THE TOPKUK STRIKE

19 CREEK CLAIMS KNOWN TO BE RICH

Beal Estate Valuations in Some City Are High-One Man's Opinion of the Mining Camp.

PENDLETON, Or., June M.—Henry F. Pierce, formerly a successful farmer in this county, now owning a tule-land farm hear Stockton, Cal., writes from Nome City under date of May Z. the letter having just arrived here. It was brought out by the captain of the Alpha. Mr. Pierce trock a shiptond of potatoes and vegetables from San Francisco, leaving early in the Spring, and going via the Japan route. He arrived at Dutch Harbor and went en in a whaler, the trip from Dutch Harbor PENDLETON, Or., June M .- Henry F. a whaler, the trip frem Dutch Harbor Nome consuming is days, two weeks of a time being spent in bucking lee in shring Sea. From the letter are taken

the following excerpts:

The beach is now well worked out near bere. They have been at work on it for a month, going over for the second time Where they worked it out last flueimer. There have been remarkably rich strikes 40 miles from here to Topkuk. The min-ers have taken out \$150,00 there from 100 yurds of beach, but it will soon be over.

unless they find something new.
"The tundra is almost entirely prospected. Near the Almaka Commercial Company's store the miners are making \$16 day with rockers, rocking out grags roots. I thought this was a joke, until came and saw it done before my own

The ground on the tundra is frozen to an unknown depth, just as at Dawson, so that if this proves to be rich, it will mesh winter digitings. The permanency of this cump depends upon this and the beach

camp depends upon this and the beach distings, or the discovery of quarts.

'There are is creek claims known to be rich, and beyond these absolutely nothing is known. Yet every foot of ground within 2 miles inland and for 100 miles up and down the casts is staked, the most of it five times over. Titles are bad in most cases, and the owners will neither prospect nor work the ground.

'These claim owners stay in come and

"These claim owners stay in camp and wait for the 'chuchawkera' (tenderfeet) to make discovery on options to buy or work. there are then here owning as many as 50 claims, 7656 aeres, who have never sen one of them, excepting to stake them brough the snow. The power of attorney repeatition has been much abused, and fill retard the mineral development of

Alaska for many years to come.

"Lots are held in Nome City at from 2000 a front foot down to all sorts of figures. The only title is possession and a six-shooter, and if a man is gone from his home two hours he is liable to find someone else's house on his land when he

'Nearly 300 people have arrived since I reached here, but prices are so high that all are discouraged. The people here are laying for suckers, but are likely to get left. Unless new creeks show good development, there is nothing warranting Nome being a big mining camp. Of course, there will be lots of money spent here, that taken from the beach and that brought is from the outside."

ELDER AND NOME CITY. Both Steamers Left Dutch Harbo

June 5, for Cape Nome. Many of the steamers which left Port-nd for Nome have already reached their stination, while others, according to lat-treports, were still les-bound. Vessels giving in Dutch Harbor were about of provisions, and the well-equipped Portiand fleet was able to supply them. The following letter, containing news of the fleet, was received yesterday by F. P. Baumgariner, agent of the California & Greon Coast Steamship Company, from S. S. Freeman, purser of the Despatch:

"Dutch Harbor, Alaska, June 11.—Arrived here at 5 P. M. today, after a very pleasant trip. I just came ashore, and as the steamer Cleveland is to leave hore in about an hour, will try sind write you some interesting news.

will not have to take our turn in line, but will be coaled tomorrow and will leave here at dayight Tuesday for Nome.

"Captain Donaldson, of the steamer Honoer, now in port here, informs us that the attamer Fulton, which was loaded with

our lightering plant, arrived at Nome O. K. The steamers Nome City and Elder left here on the 8th inst, and are evidenty at Nome before this. The steamer South Portiand is reported in the ice. The steamer Garrone got in the ice, and after several attempts to force her way through was obliged to put back to Dutch Harbor, and will leave here again in a few days. The barge Skookum arrived here in tow of the tug Holyoke, having lost if horses on the trip. She will leave here tomotrow. The Steamers Chas. D. Lane and Sunol left here this evening for

Up to the 14th inst, there had been few arriva's at Nome, and the majority of the vessels that left here are still in the

"Now about our cargo. We got along "Now about our cargo. We got along splendidly, having lost only one horse and one sheep. Three head of beef cattle refused to est, and were butchered by the owners and sold to good advantage to steamers who were short of provisions. Capitain Donnidson informed us that a great many steamers, among them the Zealandia, Roanoise and San Pedro, were short of provision, and the capitain waiting out every passenger an allowance. weighed out every passenger an allowance at every meal. He also states that the pas-sengers on our line of steamers were the most satisfied of any arriving at Dutch Harbor, not a kick being heard from any of them, and nothing but praise for the treatment and grub they received.

