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NEWS OF THE NORTHWEST. The February term of the circuit court for Baker county met at Baker City yesterday. The taxpayers of Dallas will pay a levy of 20 mills this year for state, county, school and city taxes, and have lately been assessed for a rate of 18.

PLUMBING IN THE SCHOOLS. PORTLAND, Feb. 8.—(To the Editor.)—Judging from The Oregonian's report, the sanitary condition of the schools in this city would scarcely do credit to the aboriginal savage. There has certainly been a great deal of criminally faulty plumbing and very dangerous building work done in public and private.

W. Robertson has sold the Chehalis Nugget to C. M. Steadman. The annual week of the Farmers' school at Pullman, Wash., will close with more than 200 names on the roll. Mr. Barnett, of Dayton, who was supposed to have been drowned in the Pend d'Oreille, has been seen at the Washington establishment of a creamery and sugar-beet factory, the questions now interesting the citizens of Palouse.