SCHOOL LAND BASE

Why Do Not Proper Officers Know of Any?

HOW DO EX-OFFICERS GET SO MUCH?

Some Pointed Questions as to the Administration of Oregon School Land Business—The Abuses.

SALEM, Aug. 1.—Some of the complaints against the management of Oregon's school land business are voiced by John P. Robertson, who has had occasion to look into the matter somewhat and professes to know whereof he speaks.

"In The Oregonian of July 16," said Mr. Robertson, "I see an article by Hon. M. L. Chamberlain, Clerk of the State Board of School Land Commissioners.

"He replies to a letter by Mr. Crump, of Lakeview, who stated that the Board charged applicants for the purchase of school lands $3 50 per acre, when the law fixed the price at $2 50. Mr. Chamberlain says this charge is untrue, and adds:

Mr. Crump's application for 40 acres of lieu or indemnity land, accompanied with $47, was received from his attorney at Lakeview, Or., April 21. The land applied for not having been selected or subject to sale, the application and remittance were turned over to the State Land Agent, who, having no available base, notified the said attorney that $15 more would be required to make a selection. This amount the attorney forwarded to the land agent, who made the selection upon the base furnished by General W. H. Odell, and advised this office that a selection had been made for 40 acres, as applied for. A certificate was issued, and the one-fifth payment of $20 properly credited thereon. Of the $42 remaining, the land agent remitted $2 to the United States Land Office for fees charged in each selection, and turned over to W. H. Odell the remaining $40 in his charge for the base furnished, he having advised the State Land Agent that he had previously arranged with Mr. Crump's attorney to furnish the base. Where the parties hold or have knowledge of unused base, they have and do exercise the right to dispose of it at will.

"Here it does seem to me that Mr. Chamberlain gives away the whole case. In order that the public may fully understand the true inwardness of this most disreputable business, a little explanation is necessary.

"By law the United States has granted to the several states the 16th and 36th sections in each township for school purposes. But often before survey a part or all of these sections are settled on and claimed, or are in reservations, and are lost to the state. In such cases the State Board of School Land Commissioners has the right to select from any of the unoccupied public lands, subject to entry, an equal amount in lieu thereof. This loss of any land to which the state would otherwise be entitled is therefore called a base for the selection of other lands.

"Now, who would be supposed to know, and who should know, when the state had lost land; and whether other land had or had not already been selected instead, unless it be the clerk of the board, whose business it is to receive the lists, dispose of, and keep a full record of these lands? That is what the clerk of the board is paid to do; and when application to purchase is made, to give all necessary information from these records, without charge.

"Accordingly, when a few years ago I had a claim in the mountains, and concluded to locate it as school land, if I could get a base, I went to the clerk of the board, ignorantly supposing that I could get all necessary information of that officer. I was soon informed that he did not know anything about it—did not know that we had any base due us. He threw down a number of old records and invited me to look for myself. He might just as well have handed down a history of China. I concluded to appeal my case. I went right up to His Excellency. From him I learned that the books from the first had been kept badly—had not been posted—and neither the clerk nor the board knew whether the state had any lieu lands due it; whether we were just even, or whether they had not already sold much more than the state was entitled to. Was this not a pretty kettle of fish? I asked why the board did not have the records posted so that the board would know when they had land to sell, and the clerk could give all the information desired. The reply was 'no appropriation for that purpose.'

"'Why then have you not called the attention of the Legislature to this, and asked for an appropriation?' I asked. To this I got no reply.

"Returning again to the clerk, I was told to go a young attorney of Salem, and it would be all right. Well, I did not go, and did not buy the land.

"However, the Legislature of 1895, I believe, took this abuse in hand and attempted to apply a remedy. They created the office of State Land Agent, and Governor Lord appointed Hon. T. W. Davenport to the position—a most excellent selection. In his report he mercilessly exposed the tricks of these base jobbers to whom applicants must apply for the information that should be given to them by the clerk, and without charge. These sharks sometimes supplied their clients with false bases or bases that had been used before. If my memory serves me rightly, Mr. Davenport published one list of over 80 such purchasers who had parted with their hard-earned dollars, to these men and to the state, believing they were securing a good title to their little homes, only to find later on that the state had no title to convey; that the base for which they had been forced to pay had been used before! Mr. Davenport put a stop to this nefarious business, and told me a few weeks before he retired from office that he had almost any amount of unquestionable bases to furnish free.

"Now we learn from Mr. Chamberlain that Mr. Crump applied to purchase 40 acres, sent $47, and that the State Land Agent, having no available base, notified the said attorney (Mr. Crump's) that '$15 more would be required to make the selection.' The pertinent questions here, it seems to me, are:

"First—Was there any base due the state?

"Second—If there was base still due the state, who should know that fact so well as the board, their clerk, and the land agent, whose especial business it is to dispose of these lands and keep the records?

"Third—If no base was still due the state, how could General Odell furnish it?

"Fourth—Is it true, as rumored, that, just previous to the close of the last state administration, somebody sold to a syndicate, all or nearly all, the bases secured by Mr. Davenport?

