land-Consumption.

died this morning at 7:45 of consumption. She was born in Chicago in 1898, married in 1882, and soon after came to The Dalles. Besides a husband and son, Clinton, she left a father, Dr. H. R. Littlefield, of

Portland, of whom she was the only daughter, and three brothers—H. J. Little-field, of Newberg; Dr. Harry Littlefield, of Portland, and Professor Littlefield, of Mc-

Prominent Pioneer Dead.

Prominent Pioneer Dead.

INDEPENDENCE, Or., April 19.—Avery D. Babcock, a ploneer of 1862, died in this last evening, at the age of 82 years. Although he died without means, and was a county charge, he was about to come into possession of \$2000, a claim for which has been before Congress for over 39 years, for land that is now occupied by Fort Sheridan. The Senate has passed favorably on the matter. He was a lawyer in the city of Dalias in the early days of that town. He was a joint delegate for the countles of Polk and Tillamook to the State Constitutional Convention in 1869.

Puneral of J. B. Knapp

VANCOUVER, Wash., April 12.—The funeral of the late J. B. Knapp, who died at his home on Lake Rover last Tuesday, took place in this city today. The pall-bearers were: Colonel B. F. Shaw, Gay Hayden, A. L. Lewis, E. Huff, A. O. Wathaway and A. P. Pincus, A number

Hathaway, and A. P. Pincus. A number of friends of the deceased from Portland and Lake River attended the funeral.

RIVER IN GOOD CONDITION.

Navigation of Willamette Safer Than

It Has Been in Years.

CORVALLIS, April 19. — The snagboat Mathloma is expected to arrive here to-morrow afternoon. Since completing the Corvallis revetment, several weeks ago, she has been pulling snags and otherwise

clearing up the channel between Corvallis and Harrisburg. As a result of her work the channel between these points, with proper stage of water, is in better condi-tion for navigation than it has been in

THE PRICE OF SALMON.

Scheme of Buyers to Keep Figures

Down to 6% Cents.

very high and nearly all the fish will be

delivered to the man who started the rise

and in this way he will be forced to agree

on the starting-out price and honestly

County Treasurer Thompson will issue a call next Monday for all warrants on the general fund indorsed prior to May 15, 1893. This will cause the distribution of about \$16,000, and will make \$27,000 worth

TO REPAIR OLD SCHOOLHOUSE.

Dallas District to Be Asked to Vote

DALLAS, April 19.—At a meeting of the

Dallas a driving association. The object of the association will be to purchase and own lands, build tracks and construct the

Was a Smooth Talker.

up by J. A. Sodenberg.

The work of filling in the large trestles on the Washington & Columbia River line, between Walla Walla and Waitsburg, is in progress.

It is reported at Marcus that a trolley line is to be built to connect with the Great Northern (Spokane Falls & Northern) at that place with Nelson, Wash., 26 miles away, and in the Republic district. Great Northern surveyors are in the field.

Spokane for years has been appropriating

Spokane for years has been appropriating money to aid two sectorian orphan asy-

iums. Other charity applicants for city funds have been so numerous lately that the line has been drawn by the Auditor,

who refuses to pay any more such appro-priations on the ground that they are ille-gal. The City Attorney supports him.

necessary buildings for a county fair.

of county paper that has been called

are present incumbents.

attempt to raise it the price

all Alaska.

OREGON INSURANCI

Volume of Business and Wha It Yields the State.

transact business in the State of Oregon. April 1, 1900, and a statement of the business transacted during the year, ending December 31, 1899. The report shows that there are 49 fire insurance companies, 22

3	5. Dearborn, who died at Portland, we
-	conducted today, from the First M.
9	Church, Rev. John Parsons officiatin
- 3	The members of the Woodmen Lodge at
	of the Order of Elks attended in a bod
13	The remains were given interment in the
	family lot in the Odd Fellows' Cemeter
ıt	State Treasurer Moore today receive
40	
- 7	\$16.880 65 to apply on Lane County's 19
- 3	state tax.
-119	The matter of holding a National Guar
	encampment was today discussed by the

CONTRIBUTES TO THE SCHOOL FUND

Tax Figures Show How the Business

Has Grown—Various Ways for

Preventing Frost Injury.

SALEM, April 19.—Insurance Commissioner F. I. Dunbar today issued his annual report showing a list of the insurance and surety companies authorized to transact business in the State of Oregon, April 1, 1900, and a statement of the business transacted during the year, ending December 31, 1898. The report shows that

office.

The criminal action against Mrs. Jo there are 49 fire insurance companies, 22
life insurance companies, 12 life and accident, 2 plate-glass, 1 steam boiler, and 5 surety companies, doing business in the state.

