amount of which cannot be learned. This property was secured by Mr. Vinson less than a year ago from C. A. Johns. The conditions of the writings were that if \$1000 was paid by April 18 of this year the terms of purchase should be considered in effect, and a deed be placed in escrow. April 2 Mr. Vinson made the first payment of \$1000, Vinson made the first payment of \$1000, anticipating the date it was due by two weeks, and yesterday Mr. Johns placed the deed in escrow in the First National Bank. The consideration for which it is understood that the mine will pass to

Mr. Vinson is \$9000. After securing an option on the property last Fail Mr. Vinson began work, and immediately struck a good body of ore. He has been exhibiting some wonderful-ly rich specimens which were taken from a pay streak in the big ledge tapped by the new shaft. Work has been in progress all Winter, and a depth of something over 80 feet has been reached. The new double-compartment shaft has been connected with the old workings. It was while running this drift that the rich streak was found.

Best Searon for Years in Josephine. GRANT'S PASS, April 4.- The mining season which is drawing to a close in Josephine County has been one of the best for years. H. A. Corliss, at his mine in the Dry Diggings, three miles from Grant's Pass, has cleaned up \$2500 and expects to raise the amount to twice this figure when the race is reached. Alec Watts, in the Williams district, has brought in 100 ounces of fine dust and will do better than that when the final clean-up comes. Several small mines are engaged in cleaning up, and report an exceptionally good run. The large plac-ers will probably be able to run until June, as there is a great deal of snow in

Lucky Boy Clean-Up.

F. C. Sharkey, one of the owners of the Lucky Boy mine in the Blue River district, arrived at Eugene, Wednesday, with a 22-day's clean-up of the mine in when it appears the president signed the the shape of a gold brick worth \$3000, bill. There is nothing to show how many says the Eugene Guard. The brick was votes were cast in favor of the bill, who placed on exhibition in the show window of a Jewelry store, together with some fine specimens of quarts from the mine, and attracted large crowds during the

Quotations of Mining Stocks.

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## NORTHWEST DEAD.

James Fox.

ASTORIA, Or., April 4 .- James Fox, a rancher living near Olney, died in the hospital last evening of consumption after native of Ireland 50 years of age and came to Fort Canby with the Fifth Arthis vicinity. He had never married,

Funeral of Uriah D. Grant. VANCOUVER, Wash., April 4.-The funeral of Uriah D. Grant, a Clark County pioneer, took place at the family home near Battle Ground yesterday. Deceased was born in New York in 1828. He served as an artilleryman and in the Navy dur-ing the Civil War. He came to Clark County in 1870, and took up land near

Battle Ground, where he resided until Vancouver Brevities.

VANCOUVER, April 4.-April 12 will be appropriately observed as Arbor Day by the Public Schools here, instead of to-morrow, the day named in the proclamation of Governor Rogers. This is due to the fact that the schools are enjoying vacation this week.

Mrs. Clara Ryan, a teacher in the Public Schools, has received notice of her appointment by Governor Rogers as a member of the State Board of Education. She will accept the appointment.

Officials of the Star Brewery say the business of that institution is being

carried on with the usual dispatch, regardless of the strike of the employes, The daily output has not been dimin-ished, and no detrimental effect has been felt up to this time as a result of the boycott declared by the strikers.

Albany Can Collect Toll on Bridge. ALBANY, Ore., April 4.-Judge Boise of the Circuit Court, in the case of J. B. Tillotson vs. the City of Albany, sus-tained a demurrer to the complaint, holding that the city has a right under its nded charter to place a toll on the bridge, that it can make necessary repairs regardless of the limit of indebted-ness provided in the city charter, and that it can make repairs under the super-vision of the committee on streets and public property with any contract. bridge will be repaired at once, and the collection of toll begun April 30.

Return of Cut Worms Predicted. SOUTH BEND, Wash., April 4.-Ben Rist, Fruit Inspector for Pacific County, edicts a return this summer of the cut worms, which created such havoc with crops last year. Mr. Rist has found them to be quite plentiful in different parts of the County, and counted 60 under a blanket of sod which he laid on the grass in a sunny spot. He has ordered all fruit trees in the county to be sprayed within the next 30 days.

