TOLD BY BONDSMEN

Connection With The Dalles Postoffice Trouble.

KNEW OF IRREGULARITIES IN MAY

Reported Matter to Washington and Asked to Be Released From Bond-Riddell Is Silent.

THE DALLES, Or., Aug. 6.—The facts made public by the bondsmen concerning the alleged irregular conduct of the postoffice here by El. H. Riddell, are further supplemented by a statement from one of their number today as fol-lows: The first the bondsmen knew of any trouble or irregularity in the office was on the Eld of last May, when they was on the Eld of last May, when they become aware that two small shortages had been discovered in Riddell's quarterly reports. They then instructed the shief dierk to keep a cjose watch of all malls, which besulted in the discovery of the letters being withheld two sets of wisch were to bendsmen. It was at this discovery, on June 1, that the bondsmen decided to ask the Postoffice Department for a release from the bond, feeling that they were amanfe in remaining longer as sureties where such bad faith was being shown. No reply was received from the Department to the received from the Department to the request for release, and it was not until July E, when the fact was made known to them that a new bond, bearing a recent date, had been fied in Whenington will their signatures, that they called an inspector to inquire into the matter. The bondsmen have no wish to work a hardship to Mr. Riddell, and had be heeded their warnings would have left him to finish his term, but upon finding that they were menaced with serious trouble, in order to protect them. ceived from the Department to the reperious trouble, in order to protect themserious trouble, in order to protect them-selves, it was necessary to report the facts to Inspector Ball. The bondamen feel that they have been exceedingly lement with Biddell, and would have continued to act in that manner but for his continued bad faith towards them. Representative Moody on being inter-viewed by The Oregonian correspondent, said he was first apprised of the pestoffice

roubles here just prior to the ment of Congress, when the bondsmen dispovered the withholding of letters, and

disnovered the withholding of letters, and requested the Department to release them from Eddoll's bonds.

An investigation was then ordered by the Department, the result of which, it has been generally understood, was the recommendation for removal. Apparently no action was taken by the Department upon the inspector's report, prior to the receipt of the new boad. This appearing on the face of it in conflict with the request of the bondsmen for with the request of the bondsmen for clease, accounts doubless for the De-artment's delay in acting on the In-pector's report. Riddell's name, as partment's feelily in acting on the inspector's report. Riddell's name, as
Prostimaster of this piace, was proposed
only a few days before Representative
Moody's term began. He promptly notified the Department and delegation at
the time that Riddell's record was bind,
and vigorously opposed his appointment.
Owing to these representations and to
the late hour at which his name was
accommodated was confirmation was bad at the late hour at which his name was proposed, no confirmation was had at that session of Congress. His name was presented again at this Congress, and was confirmed, notwithstanding the fact that Representative Moody renewed his opposition to the appointment and stated that he did so because there was evidence in his postoffice work that he had not changed his methods.

Fostmaster Riddell was asked today to make a statement of his side of the case in the controversy, but refused to

se in the controversy, but refused to Early Morning Fire.

At 5 o'clock this morning a serious fire broke out in a row of frame buildings socupled by stores on Second street, east of Laughilin, and for a time meaaced the whole cast end of town. The fire the whole cost end of town. The fire originated in the store range next to the Obarr House, a big frame hotel, which would have made a most disastrous fire, if ignited. Owing to the efficient work of the fire department, and the fact of there being no wind stirring, the blaze was confined to five buildings, which were generally destroyed. The sufferers by the fire are C. S. Smith, grocory store, totally destroyed with contents, some insurance: Weaver & Havits, some insurance: Weaver & Havward, soda works, partially destroyed, full insurance; Blondin, barber, store and shold goods, total less, some insur-Charles Burchtorf, locksmith, loss 1990, no insurance; Cohan, clothler, to-

REGRET TO LOSE PRESIDENT. McClelland's Good Work at Forest Grove University Reviewed.

tally destroyed, insured fully.

