CHANGE AT WOOLEN MILL

JACOBS BROTHERS SELL HOLDINGS IN OREGON CITY FACTORY.

The San Francisco Stockholders Take the Whole Property—A Historic and Important Institution.

OREGON CITY, July 24.—A deal has been consummated whereby R. Jacobs, S. Jacobs, C. G. Jacobs and Adolph R. Jacobs dispose of their stock in the Oregon City Manufacturing Company to L. Brown and M. Brown, doing business in San Francisco as Brown Bros., and B. Shuderman. A rumor had been current for several days that such a deal had been made, but today Messrs. Brown and Shuderman gave out the information that the purchase had been made and that they would assume charge in a short time.

Since about 1896, the Browns and Jacobses have been associated together as stockholders in the woolen mill, but of late years the latter have had absolute control of the factory. This condition recently led to litigation in the United States Court, but the matter was compromised by Judge Bellinger appointing a fifth member of the board of directors as a peacemaker. At one time the late W. S. Ladd owned one-third of the stock in the concern, but he disposed of his interests to the Jacobses and Browns.

This woolen mill was started by Major Thomas Charman and the late Arthur Warner, aided by a number of farmers, who took stock in the concern. The capacity of the mill has been almost doubled in the past 15 years, and a soap factory and tannery have been added to the manufacture of woolen goods. Before the paper mills were built the woolen mill for many years was the only industrial enterprise here, and has continuously given employment to a large number of hands, as the mill never closed except for absolutely necessary repairs.

The compensation for the blocks of stock transferred, or to be sold, has not been made public, but those in a position to have a good knowledge of the property estimate the value at about $160,000. Mr. Brown stated today that no change would be made in the working force at the mill under the new management, but that two of their men would be sent here to assume general control.

Farmers report the prospect for a good crop of Fall wheat anything but encouraging. It is nearly the same complaint from every locality—a rank growth of weeds has crowded the wheat until it seems dwarfed. Dog fennel has assumed immense proportions, and new weeds are springing into a lively existence that were never before known to exist here. Something, too, appears to be sapping the strength of the stalk, and often between the second and third joints is found a black streak, possibly the work of some insect. It has been discovered that on the best cultivated ground, some that was Summer-fallowed the previous year, the weeds are the rankest. New ground is not so bad.

Mr. Brown, of Portland, is erecting a sawmill on Cedar Creek, to have a capacity of 100,000 feet daily. In addition to sawing railroad ties, the mill will engage extensively in cutting cedar lumber for the Portland market, as there are extensive forests of fine timber tributary to the mill.

GREAT COUNCIL OF RED MEN.

Annual Session in Progress at Astoria—Officers Elected.

ASTORIA, July 24.—The ninth annual session of the great council of Oregon, Improved Order of Red Men, convened in this city today, and will continue through the coming two days. About 75 delegates from the various parts of the state are in attendance. Immediately after the report of the committee on credentials, the past sachem's degree was conferred on 14 newly elected members of the great council, and officers to serve during the ensuing year were elected. They will be installed at the close of the session. The officers elected were as follows:

Great sachem, A. B. Cherry, La Grande; great senior sagamore, S. Lewis King, Portland; great junior sagamore, L. B. Reeder, Pendleton; great prophet, J. H. Howard, Oregon City; great chief of records, W. C. A. Pohl, Astoria; great keeper of wampum, J. H. Griebel, Portland.

The afternoon session was consumed in hearing the reports of the various officers. The report of the chief of records showed that there were 18 lodges in the state, with a membership of 1352, a considerable increase since the previous report. In the year $2238 was paid out for sick benefits, and $376 for funerals. The funds now in the hands of the various lodges amount to $16,254 92.

Paul Mohr and A. B. Hammond arrived on the noon train from Portland, and by appointment held a meeting with the Chamber of Commerce. The purpose of the meeting as stated by Mr. Mohr was to discuss the transportation situation and the portage road around the dalles, that would be completed and in operation within three weeks. He suggested to the meeting that a committee of three be appointed by President Van Dusen to confer with the principals of the portage road, as more satisfactory results could be obtained in that way than in an open meeting. This view was taken by those present, and the following committee was appointed: Samuel Elmore, F. L. Parker and F. J. Taylor. Mr. A. B. Hammond also addressed the meeting in a similar vein, and said that if Astoria expected to derive benefit from the portage road it would be necessary for the citizens to build warehouses, so as to handle grain if it was delivered here.