The statements of business transacted by the various companies show the follows' lodge, to pass upon the

lowing totals:	-				n of the ne	
CLASS.	Amount of risks written	Gross premiums received	Losses paid.	Premiums	Net premiums.	Amount 2 per cent tax
Fire Marine Life Assess, life Industrial Accident Plate-giass Steam boiler.	\$ 64,155,205 49 6,399,732 00 *22,456,544 67 *2,634,634 50 *857,471 00 *11,967 531 04 76,556 83 202,500 00	\$1,285,951 90 83,506 92 730,940 49 85,573 96 22,775 96 68,427 96 2,150 85 2,047 50	\$364,628 29 39,227 21 300,127 74 14,990 60 3,302 61 21,964 31 204 66 23 50	\$229,809 52 663 57 44,901 58 415 18 4,757 18 232 02 194 65	\$ 684,891 92 59,238 21 487,894 31 21,158 68 29,413 29 41,716 47 1,524 78 1,829 35	\$13,697 79 1,1184 76 9,755 10 423 17 408 26 834 23 30 49 26 58
Total	\$108,740,166 53	\$2,232,315 41	\$643,657 84	\$271,973 70	\$1,318,577 01	\$26,371 48

In addition to the companies whose ss was included in this table of totals, there were six mutual fire insur-ance companies that did business, but were not taxed. Their total risk Decem-ber 31, 1899, was \$5,228,281. The total receipts were \$32,210 06, and losses were paid to the amount of \$20,523 38. Their total

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	& Van P	atton.	whose.	pid	WAS	251,550	
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COLUMBIA PAYING ITS DEBTS.

celpts were \$32,210 65, and losses were paid to the amount of \$20,523 83. Their total expenditures were \$31,044 61.

The principal classes of insurance written are the fire, marine, life and accident. The business of each of these four classes for the last four years is shown by the following table:

\$1,000 in Two Tears.

YEAR	Risks written	Gross premiums.	Losses paid	Premiums returned	Net premiums.	Tax paid
Fire— 1896	\$49,261,724 86 48,619,072 32 57,439,902 28 64,155,205 49	\$1,009,895 69 1.048,109 36 1,200,008 15 1,285,951 90	\$405,358 19 437,607 44 425,148 56 364,628 39	\$222,225 52 221,669 61 231,676 78 220,800 52	\$412,311 58 405,140 73 559,595 25 684,891 82	\$ 8.557 40 8,019 23 11,199 84 13,697 79
1896	3,038,282 00 8,544,261 93 13,161,090 00 6,299,733 00	9,973 92 * 85,695 26 158,008 34 83,506 92	8,851 23 14,658 95 27,243 02 39,227 21	1,473 70 2,670 19 2,578 29 663 57	4,323 69 57,766 02 128,186-93 59,238 21	86 45 1,476 29 2,563 73 1,184 76
1896 1897 1898 1899 Accident—	3,420,647 96 3,678,785 51 4,872,497 30 5,306,638 29	548,105 59 544,302 21 625,476 22 730,540 49	289,787 79 397,389 75 292,956 52 200,127 74	43,573 61 40,429 84 36,872 63 44,901 58	288,834 64 273,902 49 826,764 11 487,894 31	5,760 40 5,478 65 6,535 26 9,756 10
1896	10,264,126 03 9,682,162 00 10,787,784 46 13,760,090 37	44,597 91 47,757 54 59,232 69 68,427 96	22,413 86 16,665 78 30,166 73 21,954 31	911 24 4,353 66 4,391 66 4,757 18	21,295 11 27,290 54 28,338 13 41,716 47	332 51 527 65 550 85 834 33

The proceeds of the 2 per cent tax is paid into the common school fund.

ly a farmer in North Dakots says that the smudging method described in today's Oregonian has long been used in that state to protect wheat from frosts in the early Fall. The farmers lost one or two crops by having the grain frozen while in the milk, and to protect themselves organized a system of smudging. The telegraph companies arranged to warn the farmers of an impending frost by dis-playing flags at the railway stations. The farmers built smudge fires around their farmers built smudge hres around their farms in the evening, and the smoke would spread out in a cloud all over the grain fields. The whole country for miles in every direction would be covered with smoke suspended in the air at a height of from 10 to 30 feet above the grou air being perfectly still on a night when there was danger of frost, the smoke would not ascend nor be blown away, but would spread out. This method was found very successful by the Dakota wheat-

A-fruitgrower of this vicinity calls atention to a method pursued by Missouri peachgrowers to protect their trees from rost. He says they spray the trees with whitewash, and thus retard the develop ment of the buds. As white reflects the heat instead of absorbing it, buds that have been given a white coating open lat-

To Improve Fire Protection.

At a meeting of the Salem Board of Fire Underwriters, held this morning, a committee composed of R. P. Boise, Jr., C. D. Gabrielson and J. M. Payne was appointed to confer with a committee from the City Council regarding the re-moval of fire hydrants. At the last meeting of the City Council, attention was called to the fact that hydrants are in some places grouped, and a committee was appointed with power to remove any hydrants not needed. The fire underwriters will endeavor to have the hydrants that are taken out relocated so that the service may be improved. The election of officers was deferred until the third Monday in May.

Supreme Court Orders

The following orders were made in the Supreme Court today:
The Oregon Real Estate Company, appellant, vs. the City of Portland et al., respondents, three cases; ordered that respondents have until May 10, 1900, to serve and file their briefs in these cases.

