CHARGE FALLS FLAT

Indictment Against George U. Piper Dismissed.

GRAND JURY'S WORK FOOLISH

outing Attorney Scott Says There Was No Perjury, and Judge Bell Takes the Same View.

SEATTIM, Wash, May 2 - (Special.)— Judge Bell, in the Superior Court, this morning, quashed, on motion of Prosecut-ing Attorney Scott, the most important, from a political point of view, of all in-dictments brought by the recent grand jury. This was in the case of George U. Place indicted for periury. At the same jury. This was in the case of George U. Piper, indicted for perjury. At the same session Judge Bell also quashed the indictment against Police Judge George, charged with failure to enforce laws.

In ruling on the Prosecuting Attorney's motion to quash, Judge Bell declared that the information against Piper was filtered.

the information against Piper was filmsy ney for Piper, appeared in court, prepared to argue a demurrer to the indictment, filed some time ago. Before he could do so, however, Presecuting Attorney Scott filed the motion to quash. In this motion Mr. Scott related facts already known regarding the evidence before the grand jury concerning Pipers transaction with Tex Rickards, which are told in full be-low. He stated that the information contained in the bill returned by the jury was wanting in all elements of evidence pecessary to secure conviction; that there



George U. Piper.

was no conflict in the testimony of Piper Furth and others regarding Rickards that was at all material, and that he had ad-vised the grand jury not to return a true sill against Piper.

Judge Bell granted the motion, making a statement which is perhaps the most significant on record in connection with the work of the grand jury. Said the

This indictment was considered by the grand jury early in its deliberations. After it had been voted, four of the members of the body informed the court that they wished to withdraw from their position and to return not a true bill. "For some reason the grand jury recon-

idered this action on the last day of its don, and returned this indictment. Mr. it, during the deliberations of the nd jury, urged that body not to return indictment, explaining that the facts before them did not constitute an offense, rice of the Prosecuting Attorney to the grand jury was good advice, and, from the showing now made by him, feel sat-lefted that no indictment should have been returned against Mr. Piper. I will therefore sign an order for his dismissal."

It is now well known that the indict-ment against Mr. Piper was brought as the result of a trade or "deal" in the grand jury-room. The facts concerning the bargain, which had all the resem-blance in the world to the usual deals in political conventions, were made public property at the time, and no member of the grand jury has been found who will deny that the bills against Mayor Humes, Piper, Jacob Furth and Walter Fulton were voted together as a result of the trade. Some certain members desired Humes Indicted: others for reasons of personal spite wanted to take a mp at Mr. Furth, while others still wanted to ory Mayor Humes and Chief Sullivan. Bach of these indictments had bitter op-ponents among the grand jurors, and for three weeks that body caucused daily in an effort to muster 42 votes for any one indictment. It was only at the last min-ute, when it was seen that the true bills against the authorities, which the people booked for, would be defeated in the jury, that 12 men finally stood together for all the indictments mentioned

In Piper's case the charge against him was trivial, well-nigh childish. Perjury was named in the bill, and it is alleged that Piper swore falsely regarding the re-payment of \$1000 to "Tex" Bickness, a gambler, who had contributed to Humes' campaign fund and then had been refused campaign fund and then had been refused permission to gamble. Fiper told the jury frankly that he had received the money from Rickards as Humes' campaign manager, and that, after the election, Rickards had demanded his money back, as he was not permitted to open his resort. Asked if he (Piper) had been reimbursed, Piper said in effect that he had, partly, but was afraid he was cetting the received. but was afraid he was getting the worst

and there was nothing new in Mr. Piper's testimony. The boss gamblers were to raise the \$1000 to repay Rickards, but, while Piper acted as the intermediary again, it is said that he has not received the entire \$1000, a balance being still due

him.

