# RATIONAL CHANGES

## Reform Introduced in Office of Secretary of State.

### THE OFFICE QUARTERS REMODELED

**By the New System, Any One May Ascertain Condition of Funds, Whereabouts of Records, Etc.**

SALEM, Or., Jan. 26.—The department of state is now fairly settled in its new and comfortable quarters, where business may be transacted without the interference of callers who circulated promiscuously around the clerks in the badly fitted rooms which for years the secretaries made their offices. The quarters now have more the appearance of a counting-room, with private offices for the secretary, chief clerk and stenographer. The idea of the arrangement was conceived by Secretary Dunbar, who has also made many other important changes since he took charge of the department. Here are some of them:

When Mr. Dunbar entered upon his duties in January, 1899, he found the books in a shape entirely different from the business-like manner in which they are kept at present. The penitentiary fund was discovered in the debit column; the expenses in a conglomeration classed as sundry warrants. It was seen at once that a sound system was necessary for the transaction of business, and Mr. Dunbar immediately put one in force—one that a majority of the states of the Union had found satisfactory, and one to which he added some ideas of his own. Confusing figures were obliterated entirely, and were succeeded by plain, itemized accounts of expenses and appropriations, from which any person, whatever his knowledge of bookkeeping, may learn what it costs to maintain the state offices and institutions, and what funds are on hand to be disbursed. Not only this, but also books were opened in double entry, by which the secretary and his deputies are enabled to strike off a trial balance every quarter and ascertain the condition of every appropriation for the various institutions and whether such institutions are keeping within their respective funds. All bills are itemized, and a simple reference to the accounts will prevent twofold payments. Another advantage is the reference for statements of the amount of the several appropriations, and every warrant drawn, so that reports may be compiled for presentation to the legislature. The first report which Secretary Dunbar will hand in will show other changes no less important. Now, so far as the hospital for the insane is concerned, the name of the patient and other matter will be inserted, whereas formerly the name of the warrant-getter only was given. In addition, every warrant will be filed numerically instead of by appropriation, as in the olden time, and all the hours of labor which the subdivision of warrants by funds caused will be saved.

"By sundry warrants," will no more be seen. That phrase was all right when the state was small, but now it is out of date and it must give place to the name of the person to whom the warrant is issued and the reason why it is issued to him. So this innovation in the books has been made, and to show how important it is it is only necessary to say that since January 1, 1899, nearly 1000 warrants have been drawn by the secretary. The same rule applies to the penitentiary.

Secretary Dunbar has also opened up a double-entry set of books with the state treasurer. The law requires the treasurer to issue duplicate copies of receipts, one of which must be filed with the department of state, and here another change has been made. Formerly the duplicates were not filed. Now the receipts are journalized and charged up monthly. Under the old plan, if any money was paid out, a deputy would walk across the lobby and ask the treasurer about it, and then walk back and give credit for the amount. But in the last year of the century this primitive scheme was abolished by the two new and energetic officers. Treasurer Moore files his schedule, and the number of the warrant and the name of the person drawing the same are compared with the abstract, verified and credited. The schedule is made a part of the record, and enables the secretary to carry correct accounts with the treasurer. By balancing the books, either can tell how much there is in any fund, and if one set of books should be destroyed by fire the other officer has the second.

In the matter of filing articles of incorporation, another and equally decided improvement has been made. Since Oregon was admitted as a state, between 15,000 and 20,000 documents of this character have been received. All of these were filed alphabetically from the first day of statehood, and this pioneer method of working was continued until the present secretary decided that it was too antique. To succeed it, he hit upon the plan of numerical filing, by which a simple and rapid reference to the index will disclose to the deputy the exact whereabouts of the paper wanted. Vouchers and all other documents are filed in the same way. The vault also has been rearranged. Filing cases have been substituted for the old-fashioned scheme of reference indexes, and from them a paper wanted may be obtained in a minute. All a man has to do is to reach for it. He does not have to ask if the commission of a notary public was granted in provisional government times, nor does he have to consult ancient history to ascertain whether Provisional Governor Abernethy even issued such a commission, for all commissions are within the length of his arm and delving into books of the past is unnecessary. The great need of the improvement may readily be discerned when it is stated that thousands of articles of incorporation have been filed, thousands of notarial commissions issued, and scores of thousands of warrants drawn.

But all these changes will be appreciated to a greater extent than mentioned when the secretary shall present his first report to the legislature in 1901, which is intended to convey to the legislature and the public correct and definite information as to where the state's money goes. The changes also keep the department of state in touch with the different offices and institutions, and there will be no difficulty hereafter in ascertaining the condition of the various appropriations.

