DAMAGE BY WATER

New Potlatch Bridges of Northern Pacific Gone.

MUCH NEW TRACK IS INJURED

Paradise Creek Overflowed at Mos cow, Flooding Bailroad Tracks and Several Buildings.

MOSCOW, Idaho, Feb. El-A beavy rain began falling last night at 10 o'clock and continued without abatement until late this afternoon. The warm rain melt-ed the snow and this filled the guiches and streams. There were fears today of s repetition of the flood of last month slong the Potintch, but unless the rain should continue for two or three days longer there is no danger of such a

Wisphone reports from Juliaetta say that three califord bridges were washed out between that place and Lewiston. The rain has caused the streams to overflow, and without doubt much of the new track hid by the Northern Pacific in the washed-out district is injured. No

tosa is reported in Kondrick. Idea is reported in Kondrick.

In Moscow the streets in the lower part of town contain a good deal of water. Paradise creek has overflowed its banks, and the water is running over the railroad tracks. The city waterworks plant has two feet of water in it, and several houses down in the flat are surrounded with water.

Pataha Creek on the Rampage.

POMEROY, Wash., Feb. 21.—The lower part of the city is under water, Pataha creek being teansformed into a raring creek being gantormed to a regime percent by the melling snow from the mountains. A warm rain fell all day, and the water is still rising. A bridge between this city and Pataha and sevelign were torn away by the

NEW MILL FOR PROSSER.

Also an Electric Lighting Plant to Be Run by Water Power,

NORTH TAKIMA, Wash., Feb. 21.— The Proseer Fower & Milling Company has been incorporated to do business at Proseer. W. H. Brownlow is the secretary and general manager. The con puny will erect a new flour mill near the town, at the falls of the Yakima, and will put in an electric lighting plant for the village. E. W. R. Taylor, of this place, the owner of the Bour mill which has been running at Prosser for several years and duling a good business, the other day wold a half interest to E. Kemp. Messrs. Taylor & Kemp will make a number of improvements and increase the capacity

Indian Medicine Dance.

The Indians of the reservation have just closed a seven days' medicine dance, near Toppenish. A poculiar feature of this dance, and one that most white pecple suppose has never existed except in the minds of dime-hovel writers, is the self-inflicted torture of the participants in the dances. This rite has a deep religious significance for them. Of course, not all of the Yakima Indians take part in these barbarous practices. Many of them are well-educated men and women and live very much as their white neigh-

Few Hopgrowers Discouraged. Not a very large percentage of the acre uge of hope in this county will be plowed by this season, reports to the contrary, notwithstanding. All of the best yards in the valley will be worked. These have led aged care, and are in first-class addition for the opening of spring work.

Free Public Library. New quarters for the public library have been neatly fitted up in the room next to the postoffice. Newspapers and periodicals are entwelsely arranged for pat-rens, and the books catalogued. A large sumber of the latest and best works in fiction, history and science have lately been received. The library is free to the The institution has grown stead!

Improvements for the Town. M. Perry and Lombard & Horsley are getting ready to build stone wareadjoining lots on the west side The buildings will be made as nearly fire-tions and frost proof as possible. Togeth-er they will cover 80x190 feet of ground. and they will cover section feet of ground, and they will cost about 5500. Lombard & Horsley will use their rooms for storage purposes, and Mr. Perry will devote his smitcing to his commission and storage business. Fred Parker and G. W. Cary are about to put up s 25-foot brick storeroom on Second street, north of Yakima avenue, and T. R. Fisher and A. Alkeh are meaning to go a head with two more saw preparing to go ahead with two mor of stone on the same street, south of the svenue, on the lots they purchased last week. The Henton residence property in the eastern part of town changed hands today at \$400. James Wright, a well-known sheepman, being the purchaser. George Harvey this morning sold his next cottage on Pourth street to J. H. Hub

Looking for Bargiars. Sheriff Tucker is at Kiom investigating the relibery of W. M. Scott's store, which occurred last Friday night. Mr. Scott's ices was about \$50. This included \$55 coah belonging to him, and 5% taken from the postoffice, which is in the same room as the since. A day or two before the residence of Nelson Rich, at Prosser, was broken into and a gold watch and chain were taken by the burglars.

HUMES WAS RENOMINATED.

No Opposition to Him in the Scattle Maniepal Convention. SEATTLE, Peb. 21.—The republican city onvention here today was marked by great enthusiasm and harmony. Thomas J. Humes, the present mayor, was renom-inated on the first ballot. There was no organized opposition to his candidary, Nominations for other offices were made by acclamation or decisive majorities, ex-

cept in the case of controller. The ticket mitting councilmen) is: Mayor, Thomas J. Humes; controller, F H. Paul: corporation counsel, Will H. Humphrey; treasurer, S. F. Rathbun. Humphrey is renominated. Many of the councilmen also were resominated.

