

NO CRIME CHARGED

Jury Found Mrs. Hatch Died a Natural Death.

HEART AND LIVER WERE DISEASED

S. W. Fletcher, a Wealthy McCoy Hogrower, Admits Illicit Relations With the Deceased.

HILLSBORO, Or., May 2.—The coroner's jury impeached at Forest Grove to inquire into the death of Mrs. Anna C. Hatch, who was found dead in a house at that city last Saturday morning, this afternoon returned findings to the effect that death was caused by heart failure, produced by natural causes. It further found that death ensued between the hours of 6 and 9 Friday morning.

Today was the fourth session of the jury, and Deputy District Attorney H. T. Bagley did not further question S. W. Fletcher, the wealthy McCoy hogrower, who was a visitor at the Hatch residence Thursday evening and left early Friday morning. He stated that he had placed a cold towel on her forehead to soothe a violent headache of which she complained. The stomach of the dead woman was not analyzed, although there was a post-mortem examination. Dr. E. A. Bailey, of Hillsboro, found 22 small snakes, ranging from the size of a pea to the size of an almond, in the stomach and intestines. The condition of the liver. Her heart was also in a bad condition.

The jury, after hearing the statement of the physician and the testimony of Fletcher, was convinced that no crime had been committed, attributing Fletcher's contradictory statements to his confusion at the time and his desire to shield the name of the woman as much as possible. Mr. Fletcher left for his home at McCoy on this evening's train.

ROCKCRUSHER FOR LANE COUNTY.

Just Purchased at Cost of \$1100 —1 Mill for the Roads.

ALBANY, Or., May 2.—Lane County has taken an important step forward in the interest of good roads, so badly needed in Oregon generally, by the purchase of a \$1100 rockcrusher for the purpose of road work to do much to remove the stigma of bad roads in this county.

The best reports that can be received on the damage to fruit by the frosts is that prunes have been seriously injured, though the location favorably situated, and general apple and pear trees in open places. The apple and pear crops will be good, and there will be plenty of cherries.

Nearly 600 voters have now registered in this county, over 500 less than voted two years ago. An effort is being made to get all the voters to register.

Arrangements for the regular canvass of the county by the different parties are being made, and the People's party will begin in Orleans precinct next Monday afternoon, with an invitation to the Republicans to join the canvass. It is possible, though, that the canvass will begin week later. The date not yet having been agreed upon.

The sentiment here among a good many prominent members of the Democratic and People's party, in view of the failure of W. M. Ramsey to qualify as candidate for Supreme Judge, is that the place should be left.

A prominent woman here this afternoon was that of John J. Parker, of Portland. Wells-Parker, of Portland, and Miss Maggie Kirk, a native daughter of Lane County.

UNLICENSED BICYCLES SEIZED.

Case to Test Constitutionality of the Law Likely to Follow.

ASTORIA, May 2.—The first seizure of bicycles for non-payment of license was made today by the Astoria Bicycle Commission, captured two unlicensed wheels that had been left in front of a business house on Commercial street. The case is being handled as a test case, and the bicycle will be retained until the case is decided. Up to the present time, only 71 licenses have been taken out, although there are known to be several hundred wheels in the city. Many counties, however, are unconstituted, and a test case will probably be tried in the courts.

A deed was placed on record today whereby H. C. Kindred sells to H. B. & J. J. Ferguson, for \$5000, the west half of the quarter of the section of C. N. Rachel Kindred, except 50 acres in the northeast corner. This property consists of about 200 acres, is generally known as Kindred Park, and is bounded by the Astoria and Fort Stevens. E. Z. Ferguson says that he is acting as agent in the purchase.

The monthly report of Weather Observer Johnson shows that for April the average temperature was 59 and the rainfall 5.5 inches. Since the 1st of September, 7.66 inches of rain have fallen, and the average for that period is 6.47 inches.

