LOOKING TOWARD SIBERIA.

Be Found There.

such a demand at this point for informa-

ion in regard to the mining laws of Si-perla that the chamber of commerce has

taken up the matter with Delegate Price. in Washington, D. C. Mr. Price has been unable to find there any other than gen-

eral statements of laws printed in Rus-. He learned, however, that there some special legislation concerning

the transfer of Eastern Siberian mining properties, and that copies of the

on one side of the sea that washes Nome's

golden beach has given hopes to some who have thought of the czar's invitation.

Clayson Still Unaccounted For.

WOMEN START FOR CAPE NOME.

Married at Dawson City.

Miss Bertha Matlock, daughter of J. D.

Matlock, of Umatilla county, Oregon, was married here last week to E. A. Emmons,

owner of various mining properties, and a representative of New York interests.

They are housekeeping in a cabin. Mr. Matiock has interests in a Dawson gro-

cery.

to exploit its value.

Nothing has yet been learned as to the

Siberia Exploration Company. The fact that Siberia's eastern sh

gold strike, vaguely rumored. strongly suspect murder.

her distant Arctic destination.

San Francisco.

TRUST'S FIRST YEAR

Satisfactory Results of Columbia Salmon Combine.

24 PER CENT DIVIDEND REPORTED

Little Change in Officers-Capperles That Wift Be Operated This Year -Encouraging Prospect.

ASTORIA, Or., Jan. 25.—The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Columbia River Packers' Association was held in this city today, the stockholders present being. J. M. Warren, S. Parrell, J. O. Hanthorn, Claud Hanthorn, J. W. Cook, S. Francis P. A. Cook, W. Cook, S. Francis P. Cook, S. Elmore, B. A. Seaborg, W. G. Gesslin, Benjamin Young, F. C. Reed, T. B. McGovern and John Entherg. The sting was called to order by Vice-sident Elmore, who presided in place of President Hammond, who was in New York. The annual reports of the officers were read, and the meeting of stockholders adjourned after electing the following

Samuel Elmore George H. George, J. O. Hanthorn, B. A. Senborg, J. W. Cook, M. J. Kinney, A. B. Hammond, T. B. Mc-Govern, Edwin Stone, W. H. Barker and

A meeting of the board of directors was subsequently convened, at which officers were elected as follows:

President, A. B. Hammond; vice-presidents, Samuel Elmore and J. O. Hanthorn; serietary, George H. George; treasurer, W. G. Gosslin; executive committee, A. B. Hammond, S. Elmore, W. G. Gossiin, George H. George and T. B.

The executive committee consists of the esme members as last year, with the exception of J. O. Hanthorn, in whose place W. G. Gosslin was selected, Mr. Hanthorn ing premoted to the chairmanship of the auditing committee. It is understood that the report of the vice-president showed a condition of affairs resulting from the operations of last season which was entirely satisfactory to the stock

Mr. Elmore was seen after the meeting adjourned and stated that the outlook for the coming season was very encouraging. He said that the canneries designated for operation during the coming season were the Elmore, Kinney, Hanthorn, Eureka and Rooster Rock, on the upper river, and that arrangements had been made which would more than double the output man; secretary, Ernest Welsner; treasurer, of the operated canneries. There was no J. H. Baughman. intention, Mr. Elmore said, to antagonize

outside cannerymen.

B. McGovern, who came out from New York as the representative of the Eastern stockholders, expressly to attend the meeting, said that there was nothing relating to the immediate affairs of the association that he cared to state for publication, further than that the management and outcome of last season's operations were more than satisfactory to him self and those whom he represented. A to the outlook for the coming season, Mr. MoGovern said that in all the years of his experience in the industry he had never seen prespects better. "There has never been a time," said he, "when the stocks of Columbia river salmon have been so light in first hands. The output for last year was far below the demand. This is true not only of Columbia river goods, but plso of all other grades of salmon. The market is higher than ever known before, and, in my judgment, is destined to

Being asked the reason for the unusual demand, Mr. McGovern stated that, is demand, Mr. McGovern stated that, in insopinion, it was due to the remarkable improvement in business and the general prosperity of the people. "Never has there been such a bright outlook for all kinds of industrial occupations as at this time in this country," said Mr. McGovern. "People in New York and all over the East and Middle West are buying more largely of all classes of goods and better grades than were ever demanded heretofore. The future is most encourag-ing, and it is only natural that our par-ticular commodity. Columbia river salmon, should share in an improvement

Mr. McGovern will leave Astoria for Puret sound this evening, and after spending a few days there on business for his firm, will return direct to New

Individual members of the board of directors state that a dividend of 21/2 per cent on the capital stock of \$2,00.000 was declared, but the officers refuse either to affirm or deny the statement.

NEW PRASER BIVER COMBINE. Salmon Canners Unite for Protection

and Profit. VANCOUVER, B. C., Jan. 25.-A British combine was formed today of the Fraser river canneries, superseding the pools which had been greanged in default of a general plan of co-ope at on. The arrange-ment made is regarded of the greatest im-

ace to the canners. The canners met not ostensibly for the purpose of forming a combination, but to discuss a somewhat dreary outlook for the coming season. An arrangement has been made which, for protective and operative purposes, makes the & canneries on the Frazer river one big institution. All the cannots signed the agreement except two, and these represented four canneries, the directors of which reside in England.