### THE SMALLPOX EPIDEMIC.

**Spokane Reports First Decrease in the Number of Cases.**

SPOKANE, Wash., Jan. 26.—For the first time since the present smallpox epidemic began, there is a decrease today in the number of cases. Three of the patients who have gone through the isolation hospital were discharged this afternoon, after half a day's fumigation. Two new cases have gone to the isolation hospital since the report was issued yesterday. There are now 40 patients at the isolation hospital, and 18 patients publicly known quarantined at their homes. Private cases have recovered rapidly in the last seven days, as the disease is of a mild type, except in one or two instances. Cold weather aids in preventing more disease. In the next two weeks 75 per cent of all cases will have recovered.

**No Deaths at Sumpter.**

SUMPTER, Jan. 26.—There are 20 cases of smallpox in Sumpter, 10 of which are in the pesthouse. The disease in of mild form; no deaths have occurred. Incoming trains are met by the health officer and suspicious cases turned back. A physician's certificate is required for sick persons to leave on the trains.

**One Patient in Chehalis.**

CHEHALIS, Wash., Jan. 26.—A mild case of smallpox was developed in town yesterday. John Denholf, who returned last week from a business trip to Missouri, is the victim. He was taken ill Saturday, and it was thought for a day or two that he had a fever. Denholf and his family are isolated in their house, and it is believed the disease will not spread. The school board this morning issued an order requiring all children attending the public schools to be vaccinated.

**No Alarm at Baker City.**

BAKER CITY, Or., Jan. 26.—Health authorities here report less than 15 very light cases of smallpox. The contagion has been prevalent here for three months. There have been 59 cases and no deaths among our people. The malady is now controlled, and will soon be stamped out. Most of the patients who have suffered from the ailment have been out of bed inside of a week. Business proceeds as usual, and no alarm whatever is felt.

### CRAIG TAKES EXCEPTION.

**Property Listed With Sheriff Had Never Been in His Possession.**

FOREST GROVE, Or., Jan. 26.—(To the Editor.)—Though preferring to have courts rather than newspapers settle my affairs, I cannot allow your Hillsboro correspondence of yesterday to pass unchallenged. The material of which the American Type Founders' Company sought to dispose had never come into the sheriff's custody, but on the eve of the sale, seven months after the only attachment, was listed on the return, evidently from bills. Much of this had been exchanged with the company months before, other items had long before been used and passed out into the world, such as staples, used to bind a monthly I printed two years ago. A copy of the return certified by the county clerk did not show the articles sold, books belonging to others, which would have been exempt had they been mine. The proceeds of the "sale," $7 85, will hardly replace these, should the court hold the sheriff's proceedings irregular. As to the judgment, a counter-claim by stipulation is yet to be heard, and may somewhat alter the case. I would not have asked space for matters still unsettled and in no wise of news interest, but your Hillsboro correspondent has gone outside of his field by misrepresentation to pay off a long-standing score against an opponent in business and politics—a newspaper man seeking to strike another from under cover. AUSTIN CRAIG.

### CITIZENS CAME TO RESCUE.

**Guarantee Premiums, So Fair Will Be Held at North Yakima.**

NORTH YAKIMA, Wash., Jan. 26.—At a meeting of citizens tonight, it was practically decided to guarantee a sum sufficient to pay the premiums of a state fair, and it is therefore reasonably certain that a fair will be held. The commission had expended all but $900 of the appropriation for two years on the first fair of the biennial period, and being unable to create a deficit, had decided to hold no fair this fall, when the North Yakima people came to the rescue. Considerable sums were pledged at the meeting tonight, and a committee was chosen to raise the rest of the money needed.

**Two Wives Sue for Divorce.**

COLFAX, Jan. 26.—Mrs. Emily Durland has petitioned the court for a divorce from her husband, William S. Durland, who is a well-known business man of Garfield, in this county. Mrs. Durland alleges that, after eight years of married life and the birth of two children, her husband, on the 9th of January, 1900, without cause, attacked and beat her in a cruel and inhuman manner. She asks for the custody of the children, the household goods, and alimony.

Eloise Knowles, of Oakesdale, asks a divorce from H. H. Knowles, to whom she has been married for 12 years. Her husband is now in New York, and is well known throughout the Northwest as a liquor drummer.

**Charged With Breaking the Peace.**

OREGON CITY, Jan. 26.—Today, Rudolph Aegeter, of Redland, was arrested by Constable McCown, on a warrant charging him with threatening to kill several people in the neighborhood of his home. He will have a hearing Monday. Sol Clark was arrested today on a warrant charging him with disturbing the Salvation Army services last night, and will also have hearing Monday.

Over 500 voters have registered since the books were opened at the courthouse. Books are being furnished to different notaries and justices of the peace in various precincts to facilitate the registering of voters.

**George G. Read, of Junction City.**

JUNCTION CITY, Or., Jan. 26.—George G. Read died last evening at his home in this city, aged 45 years. He left a wife and three sons. Mr. Read was born in Morgan county, Illinois, afterward living in Dakota, Kansas, Texas, Nevada and Oregon. He went to Delamar, Idaho, from Oregon, in 1896, to work in the mines, and while there was poisoned in the quartz mills, and afterward returned here. He was a man of good habits and had many friends, who cared for him in his last days. He was a member of the Christian church.

