NORTH PACIFIC NEWS

Happenings of Interest in the Progressive Northwest.

BRIEF REPORTS OF LATE EVENTS

A Budget of Items Gathered From All Parts of Oregon, Washington and ldaho.

County Treasurer Kern, of Umatilla county, Or., redeemed \$7,000 of county warrants last week.

The business men of Port Townsend, Wash., are endeavoring to secure the Fort Townsend reservation for their school district.

The population of Grant's Pass, Or., consists of 1,257 males and 1,126 fe-males, a total of 2,383. Of the males, 658 are legal voters.

Nearly every farmer in Union county, Or., has a lot of hogs numbering all the way from ten to several hunderd, and to these will be fed a part of the crop of grain.

The Tacoma school district is up to the limit in indebtedness, and no funds will be available for two months with which to pay teachers' salaries and other current expenses.

Philip Isensee, the defaulting treasurer of New Whatcom, Wash., has been taken to the penitentiary at Walla Walla to serve out the term recently imposed on him by the superior court and approved by the supreme court.

A novel attraction is arranged for in the Indian department at the fair at ments used by the tribe in early times.

teams across the river, while the roads the Esquimaux. leading to town from the east are lined The cargo of

Atocama, and Captain Jensen, who exchange for wares sent north by Sewere recently arrested in connection attle merchants. When the vessel with alleged outrageous treatment of a reached her destination, the natives in negro sailor, Balding, and released on canoes swarmed aboard and clamored \$10,000 bonds, have been surrendered for trade, and it required the efforts of by their bondsmen to the United States the crew of three men to wait on them. authorities at Seattle.

A bunch of wheat secured by Committeeman J. S. Morris, of Albany, or one of the Linn county exhibit, is a curiosity. It contains 42 stalks, with 924 meshes, each mesh having three to five kernels, probably averaging four, a total of over 3,500 grains from one kernel of wheat. Mr. Watts has collected a large and attractive assortment of cereals in stalks that will compare with anything to be found anywhere

goes over to the next term of court.

The trustees of the Tillamook, Or., scademy, have made a donation of that institution to the Presbytery of Portland, on condition that the contracts of subscription shall be fully complied with, and the academy made a permanent institution. The change is not expected to materially affect the school. A committee of the Presby tery of Portland will visit Tillamook at an early date to complete the transfer of the property and make the plans known.

William Hodges, a young man, was shot through the back by a rifle ball at Blue Canyon last Sunday. He was Suit Brought Against President Allen one of a crowd who were out hunting. He was standing on a hillside above the rest of the group. One of them commenced shooting at some pheasants and in the hurry failed to see that Hodges was directly in line. The re-sult was that a ball went orashing through his shoulder, going in below the collar-bone and shattering the shoulder-blade. The wound is an ugly one, but the young man will recover in

C. W. Richie, manager of the Solicitors' Loan & Trust Company, of Ta-coma, which is interested in a large number of wheat firms in Eastern Washington, has been examining the condition of the crops in the Palouse and Big Bend countries during the past two weeks. From Spokane he writes that the price of grain has fallen ten cents a bushel in the past month, and that in consequence much of the crop will be held till January 1 for better prices. He says 40 per cent of the crop in the Palouse is ruined. An interesting document was re-

An interesting document was recorded in the county clerk's office of Lincoln county, Or., last week. It is a transfer of the old government land grant in Oregon from the Oregon Central Railroad Company to the Oregon & California Railroad Company. It is a written instrument and covers forty-two pages of closely written legal cap. The instrument was dated in 1870, and its margin holds forty \$20 internal revenue stamps, all convey-

THE INSURANCE RATE WAR.

Truce Only So Far as Oregon, Wash ington and Arizons Are Concerned.