The compact involves the price of salmon and the size of the pack. A committee will be chosen to set a price on salmon for the season. After the fishermen's price shall have been regulated, the canners will be bound each one by a deposit of a \$1000 certifies check not to offer more than the set price for fish. The committee will arrange the size of the pack for each cannery according to the size of the can-nery and the extent of the packs they have put up in other years and the amount of the expectate pack of the Fraser. Should any camer have the good fortune to put up a larger pack than has been avalened to him, his surplus pack must be divided pro rata among all the other canpers on the Praser river.

POPULAR VOTE FOR SENATOR.

Governor Geer's Opinion and His Esilmate of Oregon Sentiment. SALEM, Or., Jan. 25.-In answer to

request from the New York Heraid for regarding the election of United States sensiors by popular vote, and also for his on the same subject, Governor Geer today sent the following mes

Salem, Jan. 25.-The Hetald, New York; I have a regard almost amounting veneration for the system of government handed down to us by the Revolutionary fathers, and, until recent years, have been opposed to any change in the manner of electing United States senators. But experience during the last decade in the legislatures of many states indicates a growing tendency towards combinations and solfish schemes that not only often thwart the will of the people, but fre-quently prevent any election at all. Besides, these protracted struggles operate to interfere with much-needed legislation, and, since they are of increasing fre-quency, there seems no remedy so effectquency, there seems no remedy so effect-ual as to provide for the election of senators by popular vote. Oregon has had more than its share of these wrangles, considering its population and age, and, with the experience of one deadlock, resuiting in no election, necessitating an extra session; another similar one which obstructed legislation until the last hour of the session, and two years later a fail-ure to organize the legislature at all dur-

have brought the people of Oregon, in my opinion, to that point where \$5 per cent of them are in favor of flexting United States senators by the direct vot of the people T. T. GEER,

MUCH SAN JOSE SCALE. Orchardists of Lane County Much

Concerned Over the Situation.

EUGENE, Jan. 25,-The appearance of the San Jose scale is causing much cern among the orchardists of this sec-tion. The notices sent out by the state board of horticulture have had the effect of putting all who have pear or apple orchards to looking for indications of the insect on their trees. The result is that many who thought their irees were per-fectly free find them with the scales quite plentiful. Of course, the trees are being treated as best they can, but there are doubts as to whether the insect will be destroyed by means of spraying. Another elarming fact is that the fruit trees are not the only habitation of the insects. Many maple trees are reported to have been found showing deposits of the eggs with their scale covering. This being the case, it will be hard to handle the pest without treating the forests as well as the orchards.

A meeting of the McKinley Club was held at the courthouse last night, and the following delgates were elected to represent the club at the state league Febru-

W. Kuykendall, S. H. Friendly, S. M.

Yoran, E. O. Petter, A. C. Woodcock, J. H. McClung, H. B. Miller, S. B. Eakin, W. G. Gilstrap, George T. Hall, S. W. Taylor, G. R. Chrisman, L. T. Harris, C. E. Loomis and C. A. Wintermeier. The steamer City of Eugene when she came up yesterday found the river con-siderably changed by the last high water. At one place, near Curtis Island, the main channel was much wider and shallower than former,y, and the steamer had to come through what is known as Curtis

James Milne, of Portland, is leoking over the field with the view of establishing at this place a mill for the manufacture various cereal products, such as catmeal, pearl barley, split peas, etc.

NEW CREAMERY ORGANIZED.

More Than Half the Stock Subscribed at First Meeting.

GERVAIS, Or., Jan. 25.—The Lawrence Treamery Association is the name of a new industry that will soon start near the new postoffice of Lawrence, Marion county. At a meeting held last night 80 shares of stock were subscribed towards the capital stock of \$1500 at \$10 per share. The officers are as follows: President, Isaac Stevens; vice-president, J. E. Walt-

The directors are; I. Stevens, J. E. Waltman, H. D. Manning, W. J. Jefferson and Ernest Welsner. The association has reason to expect a liberal patronage, as the creamery will be

ocated in a rich agricultural settlement. Capital City Notes,

SALEM, Or., Jan. 25.—In the supreme court today the following cases were argoed and submitted:

F. L. Richmond, George H. Williams E. S. Wood, S. B. Linthicum and J C. Flanders, Richard Williams and E. B Williams et al., respondents, vs. Adelaide Bloch, Bessie Bloch et al., appellants; apepal from Multnomah county.

F. L. Richmond, respondent, vs. Ade-taide Bloch, M. M. Bloch and F. Bloch,

appellants; appeal from Multnamah The Salem Building & Loan Association today began suit against H. W. Sut-ton, on a mortgage for \$1000, with interest at the rate of 8 per cent, from August 1. 1899. The property involved is lot 5, block 4, near Yew Park school, this city.

Hawson Was in Chehalis

CHEHALIS, Jan. 25.—S. G. Hawson, who committed succide in Portland Monday, was employed here for some time on the work of drilling the new arterian-well which the Chehalis Water Company is sinking. He dissipated quite a good deal while here, and one evening about a week before he left tried to buy some poison at the Gem drug store, presumably for sul-cidal purposes. The clerk refused to sell him the poison.

