KILLED LIKE A DOG

Walla Walla Farmer Shot His Wife's Paramour.

SURPRISED THEM BY SUDDEN RETURN

Disappeared Without Harming His Wife—Four Little Children Were Not Awakened by the Affray.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Aug. 2.—James M. Simmons, a farmhand, aged 54 years, tonight shot and instantly killed Will D. Buchanan, aged 25 years, a guard in the State Penitentiary in Walla Walla. It seems that for some time Simmons has suspected his wife and young Buchanan of intimacy, and tonight he resolved to get at the bottom of the affair. He told his wife he was going to Milton to remain over night, and left the house. About 10 o'clock he came home and slipped in the back door, and went right to his wife's room. As he suspected, he found Mrs. Simmons and Buchanan there.

He stepped to the doorway, and Buchanan jumped up, pulling a blanket about him. "I've caught you at last," exclaimed the husband. He raised his revolver and fired one shot, which took effect in Buchanan's breast close to his heart. The young man fell dead.

"I ought to kill you, too," cried the husband to his wife. He then ran out of the back door, revolver in hand, and disappeared. At a late hour he had not been found. The four little children in the house were not even awakened.

Buchanan has been a guard at the prison for about two months. An inquest will be held in the morning.

POLITICS IN IDAHO.

Difficulties in Way of Populistic and Democratic Fusion.

BOISE, Idaho, Aug. 1.—All of the state conventions having been held, the state committees of the various parties are organizing for active campaign work. The Republican State Committee has a very thorough organization, under Major Frank Fenn, and already have four typewriters at work, and are generally preparing for an active and aggressive campaign. Chairman K. I. Perky, of the Democratic committee, will organize the Democratic committee for active work. The Populist committee has organized, and is already at work.

The latest development is an effort that seems to be taking shape by the Populist and Democratic committees to get together and fuse, although the state conventions failed to do so. The proposition is that the Democratic nominees for Congressman, Mine Inspector and Secretary of State are to be pulled down, and the Populist nominees for those places substituted, the Populist nominees being pulled down for the remaining places. The Populist convention passed a resolution authorizing their central committee to fill all vacancies that might occur on the ticket, but to place no Democrats on the ticket. How the state committee can get around this instruction and retain the Populist votes for the ticket is a problem, but their leaders state that the Populists will stand pat and vote for the fusion ticket if such action is taken. Another stumbling-block to arranging a fusion now will be the difference in the state platforms. The Democratic platform practically indorses the Coeur d'Alene record of Governor Steunenberg, while the Populist platform condemns it. How these two diverse utterances can be made to harmonize will probably be a tough nut for the committee to crack. The fusion talk will probably come to a head in a few days, but at this time it would seem to be a virtual impossibility for the Populists and Democrats to unite and get the full vote of the two parties, and if they cannot it seems certain that the Republican ticket stands a good show to carry the state.

Another story that seems to have a good foundation is that there may be a "Law and Order" ticket in the field. There seems to be some apprehension among certain Democrats that are in harmony with Governor Steunenberg's Coeur d'Alene policy that Captain Hunt, the Democratic nominee for Governor, is in favor of abolishing martial law and the permit system in Shoshone County. It is this element of the Democracy that would be expected to support the "Law and Order" ticket and if such a ticket were put in the field, it would help the Republican ticket in the coming election.

A large element of the Democracy is bitterly opposed to the action of the Pocatello convention in nominating Dubois for Senator. Members of the Fremont County delegation openly stated that they would put up a Democratic Legislative ticket in their county and instruct the nominees to vote against Dubois in the Legislature. There is a strong undercurrent among some Ada County Democrats in favor of pursuing the same course in this county.

That the Democratic managers are greatly alarmed at the situation is shown by the fact that their State Central Committee has already made overtures to the Populist State Committee looking to a fusion. They feel that if the election is ever held with the parties aligned as they now are that certain defeat will be the result. But they believe, if they can get the support of the Populists, who are very strong in this state, that they may yet snatch victory from the jaws of defeat. Hence the cooing and billing now going on between the Democratic and Populist State Committees.

SUIT FOR WATER RIGHTS.

Byers, of Pendleton, Claims All the Water of the Umatilla.

PENDLETON, Or., Aug. 3.—W. S. Byers, owner and manager of the Pendleton Roller Mills, has entered suit against several prominent citizens to recover $10,000 damages for taking water from the Umatilla River above Pendleton, thus diverting the water from the river and lessening the flow through the millrace which runs his mills. The defendants are: Ex-Judge James A. Fee, Indian Agent Charles W. Wilkins, Thomas Thompson, George W. Rigby, William T. Rigby, and these Indians, Hook Soot, Hopsin, Wawin-ta-la-sons-mi, Pete Kalyton, Is-ka-malk, Nick-ga-we-tia, and Good Man.