San Francisco, Sept. 21.-The insan Francisco, Sept. 21.—The insurance companies operating on the Pacific coast have agreed to a truce so far as Oregon, Washington and Arizona are concerned, but the rate war within this state shows no signs of abeting and as a proprietable state. abating, and, as a prominent risk-writer said today:

"It will keep up till everybody is worn out."

At a recent meeting of the insurance companies doing business in Arizona the following resolution was adopted: "That the rates heretofore made by the Pacific Union for the territory of Arizona be maintained, and the secre-

tary obtain the signatures of all the

Following this specific arrangement The business has become so divided and the rate-cutting so deep that a great deal of personal ill-feeling has been engendered, and in insurance circles

FROM THE FAR NORTH.

Miner W. Bruce, the Alaska Explorer

Seattle, Sept. 21.-Miner W. Bruce the Alaska explorer, and author of Bruce's "Alaska," arrived today from New Whatcom, Wash. An old Lum-mi Indian will finish up a canoe dur-ing the fair with the primitive imple-latitude 68:20 north. He came on the schooner Jessie, with which he left The warehouses in The Dalles are here three mouths ago today. Mr. paying 37 cents for wheat and the Bruce brought five natives, who he flouring mills 40 cents. There is no diminution in the receipts, and the urge the claims for the propagation of ferryboat is kept busy all day carrying reindeer for the food and clothing of

The cargo of the Jessie consists with wagons.

Captain McLean, of the Chilean ship cured from the Arctic Esquimaux in

The crew, on arrival here, was attired in hair-seal suits and water-tan-

THE STATE'S EVIDENCE.

Testimony of Witnesses Against the Alleged Lynchers.

Ellensburg, Wash., Sept. 21.—The prosecution in the trial of the alleged lynchers had all of its eivdence in by 4 o'clock this afternoon, having called Litigants in Morrow county, Or., have been greatly inconvenienced by the loss of their last spring's term of court in that county. Judge Fee holds summons, orders for publications, such as summons, orders for publication, etc., that were published for the March term of court which should have been held last spring, must again be published before legal action can be taken. Consequently all business of this nature state of the defense of the state's witnesses testified to seeing the state's witnesses testified to seeing the state's witnesses testified to seeing to continues, year after year, until the trial of the time comes for outting the first crop of hay it is very clearly marked. Every year there are number of have deed fields which do not produce more than one-half or two-berleas newly seeded fields which do not produce more than one-half or two-berleas newly seeded fields which do not produce more than one-half or two-berleas newly seeded fields which do not produce more than one-half or two-berleas newly seeded fields which do not produce more than one-half or two-berleas newly seeded fields which do not produce more than one-half or two-berleas newly seeded fields which do not produce more than one-half or two-berleas newly seeded fields which do not produce more than one-half or two-berleas newly seeded fields which do not produce more than one-half or two-berleas newly seeded fields which do not produce more than one-half or two-berleas newly seeded fields which do not produce more than one-half or two-berleas newly seeded fields which do not produce more than one-half or two-berleas newly seeded fields which do not produce more than one-half or two-berleas newly seeded fields which do not produce more than one-half or two-berleas newly seeded fields which do not produce more than one-half or two-berleas newly seeded fields which do not produce more than one-half or two-berleas newly seeded fields which do not produce more than one-half or two-berleas newly seeded fields which do not produce more than nedy battering the cage door, Ueblacher holding a candle, and the others present. They also testified to seeing them at the tree, though it was not shown who put the rope around the necks of the Vinsons or who pulled portance of fining the soil to give the them up. None of the defendants had matter a practical test, in a small way been shown up in the light of direct executioners. The case is attracting very little interest, and the courtroom is not more crowded than usual.

Tacoma, Sept. 21.-The receiver of the bank of Tacoma today, by direction of the court, brought suit against W. B. Allen, president of the bank, to recover \$70,000 on a note which Allen gave the bank in payment of his subscription of 700 shares of the capital stock. The note was given December 31, 1894, for one year, bearing 10 per cent interest, and no part was ever paid. The note was the only asset possessed by the Bank of Tacoma in addition to the assets of the Tacomr Trust & Savings bank, which were transferred to it when the Bank of Tacome was organized in February, 1894.

