MAY TAKE $50,000

Fees For Oregon Court Reporters Under Law of 1889.

WHAT JUDGE EAKIN SAYS OF IT

May Legally Draw Pay for Each Day of Term When Ordered by the Judge to Attend.

PENDLETON, Or., Jan. 9.—An East Oregonian special from Union quotes Judge Robert Eakin, of the seventh judicial district, as saying that the official court reporters legally draw $10 for each day of a term of court, when ordered by the judge to attend. Judge Eakin adds that judges need not order reporters to attend if cases do not demand their presence. The conclusion is that reporters may recover per diem for all days of court terms which they attended upon the judge's orders.

It is the understanding that a total of $50,000 is involved in the suit of John Wheeler, ex-reporter for this district, in this sense; that if he wins the case, other reporters in Oregon will demand back pay, as he now is claiming, under the law of 1889. His claim for $1750, if allowed, will result in other reporters putting in like bills.

MARION FRUITGROWERS MEET.

Discuss Benefits of Co-operation—Officers Were Re-elected.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 9.—The annual meeting of the Marion County Horticultural Society was held in the circuit courtroom today. In the absence of President Reynolds, Vice-President Jurey acted as chairman. The morning was consumed by an informal discussion of the benefits of a co-operative association, but as comparatively few members were present, the matter was postponed until afternoon. At 2 P. M. the annual election of officers took place, and resulted in the return of the incumbents: President, Lloyd T. Reynolds; vice-president, Oliver Jurey; secretary and treasurer, Mrs. Wanz, all of Salem. Mrs. Wanz has served as secretary for six consecutive years.

The attendance was better in the afternoon. Discussion of co-operation and horticultureal questions took up the time and proved very interesting. The idea of members of the society was to form a prunegrowers' association, but they had to abandon it until better weather shall set in, and a larger gathering shall be had.

The county court has just completed the drawing of the jury list for 1900. Two hundred names were selected, and from these the grand and petty juries will be chosen.

The board of directors of the chamber of commerce met in the office of Secretary Thielsen this morning and re-elected officers as follows: President, George B. Gray; vice-president, C. P. Bishop; treasurer, H. G. Sonnerman; secretary, H. B. Thielsen.

The following cases were argued and submitted in the supreme court today:

First National Bank of Southern Oregon, appellant, vs. Lawrence and Mary Ellen Leonard, respondents; appeal from Josephine county.

F. V. Medynski, respondent, vs. B. P. Theiss and G. W. Bashford, appellants; appeal from Jackson county.

NEW OFFICERS OF MARQUAM FAIR

Funds Provided for Improvement of Molalla Road From Oregon City.

OREGON CITY, Jan. 9.—The stockholders of the Butte Creek Agricultural Association held a meeting at Marquam yesterday and elected a board of directors and officers for the ensuing year as follows: President, Barton Jack; vice-president, S. T. Hobart; secretary, F. E. Albright; treasurer, Fred Myers. The other member of the board of directors is T. R. Hibbard. Plans were discussed for improved features at the annual fair to be held at Marquam next September.

Work was to have begun today on the Beaver creek hill between Oregon City and the Molalla road improvement. About $300 has been subscribed for this purpose by private parties, and it is assured that the county commissioners will appropriate a liberal sum for the improvement. The board referred the matter to the roadmaster, and it is understood that he will submit a favorable report. This hill is the only bad piece of road between the city and the new road, and it will be cut down so as to make an easy grade.

NEWBERG'S NEW OFFICERS.

Was a Lively Election, and the Republicans Won.

NEWBERG, Or., Jan. 9.—The annual city election took place here yesterday, and resulted in a very decided victory for the republicans, their entire ticket being elected, with the exception of one councilman, in the third ward, who lost by four votes.

The opposition put into the field a citizens' ticket, and made a strong fight for the offices of recorder and treasurer, but was defeated three to one. The vote showed a decided republican gain in the past year. The city hall was used as a polling place, and owing to the opposition introduced early in the day, a large vote was polled.

The following are the city officers-elect, who will serve during the coming year:

Mayor—J. H. Hadley.
Recorder—Joseph Wilson.
Treasurer—S. M. Calkins.
Councilmen—First ward, Noah Heater, L. M. Parker; second ward, R. J. Cooper, E. A. Hodson; third ward, W. C. Kruger, L. F. Hall.

ANNOUNCES HIS CANDIDACY.

Senator Brownell Says He Would Like to Succeed Tongue.

MILWAUKIE, Or., Jan. 9.—Last evening the Milwaukie Republican Club, and a large number of citizens, were addressed by Hon. George C. Brownell, on current topics. Incidentally, the speaker announced that he entertained an ambition to reach Washington in the official capacity of representative from Oregon, and that he was out for the seat now occupied by Hon. T. H. Tongue. Explanatory of this early statement he said he believed such matters should be open, above board and thoroughly discussed by the people. The speaker also thought Clackamas county should receive at least this recognition at the hands of the party for faithful republican work of the past. Mr. Brownell devoted most of his time to expansion.