Under the rights held by Mr. Byers for several years, based, so he claims, upon Congressional grants, he owns all the water that flows in the Umatilla River past Pendleton, and, during the Summer season, he does actually divert all of the water to flow through his millrace, allowing none to escape excepting what seeps through the porous dams that are built. The case will be hard fought. Judge Fee, Mr. Thompson and the Rigbys are extensive farmers, controlling several thousand acres on the reservation, and the water diverted is taken on the reservation.

BEET-SUGAR MILL TO START.

Will Run a Month on Old Syrup Then Take on New Beets.

LA GRANDE, Aug. 3.—The beet-sugar factory, according to the statement of Superintendent C. D. Bell, will begin the campaign of 1900 about August 15. The first month's run, however, will be on the residue syrup of last year's crop, about 200 tons of which is now on hand. Only a limited force will be employed in handling this. The actual work of cutting beets will begin, it is thought, about September 15. A long run is not expected.

The smallpox and diphtheria scare has entirely abated. There are now no cases of smallpox whatever, and the diphtheria is limited to the three original cases. The physician and authorities are on their guard and believe that they have both diseases stamped out.

Campers report the huckleberry crop very large in certain parts of the mountains near here. Many of them return with buckets and even washtubs well filled. Trout fishing is also reported good, but grouse and other birds are scarce in the foothills.

The La Grande Light & Power Company is having Engineer W. T. Chalk make a survey of the Grand Ronde River, near Oro Dell, with a view to ascertaining the amount and availability of water power for the electric plant. The work is merely preliminary, but if it is found that the cost of development is not too great, the company may transfer its plant to that place. The cheap power would perhaps solve the problem of street lights which has been agitating the Council, and enable the city to have a day service.

LAST OF OLD YOUNG HOUSE.

Stood 48 Years on Road Between McMinnville and Lafayette.

M'MINNVILLE, Or., Aug. 3.—One of the very oldest landmarks in the Willamette Valley—one that has given shelter to many a weary traveler in pioneer days—has been torn down to give way for a house of modern architecture. In 1852 John and Amasa Brooks, who still reside in this city, built what was then considered one of the finest houses in the state for Stephen Young, who was at the time County Judge of this county, on the south side of the North Yamhill River, on the road leading from McMinnville to Lafayette. Being centrally located, when houses were few and far between, it was known as an inn, and many old-timers throughout the Northwest were entertained at the fireside of Judge Young, while passing up and down the Valley. Every stick of timber had to be hewn out with the axe and adz, and after withstanding the rains and snows of 48 Winters, most of them remained intact to the date of tearing down.

Work is progressing satisfactorily on the locks of the Yamhill River, and the contractors expect to have the work fully completed in four to six weeks.

The first wheat of the 1900 crop to come to this city was brought in yesterday by M. Anderson and delivered at the warehouse of A. A. Kratz, for the Atlas Milling Company. The kernels are large and solid and pronounced of excellent quality.

SALMON PRICES TO RISE.

Will Be Put Up 25 Per Cent on Account of Shortage.

SEATTLE, Wash., Aug. 3.—Prices for canned salmon will be advanced at least 25 per cent when the schedules are fixed on August 10. The known shortage in the supply has already been discounted by the dealers and prices have been advancing. The fishing season has now reached a stage where it can be asserted by the canners that the pack will certainly fall short one-half of what it was last year and probably more. The pack of sockeyes alone on Puget Sound last season amounted to 525,000 cases, while all other varieties brought the total up to 871,000 cases. The Columbia River pack will be about one-half the usual amount. The normal Columbia River pack was shown in 1898, when 355,000 cases were put up. Last year the pack was 270,000 cases.

Homestead Contest on Trial.

OREGON CITY, Or., Aug. 3.—The contest of Mrs. Sadie Heacock against James C. Everest over a homestead location in Yamhill County has been on trial before the local land office for the past three days. The Heacocks lived on the place for three years, separated, and later were divorced. Mr. Heacock relinquished his claim to the Government and sold the improvements to Everest for $300. Everest relocated the land. Now Mrs. Heacock desires to locate on the land, claiming that it was at her former husband's instance that she was compelled to leave the home after a three years' residence.

Oregon Notes.

A Lebanon firm is putting up 1750 buckets of lard.

Oscar Campbell, of Eugene, gets but 2½ bushels of wheat per acre.

A Scio farmer sold two hogs at Albany for $44. They weighed 885 pounds.

Canning peas is making poor headway at Wedderburn, because cutworms have curtailed the crop.

Two burros taken by Portland men up the Santiam were regarded by some of Milt Miller constituents at Lebanon as Belgian hares.

The Harkness farm, situated on Rogue River, about four miles below Grant's Pass, was sold last week to Otto J. Knips, of Minnesota, for $4000.