'Captain Donaidson, with the steamer Homer, is plying between Dutch Harnor and the Pribiloff Islands, and was the first arrive here from San Francisco this

FARMING AROUND DYEA. Several Crops Do Well-Corn Failure.

Skagway Alaskan.
William Workman is just new winning some fame as one of the most extensive farmers in this part of the country. In regard to his success in farming at Dyea, he says:

"I have is acres of oats which I planted the last of April and which are up about seven inches. They are as fine as any grown anywhere. The climate here is:

just right for growing oats.

"I have in six acres of potatoes which are also doing well, and are getting well above the ground. There are no frosts in the valley, and they naturally thrive. Moreover, they grow to a large size, and are fine, round and mealy. They are not at all watery, but are squal to the famous Takinas notatoes. I proved this at all watery, but are equal to the fa-mous Yakima potatoes. I proved this last year Last year I planted potatoes and some that were left in the ground continued to grow until as late as Octo-ber 18, when the first frost killed them. "Peas are now up three inches on my They grow to be just as good as e raised anywhere. Lettuce and es and other such hardy vegetables

"As fine grass as I ever saw grows in and about Dyes, and is now a foot high. I have millet seed coming to plant there. "Raspherries, currants and blackberries also do well in Dyes. Mrs. Wilson, who has been there for years, says she had

decided success in growing them.
"I tried to grow eorn, but failed. Corn cannot be grown in this part of the coun-

May Afford Lasting Winter

Gold Diggings.

May Summer days, with scarcely two hours night give the more hardy vegetation here a great impelus, and, in fact keep it growing almost constantly. The heat that the ground here does absorb in the long Summer days scarcely him time to get out of the ground, hence the continuous nourishment and the rapid growth of vegetables and grains.

of vegetables and grains.
"Fall plowing is the best in farming here. The ground, while good, needs to be fertilized to make it first-class. How-

ever, it is as good as the average farming lands in most countries.
"There is no suestion farming and gard-ening in this region can be made a success so far as preduction goes, but the market for vegetables is necessarily lim-

GOLD FROM THE KLONDIKE. More Than \$4,000,000 for Seattle As

say Office in Two Months.

SEATTLE. June 31.—The gold received at the United States assay office since June 1, 1896, amounts in value to over \$1,000.000. From information now at hand, It is possible to make the certain prediction that the receipts of the office during the month of July will amount to over \$2,000.000.

The receipts for June were today in creased by the deposits of gold brought down on the steamer Rosalie, which ar-rived from Skagway Tuesday evening. There were 12,500 ounces in nuggets and dust deposited in the assay office today in the names of 55 persons. The approx-imate value of the deposits is \$116,600. The gold was all direct from Dawson City. and is part of the clean-up in that imme-diate vicinity. The depositors confirmed previous re-

ports of an immense clean-up in the Klendike. The hillside and bench claims are turning out even better than had been expected, and splendid showings are being made on the creeks. The water was rising in the streams when these men left Dawson and all conditions were favorable for the miners.

Advices have been received at the assay office that about \$2,500,000 in gold has been allipped from Dawson on steamers going down the river and consigned to the Seatthe office. This gold will arrive on steamers from St. Michael some time next

Alpha's Troubles Settled.

VANCOUVER. B. C., June M.-News was received in this city today that the Alpha's troubles are now practically settled. Her people say that the difficulty with the United States customs authorities was never so serious as it was al-leged to be. The Alpha will leave on Monday for Seattle. There she will have her annual inspection according to the American requirements concerning all bonte trading to and from United States ports. After her inspection and an over-hauling the Alpha will return to Van-couver and will take on a cargo for St. Michael.