The Milwaukie club will be represented at the coming league convention by delegates for 90 members, that being its present strength.

HOWSER SUCCESSFUL AT MEDFORD.

Was Elected Mayor by Majority of Three Votes—Returns Late.

MEDFORD, Or., Jan. 9.—The municipal election held here today resulted in a very hot contest, electing Hon. J. J. Howser, populist nominee for mayor, by a majority of three. Other returns were not in at midnight.

Republican Club at Heppner.

HEPPNER, Or., Jan. 9.—The Morrow County Republican Club, at its last meeting, elected the following officers for the ensuing two years: President, G. W. Phelps; vice-president, Herb Bartholomew; secretary, W. L. Smith; treasurer, R. Howard.

The following delegates to the state league were chosen: W. R. Ellis, W. L. Saling, F. G. Hart, N. S. Whetstone, A. G. Bartholomew, V. Crawford, B. B. Kelly, E. L. Freeland, E. R. Hunlock, A. Andrews.

NORTHWEST DEAD.

Henry C. Owen, Who Came From Missouri to Oregon in 1844.

EUGENE, Jan. 9.—Henry C. Owen died at his home in this city this morning, after an illness of several months.

Mr. Owen was born at Lexington, Mo., September 18, 1822. He crossed the plains to Oregon, arriving at The Dalles in September, 1844. He was engaged in trading for a few years before settling permanently, and in 1846, while returning from California, had a lively encounter with the Rogue River Indians. In 1850, he took up a claim a few miles west of Eugene, which has ever since been his home, though he has spent considerable time in Eugene.

Mr. Owen was one of the hardy pioneers who had a great deal to do with the development of Oregon, and his courageous and generous spirit has been helpful in many ways. In 1856, he, with John Cogswell, engaged in the lumber business on the Columbia river, and whipsawed nearly 30,000 feet of oak timber. He was also engaged in business with Colonel Nesmith at Dallas, Polk county, for some time.

Mr. Owen was married at Dallas, June 17, 1848, to Almina Elizabeth Nichols. She died March 18, 1865, and January 7, 1868, he married Mrs. Minerva F. Vanduyne, who died July 3, 1874. He was the father of nine children, five of whom are living. They are H. C. Owen, jr., of Monroe; Mrs. William Mansfield, of Napa, Ida., and Benjamin Wilson Owen and Nesmith Owen, of Eugene.

Mr. Owen had been a member of the Masonic lodge of this city since 1857.

Sketch of Dr. Perry G. Barrett.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Jan. 9.—Dr. Perry G. Barrett, an old and prominent citizen of Hood River, died at his farm, four miles from town, on Sunday evening, at the age of nearly 70 years. He had gone to his barn to do some chores, where he was found dead, less than one hour after leaving the house. Death was caused by heart disease.

Dr. Barrett was born at Kingsville, O., in 1830. At the age of 16 he taught school in his native town. After having followed the profession of teaching several years, he entered a medical college at Buffalo, N. Y., where he received the degree of M. D. He then went to Kansas, where he practiced his profession until the civil war broke out, when he returned to Ohio, and received the appointment of assistant surgeon in the army. His skill and devotion soon earned for him a promotion to a commissioned army surgeon, in which capacity he faithfully served his country until the close of the war.

Dr. Barrett was united in marriage with his surviving wife at Jefferson, O., in 1866. They settled at Erie, Pa., where four years later they lost all their property by fire. In 1871 they came to Oregon, locating on their farm in Hood River, which has since been their home. Six years ago the doctor gave up the practice of his profession, and since then lived a very quiet, retired life. He was one of the founders of the Congregational church in Hood river valley, and lived a life of noble purpose and lofty devotion until the day of his death.

His kindly disposition, lofty purpose and high integrity earned for him a large place in the community, and to it he leaves an untarnished name and abiding influence.

He had the best private library in Hood River. The funeral services will be held Wednesday, under the auspices of the Masonic fraternity, of which he was a member. Rev. J. L. Hershner, pastor of the Congregational church, will conduct services at the house. Interment will be at Idlewilde cemetery.

Mrs. Trimble, Pioneer of 1847.

SALEM, Jan. 9.—Mrs. Sarah Allen Trimble died here this evening, aged 88. She had been ill some time. While going from Walla Walla to La Grande two years ago she met with a fall, and had not been well since. For nearly a year she had suffered from heart failure.

