George Webster Made No Statement on the Scaffold.

PAID PENALTY FOR FOUL MURDER

His Victim Was a Farmer's Wife Near Cheney-Story of the Unprovoked Crime.

SPORANE, March 30 .- George Webster was hanged this morning in the presence of 20 spectators in the yard of the County Court house. Webster slept well the night before the execution, rose early, ate a light breakfast and spent the remaining ceiving communion at the bands of an Episcopal clergyman. He ascended the scuffold at II A. M., and the trap was illed 15 minutes later. He made no cech. Death was instantaneous and the n was as successful as could be hoped for such affairs.

George Webster was convicted of murder in the first degree. He was a farm la-borer and had for several years been employed on farms in different portions of Spokane County. In 1896 he had been on the farm of the husband of the decessed Lise C. Aspland; stayed there all night; in the ovening assisted the woman in milking some cows, and in the morning rendered her husband like service. The Aspland family lived about four

miles northwest of Cheney, Spokare County, About midnight May 7, 1897, the crime was committed. Webster had been



George Webster.

drinking in the town of Cheney the night pefore, and when ordered to leave the ce about 7 o'clock in the evening by the town Constable, was under the influ-ence of liquor. Webster went to the farmhouse of Andrew Aspland and was admitted. He said he was looking for work, and Aspland hired him. About II a bed in the kitchen. Aspland, Webster and a boy of it years occupied a bedroom adjoining the parior. Webster got up in a few minutes and went through the kitchen for a drink of water. On returning he stopped and caught or squeezed the arm of one of the little girls, who cried out and was frightened. He also made an improper proposal to Mrs. As-pland, who told him to leave the room, and he retired to the bed he had left.

Mrs. Aspland, after this occurrence arose and locked the kitchen doors. Web-ster made a second attempt to enter the kitchen, but found the doors locked. He then demanded his hat and coat. Mrs. Aspland told him to go back to bed and that he could get them in the morning. He then went around to a window of the kitchen, lowered it and demanded his hat and coat, saying he would go back to the present action. Chency. The woman piaced his hat on the handle of a broom and passed it out to him. As she was in the act of passing the cont out of the window Webster shot through the window with a revolver, the ball striking Mrs. Aspland in the

bdomen and fatally wounding her.
As soon as Mr. Aspland realized what had occurred he went to town for a doctor and also notified the authorities. Upon returning to the house in the morning the officers found Webster asieep in the bed-room, while his victim lay moaning in the adjoining room

Webster was found guilty of murder in the first stegree by the Superior Court, in September, 1897. The case was appealed to the Supreme Court of the state, but the Superior Court was sustained, and Webter was sentenced to the gallows. On the day before the date set for the execution, an application for a writ of habeas corpus was made to the United States Circuit Court. The application was denied; but an appeal was allowed to the United States Surreme Court. Here the appeal was dismissed. A second time the day for the execution of Webster was set. Every effort has been made with the Governor to have the sentence commuted to life imprisonment, but to no avail. A petition with 600 signatures did no good. And today George Webster paid the pen-alty for the murder of Lise Aspland.

### RAILROAD MEN QUIT WORK.

Contractor Embarrassed and Work-

men Have Lost Confidence. Springfield-Wendling branch railroad have nearly all quit work, and the construction work is practically suspended, for a time, at least. The reason for this action on the part of the men is that two or three attachments have been entered against the teams, tools, etc., of Con-tractor John S. Bays. These attachments are on suits for wages due on labor per-formed, and have occasioned alarm among the men who have been working in the construction gang. So they quit work for fear they would not receive their wages

Mr. Bays, the contractor, has been em-ploying men all Winter, and it has been the rule to pay in time checks at the end of each month for labor performed during the month. These checks were not due until the 25th of the month following. This arrangement was satisfactory so long as the checks were redeemed at maturity. Mr. Hays at the same time was receiving his payments from the railroad company menthly, based on the measurement of the work performed. The rail-road company would measure his work on, a certain day in each month, and would pay accordingly, and Mr. Bays would use the money so received to re-

deem his time checks, All went well so long as favorable weather continued, and the payments for the work as measured were sufficient to redeem all time checks. But rainy weath-er set in, and with it the short days of the Winter season. The soil became softened so that men and teams could ac-complish very little. The waste of energy in wallowing through the mud was such that the contractor could not get enough done to pay wages. But he kept on doing what he could, hoping for weather more favorable to come, in which he could make such headway as to make up for lost time. The season for profitable work is here, but the contractor finds himself unable to meet all his obligations, his

teams and tools are attached, and his men leaving him for lack of confidence.