The exact details of how the trouble bridged over could not be learned. It seems probable, however, that arrange-ments will be made for the change of the steamer's register.

Dawson Man Killed Himself.

SHATTLE, June 27 .- J. Lochrist a nave of Toronto, Canada, made an u ceasful attempt June 7 at Dawson to mur-der his former wife. Mrs. Hugh Madden, after which he shot himself, the bullet causing almost instant death. Mrs. Madden is alive and will recover. The woman left Lochrist and married Madden. The suicido has pursued her for several years and once before tried to kill her.

Crew Deserts Steamer in Alaska. SEATTLE, June Z.-According to a private letter received by the agents of the steamship Robert Dellar, the crew deserted in a body the minute the boat reached Cape Nome. It was expected, however, that many of them would re-turn to the ship, when the true condition of affairs ashore was discovered.

"The harbor is full of vessels waiting for coal, but owing to the previous arrangements you had made for coaling us we was a member of the Eighth Ohio Cavally and the coaling to the previous arrangements you had made for coaling us we airy, and is now an enthusiastic member



and her mother a nurse in the Jefferson ville Hospital during the Civil War. She is a nièce of Edwin R. Lindsay, now of

is a niece of Edwin & Linday, now of California, one of the first of the regulars to enter Richmond, and a cousin to Major-General Keifer, of Ohlo.

Mrs. Lyle has made her home in La Grande for the past five years. During that time her studio has been the musical center of the town. She organized the Ladies' Tuesdew Musical Cub and in the Ladies' Tuesday Musical Club, and in the preliminary organization of the National Federation of Musical Clubs she was ser-retary for the Pacific Coast. Of all the local musical entertainments Mrs. Lyle is one of the chief spirits.

Caught Eight Smuggled Chinese. SPOKANE, June 7.—Deputy United State Marshal Forssman, of Idaho, left tonight with eight Chinese captured near Bonner's Ferry, while attempting to smnggle themselves across the border from British Columbia over the Wild Horse trail. Marshal Ramsay has orders from the Attorney-General authorizing the deportation of the prisoners.

Order for the Encampment. TACOMA, June 27 .- A New Whatcom special says Colonel Weisenberger today issued the final orders for the assembling of the N. G. W. at Tacoma, July 3, for

Diphtheria has broken out in the Indian camp two miles from Bonner's

three days' encampment.

Ferry. The first mail car direct from Lewisto to Kooskia went out Monday morning, under the charge of George K. Marshall, assistant chief cierk of the railway mail

service at Spokane, who will remain charge until the service is perfected. It develops that the recent action of the Internal Revenue Collecter for this district in taking away the licenses from the Belse sub-district office may have the effect of the permanent abolishment of the Belse branch of the revenue of-fice, says the Belse Statesman. It will mean the loss of saveral thousand delmean the loss of several thousand dol-

HIGH PRICE FOR SALMON

6 1-2 CENTS PAID FOR STEELHEADS AT ASTORIA.

For Whom This Is Paid Is Unknown, But is is a Factor of Material Disturbance.

ASTORIA, June M .- When the present fishing season opened the cold-storage men decided upon 5 cents a pound as the price for steelheads and agreed faithfully to adhere to this price, so as to avoid an unprofitable contest among themselves. So far as can be ascertained, the cold-storage men have lived up to this agree-ment, and not one of them will say that the others have done otherwise. A few days ago, however, Richard Welcome a ed after interviewing fully 50 farmers local buyer, visited nearly all the sein-from various sections of Clackamas ing grounds and offered to pay 65 cents County, that wheat will yield about two-

the lands in question, the company paid BEACH GOLD NEAR HOME up the back taxes on both the contract BEACH GOLD NEAR HOME and other lands that accrued during the settlers will pay the taxes on the c

The trustees of the Methodist Episcopu The trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church have submitted their armual report to the fourth currerly conference, showing that the value of the church property is \$15.00. The report shows that \$155.50 was paid out during the year. This money was raised principally by selling off a portion of the church property. There is still a balance on hand of \$55.57. The trustees reported to the conference a unanimous request to retain Rev. R. A. Atkins as pastor for another year.

WHEAT OF CLACKAMAS.