"Fifth—Is it this base that General Odell is now furnishing at $1 per acre? (This inference seems warranted by the closing sentence in the extract from Mr. Chamberlain's letter, viz., 'Where parties hold, or have knowledge of unused base, they have and do exercise the right to dispose of it at will.')

"Sixth—Does General Odell 'hold or have knowledge' of this 'unused base,' disposed of during the closing weeks of the former administration, and when he was clerk of the board?

"Seventh—Is it these holdings or this knowledge that all applicants who wish to purchase school lands must pay for, at the rate of $1 per acre, in addition to the price fixed by law?

"Of the $62 sent by Mr. Crump, $2, very properly, was sent to the United States Land Office and the selection made; $20 was applied on his purchase, and $40 delivered to General Odell for furnishing the base!

"Is it not strange—passing strange—that all these clerks while in office are as densely ignorant of whether the state has any available base to locate, as if they had always resided in Che Foo, or South Africa; and then as soon as out of office know all about it, and set up as expert base brokers, at $1 to $2 per acre, a la McCornack and Napoleon Davis? Will Mr. Chamberlain and Mr. Geer, when they retire two years hence, take all the knowledge of the office with them, and also set up as base brokers? We shall see what we shall see.

"I say this more in sadness than in gladness. The reputation of our citizens, and especially officers, is part of our wealth, and should not be clouded for light and trivial causes. Charges are easily made, and all facilities for defensive explanations should be freely accorded, and judgment withheld until all the facts are known. I disclaim any desire to injure any gentleman mentioned, and make no charges. But it does seem to me that there is a great wrong somewhere, that has long vainly called and is now calling for a remedy."

Return of Railroad Prospectors.

THE DALLES, Or., Aug. 1.—The party of railroad prospectors who left here a week ago for the purpose of examining the banks of the Deschutes River as to its feasibility as a railroad route, returned to The Dalles yesterday, and report a trip of great hardship on account of the rough country traversed and the extreme heat experienced. The party consisted of A. S. Bennett, M. T. Nolan, J. P. McInerny, F. S. Gordon and Oscar Huber, a railroad engineer. The portion of the country prospected by the party was up the canyon of the Deschutes, which is a succession of rocky declivities, slides and precipitous banks, to Trout Creek, about 100 miles in all. This road is projected to connect The Dalles with Lakeview, between which points an immense amount of freight is hauled by team annually.

Clark County Finances.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Aug. 1.—County Treasurer Parcel today filed with the Auditor his report for the quarter ending June 30. The report shows:

Cash on hand April 1	$57,771 09
Receipts from all sources	57,778 55
Disbursements	46,722 62
Balance on hand July 1	69,827 02

The amount received from tax collections was $42,639 52. The delinquent tax roll shows uncollected taxes amounting to $36,376 93. This is over $8000 less than the delinquent roll at this time last year.

The amount of taxes collected by the County Treasurer for the City of Vancouver to date is $3895 56. This amount has been turned over to City Treasurer Scanlon and apportioned to the different funds.

Buying Cavalry Horses.

Prineville Review.

Last Wednesday and Thursday H. M. McDonald, representing William Frazier, of Portland, was in Prineville, according to announcement, to purchase cavalry horses. Mr. McDonald went up to the Camp Creek country and brought down about 20 head. He succeeded in getting 61 head at this place, and left yesterday for Albany. At Sisters he expected to pick up a few more. The price paid was very good, and possibly the average price was $40. He took some good horses, and some which were not. He took no large horses. Mr. McDonald left over $3000 in our midst for horses that every one thought could not be sold.

Transfer of Rev. Father Verhaag.

BAKER CITY, Aug. 1.—Rev. L. Verhaag will leave for Portland tomorrow en route to Verboort, Washington County, to which place he has been transferred as pastor. His new duties also include those of dean, and he will have general supervision over the clergy of Washington, Yamhill and Tillamook Counties.

Rev. Father Verhaag has been the resident pastor in Baker City for nearly seven years. During that time a great deal of improvement has been made by him and he leaves the parish free of debt.

50 Nets of Japanese Destroyed.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Aug. 1.—Although the fishermen's strike on Fraser River is a thing of the past, the bitterness of white members of the union against the Japanese is greater than ever. Fifty Japanese fishing nets, valued at $100 each, were destroyed while the Japanese were asleep, and the police have been unable to locate the vandals who destroyed them. Reports of the Fraser River fisheries today indicate that the run is improving, the boats averaging between 50 and 60 fish per day.

To Be Dishonorably Discharged.

WASHINGTON, July 26.—Private Thomas Johnson, of Company M, Twenty-fourth Infantry, now in the hands of the civil authorities serving sentence of imprisonment, will be dishonorably discharged from the service by the commanding officer at Fort Wright, Wash., where he was stationed.

Freight Conductor Killed.

SPOKANE, Wash., Aug. 1.—Conductor Valle was killed on the O. R. & N. Coeur d'Alene branch today. He had charge of a freight which ran into a horse near Tekoa. Valle, who was standing on a car, was thrown off and crushed under the wheels.