William Sturgis, a ward of the Boys' and Girls' Aid Society, who ran away from a farm in Washington County, has found a home with W. H. H. Dufur, of Wasco County.

A mining company from the State of Washington is preparing to bring in a lot of machinery for the purpose of systematically prospecting the south fork of Sixes River, in Curry County.

Many county newspapers are now urging farmers to "save all their best growths" to help make a showing at the state fair in the competition for the prize for the finest display of county products.

Wolf Creek is the place to go fishing, says the Grant's Pass Courier. Two young men who were recently angling along that stream discovered a $30 gold nugget in the creek bed and fished it out.

There are thousands of California and Bobwhite quail up in the Dutch Flat country, but The Dalles Chronicle is reliably informed that pothunters from its town are accustomed to go up there and kill them by the sackful.

Joe Dillman, a lad of 15 years, received a charge of shot from the gun of a companion, nearly 100 yards away, while hunting chickens near The Dalles Wednesday. No serious results are feared. He was fortunate in being so far from the gun.

John D. Devine, the great cattle king of Harney County, says he is soon to go into sheep culture. This announcement astonished a Malheur paper, which says that it is not many years since it was sure death to use the word sheep within 200 miles of Alvord Lake.

When Mr. Kretzer and his men went to work on the artesian well at The Dalles Wednesday morning they found the bottom had dropped out of it since the preceding evening. At that time the water rose to within 195 feet of the top, but now it is over 300 feet from the top.

Salem's canning and packing plant will not shut down this season. The abundance of vegetables, berries and fruits makes possible a continuous run. It has put up 100,000 cans of peas, 15,000 cans of preserved raspberries, is now handling blackberries, and will finish with Bartlett pears and tomatoes.

Jacob Lucksinger, an old resident of the Lower Umpqua, near Scottsburg, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Frank Kent, in Drain, July 31, at the age of 90 years. He had been afflicted for some time with stomach trouble. He leaves a son, Henry Lucksinger, of Scottsburg, and two daughters, Mrs. Frank Kent, of Drain, and Miss Kate Lucksinger, of Portland. His wife died several years ago.

Scarcely a day passes but local anglers succeed in catching a plentiful supply of black bass, which abound in great numbers in the river at Salem. The fish were planted in the slough at Salem about seven years ago by G. Steiner, who feels amply rewarded for his services in the matter. The fish have absolutely no statutory protection, and it was feared for a time that they might be all fished out of the river, but this abundance dispels that fear.

HARNEY COUNTY BORAX

EXTENSIVE DEPOSITS THAT YIELD MUCH PROFIT.

Refined Product Teamed to Winnemucca With Mule Trains—Many Hot Springs in the County.

BURNS, Or., Aug. 1.—It is not generally known even in Harney County that the borax industry here is one of importance. At not one point in a hundred in the state do they know that there is any such thing as borax mines in Oregon. About 125 miles south from Burns, where Trout Creek Valley and Wild Horse Valley merge into each other, not far from the Nevada line, is the plant of the Rose Valley Borax Company. The mines were discovered about seven years ago. In a section of the country three or four miles square several hot springs boil up from the earth. As the steaming waters run through the valley along their natural courses they leave as deposits along the way a whitish substance. In fact, this substance covers the entire section of country for several miles. A borax expert passing through the country seven years ago saw at a glance that this white substance was not alkali, as generally supposed, and at once interested men of means, and, after fully experimenting, a plant was put in, and they today have a very profitable property.

A plant costing thousands of dollars stands on the site, and every month tons of borax, which sells readily at 8 and 9 cents a pound, is mined and shipped and sold. Men are employed in scraping the stuff in its crude state from the earth, and this is put through a heating process and reduced to as fine a grade of borax as the world has ever produced. It is then hauled to Winnemucca, Nev., and shipped and turned into cash. The company owns two large wagon trains, consisting of three wagons each, coupled together. These trains are each drawn by 12 large mules, and each train makes two trips a month. They carry 40,000 pounds of borax to Winnemucca each trip, and bring back supplies for the country at large. The distance from the mines to Winnemucca is 125 miles.

Robert Doom, a homesteader, first took up the mines as a home. The warm springs attracted his attention, and he selected the spot on this account. Not knowing the value of borax deposits, he was induced to part with his possessions for $7000. Today his successors are making a fortune yearly out of the property. It only costs 3 or 4 cents a pound to mine the borax, and with the immense profit of 5 to 6 cents a pound on the product, and an output of 80,000 to 100,000 pounds a month, it is easy to estimate the income.