Will Yield Two-Thirds of the Aver age Crop-New Insect Suspected. OREGON CITY, June 27 .- It is estimat

PRIZEWINNER AT WILLAMETTE UNIVERSITY.



MISS ERMA CLARK, OF SALEM.

Miss Clark is but 19-years old, has just completed the freshman year at the Willamette University, and in a searching examination on constitutional history stood 98, thereby winsing the Waller prize of \$20, offered by President Thomas M. Gatch, of the Oregon Agricul tural College.

per pound for steelheads. He also noti-lied all the rilinations whom he made it the copy. In one-third of the area fied all the gilinetters whom he met of the same offer, but he refused to tell for whom he was buying. All the selners sown. In other sections the growers as-

deavored to ascertain for whom Welcome was buying, but thus far have been un-successful, though they believe they have good grounds for a reliable suspicion. Yesterday, Trescott & Co.'s launch met Welcome on the river and offered to sell him a ton of steelheads at 6 cents per pound, a half-cent less than he has been offering, but he refused to purchase them. Last night the cold-storage men had a boat follow Welcome to find out where he delivered the fish he had purchased from the gillnetters, but he was too smart for them. He tacked around the river all the evening until about 11 o'clock he was lost sight of off Smith's

The general belief is that the movement is at the instigation of some cannery or canneries that desire to raise the price of steelheads which they sell to the coldstorage men, and that it is all a bluff to

For Uttering Forged Checks. A young man by the name of James

allas James Anderson, was arof attempting to have forged checks cashed. He had been working in C. C. forged checks Masten's logging camp near Svensen under the name of James Wiley and came to Astoria yesterday, and under the name of James Anderson tried have N. Schlussel cash a check for 150, drawn to his own order and signed C. C. Masten. A similar check for 572 was presented to the Foard & Stokes Company, but upon neither did he receive the money. Mr. Masten was sent for, and upon his arrival he pronounced the checks to be forgeries, and assisted the officers in afresting the man.

Labor Claims Compromised. The claims against the Astoria Street Railway Company for salaries of employes contracted previous to the ap-pointment of the receiver have been com-promised on a besis of 75 per cent, and an order was filed in the Circuit Court today directing the receiver to pay them from the funds now in his hands. The full amount of the claims was \$1015.78.

Clatson County Notes. County Treasurer Thompson will, in a few days, remit to the State Treasurer \$3000 on the state taxes of 1992. This will leave a balance of about \$5000 due the state. The Treasurer will also make a call shortly after the first of the month for \$100 worth of warrants. It will in-clude all those indorsed prior to July 1,

While sawing a log in his camp or lucker Creek yesterday afternoon, Elme Warnstaff severed the main artery in his right wrist. He was brought to this city for medical attendance, and although he is weakened by the loss of blood, he is out of danger.

Lieutenant-Commander R. E. Davis, of the Oregon Navai Reserves, inspected this evening the Second division, located In Astoria. It was a regular quarterly inspection, and at its close Lieutenant-Commander Davis addressed the division, complimenting the officers and men on the proficiency of their drill and upon their general appearance.

BOY CARRIED CONCEALED WEAPON Arrested and Fined for the Offense-Railroad Land Listed.

OREGON CITY, June 7.—Ed Peterson, a boy, aged about 12 years, residing at Eagle Creek, was fined \$10 in the Justice Court this afternoon for carrying con-cealed weapons. He had been shooting romiscuously on the highways, to the iminent danger of people passing in the vicinity, and a complaint was entered by W. H. Young, a liveryman here, whose children are visiting relatives in that

In the Circuit Court today, Eva Lyons, formerly of Portland, filed a suit for a di-vorce from Ed Lyons, on the ground of neglect and noasupport.

Teday Sheriff Cooke completed the as

essment on 29,800 acres of land contracted to be sold by the Oregon & California Rairoad Company to private individuals, which has heretofore been in dispute as to title between the railroad company and the Government, and did not come under the jurisdiction of the Assessor. The asessment was also completed on 40.006 sessment was also completed on e.co acres of land belonging to the Oregon & California Railroad Company in the Northern Pacific overlap. The total tan on the former for ISSs is Rell 11, and on on the former for 189 is ROE II, and on the latter RES II. After the decision was made hast Winter by the United States Supreme Court that the Oregon & Call-fornia Railroad Company was entitled to City, has resigned her position.

for whom he was buying. All the scheers are under obligations to deliver their catches to certain canneries, and Weicome will unable to secure any from them, but he did purchase a few from the gillnetters.