Miner Run Over by Train. TACOMA, Wash., April 4.-Mike Den-ko, employed at the Carbonado mines, was run down by a Northern Pacific train last night between that city and Wilkeson, receiving injuries which caused his

## DIED BY HIS OWN HAND

S. N. FARRIS, JR., PROMINENT EASTERN OREGON MINING MAN.

Was Despondent Over Losses He Had Made at the Gambling Tables.

BAKER CITY, Or., April 4.-S. N. Farris. Jr., one of the owners of the Oregon and Colorado group of mines, also the Quebec, committed suicide here today because of losses at the gambling table Mr. Farris came to Baker City from the mines in Alamo district Sunday. Monday he yielded to his great weakness, gam bling. By Tuesday morning he was \$1700 loser. That day and Wednesday were spent in a despondent mood, and today he shot himself through the heart. He left a pathetic letter to the officers of the First National Bank, asking that every assistance be given his brother in getting the money of which the dead man

said he had been robbed.

J. W. Carr, president of the Oregon & Colorado Gold Mining Company, is in the East. Before going he left blank checks signed, which young Farris was to fill out as needed at the mine. He drew a large sum, and had it placed to his own credit, and when losing at the gaming table drew individual checks in payment. Mr. Farris' father died only three weeks ago, and his mother has been in a dan-gerous condition. With the exception of gambling, young Farris had no bad habits worked faithfully, and was much liked. His unfortunate end is deeply regretted. His brother, now at the mine, will take charge of the body.

#### REJECTED ALL BIDS.

Clatson County Will Readvertise for Construction of Nehalem Road. ASTORIA, April 4.—The County Court this morning rejected all the bids sub-mitted yesterday for constructing a portion of the highway from this city to the Upper Nehalem Valley, and whil readvertise for bids. The specifications on the first seven miles of the road were for a roadbed 16 feet in width, but the cost of it was too great, and the new speci-fications will be for a highway 10 feet wide. The contractors are to be paid

forfeiture of the contract. who recently died here, is the following

upon the completion of each mile, 25 per

cent being reserved to guard against a

"I give my geographical map to the Pioneer and Historical Society of Astoria, in order to prove to The Oregonian that Astoria was in existence before the dis

Master Fish Warden H. G. Van Dusen has returned from attending the meeting of the Fish Commission at Salem, and will remain at his office in this city several days. He has received his license blanks from the State Printer, and will begin issuing them at once. He today leased a launch and Water Bailiff Wickman and Deputy Fish Commissioner Mc-Reavy, of Washington, have started out to patrol the river for illegal fishing.

Henry Bultman, of Florence, Lane Warden at the meeting of the Fish Com-mission at Salem yesterday, was in Astoria today, and will enter upon his duties

During the first quarter of the present year the police department has collected in fines and forfeitures \$2175. The expenses of the department during that period have been \$1293.

The Curtiss-Whitney syndicate has not completed the purchase of the West prop-erty at Westport, although the price has been agreed upon. The difficulty is over securing a right of way from the mill to the railroad track

The purchase of the C. C. Masten logging property at Svensen by Mr. Spaulding, which is being negotiated, includes the railway and machinery used by Mr. Masten on the contract which he has for logging on the property of Sorenson &