**Farmers' Congress Programme.**

SALEM, Or., Jan. 26.—Secretary Thielsen, of the chamber of commerce, will complete tomorrow the programme for the farmers' congress, which will be held in this city, February 7 and 8. The programme will include many interesting features. There will be several addresses on the agricultural and horticultural resources of Oregon.

**Third Stroke of Paralysis.**

ASTORIA, Jan. 26.—M. P. Callendar, of the Columbia mill, at Knappton, suffered a stroke of paralysis last evening, and is reported to be in a very precarious condition. A physician went over from here to attend him this afternoon. This is the third attack of the kind that he has had.

**Oregon Notes.**

Newberg's receipts for the past year were $2729 28, and its disbursements $2680 12.

China pheasants are said to be very numerous around Oakville, in Linn county.

Cordial handshaking is reported from many Valley towns. The political campaign is near.

James Hemenway is "mentioned" in Lane county as a candidate for representative in the legislature.

A member of Newberg's city council has resigned, because his holdings of realty prove to be outside the city limits.

Miss Minnie Pausch, of Pine Grove, whose skull was fractured by the kick of a horse, has greatly improved, and is expected to recover.

The Hood River Sun says that near Thirteen-Mile Point is a noted bear den, where seven bruins have been killed. The latest was killed last week by Joseph Douthitt.

Halsey reports "no dearth of electric doctors, peddlers and fakers for the past few weeks," and that "bargains may be had in second-hand electric appliances by inquiring of most any one around town."

Stock Inspector Taylor reports a good many scabby sheep in Marion county, in the vicinity of Turner, Abiqua and Silverton, which he promptly ordered dipped. He also reports some hog cholera in the northern end of the county.

The Portland Dispatch calls for a new rule in the democratic national convention—"presentation to the nominee for president of a small silver padlock, symbolical of the fact that, beyond a formal written acceptance of the nomination and indorsement of the platform laid down, both his lips should be closed and his pen remain unused during the entire campaign."

Zarina Cigarettes—not made by Japs or Chinamen, 10 cents for 10.

# GOLD OF LAKE COUNTY

## PROMISE OF RICH MINES IN THE CHEWAUCON COUNTRY.

**Ore Running as High as $150 to the Ton Has Been Obtained—Development Proceeding.**

LAKEVIEW, Or., Jan. 22.—Joe Howard, the veteran merchant of Lakeview, who has turned his attention to mining, will start a new crew of miners at work in his gold mines, 35 miles north from Lakeview and five miles south from Paisley, as soon as the weather will permit. The practical miners whom he had employed during the fall and until Christmas brought down some fine specimens. It is not generally known, even in this county, that there are prospects of rich discoveries here. In the barren hills that border on the "desert" there have been discoveries that are startling, and yet prospecting cannot be said to be fairly begun.

Mr. Howard, who is an old miner, having mined in Australia, California, British Columbia, Mexico and other places, came to Lake county about 30 years ago. He says that "something told him" that there was gold right here in Lake county, and he left his store in charge of his wife in 1894 and went into the Chewaucon country on a prospecting tour. He went to Johnson's canyon, six miles south of Paisley, and followed this until the signs looked right, and set camp and began to work. Colors were found at once, and he began a tunnel into the side of a hill 5x5 feet, and drove this tunnel in about 75 feet. It was about 133 feet below the summit, and at the end of 75 feet the rock assayed $60 to the ton. The assay was made at Redding, Cal.

Howard then began a tunnel at the bottom of Johnson's canyon, several hundred feet lower than the other tunnel, and is making for the center of the great hill. He has reached a distance of more than 100 feet in this tunnel, and the last ore taken out, assayed at Yreka, Cal., showed $82 in gold to the ton and $6 in silver.

Mr. Howard is unable to tell what the technical name of the ore of these mines is, but the gold runs in iron sulphates. He says there are mountains and mountains of the ore, and that it gets better the farther he goes into the mountain. The Gaylor brothers, who have done some prospecting in the same vicinity, have found ore that assays as high as $150 to the ton. They, however, are not doing much prospecting, but have filed on a number of claims and do the assessment work from year to year, and are waiting for developments. Howard has put in about all the money so far expended—about $1000.

Johnson creek, which runs through the canyon, is fed by a large stream that runs all the year, and it is said that this will be sufficient, if properly utilized, to work the mines in that vicinity. If the assays made prove reliable, and the ore exists there in the quantities claimed, when the railroad reaches this section gold mining may surpass the great stock industry of this county.