The run of fish continued excellent again last night, and every one connected with the industry is rejoicing over the prospect. The cold-storage men had a meeting last night and agreed to reduce the price of all fish over 20 pounds from 8 cents to 7 cents per pound. The cannerymen are still paying 6½ cents per pound, and there is no present intimation of their cutting that price.

The army worm has reached Clatsop County, and reports were received from the Lewis and Clark and other sections that considerable damage has already been done by it.

STRICKEN WITH PARALYSIS.

Hon. H. A. Brattain, of Lane County, Has a Severe Attack.

EUGENE, July 24.—Hon. H. A. Brattain, of Springfield, is suffering from a serious paralytic stroke, and fears are entertained regarding his recovery. He was first attacked last Thursday, while working in the field, being taken with a severe headache. Sunday morning he was partially stricken with paralysis. He has rallied some since that time, but the physicians believe the trouble to be caused by Bright's disease, and that it will be likely to remain, for some time at least.

Professor L. C. Carson has just completed the work of compiling and arranging courses of reading for the public schools of Oregon. The compilation includes courses of reading suitable for grammar grades and high schools, and is very comprehensive in its character. The work will be issued as a bulletin of the University of Oregon, and, when published, copies of the work will be sent to all public school teachers in the state. It will be made use of by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction in all teachers' institutes.

Companies A and C, of the Fourth Regiment, O. N. G., are making arrangements for a little practical work during the Summer, in lieu of the regular drills. It is their intention to make short practice marches, leaving home on Saturday evening and marching a few miles and making camp, where they will spend the following day, returning in the evening. If ammunition can be had, some time will be devoted to practice on the rifle range.

The new sawmill of the Eugene Lumber Company is now completed, and will soon be put into operation. Logs are now arriving in the pond, and the company expects to be able to make a good Fall cutting of lumber, for which it will find a ready market.

NORTHWEST DEAD.

Martin Payne, Prominent Pioneer Citizen of Linn County.

ALBANY, Or., July 24.—Martin Payne, who died at his home in this city last night, at 11 o'clock, of old age, was one of Linn County's wealthy and most prominent pioneer citizens. He was born in Ohio, February 25, 1817, moving from there to Illinois, and thence to Oregon in 1851. He was prominent in the upbuilding of this county. Eighteen years ago he moved from the country to this city, which has since been his home. He was a member of Corinthian Lodge, A. F. and A. M., which he helped organize in 1857, having united with the order before coming to Oregon. He was a director of the Albany Farmers' Company, and filled the office of County Commissioner one term, 1870 to 1872. He left a wife and three sons—M. E. Payne, of Morgan Hill, Cal.; W. E. Payne, of Genesee, Idaho, and G. M. Payne, of Albany—and one daughter, Mrs. John Parsons, of this county, by a first wife, and one son and two daughters, of this city, by his second wife.

MARTIN PAYNE.

Isador Caro, of Douglas County.

ROSEBURG, Or., July 24.—Isador Caro, who died at St. Vincent's Hospital July 17, shortly after arriving in Portland for surgical treatment, was one of the pioneer residents of Douglas County. He was born in Kohmar, Germany, in 1840. He came to the United States 15 years later, with a determination to make his own way in the world. He first located in Baltimore, where an uncle resided, and, being a stranger to the language of the country, he spent two years acquiring an English education. In 1858 he took the "California fever," and embarked on a steamer for the Golden State, reaching there in the Fall of the year. He located in Yreka, Siskiyou County, accepting a situation in a store of his two uncles, where he remained two years; then went to Headley to take charge of a branch store, the entire interest of which he afterward purchased. He disposed of this in 1864, and left for Oregon, where he remained until the time of his death.

Mr. Caro first located in Jacksonville, engaging in business there for eight years. On his return from a visit in Europe he settled in Roseburg, accepting a situation with S. Marks & Co., remaining with that firm two years, when he went into business on his own account, associated with his brother Simon, under the firm name of Caro Bros. The firm prospered, and the business grew in extent, justifying the erection of a business block in Roseburg costing $25,000. In the Fall of 1899 the firm closed out its business in Roseburg and went to Oakland, in Douglas County, and started a large general merchandise store, of which the deceased was the senior manager at the time of his sudden and unexpected death.

George W. Gray, an Honored Citizen of Salem.

SALEM, July 24.—George W. Gray, who died last evening, was an honored and respected citizen of Salem. He was born August 5, 1830, in Tioga County, Pennsylvania, receiving his education at the academy at Williboro, in the same county. He first started in business as a merchant in Marion Linn County, Mo., in 1840, at the age of 20. In 1852 he removed to Lansing, Ia., where he continued in the mercantile business. In 1857 he was elected to the Iowa Legislature, serving in the House of Representatives, and in 1859 was elected to the Senate; and in 1863 was re-elected to the Senate, but two years later resigned and retired from business to come to Oregon, where he has continued to reside ever since.