Oregon Notes.

Eugene is complaining because few owners of dogs take out licenses.

At Eugene a man is bringing 2000 cords of wood to town through a millrace.

In the Camas country, Lane County, the yield of wheat is 7 to 10 bushels per acre.

William Nels, owner of a 25-acre hopyard near Springfield, has let it to James Strassman for three years.

Mr. and Mrs. Clair Inman, of Liberty postoffice, have just been honored with a 12-pound boy, whom they have called Mark Hanna.

Mormon preachers announced a meeting at the church in Oak Hill last Saturday evening, but were prevented by finding a prohibitory notice on the door signed "Legal Authority."

An Oak Hill man sends this to the Eugene Register: "Found, six miles west of Eugene, a swarm of bees, on the McFall ranch. Owner can have same by describing and giving number."

During the ensuing year the Klamath Indian agency has contracted for supplies as follows: Flour, $19 50 per 1000 pounds; wheat and oats, each $1 30 per 100, and bran, $1 per 100 pounds; beef, $6 48 per 100 pounds. Two bidders tied on the contract for beef to be furnished at Yainax, $7 25 per 100 pounds.

A large and powerful crazy man entered a mailcar on the Southern Pacific, near Ashland, July 30, and it required the united efforts of Conductor Tynan, Postal Messenger Gay and the brakeman to overpower and eject him. Once out of the car, he threw off the trainmen and escaped in the darkness.

Eugene's business men are not responding liberally to the requests of the committee appointed to secure subscriptions for a road into the Blue River mines. The Register says the "lack of support must come as a matter of deep concern to the people of Eugene," and it warns them to beware lest Brownsville get the trade of the mines.

The Asland Tidings says a well-known "female dead beat" is working towns along the Southern Pacific Railroad. She was over the same ground one year ago, and was thoroughly exposed at that time, yet so successful was she at her game that she now tries it again. Her name is given as "Mrs. Woodruff" now, but formerly she called herself "Mrs. Cameron." She is well advanced in life, being about 50 years of age, stout of figure, with gray hair and blue eyes, and is attired modestly. One of her successful dodges is to work charitably inclined people on the fraternal racket, claiming her near relatives as belonging to the Masonic, Odd Fellows' and other fraternal organizations.

MAN CRUSHED TO JELLY

FATE OF WORKMAN CAUGHT BY A SAWMILL PULLEY.

Nearly Every Bone in His Body Was Broken—Arms Torn Off and Neck Dislocated—Unmarried.

EUGENE, Or., Aug. 1.—David Kauble, an employe of the Booth-Kelly Lumber Company, was killed at the sawmill in Coburg this forenoon. He was caught by a belt, which he was attempting to throw from a pulley, and was wound around a shaft at a great rate of speed, his body being crushed and mangled in a horrible manner. Foreman A. C. Miller saw the accident and immediately signalled and stopped the machinery, and with the assistance of other men extricated the body. All the bones of the chest were broken and ribs crushed, the right arm torn off at the elbow, the left arm crushed and almost torn off at the shoulder, both legs crushed, neck broken, and in fact nearly all bones broken. An inquest was held this afternoon. No one was held responsible for the accident. Kauble was 41 years old and unmarried.

MILLER MAY RETURN TO OREGON.

Chinese Disturances May Keep Him From Reaching His Post.

SALEM, Aug. 1.—Governor Geer today received a long personal letter from Hon. H. B. Miller, ex-president of the Oregon State Board of Horticulture, and now a United States Consul in China. Mr. Miller was at Manila when the letter was written, June 26, but he expected to leave within a few days for Nagasaki, Japan, and thence to Taku, China. If the present condition shall continue in China, he will not be able to reach his post, and in that event expects to return to Oregon. He has spent two weeks traveling in Luzon, and has the following to say of his observations:

"The country is wonderfully rich from an agricultural standpoint; hemp, sugar, rice and tobacco being the principal products. Cocoanuts, bananas, mangoes and many other fruits grow wild. Pineapples are not cultivated, although they are sweet and nice, but small. Corn is a staple for food, and grows throughout the year. It is to be seen in the same field thoroughly ripe and just peeping out of the ground. A crooked stick is used for a plow, and harrows are made with wooden teeth. These, with a hoe, a knife and a solid-wheeled cart or sled constitute the entire implement outfit of a Luzon farmer. The crops they grow, however, are immense.

"Some of the largest and finest hardwood trees in the world grow here. A beautiful mahogany plank four feet wide and 16 feet long, perfectly clear, is not anything of a curiosity. Immense forests of many varieties of elegant hardwoods are to be found on many of the islands, and their value is beyond computation from present knowledge. It is certainly a source of great wealth, and our Government should inaugurate a policy that will continue their growth.

"There is, so far as I could see, no immediate prospect of peace here. The natives are vicious in their hatred of Americans, and nothing but force will hold them down. They are killing about as many of our soldiers now by stealthy means as they killed in actual warfare. The natives are bright, and have in them the making of good people in time. They have not in them sufficient stability or reliability to conduct government now, but under proper directions would soon grow to it."