Charles E. Ladd et al., respondents, va the Chamber of Commerce and Ellis G. Hughes, appellants; ordered that responduntil June 1, 1900, to file a pe

tition for rehearing. The case of Nancy S. Belle et al., respondents, vs. Charles A. Brown et al., appellants, has been set for trial April

Governor Geer today received \$30,000 from the War Department at Washington, being 80 per cent of the amount claimed he state for the equipment of the nd Oregon Volunteer Infantry at the time the regiment was mustered into the Federal service for duty in the Philip-pines. The department originally allowed but 50 per cent of the claim, but the in-

Capital City Notes. Governor Geer today received from the United States Treasury Department drafts for \$29.836, the amount allowed the State of Oregon on account of expenses incurred in the enlistment of the Second Oregon Volunteers.

The funeral over the remains of Frank a majorit of the jury was in favor of acquittal, and only agreed to recommend a fine as a compromise.

Has Reduced Outstanding Warrants \$14,000 in Two Years.

	Losses	Premiums	Net	Tax	
	paid.	returned	premiums.	paid	
9 9 9	\$405,358 19	\$222,225 52	\$412,311 58	\$ 8,557 40	
	437,607 44	221,669 61	405,140 73	8,019 23	

the total reduction in two years \$14.026.

The following list shows the totals of

registration by precincts in Columbia County at noon today:

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Fire— 1896	\$49,261,724 86	\$1,009,895 69	\$405,358 19	\$222,225 52	\$412,311 58	\$ 8,557
	48,619,072 32	1,048,109 36	437,607 44	221,669 61	405,140 73	8,019
	57,439,932 28	1,203,008 15	425,148 56	231,676 78	559,595 25	11,199
	64,155,295 49	1,285,951 90	364,628 19	229,809 52	684,891 82	13,697
1896	3,038,282 00 8,544,261 93 13,161,090 00 6,399,733 00	9,973 92 ** 85,695 26 158,008 34 83,506 92	8,851 23 14,658 95 27,243 02 39,227 21	1,473 70 2,670 19 2,578 39 663 57	4.323 69 57,766 03 128,186-93 59,238 21	1,476 2,563 1,184
1896	3,420,647 96	548,105 59	219,787 79	43,573 61	288,834 64	5,760
1897	2,678,785 51	544,302 21	397,369 75	40,429 84	273,902 49	5,478
1898	4,872,497 30	625,436 22	292,956 52	36,873 63	326,764 11	6,535
1899	5,306,638 29	730,540 49	200,127 74	44,901 58	487,894 31	9,756
1896	10,264,126 03	44,597 91	22,413 86	911 24	21,295 11	332
	9,682,163 00	47,757 54	16,665 78	4,353 65	27,200 54	527
	10,787,784 46	59,232 69	30,166 73	4,391 06	28,338 13	550
	13,760,090 37	68,427 96	21,954 31	4,757 18	41,716 47	834

per cent tax on the net receipts of in- previous year it was reduced \$5789, making surance companies has been as follows for the past five years:

Ways to Prevent Frost Injury.

The latest reports from fruitgrowers of this vicinity are to the effect that more damage was done to Italian prunes by the recent frost than was at first supposed. The injury is not general, however, as in places no trees were injured. In the hills many of the trees had not blos somed enough to permit of great dam-

Upon the best advices obtainable it is A resident of this city who was formermated that not more than 300 voter are yet to register in this county. The fishing season here opened with fair run of fish. There are about 20 fish ermen who market their catch here. The catch for the first two days was about eight tons, and is improving. The prospect is good for a continuation of the run The fruit prospect is very fair. Late frosts have injured the crop in certain lo-calities, but a good crop is looked for in

Auburn
Aplary
Beaver Falls
Clatskanie
Goble
Deer Island
Marshland

Forest Grove Municipal Affairs. FOREST GROVE, April 19.-The City Council last night passed the ordinance requiring the property-owners on Main street to repair the thoroughfare with a layer of crushed rock eight inches thick. The cost is estimated at \$1400. The probthe different business and professions is causing general dissatisfaction.

Ladies of G. A. R. to Meet in Eugene ALBANY, April 19.—At a meeting of the council of administration of the Ladies of the G. A. R. of Oregon, in this city, Eugene was selected as the place of meeting for the annual convention and June 12

Oregon Notes.

The early closing movement has goninto effect at Albany. Seven o'clock is the hour.

The Pendleton Tribune, semiweekly, has absorbed the Pendleton Republican, a weekly paper, which was ewned by Mrs. Mary A. Murphy and edited by Mr. Mc-Manus. Mr. McManus has announced his intention to start a farm and stock jou

Ensign P. A. Trullinger has been elected Licutenant, junior grade, of the Naval Re-serve at Astoria, and Beaman O. B. Allen and Gunner's Mate W. N. Jones have been elected Ensigns. Dewey day will be celebrated by the Reserve with a May-pole

The Lebanon Criterion says that J. W. Medford arrived there one day last week, direct from Ohio, looking for a place to locate, but unfortunately for him the day he arrived was rainy, and some one, out of mischief, told him that they hadn't been able to see the sun for the past three years, which so frightened him that he took the next morning's train for the

About the middle of next month, the Ministerial Association of the Congrega-tional Church for the East Side district, is to be held in Corvallis. The district com-prises all churches on the East Side between Oregon City and Ashland, together with Corvallis, on the West Side. The session will last two days, and will com-

attend. The Jackson County jury in the case of A. J. Hamlin, charged with assult with a deadly weapon on Ed Armstrong, which brought in a verdict of guilty, with a recommendation that the accused be fixed, exceeded its prerogatives under the Oregon law, and Judge Hanna was left no option

COUNCIL ELECTION VOID

ACANCIES NOT LEGALLY FILLED IN THE M'MINNVILLE BODY.

important Acts Have Been Performed by the Invalid Council, But They Are Not Attneked.