SULLEN TO DEATH | ing him to straighten out the tangle and get on good footing again. So it may be that work of construction will soon be re-

The young men of Creswell and vicinity have a petition to be presented to the Military Board, asking for the organiza-tion of a company of the National Guard at that place. Thirty eligible men signed the petition the first day. Musician Scott, of the Second Oregon Volunteers, is leading the movement.

DOCTORS WANT "EXPERT" FEES Will Not Examine Patients as to San-

Will Not Examine Patients as to Sanity for Ordinary Pay.

COLFAX. March 20.—Mrs. John Myers,
of Uniontown, and W. H. Carton, of St.
John, are confined in the County Jail,
awaiting examination as to their sanity.
Just when it will be possible to make
these examinations it is difficult to say.
All the physicians of Colfax have notified
the court that they will not consent to
serve as examiners in insane cases for
the fee allowed by the Board of County
Commissioners, E 20 each, and Judge McDonald states that the court has no power to compel such service. The doctors
contend that, being called in insanity
cases as experts, they are entitled to expert fees. An effort is being made to inpert fees. An effort is being made to in-duce Prosecutor Inman to instruct the County Auditor that cost bills in insanity cases do not need to be examined by the Board of County Commissioners, but that it is his duty to draw warrants for such costs upon the order of the Superior Court. Several months ago Mr. Inman instructed the Auditor just the other way, and so far he has refused to charge his instruction. he has refused to change his instruction. It is doubtful if the Auditor would obey such instruction if it was given.

In the Superior Court today Edward El-ils pleaded guilty to assault and battery on Robert Crabtree, and was sentences to eix months in the County Jail and to pay a fine of \$500.

William Clifford, agent of the Shawnee Warehouse Company, charged with hav-ing taken a quantity of grain, was brought before the Superior Court this afternoon and arraigned on two additional courts. Time to plead was extended until Monday. There have been five informations filed against Clifford, and of them three have been quashed on motion of the state. De-fense claims to be confident that the case will never come to trial, contending that under the system by which grain warehouses are managed throughout this country. It is almost impossible to prevent shortages, such as that complained of in this case. E. R. Hanna, who is defending Clifford, water that in the Shawner warehouse in states that in the Shawnee warehouse in mates that in the Shawnee warehouse in the season of 1888, when settling time came it was discovered that the warehouse con-tained over \$1000 worth of grain more than could be accounted for, and this grain was sold by the warehouse company and the proceeds of the sale divided among the stockholders. Clifford says that all the grain ever received by him is still in the warehouse or has been accounted in the warehouse or has been accounted

HOW DETECTIVES GOT COLLINS. Took Him After Release in Court and

Rushed for Train. SAN FRANCISCO, March 30 .- The de ectives who yesterday smuggled John F. Collins, under indictment in Seattle for bank robbery, on board a train in an en-deavor to get him out of the state, but who were intercepted at Sacramento, ar-rived here today under arrest for kidnaping. Collins was also held. Their hearing was set for tomorrow. Collins claims that the extradition papers upon which he is o'clock the family and Webster all re-tired for the night. The woman and two little girls, aged 13 and 11 years, occupied upon a writ of habeas corpus, and as he was leaving the courtroom he was ar-rested and hurried to Oakland, where he was placed on board a north-bound train

### TANNABILL NOT GUILTY. So Decides Jury in the Forgery Case

-But One Ballot.