Mrs. Trimble, whose maiden name was Sarah Benson, was born in Tennessee May 31, 1811. Early in life she removed to Illinois, where she was united in marriage to Samuel Allen. From Illinois they went to Missouri, and came hence to Oregon, arriving here in 1847. They at once settled on the Abiqua, two and one-half miles from Silverton, and the scene of the first battle between the hardy settlers of this county and the Indians. Their home there was for years the stopping place for immigrants, for they were so noted for hospitality that no one passed without paying them a visit. In 1870 they left Abiqua and came to Salem. In 1876 Mr. Allen died, and in 1878 Mrs. Allen was married to S. A. Trimble, who survives her.

Mrs. Trimble has five children now living. They are Mrs. T. B. Allen, of Portland, mother of Wiley B. Allen; Mrs. Evelene Donaldson, of Salem; Mrs. A. ... Sweeney, of Walla Walla, Wash.; Mrs. L. A. Settlemeier, of Summerville, and Miss M. L. Allen, of Salem. Three—Mrs. Brown, of Gervais, W. H. Allen and Miss J. Allen—are dead.

Short funeral services will be held here tomorrow, and Thursday morning the remains will be taken to Woodburn, where services will be held in the Cumberland Presbyterian church, at 10:30 o'clock. Interment will be in the Bell Passi cemetery.

Death of a Young Soldier.

PIONEER, Wash., Jan. 9.—William Crabb, of company E, Fourteenth infantry, who died at Manila, December 24, of chronic diarrhoea, was the eldest son of Margaret and Stephen Crabb, of this place. His death is deeply mourned, as he was liked and respected by all who knew him. He went to the Philippine islands with the first expedition, May 25, 1898, and took part in many of the important engagements of the Philippine campaign. He was a devoted son, a good citizen, a brave soldier; he loved his country and died in its service.

Served in Mink's Battery.

FOREST GROVE, Or., Jan. 9.—Walter Brunson, aged 60, who served in Mink's battery during the war, died at Glencoe this morning. He came from New York to Oregon eight years ago. He was a member of J. B. Matthews post, G. A. R., of this place, under the auspices of which he will be buried in the Naylor cemetery Thursday.

Veteran of the Civil War.

M'MINNVILLE, Jan. 9.—A. H. Fuller died here last night. He was a veteran of the civil war, and a prominent member of Custer post, G. A. R., by which organization he was buried today. He was about 75 years old.

History of the First Washington.

OLYMPIA, Jan. 9.—The force in the adjutant-general's department has begun the task of compiling an official report of the organization and record of events connected with the First Washington volunteers, United States army. Official United States records will be compiled without alteration or examination, and the complete record published. At least a month's time will be occupied in this work, as the report will be quite extensive.

Selecting Forest Grove Debaters.

FOREST GROVE, Jan. 9.—A preliminary contest to select debaters to represent Pacific university at the coming intercollegiate debate with Willamette university, resulted this evening in the selection of Linn Lancefield, William Fletcher and A. D. Schoch.

Stricken With Paralysis.

FOREST GROVE, Or., Jan. 9.—Word reached here today from Whatcom, that Dr. Alonzo Rogers, formerly the pastor of the Congregational church at this place for six years, was stricken with paralysis. Mr. Rogers is well known over this state.

EAGER BIDDERS FOR LAND

THE TIDE FLAT ON COLUMBIA BOTTOM OPPOSITE VANCOUVER.

State Land Board Will Have Property Appraised Before Consenting to Sell—Something Brewing.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 9.—The state land board met today to consider two applications for the purchase of tidelands lying on either side of what is known as the long county bridge leading from Woodlawn to the Vancouver ferry landing. The first application was from O. F. Paxton, president of the Portland Street Railway Company, who offered $2 per acre for 50-odd acres of the land. The second was from ex-District Attorney Charles F. Lord, of Portland, who offered $2 25 per acre for 70 acres. The applications caused quite a contest, for both had been filed the same day, one at 8 A. M. and the other at noon. Each applicant was so strenuous in his desire to get the property that the board, thinking the land might be of value, decided to have it appraised, and until this shall be done there will be no sale.

Why the land is wanted is not known, as it is nothing but a watery waste in summer, and its dankness emits a nauseous smell in the early fall. It is supposed, however, that Mr. Paxton wants it because the last half-mile of the Vancouver branch of the Portland railway passes through it to the Columbia river, and its acquirement by others might injure the company's right of way. What Lord wants of it can only be conjectured. The ardent desire of each to get it indicates that there is something brewing, possibly the building of another railway to the Vancouver landing.

MRS. SARAH BENSON TRIMBLE

MARION-COUNTY PIONEER OF 1847, WHO DIED YESTERDAY.

MORE LIVESTOCK WANTED.

To Pasture Morrow County Grain Fields—Big Offers for Wool.

HEPPNER, Jan. 9.—The prospects for crops and stock of all kinds were never better than at present. There has been no weather severe enough to make it necessary to feed stock as yet. The greatest difficulty that confronts the Morrow county farmers is where to get stock enough to pasture down the wheat so that it will not joint before the expected cold snap that usually comes in February.