Change in an Old Firm.

FOREST GROVE, Or., Jan. 25.—The firm of Woods & Caples, which has been engaged in the merchandise business here for 30 years, dissolved partnership today, H. Adams, who has been ass with the firm for three years, purchased Caples' interest. The stock invoiced \$20,060.

Oregon Notes,

Voters are registering slowly in all coun-Frank Dearborn, a Salem merchant, is

low with typhoid fever. Trappers in Camas valley, Douglas ceunty, have taken a dozen bears this winter. Good milch cows are said to be worth from \$40 to \$75 in the Kent neighborhood. nerman county.

Mayor Davis estimates that Albany's acome for 1990 will be \$14,300, with expenses of \$11,800. A man named Wilson has "worked"

Wasco and Grass Valley, cashing a bogus The Grant's Pass postoffice issued \$13,-257 79 in money orders between November 1, 1899, and January 20, 1909.

Dorance Dotson, a miner at Preston peak, was drawing a charge of dynamite from a drill hole, when an explosion shat-tered his left hand.

Last Monday was the 50th anniversary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. William Hemstock, of McMinnville. They have resided there about 20 years. Oregon newspapers these days are frequently quoting John Wanamaker to the effect that the best time to advertise is

when the dull season comes on. Sidewalk reform continues at Corvallis, and the Times says it is only a matter of a short time until Corvallis will be the

best-sidewalked town in the state, A. L. Terrell today sold 49 bales of hops to T. D. Linton, agent of a Chicago firm, for 5% cents per pound, says the Eugene Guard of the 24th. The firm had advanced money on the crop.

The new postoffice established at a point about five miles south of Blodgett has been named Peak, and Mrs. H. Davidson a postmistress. The mail service is once a week, on Fridays.

Two pack horses carrying paper mail Two pack norses carrying paper mail are reported by the Myrtle Point Enterprise to have fallen off the grade near Remote last Saturday. The mall was recovered and the horses were not injured. The needs of Grant's Pass, the Courier says would justify the construction of at least 25 houses, to cost from \$300 to \$1000 each. Many of these could be rented by the year to responsible and desirable tennts. Houses, furnished rooms and hotel coomodations are filled to overflowing, and there is an imperative demand for

Playgoers at The Dalles complain of the dilatoriness of many of the theater patrons. The Chronicle alleges that the greater portion of the first act of a play is often "completely speiled by the two evenings ago "the patrons who were there at a reasonable time were exasper-ated beyond measure as they endeavored

to catch words forming the nucleus of the Thomas P. Page, a well-known Umatilla county farmer, predicts good crops for the season of 1900. "I will go so far," said he to the Pendleton East Oregonian, "as to say that I am sure both grain and fruit will turn out well next fall. I base my prediction upon observation of climatic ing the constitutional limit, resulting in no state legislation, but one senator in congress for two years, and another extra session to supply both—these experiences crop of grain and fruit to follow it."

In the constitutional limit, resulting in conditions in Eastern Oregon for a great boys:

"It was the Washington regiment's maiden fight; it was under my command crop of grain and fruit to follow it."

ALL THE USUAL CHARACTERISTICS, BUT OF SHORT RANGE.

Drove Piece of Rafter Through Henvy Watering-Trough and Did Other Freakish Things.

WESTON, Or., Jan. 25.—A well-developed tornado occurred Monday night, at about 10 o'clock, three miles northeast of Weston. The family of Ivan O'Harra. a well-known farmer, was startled by a sudden shock. Those who had gone to sleep were rudely awakened, and all rushed to the doors to see what the mat-ter was. The shock lasted but a second, and was succeeded by perfect calm O'Harra could see through the darkness that he was minus considerable yard fencing, but made no explorations until next

Then it was found that about a third

of the big barn's roof had been blown away, rafters, shingles and all. A heavy trough, holding 300 gallons of water, and constantly full, was moved four feet to one side, and a piece of rafter had actu-ally been blown through the thick sides of the trough. A tree was hit by a board, and the splinters penetrated it to a depth of six or seven inches. The a depth of six or seven inches. The large cottonwood trees that line the road in front of the house were twisted and torn, until nothing but wounded stumps remained, and an apple tree 12 inches in diameter, standing only six feet from the house, was uprooted. It fortanately happened, however, that the house itself escaped the full force of the tornado, and was only slightly damaged, a few window lights being broken. An ax and saw lights being broken. An ax and saw were carried from the woodpile a distance of 40 feet into the road, scarcely a vestige of the yard fence remained, and other tarks were left of the twister's freakish

The nath of the tornado was about 200 feet wide. It came from a southwesterly direction, and its course could be plainly traced through the fields by the uprooted posts and other wreckage of barb-wire fences. It traveled down to Dry creek, to the place of Sam Phillips, a mile distant from that of Mr. O'Harra, and evidently spent its force in a vain attempt to climb out of the canyon, as no reports of it are heard beyond the Phillips farm. Here it whirled a smokehouse into space, and moved the dwelling-house three inches off its foundation. Shingles from O'Harra's barn were afterward picked up in the vicinity, having been carried a mile. The tornado was dimly seen by Lewis Kilgore, who heard the sound of its passage and stepped quickly to the door. He describes it as its blg brothers in Kansas and Nebraska are described—a balloon-shaped mass of dark twisting clouds, moving swiftly along on an errand of de-struction. It seemed to lack, however, the extended scope of the Middle West destroyer, having traveled only a mile or It was much similar, doubtless, to the tornado a few years ago at Long Creek, Grant county, and Lexington, Morrow county, although in those instances much more damage was done.