Mr. Miller said he had not yet heard the results of the Oregon election.

Clerk M. L. Chamberlain, of the State Land Board, today paid into the state treasury $21,319 52, collected by him during the month of July. This sum is divided among the various funds as follows:

School, principal	$17,135 04
School, interest	3,251 57
University, interest	16 60
Agricultural College, principal	741 57
Agricultural College, interest	119 44
Swamp land	55 30
Total	$21,319 52

This is an unusually large amount for one month's collections, but is not the largest during the present administration. In May the collections amounted to $21,834 49. The total since January 1 is $117,276 42. A large part of the school principal this month is the product of the sales of state land, though the greater portion comes from the payment of money borrowed from the board.

Governor Geer today commuted the sentence of John Laveny, who was received at the Penitentiary April 27, 1899, on a two years' sentence from Harney County. Laveny's crime was an assault with a dangerous weapon, and the person assaulted, Lon C. De Condris, joined in a petition for Laveny's pardon. The commutation simply restores the prisoner to liberty, but does not restore his citizenship. The latter depends upon the future conduct of the man.

Sheriff Durbin today paid into the county treasury $10,991 33, which is the amount of taxes collected by him during the month of July on the 1899 assessment roll. This is the sixth turn-over made by Sheriff Durbin, the total thus far collected being $107,343 57. There is still to be collected the sum of $109,751 48. Sheriff Durbin says that just at present the taxes are coming in slowly, though they were paid rapidly some time ago. He expects that the last half of the taxes will be paid very slowly.

In the case of F. L. Richmond, respondent, vs. Southern Pacific Company, appellant, the Supreme Court has ordered that the appellant's time to serve and file its brief be extended to October 1, 1900.

The annual distribution of the proceeds of the irreducible common school fund should have been made today, according to law. Owing to the failure of the Superintendents of Multnomah and Douglas Counties to report their school population, the per capita ratio for the state could not be ascertained. The money will be divided among the counties according to population.

Chemeketa Lodge, I. O. O. F., of this city, tonight decided to lease the Opera-House, in the new temple, to W. P. Adams, of Portland, whose bid was $1200 per year. A contract will be closed tomorrow covering a period of two years. No contract was awarded for chairs or scenery, but it was decided to purchase the best grade of chairs.

WALLA WALLA'S ASSESSMENT.

Increase of $290,000, All of Which, and More, Is Railroad Property.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., August 1.—Assessor Cadman has completed the assessment of Walla Walla County for 1900. His returns show an increase over last year of $290,231. The total for 1900 is $8,536,087. The real estate is assessed at $6,505,258, and the personal property at $2,030,829.

There are 309,565 acres of improved lands, valued at $4,044,302, with improvements on them valued at $516,651. Town lots, mostly in Walla Walla city and Waitsburg, are valued at $931,540, and the improvements on them at $1,012,765. The area of improved farm lands is 57,408 acres greater than last year. There are 299,852 acres of unimproved farm lands.

The real estate values were increased $386,347 over last year, personal property has decreased $96,116. The decrease in personal property value is accounted for, chiefly, by the transfer of the water company plant, heretofore assessed for $70,000, to the city, and there was $62,000 worth of wheat less in warehouses. Considerable property was also transferred to Whitman College and St. Mary's Hospital, both of which are exempt from taxation.

There were 10,616 horses and mules, valued at $199,106; 7407 cattle, valued at $108,656; 31,035 sheep, valued at $53,962, and 3680 hogs, valued at $8710.

There are 89½ miles of main line of the Washington & Columbia River Railway, assessed at $4200 per mile; 19.7 miles of the Eureka Flat branch, at $3000 per mile, and 9.38 miles of sidetrack, at $2000 per mile, making the total valuation for that company $453,660.

The O. R. & N. Co. is assessed for 74.88 miles of main line at $4700 per mile; 10.78 miles of sidetrack, at $2000 per mile; 13.40 miles of narrow-gauge, at $1500 per mile, and 3.40 miles narrow-gauge sidetrack, at $1000 per mile; a total valuation of $396,636.

The Snake River Valley Railroad is assessed on 62.20 miles of main line, at $5280 per mile; 2.46 miles of side track at $2000 per mile; a total valuation of $332,336. Last year this road was assessed for a total of $2636.

The Northern Pacific is assessed for 11.60 miles of main line at $5280 per mile, and 1.51 miles of sidetrack, at $2000 per mile; total, $64,342.

The total valuation of all railroads is $1,247,974, an increase of $336,289 over last year, caused by the construction of the Snake River Valley road.

THE SEASON'S SALMON PACK.

224,900 Cases Put Up on the Columbia River.