Six thousand fleeces of wool were contracted here yesterday at $1 30 per fleece. This is to come from sheep that range on the land, and it usually shrinks 73 to 80 per cent. Seventeen and one-quarter cents is freely offered for some of the lighter wools, but so far no one has sold at that figure or expressed a desire to do so even at a much higher figure. These sales and offers are for wool now on the sheep's backs. Sheepmen are confident that wool will reach 20 cents here the coming spring.

CLIFTON CANNERY MAY NOT RUN.

Prospect for Opening of Fishing Season at Astoria.

ASTORIA, Jan. 9.—It is reported that Cook's Clifton cannery will not be operated by the combine this year, and that J. O. Spencer, who has been superintendent of this cannery for Mr. Cook for the past 26 years, has resigned his connection with the combine, and has gone to Puget sound to engage in the salmon canning business there.

Interest in the coming fishing season is already manifest, and all the cannerymen are giving out twine as good resident fishermen will be in demand. It will be more difficult this year for outside fishermen to procure licenses, as the registration books for voters will be a good guide for Fish Commissioner Reed to go by. At the present time, 7½ cents per pound is being paid for steelheads, but they are scarce. It is expected that when the season opens the price of chinooks will be at least 5 cents, and possibly 6 cents, per pound.

RECEIVER FOR RAILROAD.

W. S. Chandler to Take Charge of Coos Bay, Roseburg & Eastern.

MARSHFIELD, Or., Jan. 9.—J. D. Spreckels & Bros. Company, having exhausted all amicable means to get the board of directors of the Coos Bay, Roseburg & Eastern railroad to call a meeting of the stockholders for the purpose of accepting the resignation of said board, were compelled to resort to more stringent measures and applied to the United States court at Portland for a receiver. The court appointed W. S. Chandler to that position. This will permit the company to proceed unmolested by any board of directors, and will facilitate the handling of the property and the inauguration of contemplated improvements.

O. R. & N. Wharf at Independence.

INDEPENDENCE, Or., Jan. 9.—The O. R. & N. Co. has a large force of carpenters at work on their new dock at this place reshingling the old sawmill building, which they will use as a warehouse and storeroom. They also have a force of men driving piles for the new wharf, which they will put in immediately. This will give the O. R. & N. Co. the finest wharf on the Willamette river.

Will Kedge Lightship Further Out.

ASTORIA, Jan. 9.—Until the weather conditions are entirely favorable, no further attempts will be made to take the lightship off. A large mushroom anchor has been placed on a scow, and it will be taken around and dropped well off shore from the vessel and a cable carried from it to the lightship, and with it the vessel will be kedged out to deep water, so the tugs can readily get a line to her.

Fire on Coos River Steamer.

MARSHFIELD, Or., Jan. 9.—Last night, about 10 o'clock, fire was discovered on the steamer Coos River, lying at her dock at Roger's place, on Coos river. The alarm was immediately given and the fire was soon put out, but not until it had burned the pilot-house and cabin. The loss is about $600. The Coos River is a river steamer running between Marshfield and the Upper Coos river, and is owned by Steven Rogers, who will soon have her in running order again.

OLD JUDGE IN NEW COURTHOUSE.

First Court in Linn County's New Structure Held by Judge Boise.

ALBANY, Or., Jan. 9.—Judge R. P. Boise this afternoon held the first term of circuit court in the new courthouse, an adjourned session. It is a noteworthy fact that Judge Boise also held the first term of circuit court in the old courthouse erected in 1864. Judge Boise has been attending court at Albany as district attorney and circuit judge since 1854. Some of the earliest terms of court were held under an oak tree, with a log for a jury-box.

Notes of Marion County.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 9.—The first annual meeting of the stockholders of the Oregon Hopgrowers' Association will be held at Woodburn the 19th inst.

The first rehearsal of the Salem chorus, which will participate in the May festival, took place tonight. There was a good attendance, and the oratorio "Creation" was well rendered, under the direction of Professor Francesco Seley.

News was received today that the safe in the store of E. B. Sackett, at Jefferson, 17 miles south of Salem, was blown open and robbed Sunday night. The burglars secured about $10.

Oregon Notes.

Steelhead salmon are reported very numerous in Coos bay.

The Dalles has authorized a contract for an electric-fire alarm system for 10 years.

The Roseburg postoffice is next door to a saloon, and many citizens dislike its location.

The common council of The Dalles has passed an ordinance to refund $20,000 of 6 per cent bonds at 4 per cent.

It is a common thing now, when a merchant enlarges his store, for the local paper to proclaim him an expansionist.

Judge Hale's recommendation by the Oregon delegation for appointment to an Alaska judgeship is approved by several Valley newspapers of opposite political faith.