COMPLAINT OF FAIR WEATHER. May Damage the Sheep Industry of

Southeastern Oregon. LAKEVIEW, Or., Jan. 25 .- The spring weather is creating some alarm here. The snow is giving way on the desert, and as this is the only means of supplying sheep with water, it is feared that the sheep will have to be brought in, and this would incur great expense and loss; besides, feeding would have to be resorted to. The problem will be a serious one in case a snow storm does not come soon.

The good weather is playing havoc all around. Enterprising clizzens had placed a dam across Dead Man's creek in the canyon east of Lakeview, for the purpose of making an ice pond from which to supply the town with jee for the coming summer, but they only put up a few tons during the last cold snap, and it is feared now that there will be an ice famine here The distance for hauling next summer. from the railroad is too great, as it would all melt on the road. If the good weather all melt on the road. If the good weather shall hold on, however, work will be resumed shortly on the town reservoir. A well 10 feet across has been sunk in the worked on him so thoroughly as to produce a case of varioloid. The health officer very a case of varioloid. The health officer very a case of varioloid in to a pesthouse for the stall, permit, and a reservoir is being con-structed on a hill 200 feet above the level of the town, and this will be filled by a windmill and pump from the well. The reservoir will hold 100,000 gallons of water when completed.

Frosty at Monroe.

MONROE, Or., Jan. 25.—A cold snap has struck this locality. Yesterday morning the thermometer registered 27 degrees above zero, and this monring it stood at 24 degrees at 7 o'clock, and was still getting lower. A heavy white frost and north wind accompanies the low temperature.

Cool Weather at Dayton. DAYTON, Or., Jan. 25.—The ground froze quite hard here last night. The

reather was clear, and at 7 this morning the thermometer registered 30 degrees above. This is the coldest this winter.

WANT STREET IMPROVEMENT.

Citizens and Taxpayers Instruct the Lewiston Council to Act.

LEWISTON, Idaho, Jan. 25 .- In order to bring the matter of street paving squarely to an issue, the Lewiston Comme Cub called a meeting of citizens and members. The city council came in a body to receive instructions and learn the temper of the taxpayers. It was a great meeting, and every citizen present was called upon for an expression of opinion. The dilatory tactics of the council were forcibly shown, when the fact was established that a petition signed by more than two-thirds of the property-owners along Main street had been before the council for several weeks without being acted upon. A motion was made and carried instructing the council immediately to proceed with the preliminary steps neces-sary for the improving of Main street with macadam, the abutting property-owners to pay the necessary expenses, according to the provisions of the charter. It is still a question in the minds of many citizens whether the council will act, even after receiving explicit instructions on the subject.

During the meeting of the Lewiston from Kendrick citizens saying that many of the flood sufferers were in sore need of financial assistance. The letter explained that the county commissioners had at first promised to care for the destitute, but afterwards repudiated the promise be-cause of lack of authority to appropriate funds. A committee of three was appointed by the Lewiston Commercial Club to solicit money for the Kendrick sufferers. Some days ago \$400 was collected, and then returned to subscribers on receiving information that Kendrick did not need

KING COMPLIMENTS WASHINGTONS Asks for Addresses in Order That He

May Communicate With Them. OLYMPIA, Wash., Jan. 26 .- Adjutant-General Fox has received a communica-tion from Brigadier-General Charles King, late of the United States army, requesting the full name of Lieutenant Erwin, of Spokane, First regiment of Washington volunteers, who was wounded in the engagement in and about the village of Santa Ana, held February 4 and 5; also all the enlisted men belonging to the Washington volunteers killed or wou in that engagement. General King General King pays this high compliment to the Washington

and eye, and behaved with distinguished | tion at a cost of \$3000.

gallantry and with the steadiness and discipline of veterans. I am desirous of communicating with Colonel Weisenberger WHO SHALL FUMIGATE?

and the company officers of the regiment who have returned to the States, and will be extremely grateful to you if you can furnish me with their addresses." QUESTION AS TO MAIL AT THE BRIT-ISH COLUMBIA BORDER.

Alaska Miners Think Bonansas May Dispute Has Been Referred Back on SKAGWAY, Jan. 18.—Alaska miners are looking toward Siberia as a possible field for prospecting. Since the invitations recently extended to Americans by the czar to mine in that country, there has been Both Sides to Washington and

tional authorities have clashed in a pe-culiar way over the quarantine declared by British Columbia against Eastern Washington mails on account of smallpox Since Tuesday night all American mai over the Spokane Falls & Northern has been tied up at Northport, Wash, at the boundary line. Canadian officials insis that the Americans fumigate the mails, The Americans insist that, if they want it disinfected, the Canadians disinfect it. obtainable from the Russian consul at The matter was referred to Spokane, then to San Francisce, then to the Washington postoffice authorites. The postmaster-gen-John Bray, ir., and John Bray, sr., of this city, have received an offer from London to go to Siberia for the London & eral refuses to give orders to disinfect the mail on this side, saying it is no concer of ours. The Canadians finally referre the matter to Ottawa, and the disput is now being waged between the Canadian and American postal chiefs. Meanwhile tons of mail are stacked up at North tled.