The receiver has also sued N. C. Richards, a director of the bank, to recover a \$17,000 mortgage, which was given the bank by the Cascade Oatmeal Company, and which is alleged to have been fraudulently transferred to Richards in payment of a pretended indebt-

FARM

Useful Information Concerning Farm Work.

Soil and Locality.

Whether fall or spring is the best season for seeding land to grass is a question the answer to which depends very largely upon the circumstances under which the work is to be done. In some localities, some soils, and foltary obtain the signatures of all the companies doing business in said territory to an agreement to this effect, and that a copy thereof be forwarded to all agents throughout said territory of Arizona."

In some localities, some sons, and lowing certain crops, spring is much the better time. In other places, and under widely different conditions, the fall is greatly to be preferred. Upon this matter practice agrees with this matter practice agrees with theory. Though a great deal of grass for Arizona business comes the news of renewed vigor in the fight at Los Angeles; which is the chief center of the rate war just now. Insurance men see no prospect of a truce in this state.

The business has become ac divided and that must not be overlooked, but three of them are of such vital importance as

> seeded. But the severe droughts which so commonly follow the frequent showers of the "dog days" prove so fatal to the newly germinated seed the seed that the severe droughts which seed the seed the seed the severe droughts which seed the seed th that somewhat later sowing has become a custom. If the season is pro-pitious the latter part of August is the pitious the latter part of August is the ideal time for seeding, as the plants are enabled to get a good root development before cold weather comes. The risk, however, is great, and in a series of years it is highly probable that much better results will be secured by doing the work during the first half of September. If the other conditions are right, even later seeding than this often gives a better stand than seeding in the hot, and possibly extremely dry. in the hot, and possibly extremely dry, weather of August.

Whether the seeding is done early or

late, the measure of its success will very largely depend upon the degree of thoroughness with which the soil is prepared. This is true when the seedis put in with winter grain as it is when grass is sown by itself. If the conditions as to warmth and moisture conditions as to warmth and moisture are favorable, the seed may germinate quickly in a hurriedly prepared soil, and for a few weeks the best of results may be promised. But the time comes, and it usually comes very soon, when the imperfectly prepared field falls behind the one that was thoroughly fitted. At first the difference is so slight as to be hardly noticeable, but the divergence increases rapidly and long beence increases rapidly and long be-fore the time comes for cutting the first crop of hay it is very clearly stances in which ' haste makes waste," and makes it not only for the time being but for a long period after the work is done. It would be well for those who are not convinced of the immatter a practical test, in a small way if they please, the present season, by putting an extra amount of work upon a portion of the ground that is to seeded. It will cost them but little to do this, and the results of the experiment may be such as to lead them to make a marked change in the present

Very much also depends upon the sed. If this is poor, no choice for time of sowing, or degree of care in fitting the land, can lead to the production of a good crop. The seed should be fully matured, and its germinating powers should be unimpaired. A sample of the seed to be used should be tested, in order to find what percentage of it can be depended upon to grow. The best seed is none too good, and money spent to get the best seed is well invested. It pays when getting grass seed to purchase the best that can be secured from some reliable dealer. Then, too, the seed should be pure. Many bad weeds have been widely disseminated in what purported to be with a liberal hand. Light seeding fears, no mishaps occurred. One of soils it means many weeds mixed with the grass. Liberal seeding, if other things are propitious, means an abundant yield, and it will even do much to connected various perfectors by a surface at nearer points to add to their fears, no mishaps occurred. One of the boats was on the opposite side of the school. The Algar had 1,200 skins, 1,000 of which were secured on the Japan coast.

Suing year. The Hon. E. B. Moses, of Kansas, was made chairman, and Colomel Hines, of California, peretary of the national committee.