## PUBLIC LANDS IN DEMAND.

The Dalles Office Has Just Closed One of Best Quarters in History, THE DALLES, Or., April 4.- The business of the local land office for the quarter ending March 31 was the largest in its history, with the possible exception of those three-months' terms when forfeited railroad lands were purchased from the Government. While the quarter ending with December showed more home-steads by nine than the one just passed. steads by nine than the one just passed, fees from other sources more than made up the difference. In the corresponding quarter last year 228 homesteads were filed, which was considered a large quar-ter's business. This quarter the home-steads number 211. The receipts of the office amounted to \$14,283 31. The total number of acres filed upon was 56,591 42, which does not include the acreage in commuted homesteads, namely, those entries on which \$1 25 per acre has been paid after 14 months' residence from the time of filing. This total includes about 3000 acres of state lieu land and 4500 acres filed upon by the Eastern Oregon Land Company. Proofs have been made on 63 final homesteads. That money is more plenty in this district is shown by the number of commuted proofs. Thirty-two entries of this character were made during the quarter just closed. About 5000 acres were embraced as against 700 acres for the same period last year. During hard times it was impossible for cettlers to take advantage of this law allowing a man to obtain title to his homestead after a residence thereon of 14 months and paying the Government price. The receipts of the office show about double the amount required to bring it above the maximum. The quarter's homesteads were filed in the following order with regard to the location seorder with regard to the location se-lected: Wasco County, 79; Morrow Coun-ty, 69; Gilliam County, 56; Crook County, 38; Wheeler County, 35; Sherman County, 29; and Grant County, 6. The land office is deluged with letters of inquiry from Eastern States. Each mail brings requests for information of

all sorts from farmers, stockmen, me chanics, fruitraisers, poultry men, mil-lers, etc. The correspondence denotes an educated class of people, apparently with some capital to invest, as the home-

### WANT M'KINLEY TO STOP, Pendleton Will Try to Secure Change in His Itinerary.

PENDLETON, April 4.-A committee of the Pendleton Commercial Association is at work to secure a change in the itinerary of President McKinley that will permit him to stop for a short time in Pendieton, C. E. Roosevelt, T. G. Hal-ley and F. F. Wamsley are the committee. They will endeavor to arrange the routing of the Presidential party so as to bring it here either en route to or from Walla Walla.

The City Council last night formally transferred to the new water commis-sion the waterworks system. The commission elected James Brown superin tendent and collector. Under an order from the commission, all patrons must at once put in meters. Already, 340 me-ters are in use, and 100 more have been ordered. A new pump, which throws 100,000 gallons per hour, has been put in at the city pumping station.

Mrs. Anna Pond, an Indian woman, has been arrested on a charge of rais-ing cheeks given her by B. F. McElroy.

It is said she raised a check for \$30 to \$50; one for \$5 to \$55, and another for \$10 to \$70. Mrs. Pond says she is innocent. It is generally believed that the woman could not perform so dextrous an act, and that she was assisted by some one

George Fell has been appointed man-

ager of the Pendleton Woolen Mills. OPPOSE OCCUPATION TAX.

Salem Citizens Will Hold Meeting to Discuss Ways to Raise Revenue. SALEM, April 4 .- A large number of prominent citizens have united in a call or a citizens' mass meeting to be held at the City Hall tomorrow evening for the purpose of devising ways and means of keeping the city's expenditures within the revenue without levying an occupa-tion tax. Those who attended the meeting held last Monday night were quite agreed in favor of the occupation tax, but It now appears that "there are others," and that many of the latter class are strongly opposed to the tax. Both meet-ings are held in the interest of the city, and with a view to helping the City Council out of a difficulty, hence the council is in a fair way to get various kinds of

1901 Session Laws Distributed. Copies of the 1901 session laws have and placed on sale. The arrangement of the index to the volume is receiving special commendation, as it is the most complete, convenient and correct that has eyer been placed in such a publication in this State. The acts are set forth by titles, by numbers, and by subjects in detail, in alphabetical order. To find any subject in any law, requires but a giance at the Index.

Granted a State Certificate. The State Board of Education today granted a State certificate, good for five years, to Ames S. Johnston, of Curry

Salem Volunteers on Way Home. Salem will this month experience another home-coming of her volunteer soldiery, but the number will be greatly less than that of August, 1898, when the Second Regiment, Oregon Volunteers, re-turned. The volunteer troops that have policed the Philippines for the past three years, and of whom Salem furnished her quota, are being replaced by regulars and the volunteer regiments returned to their nomes in numerical order, beginning with the Thirty-fifth. This regiment sailed from Manila March 16, and its arrival in San Francisca is expected about the lath inst. Among the members of the Thirtyfifth who went from Salem are: Jerry P. King, son of Thomas King, engineer at the State penitentiary; William Landon, a member of the regimental band, and Fred Breyman, a corporal in one of the companies. It is reported that the boys all return in good health.