MAKES STANDARDIZING RUN,

In Strong Wind and Reavy See

Makes a Knot in 2:10, SEATTLE, Feb. 21.—The Goldsborough made her first standardising run today ever a knot course off Al-Ki point, which ship covered in 2 minutes and 10 seconds, in the testh of a strong wind and rolling o a beavy sex. She put into Scattle this moon, and will remain here until tomorrow, when it is expected that her second standtrial and official run will be made. She was invigated by Captain W. H. Patterson, who came from Portland to run her, and who will remain till she succeeds in making 30 knots for the re-

A BUSTER OF A CEDAR.

Eighteen Feet in Binmeter and 75 Feet to the First Limb. BOUTH BEND, Wash., Feb. 21.--J. R. Yeung, manager of the Burke shingle mill. while cruising out timber, found a cedar tree near the road from Bouth Bend to about Il feet in diameter. It was over 75

emoothed off and used as a dancing plat people, craning their neck to get their faces taken, have been scattered widely. This stump really consists of two trees grown together, but the tree discovered by Mr. Young is a single one, nor is it.

The South Bend school board today vote The South Bend School coard tonly vocate to extend the school term three months. The present teachers were re-employed. Owing to a heavy special tax levy this year the district's warrant indebtedness will probably be paid by the end of the

Three Millitary Orders.

VANCOUVER BARRACKS, Feb. El.-Orders have been receiv announcing that Assistant Surgeon James

announcing that assistant Surgeon James T. Arwine, now at Fort McIntosh, Texas, has been ordered to Vancouver barracks on temporary duty, until such time as he may be able to proceed to Fort St. Michael, Alaska, where he will report to the commanding officer for duty.

Captain Archibald W. Butt, assistant quartermasts, United States volunteers, now on duty in Portland, has been ordered to take charge of the quartermaster's property on the transport Lennex, and perform the duties of quartermaster and commissary until it shall arrive in Manila, when he will report to the commanding general.

manding general.

Major Robert J. Gibson has been as signed to duty on the hospital ship Mis-sourl, relieving Major W. H. Arthur, who report to the department

Burglary Was Attempted. VANCOUVER, Wash., Feb. 31.—An un-

successful attempt was made by unknown persons to burgiarize the tobacco store o persons to burgiarize the tobacco store of E. Brandon, last night. A pane of glass in one of the front windows of the store was broken, but the noise of breaking glass awakened the proprietor, who ap-peared on the scene and frightened the would-be burgiars away before they had an opportunity to take anything out of the window, which was filled with smok-ces withing. The attempt was probably the window, which was lined with amor-ers' articles. The attempt was probably the work of boys.

A reward of \$25 has been offered by Shoriff Marsh for the arrest of the par-ties who robbed and shot Cornellus Vanof,

at Amboy, this county, two weeks ago.
A decree of diverce was granted today
to Mrs. Mary Means against Charles R.
Means, on the ground of abandonment.

NORTHWEST DEAD.

General Thomas G. Reames, Prominent Citizen of Jacksonville. ASHLAND, Or., Feb. 21.—General Thomas G. Reames, an honored and respected pioneer, capitalist and citizen of Jacksonville, member of the banking firm of Beekman & Resmes, of that city, died

or recember & resames, or that they also at his home tonight, at 9 o'clock, after being confined to his bed for several days with crystpelas, aged 61 years.

The deceased was one of the best-known men in Oregon, and had long been prominent in the political affairs of the state. He was born in Litchfield county, Kentucky, December 15, 1833, and came to Oregon. tucky, December 15, 1838, and came to Ore gon in 1831 from Carbonville, Ill., settling in Jackson county, where he had since resided. He had served as sheriff of the county, mayor of Jacksonville several terms, and was appointed brigadier-general of the First bridge of the Oregon milita by Governor Thayer. In 1878 Mr. Reames was the democratic candidate for scenarios was the democratic calondate to secretary of state, but was defeated by the late Hon, Rocky P. Earhart, by 191 votes. During the early days of President Cleveland's first term he was appointed a United States postal inspector, but the work was not to his liking, and

he resigned in a few weeks. Deceased was a prominent member of the Masonic order, being at one time the grand master of Oregon Masons. The funeral will take place from the family home in Jacksonville, Friday, at 2 o'clock, He left a wife, and seven children, and a

large estate. DAYTON, Wash., Feb. 21.—The body of Seerge B. Fargo, who was a member of company F, Washington volunteers, arrived from the Philippines yesterday afternoon and was received by a military escort composed of his former comrades. There were also about 300 citizens at the train. Toung Pargo was very popular in Dayton, having been raised here, and graduated from the public schools the year he de-parted for the front. He died of disease, and was the only member, besides Cor-poral Ed Strain, of Pomeroy, lost from the company. The funeral was held at the M. E. auditorium today, attended by members of his company, the G. A. R., the high school cadets, and children of the

A. J. Burr, Pioneer of Olympia.

OLYMPIA, Feb. 21.—A. J. Burr, a pio-neer resident of Olympia, died at St. Pe-er's hospital this morning after a lingerng fliness. Deceased was one of the first white men to engage in the cultivation of oysters and cramberries on Puget sound which enterprises he has been prominent by identified with. He held the position of postmisster of Olympia under President Grant. A son living in Spokane and a daughter in Seattle survive him.