ASTORIA, Aug. 1.—With 10 days more of the open season left, the pack of the Columbia River salmon canneries up to midnight, July 31, was as follows:

	Cases.
A. Booth Packing Company	15,600
Fishermen's Co-operative	18,000
George Sanborn	7,000
J. G. Megler	9,500
F. M. Warren (Cascades)	8,800
F. M. Warren (Cathlamet)	6,000
Seufert	9,000
McGowan (Cascades)	7,000
McGowan (Chinook)	7,000
Columbia River Packing Company (Cuttings)	11,000
Pillar Rock	20,000
Columbia River Packers' Association	105,000
Total	224,900

The owners of the deep-sea fishing schooner Jessie have decided to consolidate their interests with the owners of three schooners on Puget Sound and incorporate a company to engage in the deep-sea fishing business. The headquarters of the company will be at Tacoma. The Jessie arrived in at Seattle yesterday from the halibut banks with 20 tons of halibut.

The Run of Salmon.

The run of fish was even better last night than it has been for the past week and the canneries are as busy as they care to be. Some of the fish do not show up in quality as good as earlier in the season, but they average well, which shows conclusively that the run of the best fish is now much later than in former years.

Connections With New Sewers.

CORVALLIS, Or., Aug. 1.—An engineer is making plans and specifications and running lines of survey for a number of laterals connecting residence property with the new sewer system. The proposed laterals include a line between Fourth and Fifth, connecting all properties south with the Jefferson-street sewer; a similar line in the tier of blocks immediately west, also connecting with the Jefferson-street sewer; a line between Eighth and Ninth, connecting property both north and south with the Van Buren-street sewer; a line between Fifth and Sixth, from the creamery southward to the Van Buren-street sewer. The final ordering of construction of the laterals devolves upon the City Council. The cost is to be taxed proportionately to owners of the property.

Mortgage for Trolley Line.

TACOMA, Wash., Aug. 1.—A mortgage for $1,000,000 was placed on record today to secure bonds of the Seattle-Tacoma Railway Company, which is constructing an electric line between the two cities. Work is to be prosecuted at both ends of the line. The Fidelity Trustee Company, of Tacoma, is trustee, and the interest and principal on the bonds are payable at the Chase National Bank, New York.

Real Estate Sale in Forest Grove.

FOREST GROVE, Aug. 1.—The most prominent business corner in town, 29x100, was sold yesterday by Mrs. M. J. MacMahon, of Portland, to A. B. Thomas, of this place, for $2700. This property has been occupied as a drug store for over 50 years.

Over the Hills to the Asylum.

TACOMA, Wash., Aug. 1.—Mrs Luzene Wallace, 80 years old, widow of Colonel William H. Wallace, at one time Governor of Idaho, was today committed to the asylum, as she was laboring under many delusions.

Washington Notes.

Everett's Riverside sewers are nearly completed. About four miles have been laid.

In some localities farmers are digging their potatoes early, to save them from cutworms.

Everett Elks expect to get a $3 round-trip rate to Portland between September 4 and 16, for the street fair and carnival.

Thurston County claims the oldest man in the state. His name is French, his age is 108, and he is an inmate of the county farm.

A Fairhaven dairyman loses 20 tons of beets to cutworms, and will be compelled to sell some of his cows because of shortage of feed.

In a runaway at Spokane, Monday, E. C. Kumbera was thrown against a telephone pole and suffered a fracture of his skull.

The Fairhaven Herald says that "sockeyes have struck the traps in force," and salmon canneries there are extremely busy. Monday they put up 60,000 fish.

Thomas McKane, a millwright, jumped on a caboose of a freight train at Paha, but slipped, and both his feet were crushed. He was taken to Cheney for treatment.

Mrs. R. G. Pettibone, of Tacoma, while on an excursion of the First M. E. Church to Hood's Canal, last Monday, fell down the companionway of the steamer and sustained a severe concussion of the brain and a broken arm.

A carload of shingles in the middle of a moving train caught fire Monday night, near Edmonds, and was destroyed after being cut out from the train. The car was from Ballard, and is supposed to have ignited from an engine spark.

Mrs. Felix Gump and three children are in Spokane, from Evanston, Ill., looking for a husband and father. He sent them transportation money a short time ago. They are waiting at the police station for him, but the officers cannot locate him.

The University of Washington and the University of Idaho will meet on the gridiron at Spokane the coming football season. October 20 has been set as the date of the game, and the Washington and Idaho teams will then have the first intercollegiate contest ever held in Spokane.

Postmaster Eldridge, of New Whatcom, has received a letter from the First Assistant Postmaster-General saying Inspector Wayland had recommended that no extension be made in the free delivery service of the city, as the local officials and public take no interest in numbering the city and marking the street corners properly.

A 16-to-1 worm story comes from Olympia. A Statehouse official, it will be remembered, placed 16 army worms in a tin box to see what the result would be. Gradually the number lessened, the larger worms eating their smaller mates until but two were left. Monday morning when the box was opened but one, the larger, remained. During Sunday he had devoured his partner.

A NEW BONANZA STRIKE

RICH PLACER ON SOUTH MEADOW CREEK, NEAR GRANITE.

Coarse Gold in Abundance—Preparations to Work the Property on an Extensive Scale.