FLAG HALF-MAST FOR L. BROWN. Late Part Owner in Oregon City Woolen Milis.

OREGON CITY, Or., April 4.—A flag at half-mast today on the Oregon City Woolen Mills indicated the death of one of the pioneer merchants of the Columbia River Valley, Louis Brown, who passed away at San Francisco a few days ago. He was the senior member of the Brown Bros., known throughout the world as the heaviest manufacturers of woolen goods on the Pacific Coast. Away back in the last century, Louis Brown and his brother, Morris, were merchants at The Dailes. They were afterwards in business at Walia Walia. In 1865, together with B. Sheideman, they bought an in-terest in the Oregon City Woolen Mills, The other partners in the enterprise were the Jacobs Bros. The Brown Bros. left Walla Walla in 1860 and went to San Francisco, where they became clothing manu-

Yesterday the Oregon City Woolen Mills closed down two hours as a mark of respect to the late Louis Brown. He was 70 years old at the time of hie death.

WILL NOT AFFECT AMERICANS. \$100,000,000 Alaska Trading Concern Formed in England.

NEW YORK, April 4 .- The Herald says: "Few New York City corporations are likely to be affected by the combination reported from London of all the Alaskan transportation and trading companies with a capital of \$100,000,000. The only one likely to be so affected is the Alaska Exploration, Mining & Trading Company. It is a West Virginia corporation with a capital of \$5,000,000, and those who are interested in it have refused to give any information as to its directors. The Alaska-Nome Nugget Company, Ltd., a Delaware corporation, with offices at 29 Broadway, has a capital of \$1,250,000. Its business is understood, however, to be purely that of mining. Andrew P. Morrison is its president, and Assistant Sec-Charles Burnham of the New York Steek Exchange, is one of its directors.

TWO NEW TEACHERS AT DRAIN.

Normal School Regents Also Re-Elect President Orcutt. DRAIN, Or., April 4.-A meeting of the Board of Regents of the Central Oregon State Normal School was held here Tuesday evening, at which plans of work for the coming school year were formulated. The sum of \$300 was set aside for a catalogue and advertising the school. It was decided to add two more teachers to the faculty—an instructor in science and music, and one in the train-ing department, Professor J. H. Orcutt was re-elected president, and his salary advanced to \$1500. The election of the remainder of the faculty was deferred until the annual meeting in June. The members of the board present at the meeting were State Superintendent J. H. Ackerman, J. T. Bridges, A. M. Craw-ford, William Kuykendall, R. A. Booth, Joseph Lyons and B. D. Boswell,

New Washington Sawmill. SOUTH BEND, Wash., April 4.—The frame is up for a new sawmill at Frances, in which O. A. Custer is the moving spirit. The machinery is expected daily, and it is thought the mill will be running by May 1. It will have a daily capacity of 20,000 feet. It will take the lace of Mr. Custer's shingle mill, which had to be closed down on account of his cedar land being tied up in a contest. A spur will be built to the mill from the Northern Pacific track.

Another Remarkable Ewe. OREGON CITY, Or., April 5.—A ewe gave birth to two lambs 15 days apart in March, is the story told by W. H. Mattoon, a reputable resident of Vloia, who owns a small band of sheep. Although Mr. Mattoon has raised sheep for many years, he is unable to account for this

Heavy Fruit Crop Expected. LA GRANDE, April 4.—A heavy fruit crop this season is confidently expected in the Grand Ronde Valley. The Winter was unusually mild, and Spring opens with cold weather—a condition which augurs well for a good yield in all lines of fruit.

The annual city election at Drain, Monday, resulted as follows: Mayor, J. W. Spalding; Councilmen, J. A. Black and G. W. Sanders; Recorder, Ira Wimberley; Treasurer, W. W. Kent; Mar-shal, E. F. Rhodes.