LEWISTON, Idaho, March 30 .- The jury in the case of ex-Auditor S. O. Tannahill, charged with forgery, rendered verdict tonight of not guilty. But one ballot was taken. Arguments were made during the day and the case went to the jury at 5:20 o'clock this evening. The verdict meets general approval and is considered a complete vindication of Tannahill. Other actions against him will probably be dismissed as they were practically tried with

Herman Fickens, of Gervals

GERVAIS, Or., March 30.—Herman Fickens, aged 65 years, died at his home in this city Thursday morning of a comblication of diseases, from which he has been eiling for several years past. Mr. Fickens was a native of Magdeburg. Prussia, and was born November 15, 1854. In 1856 he came to the United States, ar-riving in California in 1854. He came to Oregon in 1858, spent many years as a minor, and was in comfortable circum-stances at the time of his death. He was wice married, and left a wife and an adopted daughter.

Jailbrenk at Heppner.

HEPPNER, Or., March 30.-George Smith and Alfred Hanbby, charged with housebreaking and horsestealing, broke out of the Morrow County Jail early this morning. They struck for the hills. Sheriff Andrews is in pursuit.

Oregon Notes. Gervals expects soon to have a bank Hood River's smallpox patients are all

The J. U. G. is the name of a McMinn rille society. It means Just Us Girls. Wesley Penny, Sr., died at his home in Palmer, on the Columbia River, March 18, aged 84 years of la grippe.

Many hobos are flitting northward along the Southern Pacific line. No less than Il men at the Salem depot one day recently

EUGENE. March 20.-Workmen on the pringfield-Wendling branch railroad is lawful to catch trout, and the sports men around this section are availing them-selves of the privilege." The open season will begin April L

Jacob C. Hoffman, a well-known farmer, died at Liberty, in Marion County, the 28th. He and his family came from Ohio in 1879 to Oregon. A wife and nine children survive him.

One day last week five men sat down One day last week five men sat down to dinner at the Mt. Hood Hotel whose united weight was 13% pounds, says the Hood River Glacier. Their names and weights are as follows: Hale, of Hale & Smith, railroad contractors, 239 pounds; Hayes, tie inspector, 210; L. D. Blount, 275; S. W. Arnold, 289; Joe Phillips, 500. Newberg has arranged to incorporate a body whose object is to promote the town's development. Its stock is to be \$500, in chares of \$1. Half of it is taken. The first work will be to secure the best-engar factory, which Dr. Korn assures them will be built if \$0 acres is given for and 5600 acres of beets are guar-

anteed by contract. Governor J. H. Fletcher announces his retirement from the Salem Independent and his intention to go to Cape Nome. He has been fair, candid and creditable, and has published a clean and creditable pa-per. It will be continued by Hon. H. G. Guild, also a man of experience, who has been associated with Mr. Fletcher for two or three years.

Mrs. Marilda Greenstreet Benson, whose death occurred at Sublimity on the 25d, came to Oregon in 1851, and the following year was married to Charles Benson, a pioneer farmer, the ceremony being per-formed in an old church in the Condit formed in an old church in the Condit neighborhood, south of Aumsville. The fruits of this union were nine children, of whom George L. M. O. and J. R. Benson, sons, and Mrs. M. E. Clark, a daughter, are now living in Idaho, and Charles N. Benson and Dora B. Benson are on the old family homestead near Sublimity, while Ferman, William and Katte preceded their mother to the grave. Ten grand-children and one great-grand-child are also left to mourn her departure, and to console the husband of the deceased. The business community hopes to see
Mr. Bays overcome his present difficulties and continue to the completion of
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his life-long companion.

# THE STATE BOARD WINS

INTEREST NOT TO BE PAID FOR MONEY PREVIOUSLY RETURNED.

Renayments Since Law Passed Not in Question-Case Will Go to the Supreme Court.