Prineville's mayor estimates the population of the town at 1000. Its receipts last year were $2194, and its outgo $3232—more than $1000 of which went as marshal's, attorney's and recorder's fees.

At Huntington, a warrant is out for the arrest of Pete Matthiesen, foreman of a cattle ranch, who is accused of borrowing considerable sums in Malheur county and trying to leave the country.

J. H. Upton, a populist member of the legislature from Coos county some years ago, is slowly recovering from a serious illness of a year's duration, but is unable yet to use his legs and arms actively.

A horse, loaded with United States mail, was recently killed near the falls below Brewster valley by missing its footing and rolling over a precipice on the rocks, 150 feet below. The mail was recovered.

At Antelope, the stockholders of the Wasco Southern Telephone Company have elected directors, of whom J. N. Burgess is president, and F. N. Wallace secretary. The work of setting poles and stretching wires will commence about April 1.

The private banking firm at Burns has been dissolved, and in its stead a bank has been incorporated by citizens with a paid-up capital of $25,000. J. W. Biggs is president. The News says the stockholders are prominent citizens of Harney county.

Last year was an "off" one for Coos county fruit, but nevertheless, one house at Myrtle Point packed 19 tons of first-class evaporated apples and shipped 3500 boxes of choicest apples. Also, a large quantity of vinegar was manufactured from small apples and pummies from the drier.

The Christian denomination of Albany intends to build a new church and has raised $3000 toward it. The pastor announces that the size of the building is to be determined by the amount of money raised, as the congregation intend to build only such a structure as may be dedicated free from debt.

There were four hold-ups in the railroad yards at The Dalles last Sunday. Three of the victims were "beating their way" on the road, and two of the robberies occurred in a box-car. From one of their victims the robbers got $11 35. Two fellows named Cary and Quinlin were arrested for the crimes, and have been identified by some of the men robbed.

From the Lakeview Examiner: "Only 78 rabbits were killed as a result of the drive on the West Side last Sunday. The drive was made over the same ground as on the previous Sunday. The cause of the small killing on the two drives was owing to lack of assistance. The rabbits are there in plenty. Next Sunday the pens will be placed one-half mile south of Union schoolhouse."

From the Lakeview Rustler: "Mrs. Batchelder, while trying to draw a nail with a hammer last week, let the hammer slip. It struck her on the nose and injured her so badly that it was necessary to call in a physician. While no joking matter with Mrs. Batchelder, yet it is an illustration of the old story that a woman cannot drive a nail, sharpen a pencil or throw a stone."

Spreckels Bros. & Co., who recently came into possession of Coos county's railroad, make this announcement: "It is proposed to conduct the business of the company in such a manner as will promote the best interests of the community with whom we have to deal, believing that its interests are identical with our own; and we desire at all times the co-operation of the people who are interested in the welfare of the counties from which the road will secure support."

SOON TO BE EXECUTED

GEORGE WEBSTER, WHO MURDERED MEDICAL LAKE WOMAN.

Took Case to United States Court, and There Abandoned It—Escapade of Minister's Son.

SPOKANE, Jan. 9.—George Webster, who, more than 18 months ago, murdered Mrs. Lize Apsland, near Medical Lake, is to be executed, probably inside of 90 days. Webster's case is an illustration of murder trials in Washington. The crime was a brutal one, and conviction quickly followed. Appeal was taken to the supreme court to no avail; then to the federal court on a writ of habeas corpus. The writ was denied, but right of appeal to the United States supreme court was granted. The appeal was taken and the case came up a week ago. Today the United States supreme court dismissed the appeal. Neither of Webster's attorneys appeared before the judges.

Webster, who is fat and well fed in the county jail in Spokane, has had for a landscape during these months of waiting the black scaffold erected within the courthouse enclosure. He will probably occupy that structure before spring shall come.

Escapade of a Minister's Son.

Dr. L. W. Beans, formerly assistant superintendent of the Medical Lake asylum for the insane, is believed to be on his way to Chicago, and his father, Rev. W. K. Beans, of the Vincent Methodist church of Spokane, is paying out of his salary the debts contracted by his son in Medical Lake, amounting to several hundred dollars.

Dr. Beans, who was formerly an appointee of Superintendent McLean, of the asylum, failed to pass his examination before the state medical board, and was ousted. He is succeeded by Dr. R. James, who took up the work today. James is a recent arrival from Minnesota.

Beans was not a legal voter when appointed. He did not comport himself in Medical Lake as should a minister's son, but drank and gambled, as his father admits. Young Beans borrowed money right and left, and disappeared Sunday. He left no word with his parents as to his destination, but told some of the asylum employes he was going to Chicago; others that he was going to Puget sound. Young Beans is 25 years old and unmarried.

AN AWKWARD FIGHT.

Lewiston and Moscow Uncovering Each Other's Infirmities.