It appears that another witness before the jury testified positively that the gamblers had raised the purse of \$1000 to retunburse Rickards. Therefore, an apparent discrepancy existed in the evidence given by Fiper, but, as no short-hand record of Piper's testimony was taken, it appears that it will be impossible even to prove this to be a fact. A sufficient number of the jurymen would have stood out to the last against the indictment of Piper, no well as that against Furth and Humes, but for the conviction among the Humes, but for the conviction among the jurors that public indignation and wrath would follow their failure to make some sort of a showing for their two months

The money paid to Rickards went arough the hands of his attorney, Hi Gill, member of the City Council, and it was seured from the gamblers by the threat secured from the gammiers by the threat to close the town and to bring impeach-ment proceedings against Humes and Sul-livan in the Council on account of the Clamcy deal. This followed the last Spring

chancy deal. This followed the last Spring election, and by its terms the gamblers work. The followed the chancy brothers, First Ward politicians, \$3500 per month as a "rake off" from public gambling.

It is a singular fact in this connection that some of the men active in the work of the grand jury are closely connected through legal and business ties with the local men who led the fight against Mr.

Piper for State Senator last Fall. Ter-rence O'Brien, foreman of the jury, is the close personal frient of Senator Moore, who defeated Piper, although the district is heavily Republican Moore's law partner is C. H. Farrell, a brother of J. D. Farrell, president of the Pacific Coast Company, Of course there may be nothing more than a casual connections in these matters, but they are significant. Other men on the grand jury who voted for the Piper indictment have connections for the Piper indictment have connections with the men who led the fight for Piper's defeat last Fall. Altogether there seems to have been more of petty politics and personal spitework in the jury than anything else. This is the general opinion of it here.

WOOL IN MARION COUNTY POOL.

Will Amount to Searly 100,000 Pounds-Sales Date Not Fixed. SALEM, Or., May 2-(Special)-From SALEM, Or., May 2.—(Special.)—From information produced at the Marion County Woolgrowers'. Association meeting today, it seems probable that the quantity of wool controlled by the pool this year will be nearly double that of last year. The soficiting committee has not yet completed its work, but thus far to members have been secured, and it is expected that the total amount of wool represented will be from 75,000 to 160,000 county.

as an executive committee, with power to transact such business as cannot await the regular or special meetings of the association: W. H. Downing, Sublimity, A. T. Wain, Salem; Henry Frank, Salem; J. T. Hunt, Whiteaker; William Chaggett, Salem

Salem.

The association received a letter from J. C. Lindsay, traveling freight agent of the Illinois Central, stating that other woolgrowers' associations have made sales dates as follows, and suggesting that the Marion County Association will accommodate the prespective buyers by fixing a sales date put to conflict with these:

Pendleton, May 25 and 25; Hoppner, June 2 and 3; The Dalles, June 5 and 6; Shaniko, June 5 and 10; Pendleton, June 12 and 13; Baker City, June 15 and 16; Elzin, June 18 and 16; Eigin, June 18 and 19; Heppner, June 23

The Marion County Association has not yet fixed a sales date.

BRIDGE OVER SANTIAM. Linn Farmers Request That It Be

ALBANY, Or., May 2.—(Special.)—At a mass meeting of Linn County farmers held in School District No. 114 recently olutions asking the County Court to rebuild Sanderson's bridge were adopted and sent to the court. This bridge was carried away by the floods of last January. It was one of the longest bridges supported by Linn County and spanned the Santiam River, connecting this portion of the county with that rich section known as the Forks of the San-

The bridge, which was about 640 fee long, has been partially or totally wrecked a number of times, and has cost the county thousands of dollars. When a freshet occurs the Santiam becomes a torrent, and nothing but a large ex-penditure of money will put a permanent structure there.

GRANGES ARE GROWING.

Report to Pomona at Yankton Given by the State Secretary.

RAINIER, Or., May 2.—(Special.)—The Pomona Grange met in Yankton Town Hall at 2 P. M. A fine banquet was served at noon, and also at 6:30 P. M. All the Granges of the county were reported in a prosperous condition, with a local membership of 612.

A letter from the state secretary was read, which gave the local number of Granges in the state as 94, with a total membership of 478. Clackamas County leads in the number of granges, 16, while Linn and Columbia Counties have each 14 Granges; Washington County II, Polk & Marion 6, Multnomah, Benton and Lane 5 each, Coos 4, Yamhill 3, Gilliam and Tillamook 2 each. About 100 members were present at the afternoon session. The fifth degree was conferred on about 0 members this evening.