ROBBED FREIGHT CARS, TOO. arrest and Confession of Walla

whereabouts of Fred Clayson, formerly of Portland; Lynn Reif, of Seattle, and Lineman Olson, who disappeared from Minto, on the way from Dawson, Christmas day. A brother of Clayson has offered \$500 reward, and gone to the in-terior. Some think the missing men have terior. Some think the missing men have probably gone on a stampede to a new All the Way Overland-Miss Matlock DAWSON, N. W. T., Jan. 1.-A most seroic undertaking for womankind has een undertaken by Miss Gates, sister to Humboldt Gates, a Dawson character. She has set out from this city for Nome over the ice of the lower river, and will have to travel 1000 miles or more to reach Some others are also starting on the same long journey, hoping to get to the great gold fields before the crowds of the spring ather of young Mays

haps cause them trouble

A big copper discovery has been made on a tributary flowing into the White STOLE A TANNERY STOCK. river, on the right bank, 59 miles from its mouth. The croppings in places are its mouth. The croppings in places are fully 50 feet across, and the ore is heavy Not a Clew Left. in iron and copper, having a small per-centage of zinc and worthless gangue. Emmens took several sacks of the ore and got a high assay. He intends to go to the States this winter, to get working capital in Portland or Butte, with which

Mr.

RANCHER RUN OVER AND KILLED. Frank Lee, Son of a Respected Uma-

tills County Pioneer. PENDLETON, Or., Jan. Z.-Frank Lee, while driving out from town upon a load of grain, fell from his wagon at 6 o'clock this evening and was run over and killed His body was horribly crushed. He was taken to a hospital, but life was extinct Lee was a rancher, living three miles south of Pendleton. He was a native of Umatilia county, a son of the late William Lee. a much-respected pioneer, after whom Lee's crossing was named.

Lawyer Fiddles in a Pesthouse. DAYTON, Wash., Jan. M.-There are several cases of smallpox in this county in the Alto hills, but the district is under strict quarantine. R. B. Brown, law partproperly removed him to a pesthouse for the time being. Brown is not sick at all, and being the only occupant of the pesthouse, which is situated in one corner of the graveyard, he puts in his lonely hours in playing the fiddle. This, no doubt, keeps up his spirits and also keeps off the ghosts.

Tillamook Notes.

TILLAMOOK, Or., Jan. 24.—Captain J. J. Dawson, the weather observer of Tillamook, reports 126.88 inches of rain in this One of the seamen on board the steam Elmore fell down the hatchway at Ne-

halem and fractured several of his ribs. Burled at Independence INDEPENDENCE, Or., Jan. 24.—The corpse of Samuel W. Nealy, who committed suicide at The Dalles, Tucsday, was brought to this city today for burial. This was formerly his home, and he had

many relatives and friends in this vicinity. Governor Rogers to Lecture. OLYMPIA Wash., Jan. 25. - Governor Rogers left today for Eliensburg, where he will deliver a lecture tomorow even-

at the state normal school New Linn County Postmaster, WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—Abraham Os-borne has been appointed postmaster at Shelburn, Or., vice W. B. Washburn, re

ing before the midwinter graduating class

New Postmaster for Huntington. WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.-The president has nominated William H. Leitner to be postmaster at Huntington, Or.

Washington Notes.

The shingle mills of Washington give mployment to 8865 men. In 1899 Pierce county (Tacoma) received 31,135,445 and expended \$1,115,200. Half a dozen petty burgiaries have been committed in the residence part of Centralia this week. Port Townsend has funded \$8000 of float-

ing indebtedness by the issue of 16 new bonds, each of which was signed 33 times by the mayor. The Walla Walla council Monday adopted plans for a sewer system that will require 23% miles of pipe. Construction

vill begin as soon as the arrangements can be made. Bids for supplying 8000 cords of fir wood for the Stellacoom asylum were opened in Tacoma Wednesday. Eleven bids were submitted, the price ranging from \$1 65 to

\$2 45 per cord.

A warrant charging grand larceny against Frank M. Hawks was issued in Seattle Wednesday. The officer sent to arrest Hawks found him serving on a jury. where he was temporarily exempt from arrest. Judge Reld, at Everett, in open court,

instructed the prosecuting attorney to take steps to prosecute those running slot machines and other gambling devices. He said he would testify himself it no one

Ottawa Authorities.

SPOKANE, Wash., Jan. 25. - Internaport, with the prospect that the quantity will be doubled before the dispute is set-

Walla Hoodlums Clears Mystery. WAITSBURG, Jan. 25 .- Monday Ira Spoonemore and Byron Zumait were brought up from the Walla Walla Jaff and placed on trial for breaking into the cars of the O. R. & N. Co. last Novem-ber, when a car was half unloaded while passing up the Alto bill. The crime was committed on the 25th of that month, and until a day or so ago no definite clew to the robbers was obtained. When Spoone-more and Zumwalt realized that it was all over with them they opened up and told the whole story, and as a result they were arrested yesterday on that charge, while they were then in custody upon the charge of burgiary and arson. In the examina-

The arrest of the Mays family is likely to clear up the whole case and put several parties in a bad light. It seems that a cache has been kept on the Mays place, and they have been conversant with many things which will now come out and per-

All the Robes and Furs Gone and

PENDLETON, Or., Jan. 25 .- Noble's tannery was robbed last night of its entire stock of robes and furs. The thieves got away with all the plunder and succeeded in covering up their tracks so that there is not even a suspect found by the police.