Reports from up the river are to the effect that the setting grounds in operation have been barely paying expenses during the past few days. At the Miller ponds, on Monday, 50 pounds of fish were caught and about half of them were blue-backs. The siltsmelters also are not doing very well, on account of the clearing of the water by the traps. At Belmore Bay, are continuing to do exceptionally well, and every company that has an interest in them is well satisfied.

MORROW COUNTY NOTES.

Dewey Day Celebrated—Escaped Prisoner Returned to Jail.

HEPPNER, Or., May 2.—Dewey day was appropriately celebrated here yesterday. Circuit Judge Stephen A. Lowell arrived here last night to finish up some accumulated court business, but will not open his regular term for law work yet. Adolphus Cofer, one of the men who broke jail here three weeks ago, was brought back Monday by Sheriff Andrews. He was returned to the county jail. He says he did all the breaking-out himself, and

PROFIT IN BUTTER FAT

WHAT COMPETING CREAMERIES ARE DOING AT SALEM.

How Creamery Butter Compares in Price With the "Country" Product—Better for Farmers.

SALEM, May 2.—Both of Salem's creameries are running to about their full capacities, and turning out about 25 tons of butter each week. The two institutions being in competition, the farmer gets the highest price the market will warrant for his cream, and the creamery pays the highest price for the butter fat, the farmer paying the cost of hauling the cream to the factory. When this expense has been deducted, the price paid by each creamery is about the same.

In order to ascertain whether patronizing a creamery is profitable to the farmer, inquiries were made today of local grocers, in which it was ascertained that "country" butter is sold for 10 to 12 cents more than "factory" butter. This is due to the fact that the creamery butter is sold in 100 lb. casks, while the "country" butter is sold in 5 lb. packages. The farmer who patronizes the creamery is getting about 13 cents at his farm for the butter fat that will produce a pound of butter. If he markets the butter himself, he can get 10 to 12 cents for it, still having to take it to town and market it. The price quoted for country butter is "in trade," while the creamery pays cash.

The question arises, in view of these figures, "Why don't all the farmers patronize the creameries?" Many of them are so far from the main roads that the cream-collecting wagons cannot visit them, and they must market their product while making their regular business visit to town. Some are waiting to see whether the creameries will advance their prices, and others make their own butter because their forefathers did it that way.

The bulk of the product of the Salem creameries is sold to the grocers, but is held in cold storage for better prices in the dry season. What little is sold in the dry season, what little is sold in the dry season, what little is sold in the dry season.

Shovelers Wanted More Money. The gang of men working on the excavation for the new Odd Fellows' temple went on a strike today noon, demanding a raise in their wages from \$1.50 to \$1.75 per day. About 15 men are engaged in the strike, most of them being shovelers. A few men working by the month are working this afternoon, but the work is practically at a standstill.

The Odd Fellows' lodge has nothing to do with the matter, as the men are employed by D. S. Bentley & Co., subcontractors. When the men announced at noon that they were on strike, they were less than \$1.50 per day. Mr. Bentley offered to pay that amount if the men would agree to shovel ten loads of gravel each per day. The men consented and agreed to 10 loads per day, which will be completed for filling wagons with gravel, and the excavation will proceed without shovelers.

City Marshal Wins Out. City Marshal Gibson was tried in the Recorder's court this afternoon, and was discharged. The prosecution called witnesses to prove that Mr. Gibson used disorderly language in a lively stable while talking about Ferguson, a man who was a witness against Gibson in the recent Smith-Gibson damage suit in the justice's court. The witnesses for the defense testified that no disorderly language was used. At the hearing, the counsel for Mr. Gibson moved for a dismissal on the ground that the complaint did not charge a crime, and that the facts alleged in the complaint do not sustain the charge of disorderly language. The court sustained the plea, and the case was dismissed.

State Receives Money. Treasury County today paid into the state treasury \$1200.50, being the balance on account. Umatilla County paid \$5000 on full.