**Quotations of Mining Stocks.**

SPOKANE, Jan. 26.—The closing bids for mining stocks today were:

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| Blacktail | $0 08 | Morrison | $0 04½ |
| Butte & Boston | 3 | Princess Maud | 7¾ |
| Crystal | 3 | Quilp | 22 |
| Cheapa-Bluejay | ⅜ | Rambler Cariboo | 50 |
| Deer Trail No. 2 | 11¾ | Republic | 1 00 |
| Evening Star | 7 | Reservation | 9½ |
| Gold Ledge | 6 | Rossland Giant | 7½ |
| Golden Harvest | 2 | Sullivan | 10 |
| Insurgent | 2¾ | Tom Thumb | 16 |
| Jim Blaine | 18 | Waterloo | 9½ |
| Lone Pine Surp. | 15¼ | Palo Alto | ⅞ |
| Mountain Lion | 94 | Iron Crown | 8 |
| Morning Glory | 3 | | |

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 26.—The official closing quotations for mining stocks today were:

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| Alta | $0 02 | Lady Wash. Con. | $0 02 |
| Alpha Con | 2 | Mexican | 30 |
| Belcher | 10 | Occidental Con | 18 |
| Best & Belcher | 23 | Ophir | 66 |
| Bullion | 5 | Overman | 5 |
| Caledonia | 47 | Potosi | 36 |
| Challenge Con | 22 | Savage | 16 |
| Chollar | 27 | Scorpion | 2 |
| Confidence | 70 | Seg. Belcher | 2 |
| Con. Cal. & Va. | 1 45 | Sierra Nevada | 47 |
| Crown Point | 11 | Silver Hill | 4 |
| Exchequer | 1 | Standard | 2 50 |
| Gould & Curry | 24 | Union Con | 29 |
| Hale & Norcross | 39 | Utah Con | 6 |
| Justice | 2 | Yellow Jacket | 23 |
| Kentuck Con | 1 | | |

NEW YORK, Jan. 26.—Mining stocks today closed as follows:

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| Chollar | $0 22 | Ontario | $8 50 |
| Crown Point | 12 | Ophir | 63 |
| Con. Cal. & Va. | 1 40 | Plymouth | 8 |
| Deadwood | 50 | Quicksilver | 1 75 |
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| Hale & Norcross | 25 | Sierra Nevada | 45 |
| Homestake | 55 00 | Standard | 2 50 |
| Iron Silver | 52 | Union Con | 25 |
| Mexican | 30 | Yellow Jacket | 20 |

BOSTON, Jan. 26.—Closing quotations:

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| Boston & Mont. | $2 65 | Parrott | $0 40½ |
| Butte & Boston | 48 | | |

### WILL MINE ALL WINTER.

**Snow Does Not Delay Sumpter Prospectors.**

J. G. McGuigan, a prominent mining man, who is spending a few days at the Imperial, says the winter has been thus far so mild in the Blue mountains of Eastern Oregon that neither mining nor prospecting has been interfered with. On the summits around Sumpter and Granite, there are three feet of snow, but this does not keep prospectors from staking out claims whenever they see fit. In the town of Sumpter there is just snow enough for comfortable sleighing, while in Baker City there is none at all.

Sumpter he considers the present great headquarters for the adjacent mines, and the growth of this town has taken the wind out of Baker City's sails somewhat, but the proposed railroad from La Grande to Granite will render Sumpter's supremacy short-lived, as Granite will then become the emporium of the new mining region for the time being. He thinks that the permanent metropolis of the region has not yet been located, as developments follow each other so rapidly that the present centers at best have only a temporary hold on the business. Sumpter will always be a supply point for half a dozen good quartz mines, but Granite is right in the center of the whole mining region.

A great many mining men are arriving from Cripple Creek, Montana and British Columbia, Mr. McGuigan says, and in addition to those from Spokane they will make things hum the coming summer. His own mines are now being developed and good ledges are being uncovered in each. He has met with considerable delay in opening them up, as log cabins had to be built and arrangements made for housing and feeding a number of miners at each point. Men are paid $3 to $3 50 per day, of 10 hours, and are charged 50 cents a day for board. Bunkhouses are furnished for the men, but the workers have to find their own bedding. Miners usually work seven days in the week, and so no time is lost while they are in the diggings.

As a miner of long experience and considerable success, Mr. McGuigan has no hesitation in hazarding the opinion that the Eastern Oregon mines will prove to be the richest on the coast. He names 11 properties now, which net their owners from $10,000 to $50,000 a month, and the number of stamps will be fully doubled in the various districts before the summer is over.

### TO MINE ALASKA'S COPPER.

**Portland Men Will Operate on Prince of Wales Island.**

It seems probable that a company composed entirely of Portland men will be the first to develop the great copper resources of Alaska. Articles of incorporation of the Kayyam Copper Company were recently filed by C. H. Prescott, president; W. W. Catlin, vice-president; R. J. Holmes, secretary and J. Frank Watson, treasurer.