LAWTON, Or., Aug. 1.—Edward Clanton, a resident of The Dalles, Or., who, with his partner, has been prospecting around the north fork of the John Day River, about seven miles from Lawton, the past two months, has made what promises to be a bonanza strike in placer, on what is known as South Meadow Creek, about five miles northwest from the old Monroe diggings, on the north fork. The gold is very coarse, and looks as though it was "lead" gold, as it is evident that it has not traveled any distance. A cut extending about 12 feet in length by 12 to 15 inches in width yielded between $5 and $6. Old miners say that it is the richest ground and the coarsest gold that has been found for many years in Eastern Oregon.

So much has been said about Alaska placer gold and its great extent that it seems like a fairy tale when told that in Eastern Oregon, barring one or two claims in the Klondike, the gold is as coarse, and, as far as prospected, as plenty as in that much-talked-of country. Mr. Clanton is now at The Dalles, and arrangements will be made to put the ground in readiness for an early start in the Spring, and it is believed that this section of country will become as famous as the Klondike for rich placers.

Mining Stock Quotations.

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

	Bid.	Asked.
Adams Mountain	5½	5¾
Buffalo	1½	1⅞
Copperopolis	5	5¾
Gold Hill & Bohemia	5	5¾
Gold Hill High Line Ditch	10½	20
Grizzly	2¾	3¼
Helena	31⅛	31⅞
Helena No. 2	6	6¼
Lost Horse	2⅞	3
May Queen	2½	3
Mountain View	1⅝	2
Oregon-Colorado M. M. & D.	5	5¼
Riverside	2¼	10
Rockefeller	3⅛	5¼
Sumpter Free Gold	1	2

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Buffalo	1000 shares at 1½
Copperopolis	8000 at 5
Helena	10000 at 31⅜
	10000 at 31½
Helena No. 2	12500 at 6
	8000 at 6¼
Lost Horse	3000 at 2⅞
Mountain View	2000 at 1⅝
	13000 at 1¾
	2000 at 1⅞
May Queen	9000 at 2½
	2000 at 2⅝

SPOKANE, Aug. 1.—The closing bids for mining stocks today were:

Blacktail	$0 11½	Palmer Mt. Tun.	18
Butte & Boston	1¾	Rambler Cariboo	21¾
Deer Trail Con.	4⅝	Reservation	8¼
Evening Star	7	Rossland Giant	2⅝
Golden Harvest	¾	Sullivan	4½
I. X. L.	10	Tom Thumb	19
Insurgent	¾	Mammoth	13
Lone Pine Surp.	9¾	Big Iron	3
Morn. Glory	3	Hecla	1 50
Princess Maud	$0 02½		

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 1.—The official closing quotations for mining stocks today were:

Alta	$0 06	Justice	$0 08
Alpha Con	6	Mexican	16
Andes	9	Occidental Con	6
Belcher	23	Ophir	70
Best & Belcher	21	Overman	10
Bullion	2	Potosi	13
Caledonia	82	Savage	13
Challenge Con	21	Seg. Belcher	3
Chollar	15	Sierra Nevada	25
Confidence	81	Silver Hill	63
Con. Cal. & Va.	1 50	Standard	4 30
Crown Point	10	Union Con	21
Gould & Curry	22	Utah Con	9
Hale & Norcross	25	Yellow Jacket	31

NEW YORK, Aug. 1.—Mining stocks today closed as follows:

Chollar	$0 12	Ontario	$6 00
Crown Point	14	Ophir	62
Con. Cal. & Va.	1 40	Plymouth	10
Deadwood	50	Quicksilver	1 50
Gould & Curry	20	do pref	6 50
Hale & Norcross	22	Sierra Nevada	20
Homestake	50 00	Standard	4 10
Iron Silver	52	Union Con	15
Mexican	12	Yellow Jacket	27

BOSTON, Aug. 1.—Closing quotations:

Adventure	$0 02	Osceola	$0 64½
Allouez M. Co.	1	Parrott	40
Amal. Copper	86½	Quincy	1 32
Atlantic	24	Santa Fe Copper	4½
Boston & Mont.	2 98	Tamarack*	1 96
Butte & Boston	62	Utah Mining	27½
Cal. & Hecla	7 40	Winona	2½
Franklin	13	Wolverines	38½
Humboldt	25		

*Asked.

HORSES FOR CAVALRY SERVICE.

Bought in Crook County for $40 Each—Linn's Summer Resorts.

ALBANY, Or., Aug. 1.—H. M. McDonald, representing William Frazier, of Portland, arrived in Albany last evening from Crook County, coming over the mountains, with nearly 100 head of horses for the United States cavalry. They were bought at an average cost of about $40, and were in excellent condition.

A small party of surveyors leaving this city last evening for the Cascade Mountains by way of the Lebanon wagon road, in the interest of the Corvallis & Eastern, caused some comment, but so far as is known at the Albany office has no new significance, the party merely joining one or two parties already in the field working over the old line this way.

Linn County this year has several popular mountain resorts. At Cascadia, or Lower Soda, are 85 tents; at Upper Soda and Fish Lake are a good many visitors from both sides of the Cascades. Waterloo and Sodaville are favorite resorts for those seeking quiet places and natural soda water. Up the Corvallis & Eastern the hot springs of the Breitenbush are attracting considerable attention. At Detroit a number are sojourning for the pleasant surroundings and mountain air. The mountain-climber going further finds in the trip up Jefferson one of the finest experiences of the kind in the Northwest. A good many are looking forward to the Mazama outing, the party leaving this city on the morning of the 7th of August, with the prospect of a large crowd.