The Loewenberg-Gove Company made a payment of \$5 as a rent for the use of the penitentiary shoe foundry for three months ending July 1.

A remittance of \$80 was received by the State Treasurer today from Justice Krewe, of Portland, the sum having been collected from Paul Cromwell as a fine for practicing medicine without a license. This sum goes into the common school fund.

Capital City Briefs.

Supreme Court Reporter R. G. Morrow says that volume 24 is now ready for the bindery and will be completed in two weeks. The manuscript for volume 25 will be turned over to the printer by May 15, and the books will be ready for distribution early in August.

Robert L. Simpson, aged 75 years, and a resident of Albany, was received at the Asylum this evening on a commitment from Morrow County. His insanity is due to an injury on the head several years ago.

Charles Smith, 12-year-old pupil of the Yew Park school, was arrested today on a charge of stealing chickens. His mother is a widow residing on Mill street. He will have a hearing tomorrow.

Automobile for the YUKON.

Found to Run Successfully on the Ice and Trails. SKAGWAY, April 25.—The gasoline automobile brought north a few weeks ago by M. de la Marre, for use on the frozen watercourse and trails of the Yukon basin, made a trip of 100 miles into Alton over the ice of Lake Bennett and other headwaters of the Yukon, and on the run made an average speed of 15 miles an hour. The automobile also made a side trip from Cariboo to Tughit, on Lake Alton the owner used it taking several parties out riding. He found it dif-

FATAL BOILER EXPLOSION

ONE MAN KILLED OUTRIGHT AND TWO MORTALLY HURT.

Old Boiler at Saginaw Mill Was Being Used to Raise New One in Position, and It Burst.

COTTAGE GROVE, Or., May 2.—One of the boilers of the Booth-Kelly Lumber Company at Saginaw, exploded at 10 o'clock this morning, at sawmill No. 1, instantly killing one man and mortally wounding two others.

Frederickson was the head machinist for the company, and was a practical sawmill man. He was about 45 years of age, and left a wife and five children residing at this place. Anhalt was acting as superintendent, and Roudolph his assistant. Both men were notified in the order of Old Fellows, which immediately took charge of the body.

Preparations for graduation. Large class to finish at Oregon City High School May 23.

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In 1894 he was a candidate for Congress from the Second Congressional District, before the Republican convention at Portland, and was defeated for the nomination by ex-Congressman Ellis. In 1896 he was the Fusion candidate for Congress and was defeated by Mr. Moody.

Prior to coming to Oregon Captain Donaldson was Republican candidate for Secretary of State in Tennessee in 1887, and was defeated by the Democratic party. He was also a candidate for and elected to the office of Sheriff of Missouri, holding the position two years.

Widow of the Late Rev. J. Walker. WASCOR, Or., May 2.—Sarah, widow of the late Rev. James Walker, was buried here today. She was born in Tennessee, Nov. 18, 1820, and came to Oregon with her husband in 1852, then locating at The Dalles. Mr. Walker was engaged in the Methodist Episcopal ministry, and was in the ministry here in the course of his service in Oregon. Mr. Walker died about a year ago. Six children survive.

James R. Linn, of Jacksonville. JACKSONVILLE, Or., May 2.—James R. Linn, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. D. Linn, died at the family residence, in Jacksonville, last night of consumption. Mr. Linn was a native of Tennessee, and came to Jacksonville early in the Spring of 1883, and the family has resided here ever since. The deceased was a young man of fine character, and was generally well liked.

Corvallis Contract Remains to Be Completed This Spring. CORVALLIS, Or., May 2.—Workmen have been engaged the past few days in sinking holes along the line of the Jefferson street sewer, to ascertain the ground level in dry enough to resume sewer construction. After building more than two blocks of the sewer, the work was laid off last Fall to be resumed this Spring, whenever the City Council should resolve to begin. As a result of the investigations it is probable the work will be renewed this Spring.