Civil War Veteran Dropped Dead. SALEM, Feb. 21.—Alexander York, aged 72. dropped dead at Macleay this forehoon. Heart failure is supposed to have been the cause of his death. The deceased was born in Ohio, and was a vetoran of the civil war. He has no relatives in this part of the courty. He atives in this part of the country. was formerly an inmate of the Soldiers Home, but has lately been residing at Silverton.

Washington Notes. Spokane democrats have planned a big \$1 dinner to be given on Thomas Jeffer son's birthday, April 2.

Whatcom county taxpayers are agitating the matter of a special tax levy to build roads to mining districts of the county.

James Z. Moore, prosecuting attorney of Spokane county, announces that he will be a candidate for the republican nomi-nation for governor next fall.

J. J. Grant, who was recently sent to the Walla Walla penitontlary for the crime of rape, is the tallest convict in that in his height being six feet and four and three-quarters inches.

One of Nelson Bennett's engineers is moted as expressing the conviction that either the Northern Pacific or the O. R. & N. would this year build the road up the Snake river from Riparia to Lewis

The steamer Multnomah, plying between Seattle and Olympia, has a dovecote that is occupied by a pair of pigeons that make the trip every day, in no wise disconcert-ed by the portable character of their

Rev. L. J. Sawyer, pastor of the North Seattle Baptist church, swore out war-rands for the arrest of 100 Seattle men who operate stot machines, and the ma-chines were seized and the men arrested Tuesday,

The Spokane & British Columbia Tele phone Company cannot compol the Spo-kane city council to grant it a franchise for a general exchange, according to the on of Judge Richardson handed down Monday afternoon,

The Shingle Manufacturers' Association of Washington, has in view the inspection of shingles by competent men, who will travel from mill to mill. This the West Coust and Puget Sound Lumberman re-gards as a most desirable innovation, for the reason that, though a manufacturer may be first-class in every respect, he may sometimes send out poor shingles. A worthless hand in the mill may spoil the manufacturer's reputation before he

should it feet to diameter. It was ever no fact from the ground to the first limb.

The most famous and heretofore largest codar known in the state is near Sedro-Woelley, the stump of which measures it by for this class.

SKULL OF GILLIAM COUNTY FARMER SERIOUSLY FRACTURED.

Robbery Supposed to Have Been Object of the Assailant-Injury May Prove Fatal,

CONDON, Or., Feb. 21.—C. A. Dahlke, a well-known farmer, living near Clem, 12 miles north of this place, was assaulted in his house at an early hour last evening, and brutally beaten with a hatchet or some other blunt instrument. The object is supposed to have been robbery. After being beaten, Dahlke dragged himself to the residence of E. Propst, a neighbor, two miles distant, and a telephone message was sent to this place for a physician. Dahlke was unable to give any account of the assault, except that

BEATEN WITH A HATCHET have not this security, and, in case of a loss, must go to another state to bring an action.

Dried Fruit Men to Organise. Organization is the watchword in every Organization is the watchword in every department of agricultural industry in the Willamette valley today. The next meeting to be held for the purpose of effecting a union is a meeting of dried fruit men, who will be called together in this city some time this month. The date has not been fixed, but will be before the meeting of fruit men to be held in Portiand March 8.

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MRS. ELECTA E. STORY.



GOLDENDALE, Wash., Feb. 20.-Mrs. Electa Elleworth Story, wife of James E. Story, who died Saturday, Pebruary 3, at her home, near Bickleton, after a lingering illness, was among the early settlers of Eastern Klicklist, she and her aged husband, who still survives her, having been residents of that part of the county for 20 years. She was born in Ulster county, New York, in the year 1830.

his assailant was masked. There are 33 wounds on his head, and the skull is fractured in three places. The chances are against his recovery.

Condon has a well-developed case of smallpox. Ed Temple, a photographer, who came here about two weeks ago, is down with the disease. A strict quarantine has been established, and a building has been secured and fitted up, one mile out of town, to which the patient has been removed. A number of persons have been removed. A number of persons have been exposed to the disease, but they are being carefully guarded, and it is hoped there will be no general infection.