TELLS OF BAKER COUNTY. Folder That Will Be Distributed by

BAKER CITT, Or., May 2.—(Special.)— Fifty thousand copies of the Baker Coun-ty folder prepared by Frederick Mellis, of and printed by the Rund-M Naily Company, of Chicago, will be delivered soon to G. W. McKinney, immigration agent for the Harriman syndicate, for free distribution in Eastern States. A complete up-to-date mining map forms the inside of the pamphlet, while reading matter and cuts are printed on the 16 outside pages of the folder.

Attention is called to the forthcoming

Lewis and Clark Centennial Exposition to be held in Portland in 196. The map will be printed in three colors.

WATER SEEPS FROM DITCH.

Klamath Falls Wants Owners to Stop the Holes.

KLAMATH FAILS, Or., May 2—(Special.)—The irrigating ditch belonging to Henry E. Ankeny, of Eugene, and Mrs. J. T. Henley, of Klamath County, runs through the town of Klamath Palls, and the village authorities have commenced suit in the Circuit Court to secure an sult in the Circuit Court to secure an

suit in the Circuit Court to secure an injunction against the owners, slieging that the property is a nutsance on account of injury from seepage.

The town wants the leaks stopped, which would be a very expensive undertaking. Mr. Ankeny is bere making preparations for defense. The case will appear for trial at the June term.

Epworth Leaguers at Corvallis. CORVALLIS, Or., May 2.—(Special.)— Sessions of the convention of the Eugene district of the Epworth League began here yesterday afternoon. One hundred and fifty delegates arrived by the noon trains, and were served with luncheon in the pariors of the First Methodist Church. Testerday afternoon reports were heard from various parts of the district, which comprises the territory between Cottage Grove and Stayton, on the East Side, and as far north as Sheridan on the West

Last night an address of welcome was delivered by Guy E. Moore, of Corvailts, and the response was by Mr. Menzies, of Lebanon. The league has been in session all of today, and has had under consideration the various interests of the organization and its membership.

Trains to Vancouver Dock. VANCOUVER, Wash., May 2-(Special.)-Settlement having been effected on securing of right of way, grading has commenced on the line connecting the Washington & Oregon with the Portland. Vancouver & Yakima Railway here. In a few days trains on the former road will be running to the dock at the end of Second street. Trains from Tacoma will then be enabled to run right into the city, thus affording a greater con-

venience to passengers.

The next move is the construction of the road through the military reservation, a distance of one mile. The

Digest of Supreme Court Rulings. VANCOUVER, Wash., May 2-(Special)-Judge A. L. Miller, of the Superior Court of Clark County, has compiled a digest of the Supreme Court rulings in Washington. It makes a large volume, and the matter takes in all the decisions, including those of territorial days, has devoted much time to compiling work, which is favorably spoken of

Sale of 1903 Hops.

SALEM, Or., May 1.—(Special.)—Edward Kawanaugh, of Woodburn, has sold to Elsas & Prits, of Cincinnati, 850 pounds of hops of the 1903 crop at 1816

TAXED MORE THAN ONCE

NEY-GENERAL ON INHERITANCES.

Entire Proceeds of Estate Must Pay Tax in Each State in Which Probated.

OLYMPIA, Wash, May 2—(Special.)— Attorney-General Stratton has delivered an opinion to State Treasurer Maynard to the effect that when a will is probated in this state, the deceased having been a resident thereof, the administrator should commence proceedings to bring the prop-erty of the estate that may be located in other states into his possession, and that the inheritance tax of this state should be levied against the entire proceeds after payment of the costs and taxes levied in the other states. In this way an estate may pay an inheritance tax in two or more states.

Two cases of the kind are under consid-

eration. Alexander Ross, a resident of San Juan County, died, leaving several thousand dollars in the bank at Victoria, B. C., in which country there is also an inheritance tax levied. In another estate a large amount of the property is located in California.