M'MINNVILLE, Or., April 19.—The case of the "hold-out" members of the City Council of this city—Daniels and Jones—against two of the sitting members—Nelson and Hodson—was argued before Judge Boise yesterday, and an opinion rendered at the evening session. The court held that the election of both new men was yold.

The City Council of this city is The City Council of this city is composed of six members. In January, Councilman J. E. Durham resigned. The remaining five members of the Council were present and accepted the resignation. A ballot was taken to fill the vacancy, R. Nelson receiving three votes, and two others one each. The Mayor declared Mr. Nelson elected to fill the vacancy, upon which Mr. Jones appealed from the decision of the chair. The three who voted for Mr. Nelson voted to sustain the chair, and Jones and Daniels voted against the decision. A special voted against the decision. A special meeting was called four days later, and In the meantime Mr. Nelson qualified as a member, and when Mr. Nelson took his seat, Mr. Jones arose and said that Nel-son's election was void, and left the son's election was void, and left the chamber. Daniels asked to be excused, but, being refused permission, also withdrew, and the two remained out for over two months. The majority of the Council proceeded to do business, among other things contracting for the new dynamo and are-light apparatus now being put in position. The "hold-outs" and their followers do not question the legality of lowers do not question the legality of this, or other business transacted, but simply Mr. Nelson's election or appoint-

Within this period Councilman Macy resigned, and, acting on the assumption that the Council then consisted of but five members, the remaining three proceeded to appoint O. O. Hodson to the vacancy by ballot. Mr. Hodson qualified and took his seat. Some days later this suit was filed in the Circuit Court in the name of the state, praying that the elections be declared void and the seats vacant. Demurrers were filed and the cases argued yesterday. The whole matter hung on what constitutes the "whole number" of the Council when one has resigned. The charter requires a "majority of the whole number constituting the Council" to perform certain acts, among them to Within this period Councilman Macy reto perform certain acts, among them to fill vacancies. The court held that ac-cording to the charter, and according to. customary construction, it requires four to have a "majority of the whole number constituting the Council."

CLACKAMAS CIRCUIT COURT. Injunction Against Sale of Property

Disselved. OREGON CITY, April 19.—On motion of defendant a temporary injunction re-straining the Sheriff from selling certain property in Oregon City, in favor of John and Mary Schram and against the German and Mary Schram and against the German Savings & Loan Association, was dissolved. The Savings & Loan Association had foreclosed a mortgage on certain property in Portland belonging to the Schrams, but the sale of the property did not satisfy the mortgage, and Oregon City property was levied upon for the balance. On the day that the sale was to take place the Schrams began the injunction suit and stopped proceedings, contending that the the Schrams began the injunction suit and stopped proceedings, contending that the sale of the property here was not regular. The arguments for the prosecution against defendant's demurrer in the case of A. W. Hertzka, the Christian Science healer, were heard today, as well as the closing argument by the defendant's counsel. The court announced that a decision would be given Monday.

On motion of the District Attorney, the

On motion of the District Attorney, th charges of adultery against N. Stoltz and Mrs. Catherine Jones were dismissed. Mrs. Catherine Jones were dismissed.

Marie J. Graham, of Clackamas County,
was granted a divorce today from George
K. Graham, on the ground of desertion,
and Myrtle Gallagher, of Multnomah
County, was granted a divorce from W.
J. Gallagher on the ground of cruelty.
The divorce suit of John Z. Oison, formerly of Multnomah County, against Mary Olson, now a patient in the state insane asylum, was heard on the petition of plain-tiff that a guardian ad litem be appointed to represent plaintiff's interest in the case. Robert A. Miller was appointed as such guardian. The ground of this complaint is alleged to be cruelty, accompanied with the further allegation that the defendant is insane.

The machinery for the Logan Cheese Manufacturing Company's plant was noved out today from Portland, and it is the intention to have the factory in complete runing order by May 1. The machinery is all new and of the most improved pattern, including vats, engine, and everything required for making cheese. The building, a two-story cheese. The building, a two-story structure, 24x48, is all ready for the reception of the machinery. It is intended to start up the factory with milk from 100 cows, but the capacity can be increased at any time by small expense. The Inctory is owned by a compense. pany of Logan farmers, and will be charge of an experienced cheesemaker.

The County Treasurer today called all road warrants issued prior to Decembe

BOY WAITED FOR HIS MOTHER. Strange Action of a Scattle Woman

in Chiengo. CHICAGO, April 19.—Frank Endean, aged 14, sat nearly all day yesterday in the Dearborn Railway Station, waiting for his mother to return to him. The boy and his mother had arrived from St. Paul in the morning. Their home is in Seattle, and they are bound for England by way of Hallfax. The how said they went to and they are bound for England by way of Halifax. The boy said they went to the Deurborn Station, and were to have departed from there by the Grand Trunk at 2:02 P. M. for Halifax. At 11 o'clock his mother told him that she was "going up the street" and would return soon. He had not seen her since.

up the street" and would return soon He had not seen her since.