WARNING AGAINST A FRAUD.

Secretary of State Gives Notice of an Hlegitimate Insurance Concern. SALEM, Feb. 21.—Frequent complaints made to Secretary of State Dunbar against an accident insurance company whose agents surreptitiously transact business in this state, have caused that official to call the attention of the press to the concern

and to warn the public against it.

The secretary of state is ex-officio insurance commissioner, and laws have been
enacted and the office created for the protection of the interests of the insurance public, to secure to the people insurance n sound and reliable companies, and to provide available and convenient methods of enforcing the payment of claims and the fulfillment of contracts. The company against which the warning

is given is known as the Fidelity Mutual Aid Association, of California, and its purported agents have given trouble in various parts of the state. The first complaint received was from lumbermen in Clatsop county, who were induced to part with their money for insurance that proved to be wholly worthiess. The agent escaped before the officials could escure his arperfore the officials could be describe in al-rest. The next offense was committed in Union county. Secretary Dunbar im-mediately notified the sheriff of that county, and the agent, C. F. Baker, was ar-rested and bound over to the circuit court. At the convening of the February term f court in that county the defendant orfeited his bail. The last complaint omes Grant's Pass, where a man claim-

ing to represent this same company has swindled 40 or 50 men out of some \$1500. The complaints indicate that it is the plan of these agents to go to out-of-the-way places, where they can work successfully without being discovered until they have secured a goodly sum of money. It is reported that the agents in some cases fuse to issue a policy after they have dlected the premiums, and in all cases fail to pay the agreed benefits in case of injury. The victims are nearly all labor-ing men, who have no time nor money

ig men, who have no this product of spend in prosecuting the agents.

The character of the transactions of this ompany in this state has led Insurance commissioner A. J. Clunic, of California, give assurance that he will revoke its

license in that state upon complaint from Secretary of State Dunbur. In response to the last complaint received him, Secretary Dunbar wrote to the mplainant that the state department-is endy and anxious to prosecute all offer ers against the insurance laws, but that the agents doing business litegally get out of the state before being detected. The Fidelity Mutual Aid Association has ot complied with the law, and is not stitled to do business in this state. The est means of protection available to the

tary Dunbar's letter which says: The public should not patronize com-panies not licensed to do business in this state, as they can readily ascertain from very agent who is soliciting insurance within the state, by the certificates issued from this department, whether or not the company represented is authorized to ransact insurance business within the tate, and whether or not the agent is authorized to solicit insurance for such company. Besides, persons induced by the small savings in premiums, not only aid in violating the laws and depriving the state of revenue, but in the case you men-tion, lose their indemnity in case of loss, Unless the insuring public will assist and aid the officers in enforcing the laws and report these fraudulent concerns and agents, they can do little toward protect-

Insurance companies legally authorized to do business in Oregon are required to show by the reports and certificate of wherein they are organized, that they are solvent, have an emergency or reserve fund or nasets amounting to over \$200,000 for the protection of policy-holders, and are also required to appoint an agent in the state upon whom service can be made in case a suit is necessary. Those who insure with companies not so authorized

mar them."

fornia growers. Such a combination would eccessarily have its seat of power in California, and would leave the Oregon pro-ducers at the mercy of men who are to a great extent their rivals. One object of the meeting to be held in Salem is to select delegates to attend the meeting at Portland March 8.

McElwain Wants a Pardon. Application has been made to Governor Geer for the pardon of M. E. McEiwain, who was convicted in the circuit court for Sherman county, in October, 1896, of the crime of raising a promissory note. He was sentenced to two years imprisonment in the pentientlary. Owing to an appeal to the supreme court and a stay of proceedings pending the appeal, McElwain has not served his sentence. He resides

n Portland. Representative From Oregon. Governor Geer today appointed Rev. Abransar American, covered of Fortand, to represent the state of Oregon as a mem-ber of the Charles Sumner monument com-mittee. This appointment is made at the request of Charles Sumner post, G. A. R., Washington, D. C. The object of the com-It was the request of the G. A. R. post that a colored gentleman be appointed to represent this state, and this appointment was made upon the recommendation of the Afre-American League, of Oregon.

Marion County Circuit Court. A disagreement of the jury was the re-suit of the trial of the Smith boys for the shooting of their father. The case went to the jury last night, and the jury was out until 10 o'clock this morning. On their reporting that they could no agree they were discharged, and Judge Burnett held the defendants under bonds to appear for trial at the June term of

This morning the circuit court took up the trial of the case of William and Or-vie Smith against their father, W. R. Smith. This was an action to replevin a team of horses which the boys claimed to own, but which their father had in his possession. The case did not get to the jury, for, after the introduction of the plaintiffs' evidence, the court directed a verdict in favor of the defendant.