Must Look to the Government.

Albuquerque, N. M., Sept. 19.—The counteract various unfavorable condi-tions,—Practical Farmer.

method of preparing the land.

Agricultural | ointers.

COLLISION AT SEA.

punish Cruiser Sunk and Forty-Fou

Havana, Sept. 21 .- The cruiser Barsostegui was wrecked at midnight by a sollision with the merchant steamer Morters in the canal at the entrance IMPORTANT POINTS IN SEEDING

A Question as to Which Is the Best
Time-Much Depends Upon the

Important in the canal at the entrance of Port Barcostegui. Admiral Delgado Parejo, seven other officers and thirty-six of the crew were drowned. The cruiser had been employed on government business between the different ports of Cuba.

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The Barcostegui was a third class cruiser, carrying five heavy and two rapid-firing guns. She was of 1,000 tons displacement, built in 1876. The cruiser left for Barcostegui at midnight with Admiral Delgardo Parejo on board. On reaching the mouth of the harbor, close to Mortera fort, the Barcostegui came in collision with the Mortera, a steamer engaged in the coastwise trade. The Mortera struck the cruiser on the starboard and badly injured her. She sank at once. The Mortera, although badly damaged, Mortera, although badly damaged, stood off to give assistance to those on board the Barcostegui and saved the greater part of the crew. Admiral Parejo, Captain Y'banez, First Lieutenant Lopez Aldazjoa, Second Lieutenants Juneo Soto and Canjo, Dr. to deserve special mention. These are the time of sowing, the preparation of the soil and the seed itself.

In a large part of the country it was formerly held that it the land was not laid down in the spring, August was the best month in which it could be Admiral Delgardo Parejo was com-

ters, in the course of an interview,

said today:
"At 11:15 o'clock last night, when within two miles of the entrance of the harbor, I saw ahead of my starthe harbor, I saw ahead of my star-board a green light, which I presumed was that of a passing steamer leaving port. I ordered the engine to slow down, and proceeded on our course, hearing two whistles from the cruiser, to which we replied. Turning into the harbor, and keeping in sight of our starboard the green light of the cruiser, we whistled twice again, thus indicat-ing that we were turning into the haring that we were turning into the har-bor, when suddenly all the lights of the cruiser were put out. I immediately ordered the engineer to steam backward, but it was of no avail, for the steamers collided. I ordered boats to be lowered and life-preservers to be thrown overboard. After the collision we were entangled with the Barcostegui for a while, but this situation en-dangered the Mortera as well as the oruiser, and I ordered the engines to go on ahead, my intention being to try to run the Barcostegui on shore. I soon found that this could not be done with safety. Backing off from the oruiser, she sank almost instantly."

Admiral Delgardo Pareljo was the last man to leave the cruiser, being in a rowboat. When the rowboat, in which was Admiral Parejo, was about

the lights on board the cruiser, which was described by Captain Vinal, of the Mortera, was cocasioned by the stopping of the engines to save the life of a silor whose arms had been caught in

PROBABLY KILLED BY SEALS.

Loss of Two of the Scaler Battler's Crew Confirmed.

Seattle, Sept. 23.-The Allie L. Algar, the first of the Puget sound sealing fleet to arrive, came into port today, bringing confirmation of the loss of Mate Nelson, brother of the captain, and a sailor, whose name was not given, by the San Francisco sealer Rat-

time of the loss of the men from the ters of the stream. Phoenix, Ariz., Rattler. The school came to the sur-face but a few yards from the little of the congress. The time of the aftergrass seed. And, having obtained seed that is good, and that is free from seed of plants that are not wanted, it merely remains to say that it should be used surface at nearer points to add to their suing year. The time of the alternoon session was taken up by the renoon session was taken up by the r

London Stock Market.