WILL SOON FLY AWAY.

Worms That Have Been so Active Are Entering Chrysalid State.

OREGON CITY, Aug. 1.—A. Kanne, a farmer of Clackamas precinct, was here today with a practical demonstration that the army or cutworms now infesting the gardens and potato fields of Clackamas County is about to take wings and fly away. Mr. Kanne brought in a pasteboard box filled with spherical cemented earthen shells, containing the worm from the time it begins to double up and envelop itself with a dirt covering until it reached the shell-covered body and growing wings of the chrysalid state. Mr. Kanne says that he finds thousands of these little earthen balls in the dry dirt among his potato vines, evidently formed by the worm when it reaches a certain stage of development, bending its body almost double, exuding a viscid fluid as it rolls in the dry dirt until it is housed with a compact covering of dirt, which forms a thin, hard shell.

Sale of Timber Land.

A deed was filed in the County Recorder's office today conveying tracts of land on the north and east side of the Tualatin River aggregating 404.31 acres to the Willamette Falls Company from the Oswego Iron & Steel Company. The instrument was dated yesterday, the consideration named being $37,672 13. The grantor reserves to itself and successors water rights and dams in the Tualatin River, riparian rights, etc., except that already held by N. O. Walden or the Willamette Falls Company.

Adkins Bros., the Canby sawmill men, have purchased 160 acres of timber from A. L. Larkins, near Meadowbrook, and expect to float 1,000,000 feet of logs down Milk Creek next Winter. This firm has large contracts for lumber, bridge timbers and ties with the Southern Pacific Company.

Big Land Office Business.

July breaks the record for a rushing business at the local land office. Seventy-three accepted original homestead locations were filed, and 63 were rejected pending the appeal of the State School Land Board on account of a rejected filing of indemnity lands in the limits of the Siletz reservation. It is believed, however, that the settlers will win out in the contest. Receiver Galloway expresses the opinion that when the financial report for July shall be completed, it will show the largest cash receipts of any month for the past eight years. During December, 1899, the best for a number of years, 39 final proofs on timber claims were made, while for July, this year, the total number was 43.

Repairing Street Pavement.

Three or four faulty spots in the vitrified brick pavement on Main street are being repaired by the city. The pavement was laid about six years ago, the contractor guaranteeing the work to last for five years. The street is still in excellent condition, barring a few places where the foundation of gravel was probably not made sufficiently solid or level. The new brick now being laid is of a better quality than that formerly put down.

"GONE TO SMASH."

The Silver Republican Party of Idaho Is Only a Memory.

Boise Statesman.

That was a great meeting that was held at Weiser Saturday night. Prominent men who had been members of the Silver Republican party were conspicuous in the audience, and both the speakers were of the same class. The membership of the club, under the auspices of which the meeting was held, is largely made up of men who formerly trained with the Silver Republican organization; and it is declared that 99 per cent of the former Silver Republicans of the county are back in the old party. Washington County had a very strong Silver Republican organization, but it has dissolved and its members are back in the Republican fold.

Another county where there has been a similar change is Owyhee. That has been one of the strongholds of Silver Republicanism, and it has been confidently claimed that the party would continue very strong there; but it appears that the process of dissolution has been at work in that county also. The De Lamar Nugget reports that the mission of Chairman Arney, of the state committee, to the county last week was to get the Owyhee committee into line, but his effort was a failure. Nineteen out of 20 of the former Silver Republican voters, the Nugget says, have abandoned the party. A few of these have followed Dubois into the Democracy, but the rest are back in the Republican organizations.

The Silver Republican crash has come right on the heels of the Pocatello convention. At that convention the claim was made that Dubois would control several thousand Silver Republican votes for the Democratic ticket, and he was nominated for Senator on the theory that he would strengthen the ticket by the votes he would bring it from the party to which he has claimed to belong. Those who have understood the political drift of the times knew well enough that Mr. Dubois could not control the Silver Republicans, but now everybody can understand how groundless was his claim respecting the strength he could throw to the Democracy.

ROASTS GOVERNOR ROGERS.

Sharp Remarks by Chairman of Democratic State Committee.

Spokane Chronicle.

"If John Rogers should be nominated for Governor and get 50 votes in Thurston County, 25 of them would be mistakes."

Such was the statement today of Judge Thomas Malony, chairman of the State Democratic Central Committee, who is in the city from Olympia.

"Thurston County Democrats are unalterably opposed to the renomination of Governor Rogers," he continued. "My own opposition to him began with a fellow-feeling with the Thurston County Democrats. They will never forgive the Governor for his treatment of them. His veto of the Capitol bill is not the only matter which harrows the feelings of the Olympia and Thurston County Democrats. They feel that the Governor has on several occasions slurred them, and also deplore the injustice he did H. T. Jones by breaking his promise to the Democratic chairman. Thurston County Democrats were present in the field at that time, and will never forgive Rogers."