Big Timber Land Deal Is Off. ST. HELENS, Ore., April 4.—Ernest Dalton, who has been negotiating the sale of several thousand acres of timber land in the Nethalem valley, is authority for the statement that the cruisers' repor is unsatisfactory, and the deal is off.

## DEAL VIRTUALLY CLOSED

WASHINGTON WILL GET THURSTON COURTHOUSE FOR \$100,000,

Agreement Has Been Signed-Governor Is Authorized to Contract With Architect.

OLYMPIA, Wash., April 4.-The State Capitol Commission today formally agreed to give \$165,000 for the Thurston County Courthouse, and the offer was accepted by the Commissioners of Thurston Coun-ty. In addition, the county is to be ailowed to retain the furniture in the Court-house, that originally cost \$10,000. An agreement to this effect, in duplicate, was entered into by the Capitol Commission and the County Commissioners. The formal sale of the property will be made about May 15, when, according to the statute, it must be sold by the Sheriff

to the highest responsible bidder.

The proceedings today were necessary, in order that the Capital Commission might know exactly the amount of cash it would have for building purposes in awarding the contracts. The apparent haste in this matter is due to the de-sire of the commission to have the build-ing completed by the time the session of 1903 meets. The agreement does not in-clude the purchase of two lots on the Courthouse block owned by a private par ty. These must be purchased by the com-mission. They can be had for \$4000. Governor Bogers was empowered by the mission to enter into a centract with A. Bitchie, of Spokane, to furnish the plans and specifications for the new building, and to supervise its construc-tion. The price to be paid the architect is to be 5 per cent of the contract price. Efforts have been made to create the

Efforts have been made to create the impression that there was a row in the commission over the selection of the architect, but this is hardly justified by the facts. State Auditor Atkinson, the Republican member of the commission, was in favor of delaying the employment of the architect until the full board was present, but as to his "walking out" if his ideas were not agreed to, it is sheer nonsense. When Mr. Ritchie was employed yesterday, the entire membership of the board was present, including Auditor Atkinson, who voted for him and tor Atkinson, who voted for him, and today Atkinson voted to empower the Governor to make the contract with the While the Governor will probably have his way in most matters, there has not been any great amount of friction between the members of the Capitol Com-

Killed by Train.

ROSEBURG, Or., April 4.—John Hillis, of this city, was struck by an outgoing freight just north of the city limits about 8 o'clock this morning, and instantly kiffed. He was on his way to work and was waiking on the track. Being very deaf, he did not hear the alarm whistles of the lecomotive. Acting Coroer Robinett summoned a jury and wittestimony of the erew of the train

Pound Dead in His Bed. THE DALLES, Ore., April 4.-Henry Kaldt, a German, was found dead in his bed at the Columbia hotel, in this city, this afternoon by the proprietor of that house. Kaldt has resided here since October, He retired to his room last October. He retired to his room last could not walk and night in his usual health. Heart disease was pronounced as the cause of death. He was a miner, and had several hundred dollars on his person. Search is be-

Lower Court Upheld in Royse Case. OLYMPIA, April 4.- The Supreme Court today affirmed the judgment of the Superior Court of Walla Walla County in the case of the State vs. Frank Royse. Boyse was tried on an information charg-He was found guilty of murder in the second degree. He shot Benjamin F. Royse and burned the house in which the victim was murdered, February 8, 1900, in Walla Walla County.

Gets Two Years for Robbery. JACKSONVILLE, Or., April 4.—Frank Howard, 23 years old, who has been con-fined in the County Jail for the past month, charged with the robbery of a store in Ashland, pleaded gullty yesterday and was sentenced today by Judge Hanna to two years' imprisonment in the peni-The Sheriff took him to Salem

Missing Girl Heard From. COLFAX, Wash., April 4.- The mother of Laura Morgan, the schoolgirl who disappeared mysteriously March 13, this afternoon received a telegram from Henry H. McPhaul, Yuma, Ariz., which said: "Your daughter left here April 2, apparently in good health, bound for Tucson. Wire me your wishes." If Mr. McPhaul has an official title, he failed to give it.