affoat by the crew of the Peary steamer Rite, that they were bringing home the California Railroad Company to the Oregon & California Railroad Company to the Oregon & California Railroad Company to the Oregon the California Railroad Company to the Oregon & California Railroad Company to the Oregon the California Railroad Company to the Oregon & California Railroad Company to the California Railroad Company to the Oregon & California Railroad Company to the California Railroad Company to the Oregon & California Railroad Company to the Oregon & California Railroad Company to the Oregon & California Railroad Company to the California Railroad Company the theorem of the Droad Company to the California Railroad Company the California R London, Sept. 24.-The unprece-

STRIFE OVER VALUES

Olympia, Wash., Sept. 19.—The scene of strife between the state board of equalization on the one side and the of equalization on the one side and the county assessors on the other, which is annually presented at the capital, is now fairly on in a somewhat exaggerated form. Tales of poverty are being heard and cloquent pleas for mercy are now made daily to the state equalizers. All this consumes time, if it does not prove effective. The value of railroad property as acqualized by the property, as equalized by the county boards in 1894 was \$13,492,997; for 1895 this is \$12,548,825, a decline of 1895 this is \$12,548,825, a decline of \$944,172, or nearly 7 per cent. Realty in 1894 was \$174,399,616; this year it is \$165,681,508, a decline of \$8,718,108, or nearly 5 per cent. Personal property in 1894 was \$28,425,333; this year, \$25,986,899, a difference of \$2,438,434, or 8 1-2 per cent. All of these figures for 1895 are without Franklin county, whose returns are not yet in. county, whose returns are not yet in. Pierce county was before the board

Pierce county was before the board today in the person of 1-rosecuting Attorney Coiner, Robert Wingate, the county commissioners and the county assessor. Regarding charges made that Pierce county had been unjustly treated a year ago, Auditor Grimes said no wrong had been done and he could rely on the records to prove his assertion. Coiner said Pierce county people felt they had been severely dealt with in the matter of taxation. They had looked at it as an aggregate proposilooked at it as an aggregate proposi-tion. They thought their valuation very large and arrived at the conclusion that it was the fault of the state board; but, upon investigation, they had concluded it was mostly their own fault. They felt, however, an injustice in the past had been done Pierce and King counties in the classification of lands as compared with other Western counties. To summarize the desire of the Pierce country needs, it would of the Pierce county people, it would appear that they are satisfied with the assessment of that county on city and town lots and improvements thereon, but they want a new and more favor-able classification made by the state

The following extract from the

Paper by a Mexican Delegate.

Albuquerque, N. M., Sept. 20.—Today's session of the national irrigation congress was opened with a paper by Don J. Ramon de Ybarrolla, of Mexico, on "International Rights." He said that in the locality of Guadalupe-Hidalgo it was explicitly agreed between the United States and Mexico that the Rio Grande should in no way be obstanted not the waters thereof approand a sailor, whose name was not given, by the San Francisco sealer Rattler. It happened on the Japan coast in May, the two men having gone away in a hunters' boat. They were probably devoured by "killers." The Rattler was spoken by the Algar in June, and she was since seen in Behring sea, but is now on the way home, and will arrive by October 1.

The hunters and boatmen of the Algar in gar had an experience with a school of vicious-looking "killers" about the treaty has hence been broken by this country. He claimed that some measure or system should be devised by international agreement whereby there would be an equal division of the waters of the stream. Phoenix, Ariz,

Albuquerque, N. M., Sept. 19.—The time of the irrigation congress today was mainly taken up by the consideration of the proposition to ask the gov-ernment to undertake the task of re-claiming the arid lands of the West by

STRIFE OVER VALUES

Annual Troubles of the Board of Equalization.

PLEAS FOR MERCY ARE HEARD

A Decided Decrease in all Property in Washington, as Assessed by the County Boards.