In 1878 he purchased the linseed oil mill which was located on the site now occupied by the Salem woolen mill, and with his sons conducted it several years.

Mr. Gray led a retired life, and cared but little for political honors. He served as Mayor of Salem at one time, continuing the unexpired term of Hon. T. M. Gatch, but he accepted it very reluctantly.

Deceased left a wife and six children. The children are: George B., W. T., Charles A., Mrs. Gertrude Lownsdale, and Mrs. J. M. Kyle, of Salem, and Mrs. J. M. Patterson, of The Dalles.

Mr. Gray was a member of Salem lodge, No. 4, A. F. & A. M., and Chemeketa lodge, No. 1, I. O. O. F.

Asphyxiated at Whatcom.

NEW WHATCOM, Wash., July 24.—F. D. Alexander, a prominent business man of this city, met his death last night, a gas jet in his room being accidentally left open.

The rural editor started violently. "How does it happen," he asked, struggling to be calm, "that you are paying your subscription in money and not in cordwood?" "Oh, I've got money to burn this year," said the farmer, with the naivete so characteristic of his kind.—Detroit Journal.

IMMENSE COPPER LEDGE

THE RECENT MINING DISCOVERY IN UNION COUNTY.

Exploitation of the Property Is Already in Progress—A Large Development Enterprise.

UNION, Or., July 24.—A sensational discovery in the way of a copper ledge was made in the eastern part of this county about three months ago, which has been proven by the developments since made to be one of the greatest ore bodies known in the history of mining.

It is located about eight miles east from Medical Springs, at a point three miles above Powder River. The North American Mining Company, of Des Moines, Ia., secured three claims extending along this ledge at a cost of $75,000, before the real value of the property was known to any one outside of their own experts. Immediately they began the purchase of other claims along the ledge, and the acquisition at a nominal sum of adjoining claims, until they secured above 300 acres of surface ground in the vicinity of this mine. Since then, development work has been pushed rapidly until the country is now realizing the character of the property thus acquired. They have prospected the ledge for a distance in length of nearly a mile, and through prospect holes they have determined the width of the ore body to be fully 1000 feet.

After sinking 100 feet and driving a cross-cut at that depth, 40 feet into the ore, the merits of the property were so fully established that they suspended work under ground, pending the installation of a large plant of machinery. The ore is free-milling, and the values increased uniformly with depth from 3 per cent copper on the surface to 25 per cent at the 100-foot level. Gold is also present in the ore, and its value has also increased with depth, running from a mere trace on the surface to $10 per ton, 100 feet down. Considering the character of this ore, in connection with the unparalleled extent of it, nothing like it has ever been discovered in the history of mining. The company is now ready to resume work below ground with four machine drills, and the development of the next few months will center upon this property the attention of all the mining men in the country. Since the tremendous character of this mine has begun to be realized locally, a rush of prospectors has set in, and the adjacent country has been staked for miles around. Since beginning work upon this great copper ledge, the company has secured a large body of timber about a mile above the mine, from which, with its own saw mill, it is turning out several thousand feet of lumber per day, to meet the requirements of the camp. Already a considerable village has sprung up about the mine.

Plans are already in contemplation for a railroad from here to the new town of Burkemont.

BRITISH COLUMBIA MINES.

Output for 1899 Shows Considerable Increase Over Previous Year.

WASHINGTON, July 20.—The State Department has received recent advices from Victoria, B. C., giving a concise statement of the product of the mines of British Columbia during the year 1899, together with other interesting facts regarding the mining industry of that country, being extracts from the annual report of the Minister of Mines. The extracts are as follows:

"The total mineral output of the province for the year 1899 amounts to $12,899,131, as against $10,906,981 for 1898, an increase of $1,496,370, or 13 3-3 per cent.

"This would have been largely increased but for the shutting down of several mines, owing to the passage of a law prohibiting miners working over eight hours under drastic penalties, which completely demoralized the industry for some months, causing a deficit of $900,844 in silver and lead values alone. It is believed that but for the shutting down caused by the legislation referred to (the penalties of which have recently been temporarily suspended), the same mines would have brought an increase of $500,000 instead of the present deficit, making the year's increase $2,563,169, or about 27 per cent, over last year.