This mine, located in the southeastern part of the state, is worked and owned and the product sold out of the state, and while a small tax is paid to the state by the owners, yet it is one of our best resources, is little known, and from it Oregon citizens reap but a small benefit. But the entire section is pregnant with resources. There are warm springs all over Harney County. A white substance known as "alkali" lies upon the ground everywhere. It is so over most of Eastern and Southern Oregon. In Lake County, in the vicinity of Warner Lake, this white substance has been found to be pure borax. As the state develops, who knows but we may have the richest borax deposits of the world.

BOARD OF SURVEY ORDERED.

To Examine Into Shortage of Property Shipped From Seattle.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Aug. 3.—A board of survey, consisting of Lieutenant-Colonel William E. Dougherty, Seventh Infantry; Captain A. A. Cabaniss, Twenty-fourth Infantry, and Second Lieutenant Alfred B. Putnam, Third Artillery, has been appointed to meet in Seattle August 25, to examine into and report upon circumstances pertaining to a shortage in Government property incident to the failure of certain officers in Alaska and Manila o receipt for Government stores invoiced to them by Captain W. W. Robinson, Jr., Assistant Quartermaster United States Army, and shipped on Government transports and commercial vessels during the last fiscal year.

Captain H. P. McCain, Fourteenth Infantry, Acting Assistant Adjutant-General, Department of Columbia, is ordered to proceed to Seattle on public business in connection with the shipment of troops on United States transports soon to sail from that port.

Major Louis S. Tesson, Surgeon, United States Army, Acting Chief Surgeon, is also ordered to Seattle for purpose of making sanitary inspection of the United States transports referred to.

Allison McCutchen, 14 years old, son of J. M. McCutchen, of Yacolt Prairie, Clark County, was accidentally shot in the hand last night by his brother, Edward, who was shooting birds with a shotgun loaded with buckshot. One shot struck the younger boy in the forehead. The extent of the injury is not yet known.

SCULL RACE IN PROSPECT.

Championship of the Pacific Coast May Be Decided at Astoria.

ASTORIA, Aug. 3.—If arrangements can be completed by the regatta committee, a great amateur single scull race will be rowed here during the regatta. A letter has been received from Alex Pape, of San Francisco, the champion amateur sculler of California, stating that he has received a new shell from the East, and that he would like to attend the Astoria regatta this year if he can get a race with Patton, of Portland, the amateur champion of the Pacific Northwest. The committee has decided to put up a handsome trophy for such a race, and there is every reason to believe that it can be arranged betwen the two men, as the winner will then be the champion of the Pacific Coast.

The voting for the queen of the regatta was commenced today, and will close August 15. There are many candidates. The winner will be elected by popular vote, each vote costing ½ cent.

Chinaman Charged With Murder.

The Coroner's jury appointed to inquire into the cause of the death of Wong Ark Toy, the Chinaman who was killed at Booth's cannery Wednesday night, returned a verdict this evening charging Wong Luey, his assailant, with the crime of murder. Luey will be formally arraigned in the Justice Court tomorrow morning.

STEPPED ON BY HORSES.

Serious Injury to Old Resident of Eola—Sale of a Farm.

INDEPENDENCE, Or., Aug. 3.—Douglas Gibbon, an old resident, was badly hurt near Eola today. He was in the barn, when a mare and colt got scared and ran over him. His arm was broken and it is feared that he was hurt internally. He was taken to Salem for medical treatment.

John Allen today sold his 200-acre farm, on the Rickreall, the old James Tatom place, to Eastern parties. The price was not given out, but is believed to be close on $40 per acre.

There are many Easterners here now trying to buy choice farms.

TO PATCH UP A FUSION.

Object of Idaho Populist Chairman in Visiting Chicago.

BOISE, Idaho, Aug. 3.—H. H. Andrews, chairman of the Populist State Central Committee, left tonight for Chicago to confer with the National Democratic and Populist leaders regarding the Idaho situation. It is supposed that the object is to patch up a fusion in Idaho through the state committee. Fred T. Dubois and Senator Heitfeld will be there at the same time.

TWO BOYS AND A GIRL.

Triplets to a La Grande Woman Yesterday.

LA GRANDE, Or., Aug. 3.—Triplets, two boys and one girl, were born this morning to Mrs. Julia Press. They average about six pounds each, are of uniform size and doing well. They are the mother's first children.

Condition of Oregon National Banks.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 3.—The Controller of the Currency today issued a statement showing the condition of 23 National banks in Oregon, outside of Portland, on the 29th of June last, from which the following are taken:

Loans and discounts	$4,135,070
Money reserve	732,093
Surplus	308,850
Undivided profits	318,332
Individual deposits	6,003,362

The average reserve held was 32.21 per cent.

Washington Notes.

There are five logging camps on Elokonum Creek.

A severe wind has blown down many shade trees at Spangle.

Mrs. Swanson is the only remaining victim of Tacoma's street-car accident whose recovery is in doubt.

One salmon-canning company on Bellingham Bay received 45,000 fish August 1—the largest receipts of the season.