SALEM, March 30 .- Circuit Judge R. P. Boise today decided the Helen Williams mandamus preceeding in favor of the State Land Board, holding that the state is not liable for interest claimed by the plaintiff. A decision adverse to the board would cost the State of Oregon about \$75,oto. The findings are in brief as follows:
That B. F. Hutchinson purchased the
land in question from the State Land
Board as swamp land; that the Board
could not give title and the land was patented by the United States; that Hutchinson made in good faith the following payments on the land: August 20, 1873, \$100; April 22, 1833, \$12.46; December 17, 1888. \$307 54; total, \$320; that said money

kept and used by the state for many years and finally repaid without interest to the heirs of Hutchinson; that the petitioner is the sole heir of Hutchinson; that the petitioner made due application to the Board for the payment of interest on the money for the time it was retained and used by the state; that the payment of interest was refused for the reason that the act under which said claim was made, to-wit, section 18, of the act of February 18, 1899, does not authorize claims; that the Board is not in fact authorized to pay interest as demanded and that the writ of mandamus ought therefore to be dis-

This case was tried upon a stipulation of facts and it has been the understanding that whichever side won the case would be appealed to the Supreme Court.

Real Estate Not Legally Sold. In the case of J. F. Brentano vs. 'C. F. Brentane, a decree was today rendered in favor of the plaintiff. This was a suit brought to remove a cloud upon the title of lots 4 and 5, block 44, township of St. Paul, and 107 acres near by. The cloud al-ledged was a tax deed, and this is held to be void because the town and country property were not sold separately.

Two Vacancies Filled. E. L. Smith, of Hood River, was today appointed President of the State Board of Hortfculture to fill the unexpired term of H. B. Miller, resigned. Smith was for three years President of the State Horticultural Society, and in that capacity held meetings in various parts of the state in the interest of the fruit industry. He is now Vice-President for Oregon of the Northwest Fruit Growers' Association. He owns the largest orchards in Hood River

Governor Geer today appointed John Olwell, a citizen of Central Point, Jackson County, a member of the Board of Re-gents of the Oregon Agricultural College, to fill the unexpired term of B. S. Pague, resigned. Olwell is the only member of the board residing south of Corvallis. His appointment was made upon the urgent request of farmers and fruitgrowers, who claimed that they should be represented upon the board. He was recommended by H. B. Miller, C. V. Carter, and A. H. Carson. Mr. Carson is one of the most extensive fruitgrowers of the southern part of the state.

Four-Year Terms Hereafter.

It is not generally known that County Superintendents now hold office for the term of four years. By an act of the last Legislature the term was increased from two years to four years, the new law to become effective with the next official year, which will begin in July. Convict Road Work.

Superintendent J. D. Lee, of the peni-entiary, reports that, owing to the large amount of other work on hand, it will not be possible to do much in the way of im-proving the public roads as provided by an act of the last Legislature. The act proving the public roads as provided by an act of the last Legislature. The act authorized the Superintendent to work the state teams on the roads when not otherwise employed, and to purchase such "plows, picks, shovels, rollers and other appliances" as might be necessary in doing said work by convict labor. The un-usual amount of work in the way of put-ting in crops and clearing land is keeping the state teams busy, and it was found that if much road work should be done it would be necessary to purchase two more teams. The question whether the act au-thorizes the purchase of teams for the purpose of working them on the roads was submitted to Attorney-General Black-burn, and he has held that horses do not come under the term "other appliances," and that the teams cannot be bought. Superintendent Lee says, however, that he will work the force he has to the best advantage possible, putting what little road he may work in permanent shape. Hauling gravel requires the most team

Requisition for Shanklin.

Governor Geer today honored a requisi-tion from Governor Gage, of California, for the extradition of John W. Shanklin who is wanted in Fresno, Cal., to answer to a charge of embezzling the funds of the city while he held the office of City Clerk. Sheaklin is now under arrest and in the custody of Sheriff Bradford, of Washington County, Oregon, A warrant has been issued ordering that Shanklin be delivered to J. W. Dumas, the agent of the State of California. Shanklin is the man who recently received 80 gallons of wine from California friends.

Columbia County Pays Up. Columbia County today made a payment of \$9138 43 on her 1859 taxes, that amount ilquidating her indebtedness in full. Coimbia was the first county to pay state taxes in full last year, and is first again this year.
. Jackson County also paid \$4000 today.

that being her second payment of that amount on 1859 taxes. Stranger Found Helpless. A stranger giving his name as Anderson was found on the public road near Salem today, helplessly ill. He was taken to the

NEWS OF MORROW COUNTY.