Judge Malony is an enthusiastic Thurston County Democrat, and is displeased to have any of the state papers attempt to give him any other residence. On that matter he said today:

"My home is in Olympia, and about all the property I own is there. My family is there all the time, and I shall vote there this Fall, as usual. I have taken a somewhat active part in Thurston County politics, and shall continue to do so, but I do not intend to meddle in the politics of any other county."

Northwest Postoffices.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 1.—S. D. Blakeslee has been appointed Postmaster at Wynoche, Wash.

The postoffice at Aims, Clackamas County, Or., has been moved one mile to the southeast, and Charles E. Bramhall has been appointed Postmaster.

A postoffice has been established at Daniels, Oneida County, Idaho, where Niels Mickleson has been appointed Postmaster.

The name of the postoffice at Card, Oneida County, Idaho, has been changed to Dayton.

The postoffices at West Chehalem, Yamhill County, Or., and Bohannon, Idaho, are to be discontinued, the former to be supplied by rural free delivery.

NEW YORK RESORT RAIDED

Police Close the Tivoli and Arrest 200 Men and Women.

NEW YORK, Aug. 1.—No such wholesale raid of well-dressed men and women has been recorded in the "Tenderloin" under the present administration as that which closed up the Tivoli in West Thirty-fifth street, tonight, and landed 200 men and women in the West Thirtieth-Street station. Several patrol wagons made trips between the brilliantly-lighted resort. Captain Thomas and 40 officers made the raid. The place was full, an orchestra was playing and waiters were serving drinks when the captain and his men entered. At once more men in plain clothes who had been scattered around at the tables drinking with the women sprang to their feet and displayed their shields. Men swore and women screamed. Some of them, to whom a policeman was not a new thing, resigned themselves philosophically to the inevitable and begged only that the policemen handle them carefully. All the women were arrayed in expensive Summer finery, and sleeveless and low-cut bodies of almost transparent material were the rule. Many wore much jewelry. The police went through the place, which is a large hall, luxuriously fitted up, and arrested everybody except the one most desired, Ackron, the proprietor. Ackron has kept out of the jurisdiction for three or four days, ever since he learned that a warrant was out for him for assault.

Chief Devery ordered early in the day that the Tivoli must be closed and the raid was not unexpected. The women were nervous all the evening and several of the more hardened of the "Tenderloin" habitues kept close to the door all night. Others who had received no intimation of the general demand for the Tivoli's suppression, a demand which the police have at last complied with, were taken unawares. These women were the ones who screamed and wept. Many of the prisoners were evidently prosperous business men of middle life. All sorts of false names were given at the police station.

The raid was the most theatrical ever made in the "Tenderloin." Old-timers all said so. Captain Thomas marched at the head of his men up Seventh avenue to Thirty-fifth street, and then to the door of the place so sharply that no one had time to run in and warn the crowd. The captain left several detectives and roundsmen at the doors and exits and then entered. In almost no time word spread all over the Broadway and Sixth avenue district and Thirty-fifth street and Sixth and Seventh avenues were packed with people when the patrol wagons started on their trips. The prisoners were greeted with yells. A crowd numbering 3000 gathered around the police station.

Captain Thomas' entrance was dramatic. He was in full uniform and when he marched his men inside he took up a position in the middle of the hall and glared around him for fully a minute. Everybody was scared and when the captain had satisfied himself of this he exclaimed theatrically: "Every man and woman in this place is to consider himself or herself under arrest." Bedlam broke loose as soon as the captain had finished his little speech and screams and yells of terror, some real and some simulated, filled the place. Many of the women tried to faint and few succeeded and the men who had "just dropped in to see what the place was like, don't you know," looked sheepish enough.

The men, nearly all of them expensively attired, were taken to the wagons first. There were 54 of them and many had never before been under arrest. Some wept, others screamed, but the crowd cheered derisively as they were driven away. At the "Tenderloin" station their pedigrees were taken and they were locked up. Three well-dressed couples of apparent respectability, who claimed they were married and simply seeing the sights, were permitted to go free. Detective Glennon won the plaudits of the crowd in the street when he escorted a pretty Salvation Army lass with a bundle of War Crys to the door and bade her depart in peace.

It took several trips of the wagons to carry the women prisoners to the station. There were 154 of them, all ages and conditions, many of apparent refinement and respectability. Names and addresses were taken at the station and after Captain Thomas had given warning that he would hold them if caught again, they were permitted to go.

An official return from the British War Office shows that the distinctively Scottish regiments in the Transvaal war contain 20,000 men.

THE HEALTH OF YOUNG WOMEN

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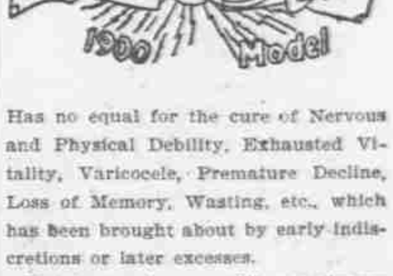

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