His actions attracted the attention of the cold-storage men, who handle all the steelheads caught, and they have enstabled to secure any whom Weicome. ance of having the nutriment drawn out of a part of the stalks. There has been but little complaint of the ravages of the aphis, or of the Hessian fly. Many farmers are prone to overestimate the damage to a growing crop, becoming easily discouraged at anything that has the appearance of lessening the average yield. The conditions, however, are favorable for a large yield of other staples.

HAYING IN LAKE COUNTY. Crop Is Earlier Than Usual-A Good Yield.

LAKEVIEW, Or., June 25.—Haying in Lake County is now in full blast. The crop is 19 to 20 days earlier than usual, and will be much better in some sections than in former years, thus insuring the stockmen plenty of Winter feed. It has been 10 years since the stockmen of Lake County have suffered from a hard Win-ter, which, when it comes, kills off one-fourth to one-half of the stock. Since the last hard Winter the stock industry tance of putting up large quantities of



Professor H. E. McGrew, of lowe the new President of Pacific College, at Newberg.

hay is realized by the stockraisers. Sev erl mild Winters have made it possible for hay to remain unfed, thus accumu-iating from year to year. Many of the ranchers are well prepared for a severe Winter.

Grain Prospect in Benton CORVALLIS, Or., June 2.-The damage to the growing wheat crop in this locality chiefly affects the Autumn and early Spring sowing. Of the Fall sow-

ing, the acreage is comparatively small, Ing. the acreage is comparatively small, probably not more than 25 per cent. Of the dimnged Spring wheat there is only a small amount. The later sown is thrifty in appearance, and promises a large yield. In some localities the grain aphis has appeared in large numbers. The late rains have been peculiarly favorable to their development. One farmer reports them so thick on his outs that they could be seen in clusters at a distance of 20 be seen in clusters at a distance of 10

Wheat rose yesterday in the local mar-ket to 6 cents per bushel. Though more than 199,000 bushels of last year's wheat is stored in the two local mills, practi-cally none of it has changed hands, on account of the advance in price.

 Corvaills Times.

George Horning will ship a carload of sheep and hogs to Portland today from Wells. Hogs are worth from 6½ to 4½ cents, and sheep are quoted at 2 cents per pound. These figures are double what they were five years ago.

School Teachers for Sumpter. BAKER CITY, June 27.-At a meeting of the Board of School Dire

AT OLD MOETH OF NOOKSACK RIV. ER IN WASHINGTON.

Sand Said to Yield 40 Cents to the Pan-Beach Staked for Distance of Five Miles.

NEW WHATCOM, Wash., June M .- The discovery of gold at Sandy Point, which makes out into the Guif of Georgia from the Limmi Indian reservation, in this county, is creating some excitement. Peocounty, is creating some excitement. Peo-pie are flocking there from the surround-ing country, and the beach has been staked out for five miles. Claims are all staked between high and low water marks. The sand, it is claimed, yields an average of 6 cents to the pan. Sandy Point, the site of the discovery, is the old mouth of the Nooksack River, whose source is in the Mount Baker mining dis-trict.

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SPOKANE, June 27.-The closing bids for ing stocks today were mining stocks today were:
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NEW YORK, June 27.-Mining stocks today closed as follows:

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TAKES TIME OF JUDGES. How Useless Testimony Makes Ex-

pense for Litigants and the State. SALEM, June M.-The case of John Mul-drick, William Mason and Farquhar Finlason, respondents, against Walter Brown, J. C. Cobb, Charies W. Shrier and Charles Brown, appellants, which was re-cently decided by the Supreme Court, indicates how a considerable portion of the time of the Supreme Court is occupied. The case was tried before Judge M. D. Clifford, in Grant County, but the testimony was taken before a referee. The of the plaintiffs, and the defendants appealed. The decision of the lower court

was affirmed.
In taking testimony before a referee every question propounded to a witness wed to be answered. The sufficien cy and pertinence of the evidence are left to the future decision of the court. The lawyers, therefore, have control of the volume of the testimony. In this case nearly 50 witnesses were called, and the transcript of testimony filled 1969 pages of typewritten legal cap. There are also numerous exhibits of documents, maps, etc. In affirming the decision of the lower court. Judge Bean said: "The evidence is quite voluminous, but a large portion of it is irrelevant and