Both Men Were Fined,

FOREST GROVE, Or., Jan. 25.-The trial of Panfry Roberts, who cut Alex Hoodenphyle with a pocket-knife in Scoggin valley a few days ago, at Dilley, today, resulted in the justice fining each \$10 50. The costs in the case amounted to exactly \$11, which was equally divided between the fighters.

OFFER FOR A LOT OF HOPS. Prices Named Are Too Low, So Association Does Not Sell.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 25.-After various fluctuations, the hop market has again steadled down and there is a demand for the crop at prices ranging from 1 to 2 cents over a week ago, and from ½ to 1 cent over the quotations of January 1 Today the Portland agency of an Eastern concern applied to James Wainstanley, agent for the Oregon Hopgrowers' Association, for 516 bales, offering the foll prices for the yield of the Sherwood district:

The amount asked for, 333 bales, or 66, 600 pounds, is considered a fair indication that the market is attaining permanent strength. Still, no sales will be made un-

til higher prices are offered, FORTS CASEY AND FLAGLER. Progress of Work on Fortifications

to Guard Puget Sound. PORT TOWNSEND, Wash., Jan. 25.— The work of mounting the big guns at Forts Casey and Flagler has been com-pleted, and the mounting force has been transferred to Fort Wilson, and preparatory work for mounting guns there will commence tomorrow. Forts Flagler and Casey are completed, with the exception of the rapid-firing batteries, material for which has been delayed in transit. The big guns at Fort Casey consist of four 19-inch and two 12-inch barbettes, and four 10-inch disappearing guns. The disappearing guns will not be used at Fort Flagler, but that fort is armed with six 10-inch barbettes, and will have regulation rapid-firing batteries. The work of mounts-ing the guns at Fort Wilson will not be finished for nearly a year yet, and when set the city on fire at six different points completed it will be the most formidable in one night, and when the firemen came fort of the triangular system guarding to conquer the blaze the Filipinos fired the entrance to Puget sound.

Quotations of Mining Stocks SPOKANE, Jan. 25.—The closing bids for nining stocks today were: mining stocks today were:

Biacstail ... 50 68 Morring Giory, \$0 04

Butte & Boston ... 50 68 Morring Giory, \$0 04

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Crystal ... 50 68 Morring Giory, \$0 04

Frincess Maud. 78

Guille ... 504

Beauty Morring Giory, \$0 04

Morring Giory, \$ Insurgent 2½

Jim Blaine 18

Lone Pine Surp. 15½

Little Carthoo ... 24

Mountain Lion ... 94

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 25 .- The official slow ing stocks today were \$0.02 Kentuck Con
2 Lady Wash, Con,
7 Mexican
100 Cecidental Con
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NEW YORK, Jan. 25 .- Mining stocks today hollar \$0 29 Ontario Frown Point 13 Ophir Ion. Cal. & Va. 1 15 Plymouth BOSTON, Jan. 25 .- Closing quotations:

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Ferry county has men guarding the Indian trails from the south half of the Colville reservation to Republic, and no Indians are permitted to travel toward the town. This is to prevent infection from the smallpox among the Nespelims.

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count only. He is a veteran Odd Fellow, and the lodges are now showing their ap-preciation of his long and faithful service by offering him a home for his declining

Looking at Prince-of-Wales Copper. JUNEAU, Jan. 16 .- A letter has been re eived from Congressman Sulger by loca people, stating that a mining expert is en route to examine the Copper mountain mining properties, not far from here, and that if the properties have any merit, it is planned to buy all the copper claims on Prince of Wales island, and to begin development work in the spring. W. R. Hearst, of the New York Journal, is said to be back of the scheme.

DAYTON, Or., Jan. 25,-Herbert Fletcher, aged 12 years, while rooling with a 30 caliber revolver, shot himself through the upper part of the left leg, yesterday.

A PLEA FOR EXPANSION.

Washington Volunteers Plain Words to the "Antis." VANCOUVER, Wash., Jan. 23 .- (To the Editor.)-It is a deplorable fact that in

Editor.)—It is a deplorable fact that in these times, so trying to our administration, a large class of the American people, who pretend thoroughly to understand the Philippine problem, are allowed freely to criticise the wise plan of our policy in regard to the Islands. These self-avowed anti-imperialists make many statements which in themselves are ridiculous, mainly from the fact that they do not understand the fact that they do not understand the causes that led to the strife in our far eastern possessions, and, finally, that they were not on the ground to see for them-selves as we saw it. Sitting by one's fireplace at home and bestowing merciless criticism upon a government's plan of conducting far-away isles may be a safe way, but it is not a wise one.