"The coal mines of the province during 1899 turned out 1,306,324 tons of coal, and 25,351 tons of coke, an increase over 1898 of 170,459 tons of coal, and a decrease of 750 tons of coke. The total value of coal produced in the province during 1899 was $3,918,972.

"The gold production for 1899—including both placer and lode gold—amounts to $4,300,472. The yield of placer gold was $1,344,900, over double that of 1898, when the yield was $643,348. The large increase was due to the discoveries in the Atlin Lake district, which, notwithstanding the disadvantage of the disputes regarding ownership caused by the enactment of the alien law, yielded $800,000 in gold. The output of gold obtained from lode mining in 1899 was $2,857,573, an increase over 1898 of $656,356.

"The amount of copper produced in the province during 1899 was 7,722,591 pounds, an increase over 1898 of only 6 per cent. As yet the copper mining districts are practically limited to three—Rossland, Nelson and the west coast of Vancouver Island. Rossland produces 75 per cent of the total output of copper in the province.

"There has been a material decrease in the amount of silver produced in British Columbia, owing to the fact that the largest producing mines have been shut down since June or July, on account of labor troubles, as stated above. The total silver production for the year amounted to 2,929,413 ounces, valued at $1,463,708, a decrease from the production in 1898 of 1,357,619 ounces fine silver and of value $712,123.

"The total lead production for 1899 amounted to 21,882,496 pounds, valued at $878,870, as against 21,699,540 pounds, valued at $1,077,531 for 1898, a decrease of 9,831,123 pounds of lead, and of $198,711 in value.

"Some 2000 tons of iron ore was mined in the province last year—near Kamloops and on Texada Island—which was used for fluxing purposes by the smelters."

CLACKAMAS COUNTY GOLD.

Mountain of Ore That Assays $6 to the Ton—Tunnel Driven.

OREGON CITY, July 24.—J. V. Harless, of Molalla, has just returned from the quartz ledge owned by himself and his father, Jacob Harless, on Henline Creek, between the Molalla and Santiam Rivers, about 30 miles from Molalla Corners. Mr. Harless has been doing some development work on the ledge, and brought in samples of the ore taken from a 50-foot tunnel that assays $6 to the ton in gold and carries traces of copper, lead, zinc and iron. While the ore is of low grade, there appears to be almost a whole mountain of the ledge, and mining men have given favorable opinions concerning the property. The rock has a limestone spar appearance, and is different from any quartz yet found in Western Oregon, although mining men who have been to Alaska say that the ore is very much like the low-grade article found in the Treadwell mine. Some of the quartz in Eastern Oregon also has a similar appearance. Mr. Harless says that Messrs. Kiser and Kelly are doing fairly well with a placer mine on the Upper Molalla, which is operated on a limited scale. The Harlesses are well-to-do farmers, but have great faith in the mineral development of Clackamas and Marion Counties. It is their intention to do more development work on the mine in September, have further tests made, and try to interest capital in the venture.

Mining Stock Quotations.

Following are the transactions at the Oregon Mining Stock Exchange yesterday:

	Bid.	Asked.
Adams Mountain	$000 05½	$000 05½
Buffalo	1¾	2¾
Copperopolis	5	6¼
Fouts Dredging Co.	100 00	102 50
Gold Hill & Bohemia	5	5¼
Gold Hill High Line Ditch	9	20
Goldstone Consolidated	3½	4
Helena	30⅝	30⅝
Helena No. 2	5¾	5¾
Lost Horse	2¾	3
May Queen	2½	2⅝
Mountain View	1½	1⅝
Oregon Colorado	5¼	5¾
Riverside	2	10
Rockefeller	3¼	5½
Sumpter Free Gold	1¼	2¾

SALES.

Helena ..... 2000 shares at 30½
2500 at 30⅝
Helena No. 2 ..... 13000 at 5¾
4000 at 5½
Lost Horse ..... 2000 at 2¾
500 at 2⅞
May Queen ..... 15000 at 2½
Mountain View ..... 10000 at 1½

SPOKANE, July 24.—The closing bids for mining stocks today were:

Blacktail	$0 10½	Noble Five	$0 04¾
Butte & Boston	1¾	Princess Maud	1¼
Deer Trail Con	5	Rambler Cariboo	21
Evening Star	1¾	Republic	85
Gold Ledge	1	Reservation	8¾
Golden Harvest	⅝	Rossland Giant	2¾
I. X. L.	10	Sullivan	9¾
Iron Mask	24	Tom Thumb	19
Lone Pine Surp.	9¾	Mammoth	14
Mount. Lion	65		

SAN FRANCISCO, July 24.—The official closing quotations for mining stocks today were:

Alta	$0 06	Justice	$0 09
Alpha Con	6	Mexican	17
Andes	6	Occidental Con	8
Belcher	13	Ophir	66
Best & Belcher	20	Overman	9
Bullion	2	Potosi	12
Caledonia	60	Savage	10
Challenge Con	13	Seg. Belcher	2
Chollar	15	Sierra Nevada	22
Confidence	65	Silver Hill	56
Con. Cal. & Va.	1 45	Standard	4 10
Crown Point	12	Union Con	19
Gould & Curry	24	Utah Con	9
Hale & Norcross	23	Yellow Jacket	21

NEW YORK, July 24.—Mining stocks today closed as follows:

Chollar	$0 12	Ontario	$6 00
Crown Point	10	Ophir	61
Con. Cal. & Va.	1 35	Plymouth	10
Deadwood	40	Quicksilver	1 50
Gould & Curry	18	do pref	6 50
Hale & Norcross	22	Sierra Nevada	22
Homestake	50 00	Standard	4 00
Iron Silver	58	Union Con	16
Mexican	10	Yellow Jacket	16

BOSTON, July 24.—Closing quotations:

Adventure	$0 02	Humboldt	$0 25
Allouez M. Co.	1	Osceola	91
Amal. Copper	87½	Parrott	44⅝
Atlantic	23½	Quincy	1 30
Boston & Mont.	3	Santa Fe Copper	3
Butte & Boston	66	Tamarack	1 95
Cal. & Hecla	7 45	Utah Mining	28½
Centennial	17	Winona	2½
Franklin	13½	Wolverines	55¾

Palouse Grain Ripening Fast.

GARFIELD, Wash., July 22.—This is the fifth extremely hot day in the Palouse country. Just how much damage the hot spell has done the wheat crop is the common topic of discussion. It is generally agreed that the damage to the Winter and early Spring wheat is not great, but the late-sown grain, which before the hot weather came was in a very sickly condition, will be badly injured. All grain is ripening very fast, and farmers fear a scarcity of hands, as the harvest will be on before the Walla Walla country has finished, and the farmers here depend largely upon transient men, who make a practice of going first to the Walla Walla Valley and working north and east, keeping pace with the ripening of the grain.

Good Price for Range Steers.

PENDLETON, Or., July 24.—Fifty range steers were sold to a Seattle firm by Joe Gerrans, of Cable Creek, near Hidaway Springs, for $48 apiece. The steers were taken off the range by Mr. Gerrans for delivery to the Seattle firm, weighing about 1250 pounds each. The bunch is looked upon by cattlemen as one of the finest ever brought here directly from the range. Extra fine grass and plenty of water account for the cattle being fit for beef at this time of year.

Boy Murderer Confessed.

ROSSLAND, B. C., July 24.—The mystery of the killing of Mah Lin, a Chinese cook, found dead in the kitchen of Mrs. Chenoweth, on May 23, has been cleared up, and Ernest Chenoweth, 8 years old, has confessed that he fired the fatal shot because the Celestial laughed at him.

Oregon Notes.

B. G. Flanagan's home at Centerville, in Coos County, was burned the 18th inst. Loss, $2500; no insurance.

The Ione (Morrow County) Post says that "several tanks of water are being hauled out of town daily to supply the threshing crews."

All the timber lands purchased in Clatsop and Tillamook Counties by the Astoria company are said by the Astoria Herald to have been sold to the A. B. Hammond Company. It also reports that the railroad will be extended from the seaside to Tillamook this Fall, and that a large sawmill will be constructed.

A very handsome, prolific and early maturing new prune—the "Williamette"—is now ripening in the orchard of James Wingtanley, the Salem fruit and hopman. It is a seedling from the Fellenberg prune and was propagated and introduced some four years ago by Mr. Harkins, of Newberg. It ripens nearly two months earlier than the Italian prune, and is in every respect a desirable fruit, except in the danger incident to the fact that it blooms with the peach in early March, and may often get frost-bitten.

More cases of catarrh have been cured by Hood's Sarsaparilla than by any other medicine.

BOERS WRITE TO OREGON

THEY WISH TO COME HERE AFTER THE WAR IS OVER.

Information Asked of a Corvallis Hollander—Large Immigration of Dutch Afrikanders Expected.

CORVALLIS, Or., July 24.—Christian Van Groos, of this city, has received from a friend in the Transvaal a letter inquiring about the opportunities open to homeseekers in Oregon. The writer of the letter is an ex-soldier in the Boer Army. He was a schoolmaster before the war broke out. His family and Mr. Van Groos were friends formerly in a town in Holland. The writer says that the Boers expect ultimate defeat, and the destruction of their republic. He adds that a number of Boer families desire to accompany him to the United States in search of homes.