BUILDING OF DRYDOCK. Three Pontoons Are About Ready to Be Launehed.

VANCOUVER, Wash., May 2.-(Special.) The drydock which is being built at this place for the Portland Drydock Commis-sion is well under way. There are five pontoons being built in all, three of which are well along toward completion. The other two will be built as soon as the present ones under way are inunched. The water in the Columbia has been very low and this has retarded the launching. It had been anticipated to have this done some time ago, but it could not be. The contractors have a large force of men at work, and it is now thought that the work on the dock will be mostly completed by the time set in the contract, August 4. It is an immense affair, and the an of material used in it is incredible. At the present no trouble is being experienced in securing lumber. This was a serious

pay roll has been averaging about monthly. The launching of the pontoons will be kept as quiet as possible, as a large crowd is not desired at the affair, so the managere say.

drawback for a good while in the start

OBJECT TO SUNDAY BALL GAMES. Eugene Church People Will Invoke

Law to Prevent Them. EUGENE, Or., May 2,-(Special.)-A secting of clergymen and church people held yesterday decided to try prevent baseball games here on Sunday, and today a committee called upon the management of the local nine and gave notice that if any games were altempted on Sunday complaints would be filed.

Manager Griffin responded by saying a
game would be played tomorrow with a
nine from Springfield, and that there
would be no hesitation. It is claimed the
club will play all games scheduled, and club will play all games scheduled, and if arrests are made there will be strong

The ministers claim the Sunday gan are degrading to morals and that under a law passed by the last Legislature it is made unlawful to conduct any place of amusement on Sunday. The penalty provided is a fine of from \$5 to \$50. They think under this law the games can be

SOCIALISTS FORGET TO QUALIFY Anneonda's Present City Officials Will Not Give Up Offices.

ANACONDA, Mont., May 2.—Under the law the Socialist Mayor, Treasurer and Police Judge-elect of Anaconda should have filed their oaths and qualified on Thursday. They failed to do so. The present officials, who are Republicans, will refuse to surrender their offices on Monday, when the men say for them and iday, when the men ask for them, and there is a prospect of a long legal fight and the possibility of a dual set of offi-

NO WINE AT TEMPLAR BANQUETS, Unanimous Vote.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 2.-The grand commandery of the Knights Templar of California has decided by a unanimous vote that hereafter no wine shall be served at Templar banquets. The innova-

tion has been ithroduced, it is claimed, so that the order on the Coast might fail in line with a general movement of the same kind in the East, and because the use of wine in the lodge rooms is contrary to the principles of Masonry.

It is said that the grand lodge of Masons at its annual meeting next October will take the same decisive action, and order that all banquests given under the name of any Masonic lodge of the state be strictly temperate.

Hold Session in Spokane and Elect

TRAVELERS OF THREE STATES.

SPOKANE. Wash. May 2.—(Special.)— The Grand Lodge of United Commercial Travelers of Oregon and Washington held its meeting here today, attended by representatives from Portland, Seattle, Tacoma and Spokane. The meeting was harmonious and enthusiastic. Tacoma was chosen for the next annual meeting on the first Saturday in May, Réd. The day's festivities closed with a banquet and dance tonight. The following offi-cors were elected:

cers were elected:
Grand councillor, H. H. Woodruff, of
Tacoma; junior councillor, J. H. Temple,
of Portland; past grand councillor, J. W. of Portland; past grand councillor, J. W. Watson, Seattle; grand secretary, G. H. Cook, Tacoma; grand treasurer, C. W. Hodzon, Portland; grand conductor, A. O. Parsons, Seattle; grand page, O. C. Thornton, Portland; grand sentinel, R. O. McClintock, Spokane; executive committee, W. L. Bliger, Tacoma; T. W. Miles, Seattle; H. I. Somers, Spokane; C. A. Whitmore, Portland; delegates to supreme council at Columbus, Ohlo, June 26 and 27, C. M. Smith, Spokane; J. W. Waters, Seattle; alternates, C. W. Hodson, Portland; W. F. Lewis, Tacoma.