The company has acquired a fine property on Prince of Wales island, and proposes to work it for all it is worth. The claims have been thoroughly prospected, and give promise of being inexhaustible. Considerable money has already been spent in development work and more will be put in immediately. It is the purpose to send a shipload of supplies up in the spring, to build all the necessary buildings and begin operations of a very large scale.

The ore runs from 2 to 32 per cent copper and yields from $3 to $5 a ton in gold. The mine is located within three miles of tide water, and right on the line of all the vessels in the Alaska trade. It is 60 miles this side of Fort Wrangel, the nearest American port, and about 200 miles this side of Dyea and Skagway.

The members of the company are well known Portland business men who have the energy and ability to see the enterprise through, and they hope that it will prove one of the best properties in Alaska, Cape Nome and Klondike not excepted.

### BOURNE'S GROUP OF CLAIMS.

**Has 23 On Which Assessments Are Worked, in Skamania County.**

STEVENSON, Wash., Jan. 26.—Jonathan Bourne, of Portland, has filed with the auditor of Skamania county, affidavits of assessment work for the year 1899 on a group of 23 claims in the Bald mountain mining district. Mr. Bourne is doing considerable tunneling in tnis district, and it is reliably reported that extensive work will be done the coming summer. These mines are located 15 miles north of Washougal, in Skamania county.

### ARRIVED FROM HONOLULU.

**Clean Bill of Health, but Goes Through Quarantine.**

ASTORIA, Jan. 26.—The British bark County Merioneth arrived in port today, 20 days from Honolulu, in ballast. She had an uneventful passage, making the mouth of the river in 15 days. She lay at Honolulu 23 days, discharging cargo and taking on ballast. Before leaving Honolulu the quarantine officer gave her a clean bill of health, in which it was stated that she had been fumigated, including the personal effects of the officers and crew.

As Honolulu is a port infected with the bubonic plague, the vessel was anchored in the lower harbor, and was boarded by Dr. Hill Hastings, the government quarantine officer, who found no sickness on board, but he placed her in quarantine and is fumigating her to kill any germs of the disease that might be in her ballast, and also to kill any rats or other vermin that might be on board. Dr. Hastings has notified the surgeon-general at Washington of her arrival and condition, and unless he receives orders to the contrary will release her from quarantine tomorrow.

The United States lighthouse tender Manzanita has received instructions to proceed to Portland and have a new foremast put in her. The present foremast is old, and it is feared is not strong enough to sustain the weight that it is sometimes called upon to lift.

The men who recently purchased the schooner Jessie for $6000 feel well satisfied with their purchase, as they have been offered $9000 for her by Seattle parties.

No attempt was made to take the lightship off the beach at McKenzie head today, owing to a strong swell having set in.

### TAX LEVY FOR DALLAS.

**Much Less Than Last Year—Waterworks and Sewers Wanted.**

DALLAS, Or., Jan. 26.—At a meeting last night of the finance committee of the city council, it was decided to recommend a levy of 4½ mills for the town of Dallas. Last year's levy was 7 mills. There will be no special school tax this year. Therefore, the state, county, school and municipal levies, all told, in the town of Dallas, will be 25½ mills.

The receipts of the city government last year amounted to $2272 99, and expenses were $2115 45. The reason for a reduced levy is the increase in taxable property within the corporation.

The city is anxious to have waterworks and sewerage, and would give encouragement to private capital to put them in.

The ordinance of baptism by immersion will be administered to W. G. Magers, the slayer of Ray Sink, next Sunday. Elder Barton Z. Riggs, of the Christian church, of Dallas, will perform the rite. As the time approaches for his execution, the prisoner becomes more penitent. He still persists in declaring his innocence.

The county court this week appointed the road supervisors for the county. The supervisors appointed for the three Dallas precincts are: North Dallas, Al Baxter; South Dallas, J. J. Williams; East Dallas, H. S. Butts.

### TO MAKE FRUIT BOXES.

**Salem Will Hereafter Supply Her Own Needs in This Line.**

SALEM, Or., Jan. 26.—Twenty-five hundred feet of cottonwood and white fir lumber, the first shipment on an order for 125,000 feet, for the new Salem box factory, was received from the Corvallis mills today. The lumber will be used in the manufacture of fruit boxes, the local market for which has been controlled heretofore by the factories of Portland, Grant's Pass and other points. The Salem factory was established by Kertz Bros., with a view to supplying all the fruitgrowers of the county with boxes, and it will soon begin operations. Machinery for another factory to be started by Mr. Maxon, is now on the ground. With these two factories in operation, it is thought the outside firms will find little demand for their product in Marion and adjoining countes.

**Washington Notes.**

Twenty-seven jobbing houses of Spokane have organized an association for protection and profit.

Walla Walla uses 450 telephones, 200 instruments having been installed within the past two months.

Plows are running on the rolling hills between Walla Walla and Waitsburg. The ground is found to be in excellent condition.