In his reply, Mr. Van Groos gives a favorable description of Oregon, and declares that there is, in the Willamette Valley, excellent opportunity for the Boers to engage in small farming. Mr. Van Groos expects a large immigration into this country to result from events in South Africa.

The big drive of logs is expected to be at Corvallis tomorrow night. The main body is now at East River, a few miles up the Willamette. The drive comprises 6,000,000 feet of white fir and balm logs. Forty men and eight horses are employed, at a daily expense of $150. The men are paid $2 50 per day. The logs are for the Willamette pulp mill at Oregon City, and come from the Upper Willamette.

NEW CHEMIST FOR CORVALLIS.

Professor Knisely, of Michigan, for Oregon Agricultural College.

Professor A. L. Knisely, of Benton Harbor, Mich., who will succeed Professor

Professor A. L. Knisely.

G. W. Shaw s professor of chemistry at the Oregon Agricultural College, was born in Chicago February 19, 1865, and resided there until 11 years of age, attending kindergarten and the public schools. Then he went with his parents to a fruit farm near Benton Harbor, Mich., where he attended district school and helped on the farm. He completed a course in the High School and two years later, in 1886, he was graduated from the Benton Harbor Collegiate Institute. Taking a course in the Michigan University at Ann Arbor, he was graduated there in 1891 with the degree of bachelor of science in chemistry. During all his school years he spent his vacations farming.

In September, 1892, he accepted a position as assistant chemist at the New York Agricultural Experiment Station. Two years later he took his doctor's degree from the Michigan University. In 1896 he went to Cornell University to continue post graduate work, and was assistant chemist in the College of Agriculture at that institution. This position he held until he resigned this month to accept the position in Oregon. He is expected to arrive in Portland this evening. He comes, he says, to make Oregon his home.

SALOON, CARDS, A KNIFE.

Portland Man Got a Gash in the Cheek at Cornelius.

HILLSBORO, July 24.—William Hermans, of Portland, and George Townsend, of Centerville, were playing a game of cards in the Cornelius saloon yesterday. Some words were passed, and Hermans seized Townsend by the throat. Townsend drew a large pocket-knife and struck his adversary in the face, inflicting a deep wound on the left cheek. He was taken into custody and ordered to appear this morning, which he did, but as Hermans left for Portland yesterday immediately after the difficulty and failed to return this morning, Townsend was discharged.

The barn of Edward Young, who lives one mile west of town, was destroyed by fire this morning with its entire contents, including two horses. The loss is about $500. There was no insurance.

In the case of State vs. Charles Delaney, of Sherwood, who was bound over to keep the peace, the court decided to continue the bond in the sum of $1000. Delaney threatened to kill one Gardner and to burn the town of Sherwood.

The army worm has appeared generally on the farms in this vicinity, attacking first the clover and potatoes. So far no successful remdy for this pest has been discovered.

COMPLETING THE CAPITOL.

Partitions for Committee-Rooms May Wait for an Appropriation.

SALEM, Or., July 24. — An arch was placed today over the entrance leading to the new floor over the House of Representatives, in the State Capitol. The work of putting in the new floor has progressed very rapidly. The pillars have all been put in and a floor laid 3¼ inches thick. Deadening felt will be laid and then a polished oak floor on top. When the radiators shall have been put in place and the room frescoed, it will be ready for use.

It is the intention to use this room for the library, as the floor in the room now occupied is a little weak for the 25,000 volumes in the library. However, this may not be done this year, as there will hardly be enough money left out of the appropriation.

When this shall be done the room now in use for the library will be divided into committee-rooms.

Manager James Winstanley, of the Oregon Hopgrowers' Association, is in receipt of a letter from Morris Terry, a prominent hop-producer of Waterville, N. Y., in which he says:

"The crop here is now estimated not to exceed 70,000 bales, and if we keep having storms, such as we have had for the last month, we will not have many to harvest. The hard winds do a great deal of damage. Lewis County has produced in the last few years some 3000 bales per year, this year not 600.

In the Supreme Court today the case of John Moltes, appellant, vs. Nelson Hosmer, et al., respondents, on appeal from Jackson County, was argued and submitted. The case of Mary N. Emison, appellant, vs. the Owyhee Ditch Company, respondent, on appeal from Malheur County, was submitted on brief.

