

STUDYING BY MACHINE This Question Will Come Up at Next Legislature.

HON. D. M. WATSON FATHERS IT Bill Providing for Such an Innovation Met With Slight Courtesy Five Years Ago.

Representative D. M. Watson expects to introduce into the next Legislature a bill providing voting machines in all cities of Oregon of any considerable size. Action in this direction has been stimulated by the fraud discovered in precinct No. 42, of the Ninth Ward.

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A Portland man patented one machine, of a rather elaborate design, which was operated by electricity. This fact alone condemned it with Mr. Beach, as the uncertainty of any machine to come out of a Portland inventor's workshop was a serious drawback.

The machine of New York was studied carefully, but it was such a complicated affair and came so high that it was deemed impractical. The machine of the present day is the Clifford voting machine of California.

Clifford was an enthusiastic Populist, who had made some money in the sheep business and became so wrought up over political tricks at the ballot box that he spent his fortune in perfecting a voting machine.

The machine was made to the board to improve the grade of Woodstock Hill on Kelly avenue. The scheme proposed is to lower the track of the City & Suburban Railway, and the grade is so steep for the rest of the way that it is necessary to double-track.

General Compeon's Address. In the afternoon the crowd was largely increased. At 1:30 the M. A. Ross Woman's Relief Corps marched to the platform with flying banners.

There was a special interest in the address, as the dwell on personal reminiscences of scenes and battles in which he took part. In the opening of his address he paid a very high tribute to the valor and patriotism of the American people during the war.

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Another day brought no material change in the strike situation of the teamsters. The transfer companies, at a meeting held last night, decided to continue their position unaltered by the compromise of \$25 a day.

An extended conference between some of the leading grocery firms and the transfer company met yesterday afternoon. It was held at the home of Mrs. J. W. Sawyer.

The strikers had been out for some time. They were determined to get their rates raised. They were determined to get their rates raised.

On the streets there was little variation from the policy of the day previous. The strikers had their organization better perfected, and in some way or other managed to meet every new man going out with a wagon.

There seemed to be more trucks working yesterday than the day before. The Holman Company said that during the afternoon they had a full force out.

They also quote the following instructions from the bulletin of the California Cured Fruit Association, which will govern inspectors in the classification of prunes.

Where Flows the Long Tom. One of the finest sections of Benton County is the Long Tom country. There are country residences and big fine barns on every farm.

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PODDIN'HEAD WILLIE. POP. BY VAN...

DEMOCRATIC HEAD-If it was not for your wormy 10-to-1 nut I might be elected President. POPULAR HEAD-I see! You are trying to force me off the Earth with Imperialism.

Death of a Pioneer. Daniel Hatchway died yesterday morning at his home on East Twenty-sixth and Powell streets. He was a pioneer of 1848 and was 84 years of age.

Pleasant Home Notes. William Crawley, while working at Proctor & Bean's sawmill, cut his foot severely, which will incapacitate him for work for some time.

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LAST MONTH'S WEATHER.

Mean Temperature Was the Same as for 30 Years Past.

Table with columns for Date, Maximum, Minimum, Mean, and Wind. It shows weather data for the month of July.

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WHY SO FEW SUCCEED.

SOME PRACTICAL VIEWS ON CAPE STEAMSHIP AGENTS STILL LURING PEOPLE TO GO-"LUCKY" BALDWIN'S "DAILY" VENTURE.

"None was all right last year, but it was worked out," is the verdict of S. C. Sherman, who returns from their voyage yesterday. Mr. Sherman was formerly a Pullman conductor, but he thought he would try his luck on that rich beach.

"About one in a thousand are making money at Nome," he said, yesterday, at the Perkins, "and about one in a hundred are making expenses. The rest are eating up what they have, and many of them are dead broke, and willing to work for their more fortunate companions for \$1 a day, and they say they can get it. I saw crowds of men waiting to the placer mines of Anvil Creek to work at these figures, in the hope of saving enough to pay their fare home this fall."