LEWISTON, Ida., Jan. 9.—There is a merry war now being waged between Lewiston and Moscow over the proposed location of a new Federal building. The whole affair is to be deplored, because the controversy has taken on the spirit of personal accusation of citizens. United States Senator George L. Shoup introduced a bill in the senate providing for a Federal building at Moscow. There was not the ghost of a show for such a building anywhere in Idaho this year, and sensible citizens were inclined to take this view of the situation. It gave Moscow something to talk about and did not detract from the importance of Lewiston. There was no unfriendliness shown until at the last meeting of the Lewiston city council, when a memorial to congress was introduced by Alderman Shaff. This memorial was a bitter arraignment of Moscow as a town, and was decidedly impolitic in all its utterances. It was like one man calling another hard names to prove an argument. Whatever induced Alderman Shaff to father such a proceeding is past understanding, for he is usually conservative. The memorial designated Moscow as a town of bankrupts, and its citizens as horrible examples of outlawry. The memorial, in all its vicious entirety, was printed in one of the newspapers of Lewiston. It would appear that Moscow has been carrying a chip on its shoulder for some time waiting for Lewiston to knock it off. The trouble began as soon as the newspaper containing the memorial reached the ambitious town with the Russian name. There was blood on the moon in Moscow, and its two editors began to write all the bad things about Lewiston they could remember. Those editors evidently have excellent memories, for they seemed to be able to repeat the criminal docket of Nez Perces county for nearly half a century. After they had filled their newspapers with diatribe and incriminations, they stopped to take breath, and promised additional installments of the story in future issues of their newspapers. There is nothing pleasant about it, or even interesting, for it is like the billingsgate of two fishwives. The real author of the objectionable memorial is not known, although his identity cannot long remain hidden. In order to counteract the effect of this bad piece of municipal thoughtlessness, the Lewiston Commercial Club drew up a memorial to congress, couched in dignified and diplomatic language. But the wrong had already been done, and the pot of vulgarity is still boiling, while the dirty linen of two towns is being strung on the clothesline of publicity.

CENTRALIA'S LIGHT CONTROVERSY.

Lessee of City Plant Refuses to Supply Light to a Private Consumer.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Jan. 9.—In the electric-light controversy, which resulted in the issuance, on Saturday, of an alternative writ of mandate from the superior court against the city of Centralia, the vital question is as to the present relations between Electrician Canon and the city. The light plant is the property of the city, having been purchased several years ago. Mr. Canon has leased the plant annually for several years.

The present trouble arose over a misunderstanding between Canon and McNitt over the payment for certain lights which the latter was using. The whole or a part of McNitt's light service was shut off.

McNitt appeared before the city council and requested it to compel Mr. Canon to furnish him the necessary light. This the council failed or refused to do.

The contention of the petitioner is that Canon is an agent of the city and in its employ, and that the city is therefore responsible for his acts and omissions. Petitioner will also attack the validity of the lease, claiming it to be irregular. The city maintains that the relations between it and Canon are simply those of lessor and lessee; that the city can, therefore, in no way be held responsible for his acts; that Canon has been acting in his private capacity, and that the city can only become a party to the controversy in the event of its own rights and interests being assailed.

New Oregon Postal Service.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—Upon the recommendation of Representative Moody, railroad mail service has been established from Flavel, by Hammond, to Fort Stevens, Or., over the Astoria & Columbia River railroad, a distance of 2¼ miles and back, six times a week, or as much oftener as trains may run. This service will go into operation January 29.

A postoffice has been established at Bakersfield, Washington county, Or., on the route from Hayward to Greenville. Sylvia L. Baker has been appointed postmaster.

Coos Populists Want Straight Ticket.

Coquille City Bulletin.

Some 20-odd middle-of-the-road populists met in this city last Saturday to elect a new central committee and determine upon a plan for the coming campaign. The meeting was enthusiastic. Delegates were present from Coquille, Myrtle Point, Dora, Missouri and Bandon. While the representation was not as full as desired, probably due to the inclement weather, those present declared it the duty and sense of the convention to see that a straight populist ticket was nominated at the next election.

WHITE PASS RAILROAD CRIPPLED.

Heavy Storms Blockaded It for Two Weeks or More.

SKAGWAY, Jan. 4.—(Special correspondence.)—Lake Bennett, the last link in the Yukon watercourse to close, has just frozen from end to end, and horse teams have begun to travel over its icy surface, though it is not safe, a horse team having broken through and drowned yesterday. The interior road, however, may now be considered open from Bennett to Dawson. But from Skagway to Bennett, 40 miles, the White Pass & Yukon railroad, which has been expected to keep open all winter, has not sent a train for a week, and no train can go for another week. The wagon road, which parallels the railroad, is being opened. Men and horses were sent out yesterday to open the wagon road to Bennett, and it is expected to be open in a day or two. Freight is being taken over the trails in small quantities at 11 cents a pound. The railroad rate is 3 cents. People coming out from Dawson are walking from Bennett.