At Tacoma, L. J. Pentecost has filed suit against Nelson Bennett on a promissory note executed in 1893 for $21,407.

Fires still run wild in the Colville forests. A barn owned by M. Kulzer and one owned by George W. Seal at Addy are reported burned.

The wife of William Leadbetter, a farmer living near Pine City, has been adjudged insane and committed to the Medical Lake Asylum.

At Fairhaven, a team backed a wagon off a wharf. Then the horses "set" themselves and held the suspended wagon till workmen rescued it.

Water in the Palouse River and other Eastern Washington streams is very low. If hot weather continues it is feared some of them may go dry.

Postmaster Vernon, of Everett, has received authority from the department at Washington to establish a sub-station on the Riverside, and put a clerk in charge.

Jim O'Connor, described as "an all-'round tough," is in the Yakima jail for assault and battery on a squaw. When through with this charge, he will be tried for assaulting an officer.

Wong Gee, acquitted at Colfax of the charge of murder, had made arrangements to cheat the gallows, if convicted. From half a cotton blanket he had plaited a rope, with a slipnooze.

Mrs. William Jordan died last Monday at the home of her son, William Jordan, four miles west of Cheney. The deceased was 87 years of age, and an old resident, having come from Texas 15 years ago.

A marked chinook salmon, weighing nearly 50 pounds, was delivered at the Pillar Rock cannery this week. It was one of the largest of the many salmon thus far taken with the adipose fin cut off.

Two old Clark County pioneers died July 29—H. J. Pence, at his home one and a half miles east of La Center, and Father Gardiner, two and a half miles northeast. Each left many relatives and friends.

Dr. W. A. Spalding, who has for the past 10 years been pastor of the First United Presbyterian Church of Spokane, has tendered his resignation and accepted the pastorate of the United Presbyterian Church of Seattle.

The warmest contest in the coming Democratic convention at Spokane will doubtless be for nomination for the Superior Court Judgeship. Judge L. H. Prather, Warren W. Tolman and George Belt will make a triangular fight for the honor.

Last April, Spokane Populists elected 54 delegates to a state convention. Now they learn that they are entitled to 41. How to eliminate the extra 13 delegates, and what ones to drop, is one of their troubles.

At the meeting of the Tacoma Elks, August 1, a committee was appointed, consisting of Messrs. Dunqas, Coffee, Fradette, Fleetwood, McMillan and McFarland, to arrange for an excursion during the Elks' carnival at Portland in September.

John Levin, wife and baby were thrown into Silver Lake last week by their boat capsizing. Levin is a good swimmer, and was safe. His wife clung to her babe with one hand and to the boat with the other. Their cries brought rescuers from a sawmill, and all were saved.

A. J. Stone, of Rosalia, Populist nominee for Representative from Whitman County, publishes a letter declining the honor, and adds: "I differ somewhat with those who held the convention, and my time is too much occupied with private affairs for me to enter politics at present."

At the Northern Pacific shops at South Tacoma an order for 400 flatcars has been completed and the workmen are engaged in rushing to completion an order for 250 boxcars. The shops are also busy with an order for the frames and woodwork for 250 boxcars to be built at Brainerd, Minn.

Wenatchee has voted to issue bonds in the sum of $7500, the money to be used for the purpose of constructing a system of water works. The water will be brought eight miles, from Wheeler Hill, the first two miles in a ditch, then turned into Squilchuck Creek for three miles, and then piped to town. The town pays $4000 to William Turner for the right to use the water.

A farmhouse owned by Mrs. Frances Bauer, two and a half miles northeast of Colfax, was recently destroyed by fire, originating from a defective flue. It was occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Fite, who lost everything they possessed, including $200 worth of cured meat, hundreds of gallons of canned fruit, and their woodpile. Neighbors immediately made donations of furniture, dishes, flour, meat, etc., and a fair sum in money.

S. A. Perkins, who recently purchased the Tacoma Ledger, declares that "any one who says John L. Wilson owns a single share of its stock, or even has an indirect proprietary interest in the property or its control, is a liar. The ownership and management of the Ledger is an undivided responsibility, and represents no foreign investment, not so much as a dollar. The Ledger is now wholly disencumbered of any and all external influence, political or otherwise."

Rev. G. W. Sloan, a pioneer, who was long active in Christianizing the Indians of Washington, died in Pennsylvania, July 22. He came to the Coast in 1858, ando helped organize the first presbytery in the state. From this one, 16 have grown. Mr. Sloan endured many hardships during the pioneer days of the state, and never complained. It was his ambition to Christianize the Indians and aid them in every possible way to better their condition. He achieved a considerable measure of success.