It was announced today in the Sheriffs' office that the collection of the bicycle tax would continue right along until the County Commissioners' Court shall give further instructions. A number of bicyclists called at the office and paid the tax cheerfully. There was considerable discussion here today over the decision handed down by Judge Sears, in the test bicycle case of Multnomah County. The general opinion was in favor of the bicycle tax, riders believing the paths necessary to enjoyable riding and a means of saving time over the country roads.

Over one-half of the $30,000 of 4 per cent bonds is subscribed for, and persons representing $5000 more desired to subscribe today, but could not before the books were closed for the day. They and many others will get an opportunity tomorrow.

Dell Force, an employe at the fair grounds, was kicked on the left side of his head by a horse he was holding this afternoon. Medical aid was summoned at once, but he had regained consciousness before the aid arrived. There were no bones broken, and he was resting easily tonight.

INVASION OF ARMY WORM.

Work From Columbia River Northward in Washington.

VANCOUVER, Wash., July 24.—The worm pest reported elsewhere as being the army worm has made its appearance in this city and county, and their presence is causing considerable uneasiness among farmers and fruitmen. They first appeared along the Columbia River, and are traveling inland. Many vegetable and flower gardens in this city are reported as being literally stripped of their foliage by the worms during the past two weeks. A Columbia River dairy farmer living about five miles below town says the worms made their appearance on his place a few weeks ago. He first noticed them in his garden, which they well-nigh ruined. They next ate up his potato vines, and now, he says, millions of them are making ravages on his meadow and pasture lands, and he is greatly alarmed for fear his grass lands will be destroyed. Many similar reports have been made by farmers in different parts of the county during the past week or two. Fruit trees for the most part have escaped, but fears are had for the orchards, as a few instances have been reported in which the worms have played havoc with the foliage, and even the fruit. Paris green, lime and sulphur and other solutions have been recommended, but as yet no remedy has been found.

Land Contests in Clark.

The first of a large number of contests over lands in townships 4 and 5 north, range 4 east, recently opened for settlement in this county, has been on trial in the United States Land Office here this week. The contestant in the case is Thomas E. Comford, a resident of Marysville, Snohomish County, Wash., who claims to have made settlement as a homesteader upon 160 acres in July, 1899. The contestees are A. B. Eastham, of this city, who made scrip filing upon 80 acres of the land claimed by Comford in October, 1899, and the Northern Pacific Railroad Company, which claims the right to the other 80 acres by reason of a scrip filing. Comford produced a number of witnesses to prove actual settlement and to establish his right to the land as a bona fide settler. The contestees combatted this by introducing testimony showing that the contestant was, at the time of the alleged settlement, a member of the Town Council of Marysville, Wash., a Deputy Assessor of Snohomish County, and that he exercised his right of franchise in his home town last November, after the date of his alleged settlement.

The following similar contests previously filed before the Land Office officials were dismissed upon motion of the contestants: C. E. Munn vs. A. B. Eastham; H. Harrington vs. E. L. Brown, and William Ross vs. the Northern Pacific Railroad Company.

SMALLPOX WELL IN HAND.

So Reports the Manning of Cape Nome—News of Alaska Coast.

PORT TOWNSEND, Wash., July 24.—The revenue cutter Manning, Captain W. H. Roberts, arrived in port today, with her flag at half-mast, the occasion being the death of Chief Engineer E. J. Noonan, who died of apoplexy, July 16, on board the Manning. His remains will be sent to Boston, in charge of an officer of the Manning, after which the Manning will return to Dutch Harbor and Nome. The Manning left Nome July 8, and went to the relief of the barkentine Leslie D, on the east side of Nunivak Island, and found the vessel a total wreck. A small steamer was saving the cargo from the Leslie D. She had 50 passengers, 20 of whom had left the vessel for Nome, and the remaining 10 were leaving on the steamer Ragehild. While the Manning was up at Nunivak she took a census of the island, and then proceeded to Dutch Harbor, for coal. Captain Roberts reports the lightouse tender Columbine and whaling bark Gay Head at Dutch Harbor. On the Gay Head much sickness prevailed among the crew, and Second Mate Smith died of heart disease July 15. The steamer Senator left Dutch Harbor for Nome July 16, and on July 8 the gunboat Wheeling and the revenue cutter Bear were in the vicinity of Nome.

The schooner Laurel, with 54 passengers, bound south, was at Dutch Harbor. The Manning reports 18 or 20 cases of smallpox at Nome, and the authorities have it well in hand. Nome City is under control of the police and the Army, and everything was orderly. Large numbers are preparing to return, and if transportation can be had by the time Winter sets in, Nome will be deserted.

LOOKING FOR SOLDIERS.