Rainler May Have a Bank,

ST. HELENS, Or., May 2.—(Special.)— There is a probability that Rainier will have a banking establishment when Deherty's new building is completed. It is stated by those in a position to know that Portland capitalists have already negotiated for ground-floor space, and will occupy the same with a banking

The business of Columbia County has increased to immense proportions during the past few years and checks on Port-land banks are extensively used. The saw and shingle mills, logging camps and shing industries employ many men, and all receive their pay in checks. The distance to Portland from the logging and milling center of the county makes the handling of many checks inconfrom this section also amount in the aggregate to a considerable sum.

Month's Weather at Astoria. ASTORIA, Or., May 2.—(Special.)—Astoria did not have a clear day during the month of April, 18 of them being cloudy and 12 partiy cloudy. So say the records of Weather Observer Johnson. Otherwise, however, the conditions did not vary materially from the average. The rainfall was &18 inches, while the average for the corresponding month of previous years is 8 inches, though in 1893 the precipitation was 13.5 inches and in the precipitation was 13.5 inches and in 1885 only 1.3 inches. The mean tempera-ture for the month was 65, the average

Two Hop Contracts at 15 Cents. OREGON CITY, Or., May 2.—(Special.)

Two contracts covering the 1993 hoptrop were filed in the office of County

Recorder Stevens this afternoon. The Recorder Stevens this afternoom. The contracting firm in each case was Hugh F. Fox, of New York City, and the price to be paid is 15 cents per pound, with an advance of 5 cents per pound at picking time. J. S. Roberts, of Sherwood, Washington County, agrees to deliver 8000 pounds, and John Fetter, also of Sherwood, will dispose of 2000 pounds of his crop on the same terms. of his crop on the same terms.

Favor Woudly for Commissioner.

ASTORIA, Or., May 2.—(Special.)—Astoria Central Labor Council has directed its secretary to write President Roosevelt favoring the appointment of William S. Woudly as United States Labor Commissioner, to succeed Carroll D. Wright, resigned. The council also instructed its delegates to the State Federation of Labor, which meets at La Grande on May 4, to vote for Portland as the permanent meeting place of that body.

Newton Wanted a Paid Choir. 2.-It has been learned that the refusal of Mrs. Stanford to consent to the substitution of a paid quartet for the voluntary choir in the university chapel led to the resignation of Rev. Heber Newton. Other differences stimulated the friction between Mr. Newton and the trustees.

most reliable information as to the exact market, and, therefore, will make preparations to handis the crop in such a way as to avoid a glut in the local market. This is one of the purposes of the organ-

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MARRIES WITHOUT A FEE

VANCOUVER, WASH., JUSTICES ARE

AT OUTS WITH EACH OTHER.

Peculiar Method of Warfare Adopted

by Justice Who Believes His Ter-

ritory Is Being Invaded.

VANCOUVER, Wash., May 2,-(Special.)

There is a peculiar fight on in this city between the Justices of the Peace. Judge

G. H. Steward has announced in public

posted cards that he will solemnize all marriages free after May 1. This move was precipitated by the act of the county officials in allowing Judge Haine to occupy

the room used by the County Commissio

BERRY CROP WILL BE IMMENSE.

Salem Fruit Union Gets Answer to

Inquirtes.

SALEM, Or., May 2.—(Special.)—President Hofer, of the Salem Fruit Union, has addressed circular letters to all the grow-

ers of small fruit in the territory tribu-

quantity of fruit that will be marketed here this season. From answers already

received, it is certain that the crop of cherries, strawberries, blackberries, rasp-berries and Logan berries will be twice

The union will be in possession of the

as large as last year.