Seattle Golf-Players Won, VICTORIA, B. C., April 4.-Messrs, Strout and Collins, of Seattle, won the four-some championship at the golf tour-nament today. Rain interfered with the

Columbia County Finances. ST. HELENS, April 4.-Columbia County's expenses for the six months ending and the further success of Russian en-

was \$8420 59, and the school tax \$8048 25, making the total paid out of the treasury SO,108 27. Receipts for the same time were \$25,014 21, divided as follows: Tax collections, \$25,742 96; fees, \$1554 35; re-demptions, \$1577; total, \$29 814 21.

Notes of Arlington. ARLINGTON, Or., April 4.—Circuit Court, which convened Monday, adjourned today. There were few important cases. A great deal of wheat is being brought

to this place, and will probably soon be offered for sale, Miss Stella Ward, the young woman who was severely injured here by thrown from a horse, is recovering.

Will Advertise Benton County. CORVALLIS, Or., April 4.-The adverising committee of the Citizens' League is preparing a pamphlet descriptive Benton County. It will contain about 6 pages, and will be illustrated. At yester day's session the County Court contribu ted \$50 towards the work. The pamphiet will cost several hundred dollars.

Bog Tax Must Be Paid. OREGON CITY, Or., April 4.- The City unell has directed the Chief of to exterminate all dogs on which the own ers refuse to pay the city tax.

Call for County Warrants. CORVALLIS, April 4.-County Treasure Buchanan has called for all warrants indorsed prior to May 12, 1000.

Oregon Notes.

Baker City will purchase 1000 feet of It is reported that the Tygh Ridge coun-

try has an epidemic of measles. Lebanon will enforce the ordinanagainst running of cows at large. G. W. Bradley, grain buyer for a Puget Sound warehouse company, purchased 8000 bushels of grain Saturday at Athena

Firty-five cents was paid. A committee of the Athena Council has been appointed to secure a right of way through the property of D. A. Richards and William Estes for a road leading out of town to join the main traveled road about three-fourths of a mile south. At the Pat Kine Hill, one mile east of found stretched across the track, and not far distant another one in the same con-dition was found lying a few feet from the track. Both were awakened and given start toward their respective homes.

Water Balliff Wickman had a thrilling experience last Monday, says the Astoria News, on a trip in search of lilegal fishing. The trip was made in a fishing-boat, as it was found impossible to make any arrests with the launch, and Mr. Wickman and his boatpuller were up as far as Rainier. On the return to Astoria, Mr. Wickman left Rainier at 19 o'clock Sunday night, and when off the Tongue Point beacon his boat was struck by the southwest gale. It was 4 A. M. when the storm struck the boat and Mr. Wick-man was unable to make headway against it. Accordingly the anchor was dropped and for six hours the boat was out in the storm. Sleet fell, chilling the occupants ner Robinett summoned a jury and wit-nessee and began an investigation, which was postponed until tomorrow, to get the swept over the little boat. Finally, at 10 o'clock, it was decided to raise the anchor and make a run for Deep River, but Mr. Wickman and his boatpuller were so budly chilled that they could scarcely move. They eventually succeeded in getting in the anchor, and without sail the boat was driven by the gale toward Deep River, which was reached after a hours. The men were so cold that they could not walk and were driven to a farmhouse by a farmer who happened to