FOREST GROVE, Or., Aug. 8.—The first definite knowledge of President Mc-Clelland's acceptance of the proferred presidency of Knox College was received ers by the public through the press dispatch in this morning's Gregorian from Galesburg, Ill. Though it had been known Galesburg, Ill. Though it hild been known that Dr. McClelland was considering such an offer, the college and townsp were in hopes that he might be persuaded to continue his connection with the school here, for which he has done so much and whose future, through his noministration. was opening up such a bright vista of possibilities. President McClelland, in an interview this afternoon, expressed deep regret in breaking ties that have bound him so close to the school and to the

townspeople, but higher duties called him to broader fields of duty. He in very warm terms expressed the fullest con-fidence in the future of Pacific University. and commendation for the entire harmony and success of its present workings. It appears that Dr. McCielland's resigna-tion has been in the hands of the trustees for some time, and they have been considering plans for the appointme essor, so that no break will occur work of the schoo. In the work of the school.

At his first coming Dr. McClelland poured oil upon the troubled waters in

which the school had been, and during his aine years' incumbency he made friends for Pacific University, not only in Oregon, but wherever in the Middle West and East were to be found those interested in Christian education. The college courses were strengthened to bring them abreast with the modern college ideas, the system of election was made more liberal, and a considerable amount of apparatus was added. Marsh

Memorial Hall was erected at a cost of \$50,000. The other buildings were remodeled and refurnished, and an addition of ever \$100,000 was made to the permanent endowment, besides ether funds which were raised for special purposes and current expenses from year to year. and current expenses from year to year. Local matters were not lost sight of by him, and President McClelland has been an influential factor in every effort which has made for better citizenship during his residence in Forest Grove. His departure is sincerely regretted, but the great good he has done in Pacific Unihas been permanent and his influence will continue

LABORERS SCARCE IN BAKER CITY. Employment for All Who Desire It-Severni Classes of Work.

BAKER CITY, Or., Aug. 6-Laborers are scarce in Baker City, even more so than at any time during the present year. There is no excuse for a workingman to be out of employment here, unless he is waiting to full into an easy job. The harvest season has absorbed most of the murplus laborors, but in two or three weeks these will return from the harvest fields and seek other kinds of work. The farmers in a great many instances had to store their hay short-handed this sussion, although good wages were offered. The ruling wages paid was \$1, and in some called to account.

instances 22 56, and in other kinds of work the rate was proportionately high. Skilled miners are difficult to find, and scarce-y a day passes that mining men are not looking for good miners, and have

to take any one that comes along and await results. The water works is giving employment to all the floating idle laborers, and more than 80 men are now employed on the works. It is the inlention of the contract-ors to increase the force to 200 or 300 men as rapidly as possible, and every one ap-plying for work on the line is given

GOOD RAHLROAD PROSPECT

KLAMATH FALLS TO BE PLACED ON SOUTHERN PACIFIC LINE.

Meeting Called to Consider Project-Preliminary Survey Will Be Investigated.

LARGE TIMBER LAND DEAL.

Deed Conveying Over 10,000 Acres in
Line County Filed at Albany.

ALBANY, Or., Aug. 6.—A deed was
filed in the office of the County Recorder
this morning which required \$14 in revenue stamps to estiffy the demands of the
Government. It was from the Oregon &
California Raliroad Company, party of
the first part, the Union Trust Company,
of New York, party of the second part,
and Justin Wentworth and George K.

that a prominent man from this city was seen one day treading carefully through his orchard in the suburbs look-ing for Denny pheasants. It is further alleged that the Game Warden has been notified of these occurrences and an offi-cial visit is expected from him soon. Birds are plentiful, but that is no reason why hunters should violate the law with impunity.

APPOINTMENT NOT CONFIRMED.

Astoria Mayor's Police Commissioner Not Agreeable to Conneil.