Both Roads Broken. SEATTLE, May 2.—By a singular concurrence of accidents, both the Great Northern and the Northern Pacific transcontinental routes were reported broken this morning by burned bridges. The Northern Pacific bridge at North Yakima was reported burned, and that road applied to the Great Northern for permission to use the route for a transient. However, the rival's road. Unfortunately, however, news came that there was a burned bridge on the Great Northern line, also, at Old Mission, near the town of Fairview, and Wenatchee. The Great Northern took out its own train, however, the Division Superintendent having wired that passengers could go through without delay, and that the bridge was being repaired.

Washington Notes. It is understood that arrangements are about completed whereby the Sisters of Charity will erect an imposing structure of brick near the corner of Fairhaven and Whitcomb, to be used for hospital purposes in lieu of the present St. Joseph's Hospital, which is inconveniently situated for the medical fraternity of both cities.

Improvements on the Puget Sound Fisheries Company's fertilizer plant on Billingsham Bay are about completed. The changes will add greatly to the capacity of this industry, which has proved to be indispensable in conjunction with the fisheries. When running full limit 30 men will be employed, but it will not be required to start up full force until June or July, when the fish begin to run briskly.

Farmers throughout the county are already beginning their annual battle against fire, says the Fairhaven Herald. Several parties report heavy timber fires raging in several places, and a number of farm houses were in danger, and also several mills. The same thing exists on Lummi Island. All day yesterday heavy volumes of smoke were seen rising from various parts of the island. The extremely warm and dry weather has placed the forests in excellent shape for the fires, and the utmost caution will be required to prevent damage.

Oregon Notes. H. J. Hicks of the N. W. Black saw mill, near Ashland, Saturday entered into a contract to supply 20,000 feet of lumber for use at the box factory at Grant's Pass, and the contract for this large order will be commenced at once.

Farmers at Bly and vicinity, in the western part of Klamath County, are engaged in excavating a big water ditch for irrigation purposes. The ditch will be 10 miles in length and will cover many thousands of acres of good land. E. E. Fitch is one of the promoters.

It is reported at Lakeview that Frank Reynolds, of the Oakland Meat Company, and Mike Bakery, of Lakeview, have purchased from Arthur Jackson, of Stele Swamp, his entire band of stock, both horses and cattle. The price paid was \$1000.

Tuesday, James F. Amis sold the Weekly Citizen, at Eugene, and its good will, to R. H. Miller, who will take possession of the same after this week's issue. Mr. Miller will continue the paper as a weekly, but intends enlarging it to a seven-column folio. In politics it will be truly independent, but not neutral.

REGISTER TODAY. The registration office at the Court House will be open continuously from 5 o'clock A. M. to 5 P. M. on the 1st of May at any time between the hours mentioned will find clerks ready to wait on them promptly. There will be no intermission at the lunch or dinner hour.

Twenty Years' use has proven what Warner's Safe Cure Will Do to Save the Kidneys and Invigorate the Liver.

Don't argue with Liver Disease. USE WARNER'S SAFE CURE

Northwest Fruitgrowers' Association, has issued a call for a meeting of Yakima County prune-growers at this place on May 5. The object of the meeting is to organize a combination of the growers that will be effective in keeping up the price of the fruit this season. There are about 30 acres of prune trees in bearing in Yakima County.

Bounds & Meyer have purchased from the receiver the 120-acre ranch below Parker Bottom, in this county, formerly belonging to Ben E. Steiger. This is one of the finest stock ranches in Central Washington. The consideration was \$11,500.

SATISFACTORY SALMON CATCH. Double the Quantity and Better Price Than Last Year. ST. HELENS, Or., May 2.—Thirty-two tons of salmon were taken by James H. Shedd, at this point the last 15 days of April. This is double the catch of the same period a year ago. The price paid for 1 to 2 cents better than a year ago. The prospect is fair for a continuation of good fishing for some time to come.