Clackamas County Receipts, OREGON CITY, Or., May 1 .- (Special.) During the month of April County Clerk Sleight and Recorder Stevens collected fees aggregating \$38.70. Of that amount \$464.75 was received in the office of the Clerk, as against \$172.25 for the corresponding month last year. For recording the various instruments in his department Recorder Stevens received during April \$21.5. For the same month last year he collected \$230.25. The total expense to the county for the month for these two offices, including the salaries of the officers and deputies and

the office supplies, was only \$356. the room used by the County Commissioners at the Courthouse, as a courtroom. Judge Steward occupies rooms also in the Courthouse, and his lease expires next October. Until that time be can stay in the county building. He has taken means to even up the situation somewhat. Judge Steward is one of the oldest and most respected ploneers of the Northwest, having been County Judge of Yamhill County, Oregon, 'way back in the '60s. He was elected Justice of the Peace last November by a large majority. Received but One Bid. OREGON CITY, Or., May 2—(Special.)— Today was the time set for the opening of bids by the committee on streets and public property of the City Council for the building of the proposed "south end" road. But one bid was submitted, and that covered only the building of the ap-proach from Main street to the Southern Pacific railroad track. The members of Pacific railroad track. The members of the committee decided not to open the one bid until the regular meeting of the Coun-cil Wednesday night, and by this time it is expected that other offers will be re-

BUTTE, Mont., May 4.-Edward Pur-long, alias the "Jocko Kid," was tonight found guilty of highway robbery, the expenalty for which is 20 years. The Kid wanted to assist George Howard and George Cole in holding up the Burlington Express a few months ago. They doubted his nerve; and to prove it he held up Charles Swanson's saloon. Swanson and the robber exchanged half a dozen shots, none taking effect. The Kid fled without receiving anything.

PEAK IS COMING DOWN

ANOTHER SLIDE THREATERS TO

Turtle Mountain Still Moves and Gov. erament Takes People Out of Danger-May Desert Town.

FRANK, N. W. T. May 1.—Opinions are divided among the handful of people left in Frank this afternoon as to whether another rock silds is probable. Chief Engineer MeHenry, of the Canadian Pacific, announced last night, from observations taken at Turtle Mountain, that another silds on the eastern side was possible. Further observations were taken this morning, but there is yet no marked indication of another silds. There is no excitement over these conjectures, although, if a new silds should occur, it would probably complete the destrucit would probably complete the destrucare in Frank today who are detained by the police, engineering or other duties. These are keeping at a safe distance from Turtle Mountain. The fear of another slide is greatest at night, although even by daylight people are moving cautious-ly. No work is being done.

All who desired were taken from Frank last night to adjacent towns by special train chartered by the governm McHenry is engineer of the er-tem of the Canadian Pacific, formerly chief engineer of the Northern Pacific. He is considered an engineer of great ability, and his warning will have great weight.

be no further rock slide, the fear of such a recurrence will prevent further mining operations at the foot of Turtle Mountain and may result in the abandonment of Frank as a town. This would mean great loss, the invested interests being estimated at \$4,000,000. The mine was well equipped and the company had built cottages and buildings on a superfor plan. It is doubtful if men could be induced to live in them, at least for a time.

DANGER OF NEW SLIDE. Government and Rathroad Move Peo-

ple and Property From Danger. ST. PAUL, May 2.-A special to the Dispatch from Frank, says.:

Dispatch from Frank, says.:
At an emergency meeting of the Board
of Trade last night, Premier Haultain
stated that E. H. McHenry, chief engineer of the Canadian Pacific Railroad, had expressed the opinion that the re-maining peak of the mountain was creep-ing slowly and that he considered the town unsufe. The Premier further stated town unsufe. The Premier further stated that he had made arrangements with the Canadian Pacific Railway to have special trains here to convey the people to different points along the line. Many will avail themselves of the opportunity to leave town. The Canadian Pacific officials are moving all their men engaged in construction work and their rolling stock to places of safety. Everything is being done to avert, if possible, another calamity.

PLAN FOR FALL FAIR.