Another case, brought by the Smith boys against their father to recover possession of two cows, was settled out of court and dismissed.

J. D. Newman was this morning arvairmed in the direction on the charge arraigned in the direction of the charge.

raigned in the circuit court on the charge of stealing furniture from the residence of Richard Carlson last week. He en-tered a plea of guilty and will receive sentence next Saturday morning. G. Gray, who was, last Saturday, found guilty of carrying concealed weapons, was this morning sentenced to impris-onment in the county jail for 100 days.

Masonic Festivities. Grand Master J. M. Hodson, of Oregon Freemasons, this evening paid an officia risit to the Masonic lodges of this city After an address by the grand master addresses were made by leading mem-bers of the local lodges, and the exercises

closed with a banquet. Oregon Supreme Court. In the supreme court today, the follow-ing proceedings were recorded in the clerk's docket:

J. Frank Watson, respondent, vs. The Noonday Mining Company, appellant, and The John A. Roebling's Sons Com-pany, respondent, and Al Parker, Dan-iel M. Tracy and Charles F. Morse, defendants, appeal from Douglas county; argued and submitted. Philip Meriam, respondent, vs. The Vic-

tory Placer Mining Company et al., ap-pellant, and Willis Kramer, Hexter, May & Co. et al., respondents, appeal fro Douglas county; argued and submitted Grant Holt, administrator, respondent M. Idleman, executor, appellant ordered on motion that F. T. Griffith have leave to withdraw the record in this case for 20 days.

WORK OF INCENDIARY. Set Fire to Heppner Dwelling, but It

Was Saved-Stock Notes. HEPPNER, Or., Feb. 21.-Fire was dis-overed at 11 o'clock last night in the large dwelling-house formerly owned by J. B. Sperry, now the property of Robert Wills. The house had recently been vacated. The fire was extinguished before getting much of a start. It was undoubtedly of incendiary origin, as a bottle which had contained coal oil and was wrapped in burlap was found under the stairway, where the fire started.

slight showing of snow has gone, the frost is out of the ground, and occasional showers keep the grams growing, with the thermometer at 45 degrees above zero.

An old resident says that the bunch-grams will be knee-high here in the apring.

COMPLICATED SITUATION IN CLEAR.

There is now a temporary luil in the buying of sheep for delivery after shearing in May. Growers want to relain their yearling ewes, to keep their ranges stocked, and buyers want the ewes as well as the wethers. Buyers offer to continue paying \$2.50 for mixed lots, but growers want \$2.50 for straight wethers. Ewes are considered worth 50 cents a head more than wethers. Thus buyers and sellers are at present apart. Representatives of several transconti-nental lines are here to contract for ship-

nent of sheep East. The Heppner football team went to Pen-dicton today to play a return game there tomorrow, and a large delegation of citiions accompanied it.

IMPROVEMENT FOR M'MINNVILLE. Grange to Put Up a Brick Building-

Others Are Contemplated. M'MINNVILLE, Feb. 21.—By the decis-ion of stockholders of the McMinnville Grange & Farmers' Company, today, to rent the lower portion of a new building to be erected by H. C. Burna, McMinn-ville is sure of having a new brick building this summer. The project has been under consideration for some time, but Mr. Burns did not desire to build until be should have an occupant. The building will be erected at the corner of Third and B streets, and will be \$0x50, two stories high. Other brick buildings at the same cor-

per are contemplated. Until about 20 years ago, all the business of McMinnville was done at the corner of Third and B, but since then it has gradually moved eastward toward the railroad. Now it seems to have started westward again. Perhaps the main rea-son is that it is the meeting place of three county roads, each extending into rich farming country.

Superintendent E. V. Littlefield has pre-

pared a quite elaborate programme for the next teachers' institute, which is to be held at Newberg, February 24. Clarence Wood, 13 years old, was yes-terday taken to the state reform school by Deputy Sheriff E. R. Henderson.

CARE OF SOLDIERS' BODIES. To Be Moved From Old Fort Warner

or Properly Fenced. LAKEVIEW, Or. Feb. 17.—The bodies of the soldiers who died at old Fort War-ner, in this county, 20 years ago, will elther be removed at once by the government, or the graves will be fenced. Two propositions have been submitted for bids—one for fencing of the groves, and the other for the removal of the bodies to Vancouver barracks, in the state of Wash-ington. The former bids have closed and the latter will close on the 20th of this month. There are "15 bodies, more or less," as the government expresses it. These soldlers died between the years 1869 and 1874, when the fort was occupied by United States soldiers. There are a few graves there, also of women and chil-dren, but the settlers will look after these. C. S. Morris, recently appointed experi-mental farmer here by the secretary of the interior, received II varieties of grass seeds today. They will be sown at once.
The apring weather has opened the
roads between here and the railroad two
months earlier than usual, and freight is

SAFECRACKERS AT NEWBERG.

coming through regularly,

Just Missed Getting Large Sum of Money-Two Stores Visited. NEWBERG, Feb. II.—The safecracker got in his work in Newberg again last night. J. C. Porter's store was broken nto and the safe door was blown into small bits. Several bolts of calico were taken down for use in deadening the sound, and on the shelf behind the goods was found some \$600 that had been hidden

Crops About Gervale.