Dr. J. E. Hall, the Republican nominee for Coroner, refuses to accept, hence a vacancy in that place. The Fusion nomination for County Superintendent and also for Surveyor will both be left vacant, as the nominees have refused to qualify.

Notes From Dallas. The subsidy to La Fayette University is practically raised, and the union of the La Creole Academy, and the university is assured.

The graduating exercises of the public school of Dallas will be held May 17 and 18. The examination this season has been more rigid than any former year, and consequently the graduating class will be smaller than usual.

The Dallas brass band has been reorganized for the campaign. It has sent for uniforms, which will replace the already beautiful church and grounds. The cost will be \$1000, and is being built on the site of the old parsonage. The church building is also now receiving two coats of paint.

New Boom for North River. SOUTH BEND, Wash., May 2.—P. J. May has been from Astoria to take the contract for piling, etc., for the construction of a log boom on North River, to take the place of the boom put in three years ago by the settlers on the river, and which the Government has ordered cut because it blocks navigation. The old boom has served the purpose, however, of demonstrating that a boom on North River would be a profitable enterprise. The proposed boom will serve the purpose of protecting his fish traps below, which have been injured or destroyed by floating trees, etc., which hereafter will be caught by the boom.

Big Drive of Shingle Boils. CENTRALIA, Wash., May 1.—A drive of 500 cords of shingle boils is coming down the Newaukum and Chehalis Rivers to the Centralia Shingle Company. It is the largest drive ever made here. The shingle mills will have all the bolts they need this summer, as more are being cut. The drive will be completed this week, and the mills will be supplied until January next.

Every mill in this section is running on full time, and requests plenty of orders. Prices are now good, and the millmen are making money. Waves have materially advanced in the past year. There have been three new sawmills started here in the past year.

Congressman Boutelle's Condition. NEW YORK, May 2.—Word has been received by personal friends of Charles A. Boutelle, Republican member from the Fourth Maine district, that he is falling so rapidly in health that unless there is a quick change for the better it will be cruel to permit him to be a candidate for re-election next Fall. His physicians assert that he is in grave danger of death.

Mr. Boutelle has been very ill for many months, and has been unable to do his duty. He has been unable to do his duty for many months, and has been unable to do his duty for many months, and has been unable to do his duty for many months.

Frank L. Wheeler, vice-president of the

JONES and WELLS'S DRAIN THE SYSTEM, ENDANGER LIFE. That old sore or ulcer, which has been a source of pain, worry and anxiety to you for five or ten years—maybe longer—doesn't heal because you are not using the proper treatment, but are trying to cure it with salves and washes. While these are soothing and relieve pain to some extent, no permanent good can come from their use, because the disease is in the blood and far beyond the reach of external applications. A sore heals promptly when the blood is in good condition, but never if it is diseased. The tendency of these old sores and ulcers is to grow worse, spreading and eating deeper into the flesh. They are a constant drain upon the system, gradually but surely ruin the health and sap the very life. A person's capacity for work or pleasure is soon lost in the great desire and search for something to cure. S. S. S. makes a rapid and permanent cure of old sores and ulcers, and is the only medicine that does, because no other can reach deep-seated blood troubles. Ordinary Sarsaparilla and potash mixtures are too weak and watery to overcome a deadly poison that has taken possession of the blood. Do not waste valuable time experimenting with them. "Some years ago I was shot in the left leg, receiving what I considered only a slight wound. It developed into a running sore and gave me a great deal of pain. I was treated by many doctors, and took a number of blood remedies, but none did me any good. I had heard of S. S. S. highly recommended and concluded to give it a trial. The result was truly gratifying. I gradually got to get right at the trouble, and forced the poison out of my blood; soon afterwards the sore healed up, and was cured sound and well. Now I have perfect use of the leg, which was swollen and very stiff for a long time. J. H. McBRATNER, Lawrenceburg, Ky."