Let us review the situation in the Phil-lippines as it was prior to the outbreak last February. From August 13, 1888, which date marks the fall of the city of Manila, the insurgent army and its close proximity formed as hard a problem for the army of occupation as did the thou-sands of Spanish prisoners and residents who had to be protected and cared for by of burglary and arson. In the examina-tion George Mays was called as a witness from that date should have been insurand when he left the stand he passed into the hands of the sheriff on the charge of receiving stolen property. The same charge was made against the mother and "peaceful slege," for they could come through our outpost lines (after being searched for arms) and have the freedom of the city. But did we have a cor-responding privilege? No. An American soldier was not allowed to go through the insurgent lines upon any considera-tion. Therefore it amounted to a siege, and therein lies the bitter memory of

every American soldier in the Philip-

The insurgent army in the close vicin ity of Manila alone numbered at least four times the American force; there-fore we had to grin and bear many an insult from the haughty, overbearing Tagals. And how many insults had we to bear in patience? Ah, let the peox American sentries tell how many times they were buildozed, threatened and insulted on their posts of duty! Let me cite one instance of the daily routine that fell to the lot of my regiment, the First Washington, at the stone bridge near blockhouse 11, and facing Santa Ana. The top of the stone archway had a line between keystones, and exthe other. This line marked the bound ary between the forces of Uncle Sam and Aguinaldo at that particular point. Our sentry had to pace to and fro on one side of this line, and the insurgent sentry on the other, and the latter would keep pace with our sentry, mimicking his every motion, even to stopping of resuming his beat. But this was not the serious part of the performance. The Pilipino sentry carried a loaded Mauser at full cock is the hollow of his arm, and always managed to have the muzzle

near the American sentry's head. Let us look into the matter a little closer. As long a time before the outbreak as October and November our sentries would be murdered on their posts. This act has happened on five different occasions. What was done? Nothing. The Tugals got the idea that we were afraid of them, and treated us accord-

ngly. We were there as their benefactors. ot as invaders. Our Philippine policy and England's South African policy are entirely distinct. When arrangements could be made to give the Filipines a colonial form of government, under the protection of the United States, it would be done. But they were impatient: they neglected their rich fields and forests and took to serving Aguinaldo. They longed for one wild raid into Manila. where they could pay back old scores against the Spaniards, and if such were allowed, the scene that would follow would rival in bloodshed and cruelty the massacre of the Innecents, the fall of Jerusalem, or that modern wholesale slaughter, Omdurman. We were respon-sible for the lives of thousands of Spanish residents and prisoners of war, against whom the cowardly Filipinos desired vengeance, and to protect them was our duty to humanity. Yet the "antis" will insist that these treacherous devils can

govern themselves. Finally the outbreak came, and with it scores of hellish schemes of revenge, plunder, arson and anarchy. The day and the hour of the outbreak had been set; and to show how miserably fanat-ical and criminal these people were, they on them from concealed positions. Yet the "antis" laud these cowardly wretches to the skies as martyrs, heroes, patriots etc. The chapter of their acts of cruelty and treachery rivals that of the Apaches. How many of our wounded were murdered on the field by the seemingly dead of the enemy? Many instances are at hand where members of the hospital corps were stabbed while in the act of giving water to the wounded and dying of the enemy. These same "patriots" would make use of the white flag of truce only to lure our brave boys to destruction. I ask, are these people fit to govern them-

But the bitterest pill of all is to Among the prisoners captured by our regiment at Santa Ana was an intelli-gent young Filipino officer, who, when nuestioned as to why the insurrection broke out, replied:
"We shall harass our invaders until

control; then we shall have independ-Every utterance against our administra Every utterance against our administra-tion's policy is so much of a moral rein-forcement to the Tagais. Let the blood of Lawton, Egbert, McConville, Stotsen-berg and a host of others cry out and bear witness to this statement. To conclude, it is not consistent that cold-footed stay-at-homes should give vent to their opinions on a subject they know nothing about; and above all, they ought

Bryan and the democratic party have

nothing about; and, above all, they ough not to criticise our government and the awful burden of the present situation. They should be on the spot and see for themselves; then probably they would change their minds. And if these "antis praise the Tagais as patriots, do they include the American deserters who are with them? If so, they have as little honor as the deserters themselves, and a

deserter is as vile a creature as the scale of humanity can show. Let us speak well of our administration and its policy; for, as the problem of the Philippines is on our hands, left there as the fruit of war, we must dispose of it in the best possible manner. Our ad-ministration's management of the many difficult problems on its hands during the last two years is the wonder and admica-tion of the civilized world. Therefore let us hear no more of these violent instnuations from those who have not been there. EX-VOLUNTEER.

BIG PRICE FOR SHEEP

\$5 50 PER HEAD PAID FOR A FLOCK OF FIFTY.

Farmers Are Refusing Offers of \$5 Per Head - Gogts Are Also Bringing High Prices.

INDEPENDENCE, Gr., Jan. 24.—One farmer of the Kings vailey country re-fused this week & per head for his entire flock of sheep. Several in that vicinity have refused \$3.50 per head. Probably the highest price paid for sheep in that viinity this year has been paid by illam, who gave \$5 50 per head t Goats are also seiling in this part of the country for \$5 per head. The farmers have just begun to find out how profitable stockraising is.