Later it was learned that the mother had been taken to the detention hospital, and the boy was removed to the Harrison Police Station for the night.

"We were on our way to England," he said, "to visit my father's relatives. Father is at our home in Seattle, and is going to Cape Nome with a mining company." He said he had eaten nothing since Monday noon. This was not due to poverty. In Mrs. Endean's purse were \$100 and a pair of diamond earrings. \$109 and a pair of diamond earrings.

GENERAL RANDALL AT SKAGWAY Inspects Site of Proposed New Post-The Telegraph Lines.

SKAGWAY, April 12.—General G. M. Randall, Commander of the recently created Department of Alaska, United States Army, arrived here today on an official visit, and will return this evening by the steamer Humboldt to Seattle, from which point, he announces, he will sail June 1 for St. Michael and Nome. He will go up the Yukon to Fort Egbert before the close of navigation, and may be in Skagway of navigation, and may be in Skagway again before the end of Summer. A proposed site for a military post at

A proposed site for a mintary post at Skagway was seen by the General today, and he will recommend to the department the establishment of a post here, with accommodations for at least one company. At present, only half a company of soldiers is here. The new post will probably cost \$50,000. Citizens have offered a site. gal. The City Attorney supports him.

Monday oJe Graham and Ed Jordan,
aged respectively 17 and 14 years, while
out hunting six miles west of Cheney, discovered two kitten cougars, their eyes not
yet open, mewing on the ground. Seeing
no evidence of the mother being near, the
boye captured the animals and took them
home, where they are being fed on cow's
milk, from a nursing bottle. The kittens
are about as large as a full-grown domestic cat. At present, there is only one company of soldiers in Southeastern Alaska, half at Wrangel and half at Skagway. The General says even were it desired to distribute more men in Southeastern Alaska just now it would prhably be impossible, on account of the great says in the says in the same in th

GALICE DISTRICT

men aside from those at the front. How-over, he says, more men will be sent here, if necessary, in connection with the inter-national boundary dispute. The General and staff and Captain Hovey, in charge of the troops, went to the international boundary at the summit of White Pass to-day on a special train.

Captain Hovey has been uncertain for some time as to whether he is in the De-partment of Alaska or the Columbia, but General Randall set the matter at rest to-day by saying that he is Commander of all Alaska. THE REVIVAL OF RICH SOUTHERS OREGON MINES.

the Creeks of Jackson and Josephine Counties.

all Alaska.

Communication with General Randall's headquarters will be had through the system of telegraph lines to be built this season from Valdes to the far north by the way of Fort Egbert. The General says that, although the bill for the construction of the line has only passed the House, that he is sure it will go through the Senate, and is so confident that Captain Abertromble has gone to Valdes and commenced work, and already has a large number of poles up from Valdes to the interior. The connections at first will necessarily have to be made over the Canadran line to reach the South, but it will eventually be necessary to have an all-American communication with the south by cable. ASHLAND, Or., April 19.-The increase ASHLAND, Or., April 19.—The increased importance and thorough development of the Galice mining district is emphasized by the fact that a daily mail will be established there in a few days. While the placers of Galice Creek are among the most important in Southern Oregon, it is the wealth and abundance of the quarts the wealth and abundance of the quarts ledges of the district that have brought it into the prominence now given to it. The Galice is one of the oldest, as well as the richest, mining districts in the country, and lies in the northern portion of Josephine County, Merlin being the nearest railroad point. Among the prominent mines in the locality are the Alexander & Bent, Booky Gulch, Sugar Pine, Lost Flat. Bent, Rocky Guich, Sugar Pine, Lost Flat, Golden Wedge, the Harmon-Green and A & B. A large number of men, locators, JUDGE BRADSHAW'S WIFE DEAD. Daughter of Dr. Littlefield, of Portprospectors and operators, have gone into this district recently, and the need of a daily mail to them is made apparent. THE DALLES, Or., April 19.—Mrs. Sarah Elizabeth Bradshaw, wife of Judge Brad-thaw, of the Seventh Judicial District,

It is reported that what is known as the Harris Gold Dredging Plant, now oper-ating within eight miles of Waldo, in Joating within eight miles of Waldo, in Josephine County, and which is engaged in dredging 200 acres lying along the Illinois River, is earning good dividends. This dredge, when running steadily and unhampered, is espable of handling about 1500 cubic yards of gravel. The ground on which it is now being operated is described as being difficult to work, on account of the clay and cement gravel in its composition. The advent of the modern gold dredger is setting a new pace in the field of mining in Southern Oregon, and gives promise of assuming a very prominent position in the Edustry. The value of the gold deposits in the various rivers, creeks and low bars of Jackson and Josephine Counties has long been understood and recognized, but the want of adequate dredging machines has reand Josephine Counties has long been understood and recognized, but the want of adequate dredging machines has retarded the work greatly and confined that done to a very small scale. The old suction dredge was used for a number of years, but never carried to the point of success, and the average expense of handling a cubic yard of gravel by its primitive method was very great, when compared with the modern chain bucket. A number of sections of Jackson and Josephine Coutnies have been investigated during the past few months, with a view of instailing dredges. Present indications point to the fact that that the gold yield from this class of mining will be quite large before the end of another year. The modern dredge will add materially to the output of gold in Southern Oregon, and much of it that has been supposed to be lost for all time will be recovered. All along the Klamath River, Rogue River and Beaver Creek, as well as other streams, large areas have been bonded for dredging purposes recently, and many negotiations for like ventures are now under dredging purposes recently, and many ne gotiations for like ventures are now under