One of the most disastrous harvest fires of the year occurred August 1 on Couse Creek, five miles north of Milton, on Mack Cockburn's farm. The separator, 40 acres of standing grain and 250 sacks of wheat were completely destroyed, and several horses were badly burned. William Seaman, a harvest hand, was badly burned about the face and hands while attempting to save the horses from the fire. The fire was caused by a lighted cigarette which one of the hands carelessly threw on the ground near the separator. The loss was $4000, with small insurance.

PLACER AND QUARTZ SOLD

OAK FLAT, ON ILLINOIS RIVER, TO DENVER CAPITALISTS.

Transfer of Quartz Claim on Galice Creek—Extensive Development for Both Properties.

GRANT'S PASS, Or., Aug. 3.—Another large sale of placer-mining property was made today, when the papers were signed transferring the Oak Flat mine to the Oak Flat Mining & Milling Company, of Denver, Colo. The company is capitalized for $500,000, the directors being James and John Pool, and John Tomlinson, of Denver; W. F. Horn and J. S. Tucker, of Grant's Pass. The property was sold by the last two named and W. T. Cope, of Grant's Pass. It comprises 700 acres of mining ground on the Illinois River and Briggs Creek, lying about 30 miles west of Grant's Pass. It is one of the large undeveloped placer mines of this section. It has a water right giving a working head all the year round, there being a large ditch five miles long, four feet at bottom, seven feet at top, and four feet deep, carrying 2000 inches of water.

The ground consists of an old river channel having a deposit of gold-bearing gravel, which shows both fine and coarse gold. The equipment is the best of its kind, and includes two giants, 1500 feet of pipe, sawmill, houses, cabins, etc. The new company will at once prepare for the season's run, and expects to make the property one of the best-paying mines in Southern Oregon.

L. L. Jewell and Dr. J. S. Moore have sold their one-half interest in the Golden Wedge group of quartz mines to Willis Kramer, the holder of the other half interest. The property is situated on Galice Creek, and comprises three claims. It is equipped with an arrastra, and has made a good showing so far, as over $14,000 has already been taken out. The mine has been worked from the tunnels with a total length of 600 feet. The high-grade ore runs $30 to $70 per ton in free gold, the low-grade averaging $10 to the ton. The property lies in the rich Galice district, and is situated about two miles from the famous Big Yank ledge.

Mining Stocks.

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

	Asked.	Bid.
Adams Mountain	$000 05	$000 03½
Copperopolis	5	5¼
Fouts Dredging Co.	.....	105 00
Gold Hill & Bohemia	5	5½
Helena	31½	31⅜
Helena No. 2	6⅝	6⅜
Lost Horse	2⅞	2
May Queen	2½	2⅜
Mountain View	1⅞	2¼
Oregon-Colo. M. M. & D.	5	5¼
Riverside	.....	10
Rockefeller	3½	5½
Sumpter Free Gold	1¼	2½

SALES.

Buffalo	2000 shares at 1⅜
Helena	11000 at 31¼
	10000 at 31⅜
	4500 at 31½
Helena No. 2	11000 at 6
	2000 at 6¼
	2000 at 6½
	1000 at 6⅝
Mountain View	23000 at 1½
May Queen	6000 at 2½
	8000 at 2⅝
Lost Horse	2000 at 2⅞
	500 at 3

SPOKANE, Aug. 3.—The closing bids for mining stocks today were:

Blacktail	$0 11½	Noble Five	$0 04
Butte & Boston	1½	Princess Maud	1⅜
Evening Star	7½	Rambler Cariboo	21½
Golden Harvest	⅝	Reservation	8½
I. X. L.	11½	Rossland Giant	2½
Iron Mask	25½	Sullivan	12⅝
Lone Pine Surp.	56½	Tom Thumb	10
Mount. Lion	62	Conjecture	1½
Morn. Glory	3		

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 3.—The official closing quotations for mining stocks today were:

Alta	$0 05	Kentuck Con	$0 02
Alpha Con	8	Mexican	18
Andes	10	Occidental Con	6
Belcher	23	Ophir	72
Best & Belcher	21	Overman	10
Bullion	2	Potosi	14
Caledonia	80	Savage	13
Challenge Con	30	Seg. Belcher	3
Chollar	15	Sierra Nevada	26
Confidence	1 10	Silver Hill	64
Con. Cal. & Va.	1 50	Standard	4 30
Crown Point	17	Union Con	22
Gould & Curry	23	Utah Con	9
Hale & Norcross	22	Yellow Jacket	34
Justice	7		

NEW YORK, Aug. 3.—Mining stocks today closed as follows:

Chollar	$0 14	Ontario	$6 00
Crown Point	12	Ophir	66
Con. Cal. & Va.	1 40	Plymouth	10
Deadwood	40	Quicksilver	1 50
Gould & Curry	20	do pref	6 50
Hale & Norcross	22	Sierra Nevada	22
Homestake	50 00	Standard	4 40
Iron Silver	50	Union Con	18
Mexican	14	Yellow Jacket	30

BOSTON, Aug. 3.—Closing quotations:

Adventure	$0 02½	Humboldt	$0 25
Allouez M. Co.	1	Oceola	60¾
Amal. Copper	88¼	Parrott	42
Atlantic	33½	Quincy	1 32
Boston & Mont.	3 06	Santa Fe Copper	4¾
Butte & Boston	62	Tamarack	1 95
Cal. & Hecla	7 40	Utah Mining	29
Centennial	18¾	Winona	2½
Franklin	13½	Wolverines	38½

LINCOLN COUNTY'S HARVEST.