Washington ex-Volunteers Are Willing to Go to China.

TACOMA, Wash., July 24.—A letter has been received from Adjutant-General Willer, of the Spanish-American Veterans' Association headquarters, at Chattanooga, Tenn., asking how many veterans the First Washington Regiment will volunteer in case of a declaration of war with China. Captain McCoy reports that individual expressions are that all will go if the old regiment goes.

SEVERED JUGULAR VEIN.

Act of Farmer After Being Arrested for Arson.

OAKESDALE, Wash., July 24.—George Spudley, a farmer, resident of this place, committed suicide here today at 5 o'clock by severing his jugular vein with a jackknife. He was under arrest upon notification of the Sheriff of Stevens County that he was wanted at Bossburg for attempting to burn a house at that place. He arrived in the city this morning over the O. R. & N., and had just hired out to work in the harvest fields when arrested.

Idaho's "Fusion Dish."

Boise Statesman.

Skim off principle and deposit the remainder in a very large pot; stir with the office garbage hook; sprinkle in a mixture of rag money, free silver, demagoguery, anti-expansion; strain through perfidy; run into mold of selfish motive; garnish with dynamite and serve it cold, that is just as coldly as you can. That's the way they produce the fusion dish. It all went in at Pocatello excepting the rag money. It is possible for such a product to present a reasonably nice outward appearance, but when it is cut into and its component parts examined it is repulsive to honest eyes and the fingers instinctively find the nose.

Washington Notes.

Rev. Duncan Wallace, of Walla Walla, has been trout fishing, and says he did not have as good luck as usual, getting only 75 pounds to bring home.

The whereabouts of W. A. York, the Dry Creek farmer who disappeared from his home last Tuesday afternoon, is still a mystery, though parties have kept up a diligent search.

The receivership case of the Walla Walla Statesman establishes the fact that the paper is losing money, and Judge Brents has announced that if Complainant Armstrong and other owners of stock cannot come to an agreement, he will have to appoint a receiver.

The residence of Samuel Allen, a prosperous farmer of the Delight neighborhood, near Ritzville, burned to the ground by fire which started in the flue on the morning of the 20th. Most of the household property was saved. The fire was kept from reaching the ripe grain fields by the wind.

The Postoffice at Seattle is to be investigated, with a view to determining whether Postmaster Stewart has been an offensive partisan to such a degree as to come under the provisions of the United States Revised Statutes, which forbid Federal officeholders to solicit subscriptions for political purposes. It is said to be a fight of the Humes men on friends of John L. Wilson.

Through careful inquiry it transpires that the Pomeroy fire originated from a gaslight generator in Rice's saloon, says the East Washingtonian. The tank was being replenished by Rice and Kirby, when some of the gasoline was spilled on the floor. Kirby struck a match which ignited the vaporized fluid. Some of the gasoline had been poured into an open vessel, and this also ignited, instantly filling the room with a sheet of flame, which spread to all parts of the dry, inflammable building almost with a flash.

Idaho Notes.

Bert Butler, of Atlanta, was accidentally shot through the stomach on the 17th by Lester Elliott, who was "examining a revolver." His recovery is very doubtful.

Irene, 2-year-old child of Antone Hanson, of Emmett, got hold of a strychnine bottle one day last week, swallowed some of the poison, and died of spasms in a few minutes.

Ed Dewey, manager, and J. M. Clark, chief engineer, of the B., N. & O., say trains will be running into Emmett within 75 days, and that it is to be the terminus of the road for this season at least.

The members of the Populist state central committee are: Ada, D. H. Andrews (chairman); Bannock, L. C. Warner, Bear Lake, C. H. Hager; Bingham, John A. Modin; Blaine, A. Walters; Boise, C. M. Mullen; Canyon, W. H. Taylor; Cassia, John Paden; Elmore, James O'Neil; Fremont, Louis J. Maurer; Idaho, Clay McNamee; Kootenai, Mrs. Mary A. Wright; Lincoln, Chris Hansen; Lemhi, J. P. Clough; Latah, F. W. Bartley; Nez Perces, Lewis Clarke; Oneida, J. F. Hutchinson; Owyhee, David Farmer; Shoshone, A. D. McKinley; Washington, D. H. Kerfoot.

Two rafts of timber, containing 400,000 and 500,000 feet, respectively, have been taken from Bonner's Ferry to Nelson, B. C.

"Did you have a good time at your picnic?" "I should say we did. When we reached the picnic grounds we were so afraid of snakes that we came home and had a perfectly lovely time in our back yard."—Chicago Times-Herald.

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