The large number of locations that have been made in the vicinity of the Big Yank ledge, in the Galice district, lately, have called much attention to that locality. called much attention to that locality. The ledge is of enormous size, and can be traced for 40 miles over the country, at a width as great as 240 feet. It is described as a contact vein with a siate hanging wall and hyposyenite on the footwall. The vein is of bluish quartz, colored by copper, which is plentiful in it and exists as cooper pyrites. This enormous mining proposition has attracted much attention for the past 30 years, but has only been an inviting one for large capital. At present the most important property in the district is being operated by the Big Yank Mining & Milling Company, of Portland. This property consists of a group, of claims along the main ledge, on which development work is being pushed with much activity. It is the purpose of the present tion for navigation than it has been in years. The boat is gradually working her way down the river, for the annual Summer tie-up.

The Corvailis city election will take place on the 21st of May. Candidates are already in the field, as follows: For Police Judge, E. P. Greffoz; for Chief of Police, James Flett and W. J. Howell: for Treasurer, William MacLagan. Save Howelf for Chief of Police, all of the candidates are present incumbents. tivity. It is the purpose of the present plan of operations to begin the construc-tion of an 800-foot tunnel, which is ex-ASTORIA, April 19.—There is no change in the run or price of salmon. It is understood, however, that several of the cold-storage people have formed a combination to prevent the price from going above 6½ cents per pound. If the others pected to tap the ledge at a depth of 400 feet, along which drifts will be run. Recently an 18-foot body of ore was struck in the tunnel, which goes \$33 to the ton. Pleces of ore going \$100 to \$200 are now being taken out, which fairly glisten with copper culphurets, and are a feast for the miner's eye, and a revelation to old-time croakers, who predicted that the Big Yank would never amount to much, any-

way.

Splendid reports come to Ashland of th Splendid reports come to Ashland of the work that is going on at the hydraulic placers in the Waldo district. The large property there, consisting of 749 acres, owned by Jackson County's Senator, Hon. T. Cameron, and George Simmons, and known as the Simmons & Cameron mine, has been running on full time with a large force of men. The water facilities of this mine are exceptionally good, and large force of men. The water facilities of this mine are exceptionally good, and have been provided for it by a large outlay of capital and enable the giants to turn dirt for about 10 months in the year. It also has an excellent equipment, and a long and expensive cut as an outlet for the tailings. The product of the Simmons & Cameron mine is a very fine gold. The clean-up this year promises to be the largest since the property has been systematcitizens of Dalias school district last night to discuss the proposition of enlarging the schoolhouse accommodations, it was concluded that the district be asked to vote \$500 for this purpose, and that a petition be immediately presented to the Directors to call an election to vote on this amount of bonds. This will probably result in the remodeling of the old four-room building into an eight-room house. However, this question will be left to the discretion of the Directors of the district.

Plans are now on foot to organize in Dallas a driving association. The object est since the property has been systemat

Reports of new and rich strikes come from Foots Creek.

The work on Ivan Humason's 10-sta quartz mill, now being erected on the Chavner property, at Gold Hill, is pro-gressing very satisfactorily. It is fully expected that the machinery will be placed in position in the course of two weeks, while water from the Braden ditch will be turned on before the machinery is in

SALE OF RICH CLAIMS.

CHEHALIS, April 19.—8 C. Herren, the Moscow, Idaho, lawyer, who was arrest-ed in Tacoma Tuesday, charged with giv-ing a check to a Portland hotel-keeper Extensive Development at Once-R organization of Little Giant. on a bank where he had no funds, lived in Lewis County a number of years, but has been away from here the past five BAKER CITY, April 18.—The Oregon and Colorado mineral claims, located near Quartzburg, have been sold by the owner, or six years. He was elected a member of the last territorial Legislature as a Mr. Lawrence, to S. H. Hayes, of British Columbia. The purchase price is \$40,000, and the cash has been paid over and the transfer completed. A five-stamp mill is on the property, which consists of two claims, of the last territorial Legislature as a Republican, and served in the first Legislature after Washington became a state He afterward joined the Populist party and stood high in the councils of that party for a while. He was a lawyer of some ability, his strong point being that he was an orator, and could tell a plausible story and talk himself out of a mechan tight hace when occasion. the development work being 1500 feet of drifts, tunnels and stopes. The pay chute averages four feet in width, and the ore averages as far as worked \$30 to the ton. The ledge is strong and well defined, and the ore is improving in quality and quanmighty tight place when occasion re-quired. He lacked the confidence of the the ore is improving in quality and quantity as depth is attained. Besides the mill, the property is equipped with an assay office, boarding-house, bunkhouse, tool shop and two blacksmith shops. Mr. Hayes has taken possession of the property, and as soon as the mill has cleaned up the ore belonging to the former owner, extensive development work will be compared to the compared t public, and was a victim of the gambling Washington Notes. The fine granite stone quarry on Scow Bay, near Port Townsend, is being opened up by J. A. Sodenberg.