Man With Broken Leg Caught and

Rode a Horse-Livestock Notes. HEPPNER, Or., March 30 .- While hunt-HEPPNER, Or., March 20.—While hunting horses in the mountains south of Heppner, Thursday, Robert D. Watkins' horse slipped on the steep sidehill and fell on his leg, breaking it at the ankie. In this condition Mr. Watkins had to maneuver for an hour trying to catch his horse, and, after catching him, rode home four miles.

The Heppner branch is receiving marked The Heppner branch is receiving marked attention along its entire 47 miles. Three crews are at work—a rock crew, a bridge crew and a piledriver crew. They are repairing, renewing and improving everything in sight, and will shortly have the whole line in the best possible condition. And then, when the up-run shall be changed to a daylight-run, it will be a delibertial trie. delightful trip

The new town of Spray has just been laid out on the main John Day River. It is located on the Hogan bottom, when edge. The town's owner is J. F. Spray. formerly a business man of Heppner, and its present population, counting men, women and children, and cats and dogs and sageticks, would not fill one of the hotel busses that will run on its streets hereafter. But it aspires to be the capital of Wheeler County, as do also Twick-enham, Mitchell, Shoofiy and Fossil.

Heppner is the connecting link between the main railroad line down the Columbia and the great interior mining and stock-raising region that stretches away for more than 100 miles to the south of Mer-row County. The roads between Heppner

and those points traverse portions of the Blue Mountains, where travel is supposed to be suspended during Winter and early Spring. But the roads opened early whis year, and already one big freight outfil has started out. Roads are not supposed to be \$6 for heavy haulter until about has started out. Roads are not supposed to be fit for heavy hauling until about May 15, but Tuesday the cheerful jingle of the freighter's bells was heard coming down Stansberry Canyon, and Perry Shank and Newt Smith rolled into town with their big eight-horse prairie schooner outfit. They started back today with big loads of merchandise for stores in the John Day Valley, 100 miles from Heppner.

When Mr. Bryan made his former tour of the Northwest, 60 men left Heppner and traveled many miles for the sole purpose of hearing him. Yesterday one and one-half men left Heppner to hear Bryan at Pendleton—one man went especially to hear him, the other went half on other bretheses.

Senator J. W. Morrow is recovering, and is now out of danger, unless in case of relable.

Alex Thomson has sold his ranch for \$600 to J. L. and I. L. Howard and Mr. Whittleworth.

R. L. Hynd and his cousins have bought from Alex Lindsley the old Billy Douglas place, on Butter Creek, paying \$10,000 to ranch and sheep.

W. D. Lord has sold to Judge Dutton \$6 acres, and to O. E. Farnsworth the 120-acre place where William Overholtzer and Squire Clarke were drowned.

George Gray has bought of J. T. Hoskins, of Galloway, \$00 mixed yearlings at \$2.50 per head.

Chartes White sold to George Perry 700 yearling ewes at \$3, after shearing.

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William Stabler bought from R. F. Hynd
the Lindley lot of \$50 yearling ewes at

Charles Hales, formerly of Sand Hol-low, is here from Waitsburg to buy year-ling wethers.

Doc Wilson and J. W. Blake have started by buggy for Pendleton. Wilson says he is going to Texas, where he is offered sheep at \$2.65. But at that figure there would be no advantage in buying sheep in Texas, for the Oregon sheep are always actually worth 50 cents a head more than the Texas sheep, and the cost of getting to Wyoming is about the same.

A. M. Bunce has gone to Wyoming on business, but may return to Heppner in 10 days.

business, but may return to Heppner in 10 days.

Mr. Stabler has now contracted for about 2000 head of ewes, and will probably make it an even 2000. He regards yearling ewes as the best property on earth, especially the ewes raised in Oregon. He may also take back to Wyoming a carried of heavy boyes to fill out his gon. He may also take back to Wyoming a carload of heavy horses to fill out his train. He says that in no part of the West can better horses be found than right here. Mr. Stabler came here to buy 1000 head of ewes, but found them higher than he expected.