GERVAIS, Or., Feb. II.—Complaint is made that a green mold has appeared on bales of hops stored. This is not gen-eral, but results from atorage in damp buildings, with insufficient ventilation. It s taken off with the vigorous use of a com or brush, with ecraping of the burap in extreme cases. Holdover and unsold grains here are, of

wheat about 75 per cent, and of oats 80 per cent of the crop. Little or no timothy hay, but considerable cheaper kinds, is left. Potatoes seem plentiful, and as a rule have been poor keepers through the past winter, even when well pitted.

New Oregon Postmasters WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—Oregon post-masters appointed today are: W. Clark Betts, Meacham, vice F. M. Betts, re-signed; Harry Shearer, Biggs, vice George Hoffman, resigned.

Oregon Notes. Hay is reported to be selling at \$30 per

on in Granite. Salem wants a woman's club, according to the Journal. A bridge is being built across the Grand Ronde river below Island City.

La Grande claims a good opening for a wholesale harness and saddle manufac-The Odd Fellows of Huntington have decided to build a two-story brick build-ing for the use of the lodge.

Stephen S. Pindell, who came to this coast in 1852, died at his home in Carson, on February 12, aged 66 years. J. F. Chastain has purchased the Will-iam Graham farm, consisting of 169 acres, seven miles east of Lebanon, Hobos are steering clear of Albany, as

W. B. Palmer, of La Grande, states that work will probably be begun on the new Commercial Club building, in that American bald eagle, measuring An seven feet from tip to tip, was shot on the Lower Columbia recently, and is now on

eral of them working on the streets.

exhibition in Astoria. Medford will have no street lights for several weeks, as the old contract has expired and no arrangements for its renewal have been made.

The total receipts of the United States

land office at La Grande for the mouth of January were \$23,556, placing it at the head of the list in the United States. The property-owners and business men of La Grande held a mass meeting last week to consider the feasibility of build-ing a wagon road from La Grande to Granite. A committee was appointed for the furtherance of the project.

The three tramps who buried the bods of the smallpox victim at Grant's Pass got gloriously drunk at Glendale and "blew in" the 50 they had received for the job. They then told all about it, and were at once arrested and quarantined by the inconsed citizens. Then a purse was made up and the tramps were shipped back to the Grant's Pass people, who were responsible for their being at large.

WATER COUNTRY.

Intimations That Unwarranted Skim ming of Government and State Land Has Been Practiced.

LEWISTON, Idaho, Feb. II. — An attempt is being made to settle without Rugation a controversy that is occupying the attention of a score of lawyers. The parties interested in the dispute are the United States government, the Northern Pacific Ballway Company, several tie contractors, hundreds of workmen, and dozens of merchants in towns along the Clearwater river and in the Potiatch country. The United States government becomes an interested party by virtue of a law that allows railroads to cut ties and bridge timbers from government land to LEWISTON, Idaho, Feb. II. - An atbridge timbers from government land to use in construction. The government exuse in construction. The government ex-acts no compensation, but requires the use of ties and timbers to be confined to the actual needs of the railroad within the state where such ties and timbers are

Last July the Northern Pacific wanted 20,000 ties for contemplated construction in Idaho. The Clearwater Land, Log & Lumber Company got the contract at 30 cents a tie, delivered anywhere along the Clearwater Short Line. This company consisted of Samuel Tiffany, Mrs. Margaret Tiffany, Samuel Cameron, Dominick Cameron and C. W. Quinian The Tiffanys ere husband and wife, and came from are fusciond and wire, and came its chicago, where they have a lumber-yard. C. W. Quinian is from Manistique, Mich., where he has a sawmill, supplying the yard of the Tiffanys at Chicago. The Camerons are natives of Idahn.