William Cadby, of Bucoda, was killed by a falling tree at his logging camp, near Elma, Wednesday. He was unmarried.

In the third case against saloons and disorderly houses in New Whatcom, the jury acquitted the defendant, as in the two preceding cases.

Many doctors of Spokane openly oppose the policy of the health department of the city in seeking to conceal the seriousness of the smallpox epidemic there.

Some of the hopgrowers of the Yakima valley have become discouraged over the low price of hops and a considerable acreage of vines is being plowed up for other crops.

The three saloon-keepers of Deer Park, a suburb of Spokane, have been arrested for selling liquor to minors and keeping disorderly houses, and the county court announces its intention to revoke their licenses.

The Tacoma chamber of commerce has appointed a committee to examine a 640-acre tract at American lake offered for the proposed site for a military post as contemplated by the bill recently introduced in congress by Senator Foster.

"With the exception of a cold snap last Sunday, Cowlitz county has not seen any winter and the people have been going in their shirtsleeves," says the Castle Rock Advocate. "We have had fresh vegetables and flowers in the gardens right along. Cowlitz county is all right."

Abe Ritzwaller, formerly a well-known member of the Seattle Athletic Club; his sister, Mrs. A. Cohn, wife of a Seattle tailor, and Sol Ritzwaller, of San Francisco, now in New York city, have fallen heir to nearly $500,000, through the death of an uncle at Stargard, Pomerania, Prussia.

# DIED OF STRANGULATION

## VERDICT OF CORONER'S JURY IN GILLIAM COUNTY CASE.

**Presumably the Mother and Child Were Murdered—Thorough Investigation Is in Progress.**

CANDON, Or., Jan. 25.—The coroner's jury held separate inquests as to the death of Mrs. Laura A. Kelsey and her child, who were found dead in a spring a few miles from Condon last week. As to the child, the verdict was that the cause of death was drowning. In the mother's case the verdict was as follows:

"That deceased came to her death at David Russell's ranch, in Gilliam county, Oregon, on Friday, January 19, 1900; that the cause of death was strangulation primarily, and, secondarily, from drowning; that we have been unable to determine whether her death was caused by her own act or that of some person or persons unknown."

The bodies were found Friday, the spring where they were discovered being located on the ranch of Dave Russell, about eight miles northwest of town. Justice of the Peace G. L. Neale, acting as coroner, at once impaneled a jury and went out to the scene of the tragedy, arriving at the ranch at about 9:30 P. M. The jury was composed of J. R. Clark, R. J. Palmer, H. G. Jordan, J. A. Kiser, Wiley Miller and S. A. Pattison. Dr. S. K. Luna also accompanied the party. When the coroner and his party arrived at the ranch the bodies were still lying where they had been taken from the water. They were removed to the house and an investigation was commenced.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell were the only witnesses examined at that time, their testimony, given in brief, being substantially as follows:

Mrs. Kelsey was Mrs. Russell's sister. Her maiden name was Vaughn, and her father resides at Athena. She was married in June, 1898, but was separated from her husband. She was 18 years old last August. She came to Russell's about a year ago, and her baby was born there last April. She also had a child 3 years old, which is with her parents at Athena. She was in the habit of taking the baby out in the sunshine for awhile each day when the weather was fine, and when she took the child and went out at about 2 o'clock that afternoon, nothing was thought of it by either of the witnesses, who were both in the house at the time, nor did they notice anything unusual in her manner. Both witnesses testified that there had been no trouble of any kind between either of them and the deceased, and neither of them gave an opinion as to a probable cause that might have led to suicide. After the examination of these witnesses was concluded Dr. Luna was called upon to make an examination of the bodies, and in doing so it was found that the child's diaper was tied tightly around the woman's neck, which, with other indications, pointed to strangulation. No marks of violence could be found on the child, and it was evident that death in its case was caused by drowning.

The bodies were removed to town and an autopsy on the body of the mother was performed by Drs. Luna and Hogan, which resulted in the fact being established by their testimony that death was caused primarily by strangulation, and secondarily by drowning. That is to say, that the cloth around the woman's neck was tight enough to cause death in itself, but not so tight that a very little water entered her lungs after she was in the spring, which may have hastened her death.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell were both recalled, and William Welsh, a nephew of Mr. Russell, was also examined. The only thing developed was that Welsh was at Russell's place Friday forenoon; that after he left, Mrs. Kelsey spoke to Mrs. Russell about going to a dance which was to be given in the neighborhood that evening; that Mrs. Russell told her she should not go to a place where she was not wanted, and that her sister replied that it was all right to go, for Welsh had invited her and asked her to go. This conversation took place, according to Mrs. Russell's testimony, shortly before her sister left the house for the last time.

Welsh, when placed on the stand, denied this story; said he was at the ranch, but had no conversation whatever with the deceased; did not mention that dance or hear it mentioned while there. Welsh was not a very willing witness.