But its being irrelevant and immaterial did not relieve the Supreme Court of the time-consuming task of reviewing it is order to determine that fact. The evi-dence was presented by the attorneys, and for aught that appears on the face, it was all material to the issues. expense of bringing up this testimony did not fall upon the state, however, for the appellant had to pay for his transcript before perfecting his appeal, and having lost his case, is out his money. The suit was brought to enjoin defendants from trespassing upon the Zero and Pledmont mining claims, in Grant County. In the Supreme Court teday the follow-ing orders were made: State of Oregon, respondent, vs. Alpha

Knighton, appellant, ordered that appellant's time to serve and file his brief be extended to August 1, 1900. Mary Elliott et al., respondents, vs. C. R. Bloyd et al. appellants, ordered that respondents have until August 1, 1900, to serve and file their brief herein.

Marion Teachers' Institute. The Marion County Teachers' Institute convened in annual session at the East Salem school building this morning with

about 110 teachers present.

At the morning session Miss S. J. Evans. of Chicago, discussed geography teaching, giving especial attention blackboard illustrations and picture aids. She uses pictures clipped from magazines newspapers, etc., to illustrate the vege-tation of the different countries, the manner in which the people live, etc. Pro-fessor W. C. Hawley lectured on the United States Constitution.

This afternoon Professor D. A. Grout, of Portland, led a class in reading. Superintendent of Public Instruction J. H. Ackerman gave an explanation of the new school register recently prepared by him. Miss S. J. Evans lectured on "Lit-erature and History in the Primary Well-Informed Insane Man.

Well-Informed Insane Mas.

Thomas Ward was today committed to the Asylum by the Marion County Court. Ward is about 35 years old, and until recently was employed as a cook by George Kerns, of Grant's Pass. He was born in Belfast, Ireland, and has traveled in all parts of the world. He is possessed of a vast fund of information upon all manner of subjects, and is a very fluent talker. While confined in the City Jail, he delivered an address upon the Presidents of the United States, reviewing the lives and characters of each in the order of their service, and discussing their relation to National issues. His derangement is probably due to drink.

The Sciem Census.

The Salem Census. Census Supervisor C. B. Winn, of Al-bany, was in the city today, conferring

with the enumerators, who took the census of the Salem districts. The purpose of the conference was the investigation of complaints that all the people had not been listed. It was found that in some been listed. It was found that in some cases the complaints were well founded, but in most instances the complainants had been enumerated without their knowledge. The required information had been given by other members of the families or by boarding-house keepers. It was found that one enumerator was a poor speller and had misspelled about half of the names he bad written. It is quite probable that the enumerator

half of the names he had written.

It is quite probable that the enumeration will not show the population that is claimed by residents of this city. The enumeration was made very hurriedly, each enumerator working independently, it is generally thought that the results would prove more satisfactory if a man well acquainted in the city had been appointed to superintend the work.

Salem Notes.

Cierk J. J. Wurnhy, of the Saurents.

Clerk J. J. Murphy, of the Supreme Court, has had printed 1506 copies of the new rules of the Supreme Court. These will be distributed among the County Clerks and attorneys who practice before

Grace E. Lundy, age 21 years, was re-ceived at the asylum today from Biggs, ceived at the asylum today from Biggs, Sherman County.

At the annual graduating exercises of the Northwest Normal College of Music this evening, diplomas were presented to Grace Mae Draper, Elizabeth Sedgwick and Lillie Nac Parsons, Post-graduate diplomas were granted to John Clyde Fox, Heien Goodwin Smyck and Jennie Ohling, Polk County today and Jennie Ohling.

Polk County today paid fis 199 state taxes in full by remitting to the State Treasurer \$7724 (6). Preparing for Encampment.