MINING IN MONTANA. Renewed Activity in That State, As

Well as Oregon. C. H. Wood, manager of the Garnet Gold Mining Company, of Pony, Mont., is at the Perkins, on his return from Los Angeles, after spending the Winter. His company's stamp mill has not been in operation during the past few months, as it runs by water power, and things freeze up pretty solidly in that part of Montana. Mr. Wood's experience in mining, he thinks, verifies the saying that "it takes thinks, verifies the saying that "it takes a mine to run a mine," as all the gold taken out of it since operations began, eight years ago, has been spent in development work, so the stockholders who live in St. Louis have been out of their contractions in the state of their states. live in St. Louis have been out of their original investment for a long time and are still patiently waiting for the first dividend. He thinks this season, however, will provide a handsome profit, and that hereafter the Garnet mine will pay its owners regular dividends. A large amount of ore is in sight, and tunnels, between 400 and 500 feet long, pierce the ledge, which is of good width and of encouraging value.

Gold mining in that portion of Montana, the says, is being prosecuted with vigor and valuable ledges are being uncovered all the time. He mentions one strike made since he left Pony, which has creat-ed considerable excitement there. It was

out up an 80-stamp mill this Quotations of Mining Stocks SPOKANE, March 30 .- The closing blds

ining stocks today were 4 Quilp
95 Rambler Cariboo
15 Republic
11 Reservation
105 Sullivan
90 Ton Thumb
35 Winnipe
36 Sonora
56 Crystal
Deer Trail Con.
Golden Harvest.
Jim Blaine
Lone Pine Surp.
Mountain Lion.
Morning Glory.
Mowley esa Maud.,

SAN FRANCISCO, March 80.-Office notations for mining stocks:

61 Savage 23 Seg. Belche 16 Sterra Nev: 74 Silver Hill 60 Standard . Cal. & Va... 1 6 Crown Point .... Bould & Curry ... Hale & Norcross ... 20 Union Con ... 21 Utah Con ... 25 Yellow Jacket

NEW YORK, March 30 .- Mining stocks today

Choller 20 14 Ontario
Crown Peint 16 Ophir
Con. Cal. & Va. 1 50 Plymouth
Deadwood 53 Quickstiver
Hale & Norcross. 20 Sterra Nevada
Homestake 50 00 Standard
Iron Sliver 91 Union Con
Mexican 23 Yellow Jacket ioned as follows: BOSTON, March 30.-Closing quotations

Oregon Mining Specimens

Oconomowoc Free Press, March 24.
'A very pleasant reminder of the recen A very pleasant reminder of the recent Southern trip of the National Editorial Association has been received, viz., a box of mineral specimens from the Eastern Oregon gold fields, furnished by Cleaver Bros., of Baker City, Or., and presented by the Oregon delegation to the convention. The mines represented by the specimens are: The Orgon Wonder, Pacific Copper Company, Will Cleaver and Standard. The latter specimen which, to the un-The latter specimen, which, to the un-learned in mining affairs would appear of little value, assays \$200 per ton gold, and 20 per cent copper. The Pacific Copper Company's product yields 12 per cent. The Oregon Wonder claims \$3 to \$63 gold, and the Will Cleaver 55 to \$140, with 3 to 20 per cent copper. The specimens were forwarded through the politeness of Arthur H. Brown, of New Orleans' reception com-

Gold Brick Worth \$1000.
GRANT'S PASS, March 20.—S. Norman Butters has brought in a gold brick worth \$1000, a partial clean-up from the Althouse Tunnel Hydraulic Company.
H. A. Corliss, of the Dry Diggings mine, found a man newling around his stude. found a man prowiing around his sluice boxes one day this week. He shot at him, but could not say if he hit the thief or

whether the boxes had been impred. Beath of German Baptist Elder. ASHLAND, Or., March 30.—David Brower, a prominent elder in the German Baptist or Dunkard Church, died at his home at Talent last night, aged 79 years. He. was a native of Virginia, and came to Oregon in 1871, settling in the Willamette Valley. For the past eight years he has lived in Southern Oregon. Besides a wife, he left five children—J. D. Brower, of Salem; Mrs. Barber Baltimore, of Albany; Mrs. P. Morgan, of Marion County; L. S., Gates, and Dr. D. M. Brower, of Ashland.