extensive development work will be com-Mr. Hayes is an old-time mining man, and has been interested at some time in and has been interested at some time in all the big camps of the Northwest. He comes here from Camp McKinney, B. C., and has great faith in the future of the Eastern Oregon gold fields. He has al-ready removed his household effects here, and, with his family, will hereafter be a

ermanent resident of Baker City. A report has been in circulation here the past few days that the reorganization of the Little Giant and Magnolia mines has been effected. The report, however, lacks confirmation, and is probably only a sur-mise, as it is very doubtful when these properties will again be operated. The properties will again be operated. Ine English company having these mines un-der an option of purchase has allowed the option to lapse, and the properties have reverted to the owners, together with all the improvements. Captain O. Bley, head of the English syndicate known as the Little Glant Mining Company, of Liver-pool, sailed a few days ago from New York, bound for England, and until he reports to his representative in Bak r City, Mr. Penwarden, nothing will be definitely

known as to the future operations of the properties. The English company, it is said, has expended on the properties 1100,-00s, through its representatives in this

New machinery, consisting of hoisting works, pumps, etc., will be put in as soon as possible at the Keystone Bell mine as possible at the Keystone Bell mine. Captain Thompson, one of the owners of the property, says that the workmen have drifted 300 feet on the exposed vein, and that they will at once start to sink 600 feet from the lower level. The blacksmith shop at the mine was totally destroyed by fire a few days ago. A new one will be built as soon as possible.

Quotations of Mining Stocks. SAN FRANCISCO, April 19. - The official

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SPOKANE, April 19.-The closing bids ing stocks today were: Blacktail ... \$0 304 Princess Mand & Crystal ... \$0 304 Princess Mand & Comparison ... \$0 304 Princess Mand & Compari

A. P. Fogh, owner of the Deutsmiller copper ledge, near Roslyn, Wash. is spending a few days at the Imperial. He flatters himself that he has a copper mine which needs no long tunnels or shafts ta show what it is. The ledge crowns the summit of a long ridge, where the ore crops out to a height of six feet above the surface of the ground. Assays show that this copper ore backbone carries 28 per cent of copper and 100 a ton in gold and silver. A wagon road is now being constructed to connect with the railroad. 10 miles away, and the ore can be slid afl Surface Copper Mine. 10 miles away, and the ore can be slid all down hill to a smelter.

AT DR. DALY'S HOME.

Nomination for Congress Was Received-Confident of Election. LAKEVIEW, Or., April 13.-Dr. B. Daly's friends, irrespective of politics, are congratulating him today on his nomination for Congress. All day yesterday and all this forenoon telegrams were coming from the leaders of the different factions requesting Dr. Daly to accept the nomination. He had declined to enter the field this year for any office, but the pressure was so great that he finally telegraphed his friends that he would accept the nomination from the First Congressional District it about he would have any appropriate. The next telegram congratulated him upon his unanimous nomination, and was eigned by the leaders of the three fusion parties. He said to a reporter today:

"Yes, I am going to be elected to Con-

gress from this district. I have not the slightest doubt of it in the world." Dr. Daly came to Lakeview in 1887, and since that time he has built himsely up from a stranger to one of the most promfrom a stranger to one of the most prominent men in the state. He stands well at his own home. He has represented this district in both branches of the Legislature, and is and has been at the head of educational matters in this county for 10 years. He has filled the office of Mayor of the town, and has been County Physician, and Health Officer for 10 years. He has also been president of the Lake County Agricultural Society, and its principal promoter for a dozen years.

Although this county is largely Republican, Dr. Daly has never failed to carry it for any office to which he aspired.

Washington Youth. WASHINGTON, April 14.—Representa-ive Jones recently made a visit to the Navy Department in the Interest of Stamford Grey Chapman, the oldest son of Montague J. Chapman, of Pullman, Wash., who desired to enter the Navy as an apprentice, third class. Mr. Jones requested that he be appointed, although he was a few months over 16, the age after which apprentices in this class are not received, but was informed that the regulations could not be waived in this case, much It would open the way for a countless number of like cases. The department as-sured him, however, that, as soon as Mr. Chapman became is years of age, he might enlist as a landsman, and, at that time, if practicable, be transferred to a training-ship, on board of which landsmen received the same instruction as apprentices. He can then receive, also, all the benefits as o detail for instruction to fit him for the duties of a gunner's mate, and will be just as eligible for ultimate promotion to acting boatswain or acting gunner as the apprentices.