At 40 Cents a Bushel It Will Bring the Farmers $3,200,000.

A Davenport correspondent of the Spokane Spokesman-Review says that at a reasonable estimate Lincoln County will produce this year in the neighborhood of 8,000,000 bushels of wheat. If this amount should be sold at 40 cents per bushel it would bring into the county $3,200,000. This amount of money evenly distributed among the 20,000 inhabitants of the county would give to each individual $160. With this large amount of money per capita even the most pessimistic cannot predict other than good times in the Big Bend country this Fall and Winter.

The effects of the bountiful harvest will be more appreciable this year than those of the big crop of 1897. At that time the farmers were heavily incumbered. Most everyone had a mortgage on his place, which had to be paid off before any money could be expended with the home merchant. In many instances this required the entire amount received for the crop. This money in most cases was sent out of the country and the benefits of the bountiful harvest and high prices of that year were minimized. The conditions this year are entirely different. The farmers are out of debt, and the money received for the crop will be kept at home and distributed among the home merchants.

Low Grain Yield in Clackamas.

OREGON CITY, Or., Aug. 3.—Threshing has begun in a few Clackamas County neighborhoods, and by next week the threshers will be running full blast. On the Marks farm, near Macksburg, the yield of Fall wheat averaged 10 bushels to the acre. Last year the same piece of ground yielded 21 bushels to the acre. Oats are fairly good, and some pieces of Spring wheat give promise of a good yield. Louis Toedtemeier, of Stafford, yesterday threshed six acres of Fall wheat, that produced 47 bushels; also seven acres of oats, that yielded 227 bushels. Forty-two acres in the same field last year produced 1262 bushels of Fall wheat.

Grain Yield in Benton County.

CORVALLIS, Aug. 3.—Several Benton County threshers have begun operations on Summer fallow and early Spring wheat in the past few days. All machines will be at work early next week. The following yields are reported: T. W. B. Smith, Summer-fallow wheat, 17 bushels per acre; Solomon King, oats, 30 bushels; Carrol Calloway, seven miles north of Corvallis, wheat, headed and threshed, five bushels per acre; J. W. Wilbanks, three miles east of Corvallis, Summer-fallow wheat, 17 bushels; early Spring wheat, 13 bushels. Of several crops threshed near the Ryals place, nine miles east of Corvallis, the best yield of Summer-fallow was on the Abrams farm, with an average of 14 bushels. From the Knotts farm, north of Corvallis, a field that usually yields 1200 to 1400 bushels turned off but 600 bushels.

BIG MORTGAGE AT ROSEBURG.

What It Signifies Is as Yet Only Matter of Guesswork.

Roseburg Review, Aug. 2.

The Roseburg Water & Light Company today filed in a clerk's office a voluminous mortgage. It is designed to secure the issue of bonds to the amount of $100,000 gold, 6-per-cent bonds, in denominations of $1000 each. It is set forth that the money derived from the sale of these bonds will be expended in acquiring, improving and extending water, light and manufacturing plants by the corporation. The mortgage is given to secure a corporation of Denver, Colo., who is the purchaser of the bonds. The document is ornamented with $49 50 worth of war revenue stamps.

The operations and intentions of this new company are not being divulged by any one connected with its transactions, and there is much speculation concerning it. G. I. Brown, the prime mover in the scheme, is spending most of his time at Winchester, and is not talking for publication. It is understood that the Winchester water power and sufficient land adjoining to answer the purposes of the company have been purchased off Mr. Dumbleton, but the transfer is not yet completed, as no record of it has been made in the County Clerk's office. The purchase of a small tract of land on the North Umpqua opposite Winchester from R. A. Stowell by Mr. Brown is a matter of record, however. It is said, also, that the Roseburg electric light plant has been purchased by the new corporation, but this report cannot be confirmed. Negotiations are pending with the Roseburg Water Company for the purchase of their plant, but up to this time no agreement has been reached.

It is pretty certain that members of the new corporation have secured large tracts of timber on the North Umpqua and its tributaries, and that a large saw mill is a principal feature of the plans which have been formed. Besides the water and light system for Roseburg, it is said that eventually Oakland will also be furnished with electricity and water from Winchester.