VANCOUVER, Wash. June 27.—Company G, of the National Guard organization of the state, is being put through a very thorough course of disciplinary training, preparatory to taking part in the encampment of the State Guard at Tacoma, July 2, 4 and 5. As a necessary part of its preparation, the company has been given several days of target prac-tice. The company will leave for Tacoma next Monday.

"Plentiful as Blackberries." INDEPENDENCE, Or., June 21.—The wild blackberry crop this year is larger than for many years past. Although there is an immense crop and so many are out gathering the fruit, it readily sells at 40 cents per gallon.

Rain destroyed one-third of the cherry crop in Lane County. The saloon license at Lebanon has been educed from \$700 to \$500 per year.

The Oregon Sugar Company, at La Grande, proposes to build a railroad from Grande, proposes to l La Grande to Cove. The fruit drier at Cove, Union County, will be operated this season. The plant has a capacity of 500 bushels per day.

The corn crop in Jackson County was greatly benefited by the late rains, and looks unsmally well. The same may be said of the second crop of alfalfa. The Baker City Chamber of Commerce has appropriated \$30 for the purchase of grass seeds, which will be furnished to farmers for experiment on arid lands in Baker County.

The total rainfall at Ashland for June amounts to exactly two and one-half inches to date. This has been equalled in only two Junes in the history of the Government weather observations therethe last time in 1891.

The increase in the amount of busi-ness in the Salem Postoffice has neces-sitated the employment of additional

100,000 feet, has been erected. The log pend has been enlarged, capable of hold-ing 14,000,000 feet. The logs will be ob-tained from the McKennia and Upper Mohawk Rivers.

The first installment of the Utah Con-struction Company's outfit arrived Mon-day from Shoshone, Idaho, and went to the front of railway extension of the Sumpter Valley Railway. Three more outfits are expected to arrive this week, and soon dirt will be flying in dead

carriest.

During the past two weeks three large tanks of clover have been chapped by in the manner of sauerkraut and siloed at the Agricultural College farm. These tanks are nine feet in diameter by a depth of 2 feet. There is to be another tank of ensilage put up; this last one is to be of green peas. A close watch will be kept over these silos, as this proceeding is experimental to a large degree. Extensive inquiry among the farmers Extensive inquiry among the farmers in Umatilia County has been made, with the result that it is learned that the rain storms did some damage to the atanding wheat. In many places acres of wheat, were knocked down and cannot be cut excepting by running machines on one side of the field, and in some instances only a part of the grain can be thus secured. Extensive inquiry among the farmers

Washington Notes.

Active war is to be waged upon bunco-nen in Scattle. Nine hours will constitute a day's work for Republic carpenters after July 1. One hundred carloads of wheat were sold at Tacoma Monday for 45 cents per

The Olympia Packing Company will ship a ciriosi of canned clams to Montana next month. The company has an order for another carload but will be unable to fill it.

Lieutenant Baldwin, of Fort Wright, has received orders to purchase hay for the United States Army. Within the last few days he has bought 40 carloads of No. 1 timothy hay for \$13 50 per ton The Pacific American Fisheries Com-

sany's traps at Bushy Point yielded a ea lion and two seals last week. The 800 pounds, and managed to de about 200 fish before it was killed. After spending considerable money in repairing and relitting the old Port Townand nail works building, and building a

seed and works building, and building a new wharf and several new buildings, a large number of scows, and putting in machinery, the Port Townsend Packing Company will be ready to commence canning salmon on July 1, or as soon thereafter as the fish begin to run. The Builder's Union, of Spokane, called a strike Monday on 12 buildings in course of construction. About 50 help-ers to brick and stone masons were af-fected. The men demanded 37% cents per hour. While the contractors are willing

to pay but 30 cents. The work will be stopped for a day or so, but as there is a scarcity of building material, the con-tractors will suffer little inconvenience. Notwithstanding the fact that this is due to be an off year in the run of Puget Sound salmon, the prediction is freely and generally made among the cannerymen that the total sockeys pack of the Sound will be fully equal to that of last year. Not one cannery or trap man, however, thinks there will be as many ockeyes in the waters of the Sound as ast year, but they base their hopes on the greater number and more nearly per-fect fishing appliances there will be in use this year.

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