## **OUICKTRIP FROM DAWSON**

WOMAN CAME OVER TRAIL IN LESS THAN FIVE DAYS.

slent and Ate While Traveling-Numerous Icebergs Shaken Loose by an Alaska Earthquake.

SKAGWAY, March 25.—Mrs. Mahoney, wife of one of the managers of the North American Trading & Transportation Company, arrived here last night, completing one of the most remarkable long-distance trips ever made over the Yukon trail. She came from Dawson to Bennett in four days and 29 hours, thereby breaking all records for fast Winter travel. The trip was made with Jog teems a part of the way and with horse teams the remainder. She traveled night and day, without putting up for rest. She alept in the sleds, as dogs or horses hurried her onward. Oftentimes she ate in the sleds. The teams used were driven in relay, and drivers also dreve in relay. Teams were changed every 30 miles. The teams belong to the Canadian Development Company, which operates them in carrying Government mails. Mails were brought out on the trip with Mrs. Mahoney.

out on the trip with Mrs. Mahoney.

She is hurrying to the bedside of het mother, who is very ill in Minneapolis. The distance from Dawson to Bennett is nearly 500 miles. Mrs. Mahoney is able to take

samer right away to the states. MAIL FROM ST. MICHAEL. Encouraging Prospect for Regular

Winter Service. WASHINGTON, March M.-A report has been received at the Postoffice Department from Chief Clerk Kimball, at St. Michael, Alassia, under date of December 30. The fact that this report came through is re-garded as indicating a great improvement in the service, as heretofore it was impos-sible to get mail from that point after

the first part of November. The Chief Clerk reports that mails left St. Michael three times from October 1 to December 1, and arrived three times up to December 23. On November 1, Mr. Kimball left St. Michael for Nome with about 200 letters for that place and 25 for Golovin Bay. As no provision has been made for any mail service from Nome, he advertised to take all mail matter from there to St. Michael. Owing to the fact that a number of

Owing to the fact that a number of private carriers had been offering to take out mail for from one to two dollars a letter, he found it difficult to convince people that he would take letters for regular rates of postage. However, he carried away about 600 letters and nine registered packages.

COLLIDED WITH ICEBERG. Close Call for Steamer Al-Ki-Earth.

quake Set Ice Affont. PORT TOWNSEND, March 30.—The steamship Al-Ki arrived today from the north, three days late. While leaving steamship Al-Ki arrived today from the north, three days late. While leaving Dunbar Bay she collided with an iceberg, knocking a big hole in her bow. She was headed for the beach, which she reached in almost a sinking condition.

The accident occurred near where a cannery is being built, and at low tide the cannery carpenters were put to work and the hole was patched so that she could

the hole was patched so that she could reach Puget Sound. Her pumps were kept working all the way down. working all the way down.

Her officers report Cross Sound as being filled with floating ice, the result of a severe shock of earthquake, which broke large quantities of ice from glaciers and

BOARD OF REGENTS SUED.

Contractor Wants More Money for Construction of Mechanical Hall. CORVALLIS, March 30.-The board of lege is defendant in a suit, brought in the Circuit Court by H. N. Eley, of Salem, contractor for the construction of Me-

chanical Hall. He seeks to recover 202, alleged balance due on account, and \$40 damages, together with the costs and dis-

bursements of the proceeding.

The contract specified that the building should be completed within 100 working days—that is, days in which elimatic condays—that is, days in which climatic conditions were such as to admit of work on the building. The building was not accepted by the building committee of the board until several weeks after the expiration of the 100 working days, and a demurrage of \$550 was exacted, under the provisions of the contract. In his complaint, Eley alleges that the delays in completion were caused by changes in the building ordered by the architect, and otherwise. He asks judgment for the demurrage and for fill balance for putting in ventilating stacks and plastering the maventilating stacks and plastering the ma-chine shops, for which he was allowed, but one-half, neither being provided for

in the contract.

It is understood that the treasurer of the board holds a receipt, in which Mr. Eley acknowledges the final payment of all claims against the college for construction of the Mechanical Hall.