Mr. Sherman says he has made a good start up there himself, and expects to go back again next spring. His dredger will probably net the company \$10 or \$15 a day, and besides, he has several ferries running on Snake River, which cuts the town of Nome in two. A long-headed fellow from Dawson, he said, had built a machine to tow out of old driftwood, and he charged \$5 a cent for foot passengers one way, while a two-horse team paid a toll of \$10. When Mr. Sherman put on his halibut, he brought his net to shore, and the fish was round trip, and still each boat is making \$5 to \$10 a day clear of expenses.

The brigades got mad and put the fare down to nickle, and they say that the gold boats had been put to work on the Snake River, but their buckets struck no golden sands and so they are liable to be abandoned soon unless they have better luck. Twelve miles from the town of Nome, about 8 miles south of the town of Nome, on the left side of the town were worked out last year, and considerable gold found, but these same stretches were being reworked this year, and, it is said, the yield was good.

Each miner is allowed a strip 25 feet wide, from low-water mark back to the tundra, and when he gets tired of this strip, he may dig a new one, of the same size, if he can find one unoccupied. There is no gold at all in the first five or six feet of surface, and the pay dirt is only about six inches thick, right on the bedrock. The miners are using a trowel to dig the sand out of the crevices, in order to obtain the gold. This is the reason dredgers cannot work here, as they are not capable of getting down to such a fine point. A lot of waste sand has to be stripped off, and cast aside, and this takes time. Then the gold clings so closely to the seams in the bedrock, that it is impossible to wash and can be moved in a given time.

There are about 35,000 persons, he thinks, in the vicinity of Nome, of whom 4000 are in the employ of the placer companies. The money in the Nome district, he mentions, Lucky Baldwin, of San Francisco, who took up a hotel and saloon "knocked down," all ready to put up and open a new one in the town of Nome, and that he would be glad if he could get out of the place at a loss of \$10,000. Several valuable shows, expensive saloons, and a number of other enterprises, and their owners will have to figure pretty close in order to save enough to get away on. It costs only \$25 to go to Nome, but \$85 is the lowest fare charged here, and the return fare is \$100 for the passage. First cabin to Seattle costs \$100.

He blames the transportation companies for luring Northern men, and knows they are doing nothing to justify the exodus. "I have seen the ticket-seller in Seattle take the last dollar a man had in return for a ticket to Nome," he said, "and then the man goes to Nome, and not getting down to such a fine point. A lot of waste sand has to be stripped off, and cast aside, and this takes time. Then the gold clings so closely to the seams in the bedrock, that it is impossible to wash and can be moved in a given time."

Merchandise of all descriptions has become depreciated property at Nome. Even provisions are about as cheap as in Portland, as there is a large supply, and the cost of the goods is not so high as at the place, even at a big loss. Ham and eggs can be obtained at the restaurants for 35 cents, and many of the restaurants are very cheap. There is a large supply of fresh beef, the steers being taken to Nome and slaughtered there. Beef, however, is high, retelling at 15 cents a pound. Milk was high for a while, but now it is down to 10 cents a quart.

"The weather up there has been delightful all season," he continued, "and the prospect is bright. The gold has been along the beach. It has been too dry to do much on the creeks, and so nothing much has been struck except on a few claims on Anvil Creek, which pay well, but the bedrock lies very close to the top of the ground, and these claims will be worked out in a few months. People think there is more or less gold in the tundra, but this has never been dug into, as it consists of frozen moraine, and it is difficult to drain at the top and difficult to work as you go down. The bedrock, which is nothing but hard clay, lies at various depths, and no one has yet felt justified in attempting the task of exposing its surface to the light.

Many claims were staked out by law of attorney and sold at good prices last year, when there is no sign of gold, and a man might as well dig in a potato patch in Portland's suburbs. Thousands of acres were taken up while the snow covered the ground, and the stakes never touched the ground at all. The stakes are now lying scattered about over the ground and no one pays attention to them.

On the steamer Senator, nearly 600 passengers returned the last trip to Seattle, and the Garonne had about 600. All were disgusted with Nome and glad to strike cities elsewhere once more. Yet none still being looked for. And, as each vessel would have a fair complement of passengers on the return north.

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