### HOPGROWERS' COMMITTEE MEETS.

**Ray Resigns From Sales Committee—No Contracts Yet Made.**

SALEM, Or., Jan. 26.—A protracted meeting of the executive committee of the Oregon Hopgrowers' Association was held this afternoon, and was attended by Secretary J. W. Hill, of Portland; George Hovenden, of Hubbard, and James Winstanley, of this city, the last named being the representative of President Jones, who is now in the East. A. J. Ray, of Portland, was in attendance, and owing to the pressure of private business, tendered his resignation as a member of the sales committee. The resignation was accepted, and a vote of thanks was given Mr. Ray for his efficient work in behalf of the association.

Mr. Ray, who accompanied Mr. Jones to New York, gave an account of his trip and information of the Eastern situation, which the other members considered encouraging. The conditions spoken of were such as the other members had always thought existed.

Reports that had been circulated to the effect that the association was bound to certain dealers were emphatically denied, the members declaring that no contracts had been made with any dealer in the country. The increase in the price of hops of from 1½ to 2 cents within the past two weeks, was spoken of, but the prevailing quotations were said to be not up to the demands of the association. After the meeting the committee declined to say at what figures the association would be willing to make sales of the hops now in the pool.

### M'MINNVILLE COUNCILMAN RESIGNS.

**Dispute Over Election of His Successor—The City Tax Levy.**

M'MINNVILLE, Or., Jan. 26.—At a special meeting of the city council last evening, the resignation of Councilman J. E. Durham was read and accepted. The ballot for his successor resulted: Rasmus Nelson, 3; S. A. Manning, 1, and Hi Rummel, 1. Mayor Maloney declared Mr. Nelson elected, whereupon Councilman Jones appealed, on the grounds that a majority vote had been cast for any one. The council sustained the mayor, Macy, MacDonald and Wright voting aye, and Daniels and Jones no. Mr. Jones said he would fight it further.

The council fixed the tax levy for city purposes as follows:

| | Mills. |
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| General fund | 3.5 |
| Street fund | 1.5 |
| Water and light fund | 2.0 |
| Total | 7.0 |

The total state and county levy for this county is 18.4 mills. The city levy, 7 mills, and a special school tax of 2.5 mills will make the rate for property-owners of McMinnville 27.9 mills.

**Vicissitudes of Lighting Plant.**

Early in September of last year the city dynamo broke down, leaving the city in total darkness. The authorities immediately had it repaired, but it broke down again. The fact that the present system was inadequate to the demands for light was realized by all, and at a mass meeting of citizens the council was instructed to purchase a new dynamo and two boilers, and put in a system of arc lights. Early in November a contract was entered into with E. Cannon, who represented himself as manager of the Northwest Electric & Engineering Company, to furnish the entire electrical apparatus needed by December 15. On that date he asked for a month's extension of time, which was granted. When this time expired, Mr. Cannon notified the city that the outfit was at Denver, Colo., but was in the hands of the United States court, as the manufacturing company had made an assignment, and asked time to attempt to free it from the courts. Last evening he appeared before the council, stating he had been unable to get control of the outfit contracted for, and offering to fulfill every requirement of his contract with a machine of different make. The council then unanimously ordered the contract rescinded, and formally notified the company thereof. The council will meet tomorrow evening to consider bids for a new dynamo, and the arc lights. The city is practically where it was last November, although the present plant supplies sufficient electricity to light the business houses. The new boilers have been purchased and put in place.

### FUMIGATION OF MAILS.

**United States Will Do It at Spokane; Canadians at the Border.**

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.—Superintendent White, of the railway mail service, said today that the United States officials, when they learned of the prevalence of smallpox at Spokane, had directed that all mail leaving that place should be disinfected, but as the disease has not appeared between Spokane and the Canadian border, it is not deemed necessary to fumigate the mail after it leaves the infected city. But few postoffices on the coast are permanently provided with disinfecting apparatus, so the order could not be put into immediate effect. It was also directed that any mail which may have left Spokane for British Columbia which is suspected of being infected shall be returned to Spokane for fumigation.

Postoffice officials here are of the opinion that if the British Columbia officials desire to have the mails disinfected at the border they should attend to that duty themselves. All the mail in question is addressed to residents of British Columbia, and some of it originated in Canada. It has been the custom of this government to disinfect mails from infected countries as soon as they cross our border.

### REMAINS OF WASHINGTON MEN.

**Will Be Turned Over to Relatives for Burial—Chaplain at Olympia.**

OLYMPIA, Jan. 26.—Upon reading in the morning dispatches of the arrival at San Francisco of the remains of the members of the First Washington volunteers who lost their lives in the Philippines, Adjutant-General Fox telegraphed to the quartermaster at San Francisco, asking instructions as to the state's duty in regard to burial of the remains. It is probable the bodies will be turned over to the nearest relatives, and if there is any case where such request is not made, the remains will be buried in a military cemetery at one of the United States forts in this state. General Fox thinks the remains of Chaplain John R. Thompson will be brought to Olympia for burial, as his sister and only known relative, Mrs. John R. Bell, lives in the country a few miles out from town, and Olympia was Rev. Mr. Thompson's early home.