The tie contract was signed by the Northern Pacific August 1999. The Tif-

Northern Pacific August 1, 1800. Northern Pacific August 1. 1882. The Infany company let out five subconfracts to Durons & Kimball, of Missoula; C. W. Harris, of Wardner, and three others firms, whose names do not appear. The work has been going on all winter. There is every indication that the principal firm of contractors had never been engaged in of contractors had never been engaged in of contractors and never seen engages of the business of contracting before, and knew nothing of the undertaking. Mosey was freely advanced to the subcontract-ors for building chutes and making other Table of Northern Page. improvements. While the Northern Pa-cific had agreed to pay cash for all the ties delivered, the Tiffany company was unable to deliver more than enough to realize \$19,000. This money was speedly consumed, and the woods happened to be full of ties that could not be delivered. Merchants in Kendrick, Juliaetta, Oro Fino and other towns had been supplying provisions to the tie camps until their bills amounted in the aggregate to about \$12,000. To make matters worse, the workmen struck because they could not

wait for their pay. While the squabble was becoming more complicated, the Northern Pacific, not de-siring to mix in the affair, suddenly declined to accept any more that for fear that the title might be disputed. Special Timber Agent Schwartz, representing the government, then stepped in and forbade the cutting of any more ties until the whole controversy should be settled. This brought the matter to a focus. When work was slopped, about 100,000 ties had been cut. There is a good deal of sup-pressed information that cannot be brought to the surface at this time. It is binted that men who had no contracts have been cutting ties from government land, and denuding it without accounting to anybody. It is also alleged that state land has been stripped of timber, because it happened to be handy. It looks like a free-for-all scramble to get timber without regard to its ownership. In the ne the creditors wait.

SETTLERS GET A DECISION.

Contest Over 4500 Acres of Land was found some 1800 that had been hidden away by Mr. Porter, but this the robber falled to discover. No money or valuables were in the safe.

H. A. Miller's jewelry store was also visited and an unsuccessful attempt made to blow his safe open. This safe contained 475 in money and a number of watches.

Newberg has had this class of visitors come at intervals for several years, yet no reliable clow to the robbers has ever been found. Persons living in town have been suspected of participating in the profits at least, but no evidence that would assigned to the corporation. In 1834, a session of the top of the top of the corporation. In 1834, a About Warner Lake. Washington, D. C. The object of the committee is to raise funds for and erect at Washington a monument in memory of Charles Summer, of Massachusetts. The funds will be raised by colored people.

The committee is to raise funds for and erect been found. Persons living in town have been found. Persons living in town have been found in the corporation was formed and their rights profits at least, but no evidence that would justify arrests being made has ever been number of Surprise valley settlers went upon the land and applied for a survey obtained. thereof, and they were permitted to file on the same, subject to the swamp land claim. The litigation began in 1896, and has continued to this date, when it was decided in favor of the settlers. It is said that an appeal will be taken, but the settlers are jublant over the belief that the decision of the land office here will

never be reversed. The contestess first claimed the property as dry land, subsequently shifting to the contention that the property was lake at the time of the maturity of the state's swamp land claim, and that on that ac-count the state got no interest. The con-sciants smeet their right to the land, whether it was swamp or lake, basing their claim in the one case on the title through the state, and in the other to their rights as riparian owners. About 4500 area of land are involved in the case, the value of which is estimated at between \$30,000 and \$30,000. In their de-cision the local land officers say: "The testimony shows that in 1864 the

ands in controversy were covered with an apparently permanent body of water, and the weight of towlimony tends to show that this body of water continued to cover this land until about the year 1851; that the waters had gradually receded, with the exceptions of a few years at intervals when they would rise again, until the ear 1881, after which they continued gradually to recede until the fall of 1889, when the lands in contest became practically dry.

CASE AGAINST M'DONELL.

Held to Circuit Court on Bond of \$1500 and Went to Juli. JUNCTION CITY, Or. Feb. 21.—Sheriff W. W. Withers, of Lane county, arrived here this afternoon in charge of Peter McDonell, whom he brought from Ta-McDonell, whom he brought from Ta-coma on a charge of robbing F. W. A. Crain's jewelry store, January 37. Mc-Donell was arraigned in Juctice Clark's court and pleaded not guilty. He was identified by several persons, and ar-knowledged having been in Junction City that day, but said he left on a freight train in the evening, which was not true, as there were no freights. Sheriff With-ers brought back with him 10 watches ers brought back with him 10 watches and 20 rings, which were identified by Mr. Crain. McDonell was asked if he had amything to say. He replied that he vanted them to prove he sold the watches The justice held him to the circuit cour and placed his bonds at \$1500, in default of which the sheriff took him to the Eugene juil.

CLAIMS HEAVY DAMAGES. Workman Alleges Company Violated

Its Agreement to Protect Him.

ASTORIA, Feb. 3L—A suit has been filed in the circuit court by Michael Ness against the Claisop Mill Company, to recover \$15,000 damages for injuries sustained while employed in the defendant's mill. The complaint alieges that last August the plaintiff was working on a saw car riage and was struck by a log, which broke several ribs and seriously injured The mill company, it is cated. The fire was extinguished before getting much of a start. It was undoubtack to the Grant's Pass people, who is a proposition to pay Ness Stope edity of incendiary origin, as a bottle were responsible for their being at large. Which had contained coal oil and was wrapped in burlap was found under the stairway, where the fire started.