TO MAKE BOOKS AT HOME. Enterprise in Washington to Supply

Schools With Text-Books. OLYMPIA, Wash., April 19.—Articles of incorporation of the Westland Publishing Company have been filed with the State Secretary. The objects of this incorporation ere to produce a line of textbooks to be used in the public schools of the state. The amount of capital stock the state. The amount of capital stock is \$100,000, at \$100 a share. The principal place of business, Seattle, and the incorporators are: H. O. Hollenbeck, of the Denny-Coryell Company, Seattle; Ethan Allen, Jr., of Allen & Lambert, Tacoma, and G. E. Blankenship, of the Record Publishing Company, Olympia,

A number of text-books have been prepared by these publishing-houses, which books will be submitted to the State Board of Education at the meeting to be held

of Education at the meeting to be held in the State Superintendent's office, May f, for the purpose of adopting the books to be used in the state schools for the next

BUILDING NEW STOCKYARDS. O. R. & N. Providing Better Shipping

Facilities Near The Dalles, THE DALLES, Or., April 19.-The O. R. & N. has a large force of carpenters at work about a half-mile east of this city constructing capacious stockyards, to fa-cilitate the shipping of cattle and sheep. The company expect to ship from this point many trainloads of stock this year, and the present yards are not large enough. The new yards will be divided into paddocks for different brands, and

An Express Agent Missing. PAIRHAVEN, Wash., April 19.—C. D. Barlow, the local agent of the Northern Pacific Express Company, has been missing since Tuesday night, and it is believed his body lies at the bottom of Bellingham Bay, whether as a result of foul play or suicide, cannot be determined. Barlow was known to have a large amount of money on his person on the night of his disap

New Eastern Star Chapter. MEDFORD, April 19.—A chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, named Reames chapter, for the late General Thomas G. ized in Medford, with a large membership.

THE TOWN OF KETCHIKAN

WEAT OF THE CUSTOM-HOUSE TAKEN FROM MARY ISLAND.

in the Center of a Rich Mineral Sec-

tion-How the Town Has Grown

in a Few Months. KETCHIKAN, Alaska, April 12.-The town of Ketchikan is situated on the southern end of Ravillagigedo Island, on Tongas Narrows, between Ravillagigedo Channel and Clarence Straits, in latitude

58 north. It was located as a fishing sta-tion in 1886. In 1887 a large cannery was built, but in 1889 it was destroyed by fire and never rebuilt. Last July there was but one store, one saloon and one hotel in the town. Now it contains six stores, car-rying large stories, six saloons. rying large stocks; six saloons, three ho-tels, five or six restaurants and at least 100 residences. The district has increased in population from about 200 to about 2000. Our mining district extends over an area of 50 miles square, containing a large numer of mining camps tributary to Ketchi-

No horses are here, no graded streets. Men are the beasts of burden, all street business is done on plank sidewalks or over mountain trails, all building material must be packed on the backs of men

must be packed on the backs of men. Strangers wonder why a town was ever built in such a place, and the oldest inhabitant cannot answer.

No mines have yet been discovered in the immediate vicinity of the town, the nearest being about four miles distant. There is not much doubt but this will be a great mining district in the near future. There are many low-grade as well as There are many low-grade as well as high-grade prospects in gold, sliver and copper, running from a trace to thousands of dollars in value per ton. The mining industry is in its infancy here, but is fast developing richness and permanence. All kinds of formations are found. nency. All kinds of formations are found in the country rock, and pearly country in the country rock, and nearly every mineral known can be sampled in some

part of the district.
The Gold Standard Mining Company, at The Gold Standard Mining Company, at Helm Bay, Cleveland Peninsula, is run-ning a five-stamp mill and paying its own-ers well. This mine has produced several very rich gold pockets, and has an im-mense dump of rich concentrating ore. Towneltss are being laid off at various places. At Ward's Cove, five miles west of here, the townsite of Ravilla is receiving some attention. Port Johnson and Kassan Bay, on Prince of Wales Island.

each lays claim to being a metropolis, We are located among a sea of islands, All travel must be by water. Everybody who wishes to prospect must be provided with a boat, and there are a great variety of them here.

The New Custom-House.

The custom-house is located on property owned by Mr. Grant. It commands a fine view of Tongas Narrows, through which all vessels sailing the inside route must pass. The question of the removal of the custom-house from Mary's Island to Ketchikan has been agitated for several years, but never cuiminated in any direct action by the Government until lately. A petition was circulated here in January, and signed by most of the captains of steamers touching here, praying for its removal. The principal reason given for the change was that there was no wharf at Mary Island, and steamers were put to the inconvenience of anchoring and lowering boats while walting for papers, etc. The Washington authorities compiled The Washington authorities compiled with the request, and we now have the custom-bouse. The building for it is the most prominent in town. It is nearly completed, and will soon be ready for occu-pancy. Indeed, the lower portion has been finished for the accommodation of the of-

ficers, who have just moved in.

The transfer of the customs service to this point doubles the number of vessels

Folsom Confirmed a Commissioner. WASHINGTON, April 12.—The Senate today confirmed H. H. Folsom, of Alaska, to be a commissioner in and for the District of Alaska.

Going to Cape Nome. INDEPENDENCE, Or., April 19,-Some

30 persons are now making preparations to leave for Cape Nome during the furly part of May.

Funeral Was Postponed.

SPOKANE, April 19.-The funeral of Minnie Horr, a prominent young lady, was set for Wednesday, but her mother thought she detected signs of returning life, and the funeral was postponed. Phy-sicians who have made various tests be-lieve the girl is dead, but the mother still doubts, and it is probable the funeral will not be held before Sunday. This would have been the young woman's wedding day, and she lies robed in her wedding gown.



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