Cornhill.
Russia has undertaken to "pacify" Manchuria, and doubtless after her own fashion will succeed in 'pacifying' it. She has got all that she wants. She will be fully employed for the next few years in restoring and enlarging the Manchurian railway system, making good her hold upon the new territory, and preparing for the next step. She can afford to pose as the friend of Chins, urging lenient measures, anxious to page over past misrule, and to make things easy for the present government to return to Pekin. By so do- sag. ing she not only secures what she has already gained, she not only takes up an apparently gentle and friendly attitude toward the Chinese, which will deeasily to her influence, but she avoids the one great danger to her future progress which would be raised in the establishment of a strong, progressive Chinese Government, able to defend its own territory in the future. The danger to the West, the real yellow peril, is not the Chicago alone or even the Chicago allone. Chinese alone, or even the Chinese allied with the Japanese, but the Chinese led by the Russians. Thus the present disturbces in China have been a gain to Russin in every way. The Boxer movement and the siege of the Legations have opened the way for her obtaining all that she at present desires; the present dis-union among the allies in China. the daily increasing tendency to follow the ill-advised philanthropy of America, and avoid present difficulties rather than overcome them, promise the success of her designs in the future. The other powers have thus far gained nothing whatever. and by their mutual jealousles, disunion and vacillation display to the world their hopeless incapacity for dealing with the convince the Chinese of the vanity of their pretentions and the empti-ness of their threatenings, and prepare the way for a renewal of the disturbances

## Always Tired

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Your doctor calls it nerve exhaustion, general debility. He recommends a nervelifter, a general tonic.

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that the European powers should take any strong line and carry it out to its fulfillment, but it is none the less pain-ful to see the inevitable result of weaknes growing daily nearer. If the first result of the slege, the ruin of a great city and the desolation of a fair province, is a consideration to make one weep, this second result is a consideration to make one slarmed for the future progress and peace of the world.

### His "Special Fitness."

New York Evening Post.
Mr. Redenberg's "special fitness for the place" is trumpeted in a dispatch from Washington to the Court Ulreular-beg pardon, we meant the Tribune. Yes, but he was also eminently fitted for any other place within the gift of the President, and uncommonly anxious to fill one, the kind and its duties being a matter of indifference, provided the salary were satisfactory. There was "a great time at the White House today," telegraphed the Washington correspondent of the Chicago Record on March 20. He referred to a gathering of the Illinois delegation for the purpose of demanding from the Presthen the appointment of ex-Representa-tive Rodenberg as a Commissioner of the St. Louis Exposition. Mr. McKiniey was reminded that he had been appointing "dead ducks" to that desirable sinecure but that four of them had come from the Secretary deals rune from the House the Senate and only two from the House. Moreover, the Republican dead ducks had been getting the worst of it. The filldelegation united, therafore, on Mr. Rodenberg. He was a Republican, duck could be deader than he, and ought to have the place. The President demurred, and is even said to have dis-played a little temper at being asked to provide for so many "busted" politicians. Happily, he bethought himself of the vacant Civil Service Commissionership, and regarding it frankly as "a piace," flung it as a sop to the spoilshunter. Hu we know that this is no "backward step," in civil service reform, because Bresident McKinley promised that none should be taken during his Administration. Yet we remember how some one once flattered Bismarck for his unwavering policy, multa vestigia retrorsum, "Oh, yes," said hon-est Bismarck, "no ateps backward, but a great many sig-sage." Mr. Rodenberg in the Civil Service Commission represents the President's most characteristic aig-

The Winds.

Clinton Scotlard in Youth's Companies When sluggish lags my pulse, I plead The rigorous North will rouse and blow, Clearing the far horizon's blur, Starting the runs-chant of the fir. And bringing for mine sarnest need. The bracing tonic of the snow.

When I incline to dreams, and fain, When I incline to drama, and fain.

With half-shut lids, would bungs and so.

The boughs swing languarously above.

To low, thrush-litantes of love.

And ripples policinly the grain.

The South for me! the South for me!

When melancholy suits my mood, long to list, 'mid lapsing leaves, The misty East discourse of pain, In its thin minor, and the rain, With ancient sorrowing imbued. Makes plaintive patter round the caves.

And when the pilgrim pest is strong

for brackened pathways mounting high Along the hill slopes to the crest, Then would I have the ardent West ling me his buoyant welcome song. Toss me his old contatte cry. So, with the veering winds that sweep empyrean, I am one

Feeling close kinship unto each, Soul-sympathies of spirit-spenth,

Soul-sympathies of spirit speach, How they or shrill, or jew; or shep. O Across the face of GeT's white sun!

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