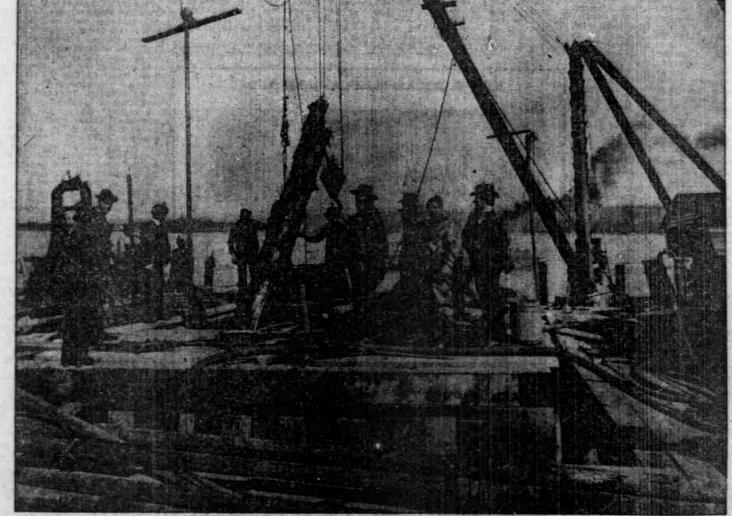
Citizens Meet in Eugene Courthouse and Appoint a Committee, EUGENE, Or., May 2.—(Special.)—A meeting of citizens was held at the Court-house this afternoon to take preliminary steps looking towards a district fair here next Fall. It was decided that a county organization would be necessary, and upon resolution the chairman appointed a committee of five to draw by-laws and lay out a plan for the organization of a county agricultural association, as follows: F. M. Wilkins, J. McFall, F. A. Rankin, Al Hampton and R. Shafer.

BOINE, Idaho, May L-Articles of in-corporation of the American Mining Congress, signed by the members of the ex directors, have been sent to Denver by Judge J. H. Richards. Judge Richards desired to incorporate under the laws of Idaho, but the requirements of the state statutes that a majority of the directors must reside in this state made it issues.

Denn Seley Welcomed Home SALEM, Or., May 2—(Special.)—Professor Francesco Seley, desh of the College of Music of Willamette University, returned today from Portland, where he has been confined for six weeks in a hospital with a stege of typhoid fever. The University band met him at the passenger dense and welcomed him with a few seleclepot and welcomed him with a few selec-

Hore Sells Banking Interest. Hoge Selia Banking Interest.
SEATTLE, May 2.—A majority interest in the First National Bank of Sextitle was sold today by James D. Hoge, president of the institution, to Lester Turner, the cashier, and a number of associates. The consideration is said to be 1150.00. Mr. Hoge has controlled the stock of the bank since 1885. He will continue for the present to act as its chief assentive.

PETRIFIED TREE THAT CHECKED CONSTRUCTION ON THE BRIDGE ACROSS FRASER RIVER.



NEW WESTMINSTER, B. C. May 2.—J. M. Moore, the great Canadian diver, distinguished himself on the Pacific Coast Tuesday, when for the 28th time he descended into the depths of the Fraser River about 125 feet and succeeded in boring into an obstructing log 16 holes 5 inches in diameter and 27 inches deep.

In sinking the calsson for No. 3 pier in the construction of the new bridge across the Fraser at New Westminster, a log 25 feet long by 27 inches in diameter was directly in the spot designated for the establishment of this important pier. Every means at hand was used by the contractors for the dislodgment of the obstructing tree, but to no avail, and it became necessary to procure the services of Moore, who arrived in the city on Bunday and immediately set to work. Arrayed in his diving apparatus hundreds of people gathered on the banks of the river to watch the operations and to see a professional diver descend into the middy waters of the "Old Father Fraser." After de-

ecending several times through the well of the caleson in an endeavor to fasten a cable around the log he found it imbedded in sand and mud to a depth of 10 feet, while the water was so muddy that the diver could see no distance around him, and the work was carried on by the sense of feeling.

The automatic spray was turned into the well and the sand removed from around the tree and again the divertified to fasten his cable, but to no avail. Other means were then resorted to, and a 100-foot auger was lowered and the diver placed it in position to bore each hole, of which is were made in the log, but the petrified state of the wood prevented it from breaking, and as a last resort dynamite was inserted in each hole, and, by means of wire connection with a battery on the surface the tree was blown to pleese and the greater portion raised to the surface. The tree is being preserved, as it is a good specimen of the formation of coal, it is so well petrified.