### SAW MILL TO BE MOVED.

**Will Ship Its Output to the Eastern Market.**

FOREST GROVE, Or., Jan. 26.—Patton & Holsches, of Scoggin valley, have leased the old mill site 12 miles west of this place, formerly owned by Colonel T. R. Cornelius, and will commence at once the removal of their saw mill from Scoggin valley to that point. The mill at this location will be accessible to a large supply of the very finest yellow fir, and situated 10 miles from Seghers, where the lumber will be loaded on cars and shipped to Eastern parties, who have placed two large contracts with the mill. There is not an idle saw mill in Washington county, and this year, owing to the demand for lumber outside the state, will be the best year for this industry in the history of the county.

**Lower Court Reversed.**

OLYMPIA, Jan. 26.—The supreme court has reversed the decision of the lower court in the case of A. J. Rounds, appellant, vs. Whatcom County, respondent. This case presented for determination the question of the liability of a county towards laborers and material furnishers, on failure to take a bond from the contractor, as provided by section 2415, Vol. I, Hill's code, upon a contract for road improvement, under the act of March 15, 1893.

**Convict Escaped From Asylum.**

SALEM, Or., Jan. 26.—Martin Kelly, a convict confined at the asylum, yesterday escaped. He was received at the penitentiary from Jackson county and transferred to the asylum about a year ago.

# INDECENT MAN KILLED

## BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN SHOT BY AN ANGRY FATHER.

**Had Been Complained of to the Police—No Clew to His Identity—Restaurant Waiter.**

SEATTLE, Jan. 26.—An unknown man, cheaply but flashily dressed, was shot and killed in the suburbs this afternoon. It is believed that he was the man who had been complained of to the police as acting in an indecent manner in the neighborhood, and that he was shot by an angry father. E. Koch was written with lead pencil on the inside of his hatband, and that is the only clew to his identity. It is said he has been employed in local restaurants as a waiter.

### NARROW ESCAPE FROM FIRE.

**Mother Threw Children to Firemen and Jumped Herself.**

WARDNER, Idaho, Jan. 26.—Magnuson's restaurant, at Gem, burned this morning; loss, $600. Mr. Magnuson occupied the second story of the building as a residence, and the family had a narrow escape from death. Mrs. Magnuson and her two children were both considerably burned, but not seriously. The mother, finding her escape by the stairway cut off, seized the children, threw them from a window to the firemen below, and then jumped out herself. The little boy, 2 years old, was hurt by the fall more seriously than by his burns.

**Sketch of Mrs. Penter.**

SALEM, Or., Jan. 25.—Mrs. Matilda C. Penter died Sunday at her home at Oretown, on the Little Nestucca, Tillamook county, of old age. She was born November 15, 1820, in North Carolina. When quite young she removed to Tennessee, and thence to Arkansas, where she lived until 1837. She was married to Samuel Penter about 1842, and they moved to Missouri in the spring of 1843. In company with her husband and her father, T. D. Kaiser, she crossed the plains with an ox-team, after suffering many hardships. In six months the party reached Oregon City. Shortly after they went to Yamhill county, and, being without a location, moved to the present site of Salem with her husband and took up a donation land claim in what is now known as Highland, North Salem, where she lived until 1883. In that year she moved to Little Nestucca. Her health broke down, and in 1888 she moved back to Salem. In 1893 she again moved to Tillamook county, where she resided until her death. Mrs. Penter had the honor of being the first white woman to arrive at The Dalles in a wagon. Her company there abandoned their teams and proceeded down the Columbia river in small boats, with untold suffering. It rained almost every day until they arrived at Oregon City, a trip which took about three weeks. In her early life she became a convert to the Methodist Episcopal church, and led a devout life to the end. Mrs. Penter was the mother of nine children, but only four are living. They are: T. H. Penter, of Nestucca; S. M. Penter, of British Columbia; Mrs. H. I. Brown and M. J. Penter, of Salem.

**Brakeman Was Killed.**

VICTORIA, B. C., Jan. 26.—Richard Wilson, a brakeman on the Esquimalt & Nanaimo railway, was killed this afternoon at Russell station, falling between the cars of the freight train from Wellington, and the entire train passing over him. Wilson left a widow and three children. He came here only six weeks ago from Toronto.

**The Dead Jesse Beard.**

FOREST GROVE, Or., Jan. 26.—The young man, Jesse Beard, who was killed last Sunday at Pendleton by a freight train, was the son of Jesse Beard, of Greenville, Or. He had a quarter interest in property worth $10,000 at Ukiah, Mendocino county, Cal. He was 19 years old, and was born in California.

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