Stops the Cough and Works Off the Coid.

Livestock continues to thrive here. The Livestock continues to thrive here. The

plaintiff alleges that by the accident he Mas permanently incaparitated from fol-lowing his trade, and asks for damages in the sum of 115,000, with altorney's fees. This is the second suit brought against the Clatsop Mill Company in the peat few days for damages as the result of injuries sustained by former employes, and they scaune to come 15,000.

sustained by former employes, and they amount to over \$55,000.

The jury in the case of McGregor and Normile, vs. George Taylor, of Pertiand, returned a vertiet this evening for the plaintiff for \$12.50. The suit was to recover damages for alleged breach, of contract to deliver a quantity of cement to the plaintiffs. The amount asked for in the complaint was \$1557.30.

ARRESTED POR HORSE-STEALING. Sheriff of Lewis County, Washington,

Finds His Man at Oregon City. OREGON CITY Feb. II. Sheriff Ed-ward Degsler, of Lewis county, Washing-ton, arrived today and identified H. Wil-son, allas Lape, alias Martin, as the man wanted at Cheballs, for horse-stealing. Chief Burns arrested Wilson on a descrip-tion furnished by the Washington sheriff, and he will be taken back for trial. Wilson, who has the reputation of being an old offender, has been here since Janu-

Listing Southern Pacific Land. The sheriff's office is still busy listing the Southern Paritic overlap lands to make a proper estimate of the back taxes due on them. An employe of the company's office in Portland, was here today to see what progress was being made. He stated that the settlers on these ands, who had contracted to purchase the prompt payments.

Sewenteen Newcomers From the East.
CORVALLIS, Feb. II.—J. H. Moore,
with a party of II, arrived Manday from
Brimfield, IR. Mr. Moore recently purchased the A. F. Harahner residence in
Corvallis and the Henry Calloway farm,
of more than 800 acres, 10 miles north of
Corvallis. Mr. Moors will occupy the
Corvallis residence, and his son and family will reside on the farm. There were
four families in the party including, befour families in the party, including, besides the families of Mr. Moore and his son, Mr. Huff, a paperhanger, and fam-ily, Mr. Knox, a photographer, and fam-

Arrested for Stealing Overconts. ALBANY, Or., Feb. IL-Elmer Hatcher ras arrested last night and Bun Farrell hotol at Halsey February I. While being taken to jail Hatcher escaped. Farrell is in jail awaiting examination. They are both well-known Albany young men.

Quotations of Mining Stocks. SPOKANE, Feb. 21.—The closing bids for nining stocks today were: Satte & Boston. S. Morning Glory, 30 1514 6 Princess Man
6 Quilp
7 Republic
5% Reservation
1% Reservation
2 Builtvan
255; Tom Thumb
11 Rebects

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 21.-The official close ing quotations for mining stocks today were:
Alpha Con ... 80 GLLady Wash. Con ... 80 GL
Andes ... 5. Mexican ... 30
Beicher ... 21 Occidental Con ... 18
Beat & Belcher ... 38 Ophir ... 18
Caledonia ... 38 Oregana ... 19
Challengs Con ... 1 Fortas ... 25
Chollar ... 18 Savoge ... 11
Confidence ... 18 Savoge ... 11
Confidence ... 18 Savoge ... 11
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Crown Point ... 140 Standard ... 265
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Geold & Chrry ... 14 Utah Con ... 11
Hale & Norcross ... 30 Yellow Jacket ... 18
Iostica ... 30 Yellow Jacket ... 18 NEW YORK, Feb. 21.-Mining stocks today dosed as follows:

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Geald & Curry 10 do pref
Gale & Norrone 50 co. Standard
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Ion Silver 65 Uniton Congettean 15 Valley derican 15 Yellow Jacket

BOSTON, Feb. 21 - Closing quotations: Boston & Mont. 82 72 Parrott Butte & Boston 60

Render the Gift of Health a Prize to Struggle for.

The man who has reached years of disretion is just wint he has made himself. In earlier years he may have estranged neglect, by dissipation or by indulgence in those vices which weaken the vigor of manhood and sap the vitality and founda-tion of his sexual being. Though health e lost, it can be regained by care and attention to the rightful laws which govern of pature is to cure, but where the vitalsty has been lowered and the constitution undermined, such efforts are counterbulanced and frustrated by the continuation of this opposing force, which may be either a deviralized drain on the nervous system or a constitutional weakness, hereditary or acquired. As it requires an expert mechanic to repair a delicate and intricate, deranged piece of machinery, so does it need the practical knowledge, experience and ability of a skilled specialat to aid nature in overcoming chronic

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