SEATTLE'S TELEPHONE TROUBLE.

Text of the Agreement Signed by Business Men.

Seattle Times.

The committee of 20 business men at the meeting yesterday (Wednesday) afternoon arranged for carrying out the programme of obtaining additional signatures to the order for the removal of telephones and for carrying the order into effect immediately. To provide against the possibility of refusal on the part of the company to remove their phones when requested a clause was inserted in the new agreement to be circulated for signatures to the effect that electricians hired by the committee would be permitted to enter the premises of the signers of the agreement and disconnect the phones if the company refused to do so. The new agreement is as follows:

"We, the undersigned subscribers to the system of the Sunset Telephone Company in Seattle, hereby request said company to remove the telephones leased by us, and notify said company that we shall pay no rent hereafter accruing therefor.

"We further agree, one with the other, that we will not renew our subscription to said company for a telephone service without the authorization of the committee appointed by the citizens and the various industrial, manufacturing and trades associations, so to do.

"We hereby designate Monday, August 6, 1900, as the date on or before which said telephones shall be removed.

"We hereby authorize electricians appointed by said committee to disconnect our said telephones in the event that said company shall see fit not to remove the same, and for that purpose to have access to said telephones."

SKAMANIA COUNTY STORE BURNED.

Fire Supposed to Have Been of Incendiary Origin.

STEVENSON, Wash., Aug. 3.—The store and postoffice at Carson, situated about four miles east of here, burned down at 2 o'clock this morning. The building and stock of merchandise belonged to L. T. Smith, and was valued at $1000. The fire was supposed to have been of incendiary origin. Mr. Smith was appointed postmaster last June, and had but fairly commenced business. There was no insurance on the property.

JOSEPH NOT FOR WALLOWA.

Report of Inspector McLaughlin Is Against Him.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Aug. 3.—Major James McLaughlin, Inspector of Indian Defenses, who is at the Merchants' Hotel, has just completed his report concerning the request of Chief Joseph of the Nez Perces tribe, that his people be restored to their former home in Eastern Oregon. The report will indicate that such a grant is impossible, as the country is now occupied by settlers.

Condition of the Pfanner Estate.

FOREST GROVE, Or., Aug. 3.—Assignee Hinman is busy today disbursing the 8 per cent dividend of the Pfanner Bank, which was put in his charge three years ago, when its owner so mysteriously disappeared. He has collected $2,453 87, disbursed $27,425 38, and on July 1 had on hand $5030 54, of which the court allowed $1200 each to him and his attorney for their three years' service, and the balance is now being paid out on the dividend then authorized. Preferred claims, offsets and mortgages paid ate up $17,930 76 of the original estate, a total of 28 per cent has been paid on claims, and about $14,000 of notes and accounts have proved uncollectible (including $10,736 27 of the securities held by Portland correspondents of the local bank). Little real estate remains unsold, and the assignment is practically wound up, so far as the likelihood of any further considerable division of funds among creditors.

Hillsboro Court Notes.

HILLSBORO, Or., Aug. 3.—Judge McBride held an adjourned term of Circuit Court here, and made the following orders:

P. R. vs. Edith May Otis; divorce granted to the plaintiff.

H. W. Hessee vs. N. A. Barrett et al.; the findings of fact were modified and decree rendered for plaintiff. The plaintiff subsequently was permitted to amend the complaint, findings and decree.

Mary O'Brien vs. John O'Brien; court refused to set aside the appointment of referee, and overruled the motion of plaintiff for nonsuit.

State of Oregon vs. Charles Delaney; court reduced the bail upon the representation that the defendant intended to leave the county.

Court took a recess until September 15.

Capital City Notes.

SALEM, Or., Aug. 3.—Herren & Levy, of this city, today began a suit against C. F. Deitz and wife to set aside a deed to 108 acres of land in Marion County, valued at $2000. Plaintiffs have a small judgment against Deitz, and allege that Deitz transferred the property to Gideon F. Sherwood, and the latter to Mrs. Deitz, all without consideration and for the purpose of defrauding creditors of Mr. Deitz.

The body of C. A. Galarneau, who died at the asylum yesterday, was shipped to Portland today for burial.

Bruce Westfall, a woodchopper, aged 22 years, was received at the asylum today from Umatilla County. This man's permanent residence is not known.

Capital City's Mayor in the Surf.

Salem Journal.

The Mayor of Salem is one of the hottest bathers on the Castle Garden beaches at Yaquina Bay. He goes in once a week with high rubber boots.

Idaho Notes.

A Spokane mining man, named Garrett, is reported to be held by miners in Elmore County, as a prisoner, until certain arrears of wages are paid them.

The Government has under consideration a petition from Idaho residents to change the mail route from Florence to Warren instead of from Florence to Meadows.

The state has heretofore selected in