Terrific winds blow through the pass and sweep the snow in high banks. The driving snow has filled the cuts along the railroad and thus made it very difficult for the railroad company to clear the tracks. The rotary, a brand-new and superior machine, has been so crippled that it will take a week to repair it.

The holidays being over, the regular winter movement to the interior is expected to be noticeably felt here in a week or two. The establishment of roadhouses at short intervals all the way to Dawson has made it much easier to travel, and several transportation companies are preparing immediately to give passenger and express and freight service with horse teams. One company will put on 250 teams.

Two men have come out on bicycles, making the trip in 14 days and riding half the way or more on the wheels. They predict the wheel will be of great value on the winter route, and that the trip to Dawson will be made in five to six days on the wheel.

WARDE AT VANCOUVER.

Addressed Teachers and Pupils of Public Schools on Shakespeare.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Jan. 9.—Frederick Warde entertained the teachers and pupils of the Vancouver public schools, more particularly the high school, by delivering for their benefit one of his characteristic addresses on Shakespeare this afternoon. The address was delivered at the special invitation of the Vancouver school board, composed of Mrs. M. L. S. Hidden, Mayor A. B. Eastham and ex-Mayor W. H. Brewster, who met the eminent actor at the ferry landing and escorted him to the superior court room at the county courthouse, which had been secured for the address, in order to accommodate as many as possible. The room was crowded with the pupils, teachers and patrons of the schools. Mr. Warde spoke for an hour and a half.

At the close of the address, Superintendent Shumway, of the city schools, addressed the distinguished visitor briefly and presented him a paper, signed by the teachers and pupils of the schools, expressive of their sincere thanks for and high appreciation of his visit and address.

Washington Notes.

The Enterprise estimates that over $25,000 of improvements have been made in Arlington during the year past.

H. S. Ewing has sold the Buckley Banner to R. N. Kernighan, who has been connected with it for the past two years.

Fish Commissioner Little has arranged to plant a carload of Eastern lobsters in Puget sound waters as an experiment.

Jules Stampfler was fined $15 and costs, amounting in all to $20 55, for hugging a woman on Main street, Olympia, on Friday afternoon.

A Pomeroy man has been fined $20 for allowing his son to remain on the streets after 7:30 o'clock in the evening, in violation of a curfew ordinance.

The oldest letter-carrier in Seattle is Everett A. Hartley, whose term of service dates from August 6, 1888. He will, therefore, wear two black stars.

The San Juan county treasurer's report shows cash on hand in the county current fund of $3293 14, county indebtedness fund $1476 20, making a cash balance on hand of $4769 34, with no outstanding warrants.

At the December meeting of the board of Thurston county commissioners the question of calling $20,000 worth of the Olympia & Chehalis Valley railroad funding bonds of 1899 was considered, and the call decided upon. Of course, as the bonds have 10 years yet to run the call was conditional on the disposition of the holders to release them.

When John W. Maple went out of the office of treasurer of King county (Seattle) January 9, 1897, his shortage, owing to the failure of banks in which he had deposited money, was $21,308 92. With the exception of $2280 all of this money has been paid back to the county by the different banks, and the prospects are that the one lone outstanding debt will soon be wiped out.

The Lake Whatcom Logging Company has 42 men employed in building the railroad from the head of Lake Whatcom into its new timber belt, says the New Whatcom Reveille. The company has started an innovation in railroad work by using a logging engine to clear the right of way through the woods. The big trees are felled and then, instead of being cut up and hauled to one side by teams, or rolled with cant hooks, a cable attached to a big donkey engine is fastened on the big logs and they are snaked out of the way in a hurry.

Quotations of Mining Stocks.

SPOKANE, Jan. 9.—The closing bids for mining stocks today were:

Blacktail	$0 07½	Morning Glory	$0 05
Butte & Boston	3¾	Morrison	4
Crystal	3	Princess Maud	7
Deer Trail No. 2	11	Palmer Mt. Tun.	18
Evening Star	7	Rambler Cariboo	32
Gold Ledge	8½	Republic	1 00
Insurgent	2	Rossland Giant	7¾
Jim Blaine	21	Sullivan	9¼
Lone Pine Surp.	17	Tom Thumb	15
Little Cariboo	½	Waterloo	10
Mountain Lion	99		

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 9.—The official closing quotations for mining stocks today were:

Alta	$0 03	Lady Wash. Con.	2
Alpha Con	3	Mexican	30
Andes	10	Occidental Con	18
Belcher	10	Ophir	69
Best & Belcher	23	Overman	8
Bullion	3	Potosi	17
Caledonia	50	Savage	17
Challenge Con	20	Scorpion	3
Chollar	20	Seg. Belcher	2
Confidence	62	Sierra Nevada	42
Con. Cal. & Va.	1 45	Silver Hill	3
Crown Point	11	Standard	2 70
Gould & Curry	23	Union Con	26
Hale & Norcross	30	Utah Con	3
Justice	2	Yellow Jacket	23