MAN FOR "OPPOSITION" GOVERNOR Vance Said to Be the Coming Candidate in Washington.

The Olympia Olympian notes that the orces "opposed to the republican party" are moving in Washington, and that there is a strong disposition to get Governor Rogers out of the way and put the gresent assistant attorney-general. Thomas H. Vance, at the head of the ticket next fall. The Olympian says:

"For some time past 'the forces oppos-ing the republican party,' to use the expression of the chief executive of the state of Washington, have been casting about for a Moses with which to combat the man from Puyaltup in a struggle for the populistic or democratic nomination for governor the coming fall. Those opposed to Rogers realized some time ago that un-less something heroic was done the phi-losopher would walk away with the combination. These same anti-Rogers people did not want James Hamilton Lewis any more than they wanted Rogers to lead the opposing hosts at the next election. With this much defined they set out to find a man on whom all could unite, and now they think they have discovered h The gentleman whom the anti-Rogers and anti-Lewie contingent have selected in Thomas H. Vance, assistant attorney-generul of the state, and if they van persuade him to make the race for the no they will give him the benefit of their

eartlest support."
Mr. Vance makes the following coy reply o the preference expressed by his friends. "While naturally gratified at the com-pilment implied by the mention of my name as candidate for governor, by some friends of mine, I am in no sense a can-didate, nor do 'I wish to be regarded in such a bonny light.' I repeat, I am not a candidate, and under no circumstances

will I be."

The friends of Mr. Vanco, who are pushing his nomination, say they were prepared for just what he has stated, but they assert that this will make no difference in their plans. The purpose is to manufac-ture a sentiment for Mr. Vance that, be-fore long, he will be unable to withstand. They state that they have not reckened without their host, and that, ere lang, the Rogers and Lewis campaigns will have gone down before the Vance band wagon.

ASHLAND COUNCIL SEEKS ADVICE. Election Called to Decide About Issuing Sulcon Licenses.

ASHLAND, Or., Jan. 25.—At a special meeting of the city council last night icenses were refused to four salcons whose proprietors had petitioned for A new ordinance was passed calling a special city election on February 5, when the legal voters of the city will instruct the council whether or no it shall issue licenses to saloons under the new law. The new ordinance does away with application for license by petition, as here-tofore. Pour saloons in the city are closed, pending the result of the approaching elec-

Japs Benten by Hobos.

La Grande Chronicle. Early the morning of the 23d, two hobosstation, occupied by Japs in the employ of the railroad company, and made a vio-lent assult upon the little brown men, beating them on the heads with a revolve and cutting some of them quite badly with a knife. The object of the attack was obbery, but they were very much disap-ointed, as the Japs had no money on their ersons or in the house. The ruffians vented their spite and disappointment on the

little fellows with plator and knife Work on a Rich Ledge,

The Preston Peak Copper Company reported by the Grant's Pass Courier to be doing a large amount of develops work, and is showing up an imme body of rich ore. It is employing about 16 men at present, and most of them working in the tunnel. The main drift is about 25 feet in length, the last 15 feet being driven into a solid body of copper ore. Crosscuts from the main drift have been run to a width of 30 feet without reaching either wall of the ledge.

Salem Bowlers Beat Astoria. SALEM, Jan. 35.-In the bowling conest tonight between the Illinee Club, of Salem, and the Astoria Football Club, the former wen four straight games by scores as follows:

NORTHWEST DEAD.

Mrs. Penter, an oregon Pioneer. TILLAMOOK, Or., Jan. M.-"Grandma" Penter died, Sunday night, at her home, in the southern part of the county, at the advanced age of \$2 years. Mrs. Penter was an Oregon ploneer, having come to the state in the early '40s. She, with her husband, took up a donation claim on a part of the ground where the city of Salem now stands. The property became very valuable. Some I7 years ago Mrs. Penter purchased one of the best claims on the Little Nestucca, and has resided in Til-lamuck county for the most part ever since. She left three sons and one daugh-

Mrs. Carter, of Dayton. DAYTON, Or., Jan. E.-Mrs. Annie Car-ter, nec Grace, was buried at this piace

yesterday. Mrs. Carter was about 30 years old, and had suffered from consumption for some years. She left a husband, Arhur G. Carter, and a large circle of relatives. John Stitzinger, of La Grande. The death of John Stitzinger, occurred

t his home in La Grande Tuesday morn ing. The deceased has been in poor health during the past two years, and was bedfast for over a year. He left a wife and four children, two married daughters and two sons.

Coke Plants in lowa.

DES MOINES, is., Jan. 25.—The Universal Fuel Company, of Chicago, announces that it will soon begin the erschounces. tion of a coke plant at Ottumwa, with 100 ovens. As soon as it is completed, a second plant of like capacity will be built in Des Moines. The company's experi-ments have determined that lown coal will produce good coke. Plants will be established later at Davenport, Dubuque

and Council Bluffs. Circus Trust Project.

NEW YORK, Jan. IL-Relative to the eported negotiations between James A. Balley, the Sells Bros. and W .W. Co for a circus combination, it is stated that Mr. Balley already owns a half interest in the Sells Bros. and Forepaugh application. Cole lives in New York, but is one of town. and no information can be obtained in to his plans