### NEW PLAN PAVORED. Hopgrowers Prefer to Pay Each

Man's Due at Ouce. GERVAIS, Or., March 30 .- The ment of the Oregon Hopgrowers' Asso-ciation looking to the immediate payment of each man's due as his hops are sold is meeting with general favor, and the plan will undoubtedly prevail. The former plan of depositing in bank all funds arising

from sales and eventually pro rating it among the several classes, when closed, meent that it might be years before such a distribution could be made, and this money was liable to attachment and might thereby be tied up for an indefinite time. This rule was evidently not thoroughly understood by many who listed their hops with the association, and when its practical workings and attendant hardships were in evidence, trouble began to brew. To further this feeling of unrest, growers have been boldly disposing of their crop direct to buyers without consulting the association officers, who seemed powerless to prevent. It is even true that the association could not prevent this act of the depositors without an action at law, which would be expensive to the stockholders and bring disintegration of the associa-

Growers say that notwithstanding they could borrow from the association fund a certain proportion of their due upon their individual, non-interest bearing notes, yet the fact remained that in many cases the grower was paying interest upon previous-ly borrowed picking money, and it was un-

satisfactory to have the money due on sale of the crop unsettled so long.

Growers, furthermore, are not inclined to say the association is not a success. It is contended that with a slight change, it can still remain in its field of usefulness. Sales made by the association are higher Sales made by the association are higher than those made by those outside the as-sociation, the only difference outside of the price proposition being the fact that in one case spot cash was obtained, while in the other money from sales was unavailable.

PREPARING FOR MINING CONGRESS. Baker City Expects to Entertain 3000 Visitors in June.

BAKER CITY, Or., March 30.-President Henderson, of the Baker City Chamber of Commerce, has received a letter from In-dustrial Agent Judson, of the O. R. & N. Co., in the matter of preparing for the miners' convention to be held here in June, and urging speedy action. Mr. Judson also offers to render every assistance possible. The letter has been anance possible. The letter has been answered, and a reply is expected by the time the Chamber of Commerce shall meet next, when some definite steps will be taken. The object of the convention is to bring together all classes of mining men from all parts of the country to see with their own eyes the almost limit-less wealth that abounds in the gold fields of Eastern Oregon, and to learn with what little difficulty it may be taken from the ground, as compared with other mining regions. It is estimated that be-

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erly to take care of this wast throng of people with its present accommodations. The Chamber of Commerce, however, it is expected, will be equal to the occasion and will provide for the visitors every comfort possible.

BRAKEMAN INSTANTLY KILLED.

Fell Asleep at a Siding and Locomotive Struck Him.

COLFAX, Wash. March 20.-Henry Miller, an O. R. & N. brakeman, was struck by the engine of the east-bound passenger train near Lee's Siding, about noon today, and instantly killed. Miller was braking on a west-bound freight, and had been sent ahead to flag the passenger. While waiting he sat on the side of the track and fell asieep. The engineer of the passenger train did not see him nor know that he had struck him until he reached Starbuck, this evening. Miller was 22 years old. His parents reside in

Clark County Cycle Paths.

VANCOUVER, Wash., March 39.-Since the advent of fair weather, work has been resumed upon several of the blcycle paths in the county which were started last season. Among these are the Vancouver-Mill Plain path, upon which con-siderable work was done last year. Upon this path a number of men have been engaged in plowing and grading for two weeks past. Work is also pushed on the Vancouver and Salmon Creek path, which was commenced about two amonths ago. The path extends along the military road to the crossing at Salmon Creek, a dis-tance of seven miles. Most of the right of way has been cleared and plowed, and much grading has been done. Work will soon be resumed also upon the Vancouver and Fourth Plain and the Lake Road paths, upon which considerable work was done last year. Upon the completion of the paths already laid out, Van-couver will be able to boast of as fine thoroughfares for bicyclists as any town

George Nash, of Oregon City.

OREGON CITY, Or., March 39.—George W. Nash, aged 77, who died at the home of his son, C. E. Nash, yesterday, was buried under the auspices of Meade Post, G. A. R., this afternoon. The deceased was a native of Ohio, and a veteran of

Righ Price for Butter Fat. TILLAMOOK, Or., March 39.-The best