NEW YORK, Jan. 9.—Mining stocks today closed as follows:

Chollar	$0 15	Ophir	$0 68
Crown Point	10	Plymouth	8
Con. Cal. & Va.	1 4	Quicksilver	1 50
Deadwood	55	do pref	6 00
Gould & Curry	20	Sierra Nevada	40
Hale & Norcross	40	Standard	2 40
Homestake	55 00	Union Con	23
Mexican	27	Yellow Jacket	21
Ontario	7 25		

BOSTON, Jan. 9.—Closing quotations:

Boston & Mont.	$2 75	Parrott	$0 46½
Butte & Boston	45		

Baker City.

Talk about your Monte Cristo,
  Klondike, Creede and Cripple Creek,
When I shake the dust of Frisco
  Baker's where I swing my pick.
Neptune's barytone commands us
  In inviting terms to steer
Northward—let him flap his canvas,
  We'll pretend we do not hear.
Hear me sing a horse-sense ditty
When I shout for Baker City.

Glad, in sweet anticipation,
  Climb a hill that gazes down
On our Baker's regal station,
  She should wear a golden crown.
Well we know that she has humped her-
  Self and still is on the jump.
Also keep your eye on Sumpter,
  Let your optic graze on Sump.
When you're next to Fortune take her
In the yellow tints of Baker.

Stake your claim and call it Bella,
  Dividender—some old thing.
Ere the summer ends you'll tell a
  Tale to paralyze a king.
Fellers who are Nome-ward crawling
  Call you lobsters of all sorts,
What's the dif. so they're not calling
  You too late to get your quartz?
Hark! the herald miner's singing
While his brawny arm is swinging.

Think not in my wildest revels
  That I am misleading you,
Leaving out the Seven Devils'
  Entree in our grand menu.
I am not a gay dissembler,
  But with due respect insist
That the great earth-shaking trembler,
  Stamping out its golden grist,
Sounds its mighty roar to heaven
'Round the rugged Devils Seven.

Clustering towns like country cousins,
  Nestling where there's treasure-trove,
Stand around like Baker's dozens,
  There the tenderfoot will rove;
There in fissures I'd as lief stake
  Out a claim as go to Nome,
Where no chef will cook a beefsteak
  A la bordelaise de home.
Men who know a good thing pity
Those who'd sidetrack Baker City.

—H. F. Rodney.

Northwestern Postoffices.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—Upon the recommendation of Senator McBride and Representative Tongue, George F. Merriman was appointed postmaster at Medford, Or. G. F. Morris was appointed postmaster at Linnens, Or., vice J. A. Morris, resigned.

R. S. Irish was appointed postmaster at Scotia, Wash.

Senator Foster today had the salary of Chief Clerk King, of the Walla Walla postoffice, increased from $900 to $1200 per year.

Good Timber for Legislature.

J. S. Hunt, Ben Huntington and J. B. Riddle are "mentioned" by the Roseburg Plaindealer as "good timber" for Douglas county to send to the legislature.

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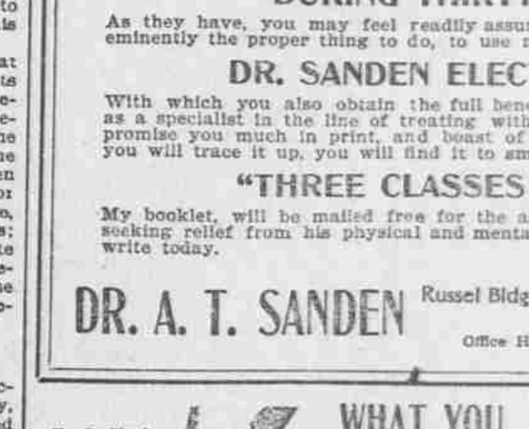

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HEART TROUBLE.

Canyon City, Colo., Jan. 5, 1899.

Dr. H. Sanche—

Dear Sir: I have received much benefit from the Oxydonor No. 2, this last year since Feb. 3, 1898. The doctors all told me I had heart trouble, could do nothing for me; now after eleven months' treatment with your Oxydonor No. 2 I am nearly well, am entirely cured of Rheumatism and have also used it in my family with good results. Respectfully, MRS. D. P. PETERSON.

PARALYSIS.

Campbell Hill, Jackson Co., Ill., April 24, 1899.

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Dear Sirs: I loaned my Oxydonor to a man who was given up by the doctors to die, and he is now well. He was paralyzed. He tried my Oxydonor a few days, and then bought himself one. He says it saved his life. Yours truly, MARY ELOY.

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