Olympia, Wash., Sept. 19.—The scene of strife between the state board is seen of strife between the state of slight disturbance because Bolivia demands that Peru should form ally salute her flag as a part of the terms of a treaty relating to bound-

Alarming but vague rumors continue to reach Rio de Janeiro of the uprising of the National Guard in Rio Grande of the National Guard in Rio Grande do Sul. The latest report is that 4,000 rebels have seized the town of Bage and refuse to surrender. Their leader is General Sarava, who is, it is said, acting at the instigation of General

Those Chinese for Atlanta.

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San Francisco, Sept. 21.—The local federal officers are investigating an alleged transaction by which two notorious Chinese slavedealers brought in 250 Chinese slavedealers brought in 250 Chinese slaverers, estensibly as actors for the Atlanta exposition. It is believed by officers here that the real actors for the exposition were found in New York, and of the men and women brought into the country as actors, the women are slaves and the men laborers. To avoid suspicion they were landed at Victoria and brought across the line at Ogdensburg, N. Y. The United States district attorney will lay the facts in his possession before the federal grand jury and ask for indictments against "Little Pete" and Leong Lam, who have a bad reputation with the officials.

Clear Profit to the Owners

Spokane, Sept. 19.—At a meeting of the directors of the Le Roi Mining Company tonight a dividend was declared of \$25,000. The mine is in the Trail creek district, and is owned by Spokane men. The directors expect to declare monthly dividends hereafter. At tonight's meeting George Turner, a well-known politician, resigned from the presidency to take the position of general manager. His brother, Colonel W. W. D. Turner, was elected president. The mine has paid for itself, all development work and improvements. Today's dividend is clear profit to the owners.

Canadian Affaire.

The following extract from the school book contracts will prove particularly interesting to retail dealers throughout the state:

The Werner Company agrees to take from retail dealers all saleable stock which they have on their shelves, of the books previously in use, corresponding to the grade and class of books that the board selected, and give the retailers the new books supplied by the Werner Company, in exchange, dollar for dollar; and also agree to pay all express on books sent and returned on the above exchange.

Lovell & Co. agree to make even exchange of new books now in the hands

To Coin Double Eagles.

Philadelphia, Sept. 19. — Superingulant Kretz will commence tomoradoption of their publications will be received by them at the wholesale price in Washington, and their books furnished instead, at the same price, dollar for dollar.

THE IRRIGATIONISTS.

"International Rights" the Subject of a Paper by a Mexican Delegate.

Albuquerque, N. M., Sept. 20.—Today's session of the national irrigation congress was opened with a paper by them.

The Stanford Millions

San Francisco, Sept. 19 .- The argument of the special counsel for the United States to secure for the govern-ment control of \$15,000,000 of the ment control of \$15,000,000 of the Stanford estate was resumed today in the United States circuit court of appeals. The argument closely followed the printed briefs. The argument dwelt upon the personal liabilities of the stock holders and the decision of the United States circuit court in the case of French vs. Tassuemaker was case of French vs. Teschemaker was construed as applicable to the case at the bar.

Chicago's Canal and Canadian Ports.

Ottawa, Sept. 20.—Mr. O. Hanley, who has been appointed to investigate the effect of the construction of the Chicago drainage canal upon Canadian lake ports, in reducing the water level, will shortly go to Chicago to look into the matter before reporting to the authorities here. He will also visit the Canadian lake ports and probably American lake ports that are liable to tain Canada in a general protest against Chicago's Canal and Canadian Ports join Canada in a general protest against the canal's constuction from a national

Relly on Cozey's Army.

Pocatello, Idaho, Sept. 19.—"General" Kelly, of industrial fame, spoke here in the street last night for three hours. He reviewed the travels and hardahips of Cozey's army last year and asserted that this movement was just in its infancy, and as soon as the bluebirds began to sing in the early spring they would be "marching on to Washington." He advocated government employment, and said Chicago would be headquarters for the army. He says they will not "keep off the grass."

London, Sept. 20.—A dispatch to the Standard from Madrid cays: The government has arranged with Paris bankers for a credit of 4,000,000