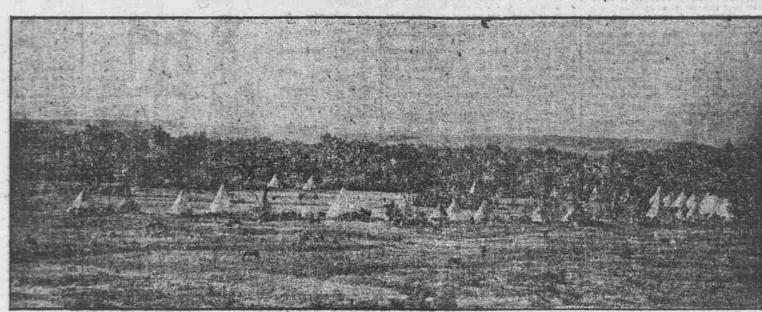
AN IMPORTANT STRIKE

MADE ON CONCORD GROUP IN SUMPTER DISTRICT.

Importance Cannot Be Overestimated -History of the Group-Other Mines in Same Section.

ASTORIA, Or., Aug. 6.—At the meeting of the Council this evening, Mayor Beigman appointed Leander Lebeck as a member of the Police Commission, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Commissioner W. F. Scheibe. The Council, however, refused to confirm the appointment, only three members voting in favor of it. No further appointment will be made until the general election in December.

An ordinance was introduced authorizing a two years' contract with the West Shore Mills to furnish 60 are street.



RECENT GREAT INDIAN ENCAMPMENT ON THE UMATILLA RESERVATION.

Photo by Lee Mourhouse.

Wentwerth wealthy lumber dealers of the country and the proliminary survey Bay City, Mich. parties of the third part, and conveys \$60.22 nores of fine timber land near Crawfordsville, for the consideration of \$73,877 48. Another deeed from eration of \$43,874 %. Another deeed from and to the same parties conveys 169 acres in the same vicinity for \$1200, and a deed from George Finley to the Wentworth brothers conveys 359 acres for \$1200. This is part of the large bodies of timber being bought here by Eastern lumbermen, and is an indication of a live demand in the future for such property in our foot-hills.

Normal School, eight or ten leading Albany men, and others from different parts of the state, are in the city, together with the main body of Mazamas, who arrived tonight from Portland, about 50 in all. ready to start tomorrow morning for the summit of Mount Jefferson.

FULL OF FISH NETS AND TRAPS. Rogue River Is Marked From Mouth of Illinois River.

GRANT'S PASS, Or. Aug. 6.—At the last session of the Legislature a law was passed preventing the placing of fishtraps or nets in the Rogue River above Illinois River. The Rogue River, however, from the mouth of the Illinois River to the ocean is full of nets and traps, owned, by a San Francisco firm. Fishermen here, are quite indignant over the discrimina-tion, and it is probable that the next Legislature will be called upon to make some change in the law.

General Alaska News.

VICTORIA, B. C., Aug. 6.—The barge Camben has been condemned at Skag-Jack Dalton is building a new trail to Porcupine to be all American, at a cost of \$4000. The new boundary line threw the old trail into British territory.

A rate war has commenced on the Yukon. Passengers are new being carried from Skagway to Dawson for \$30.

SEATTLE, Wash. Aug. 5-M. E. Backentoss reached Seattle today, having ridden his blcycle, or walked where the roads were bad, all the way from New York. He claims to have made the trip in \$1 days, and is, of course, travel-ing in the interests of several bicycle

Oregon Notes.

B. Gleda, a sheepman of Condon, died recently in Texas, from consultances considerable property. John Wintgen, a '52 pioneer of Oregon, who spends most of his time in Germany and New York, is in Jacksonville,

The O. B. & N. Co.'s gang of track-layers has completed its job of putting down heavy rails on the branch from La. Grande to Elgin. The capture of a gull in Antelope's res-

servoir is reported by the Herald, which thinks the water basin must have been "mistaken for an arm of the Pacific." The Albany ice factory, although running night and day, is unable to supply the demand, and a carlead of ice was brought up from Oregon City on the 5th. The Medford Enquirer says that "lum-ber is being hauled to the mouth of Elk Creek, by order of the United States Gov-, with which to build a new

The Toledo Leader reports a sample of pleplant" or rhubarb, grown in that own, whose leaf is 21 feet in circumference, and whose stalk is seven inches in diameter.

The Hon. Peter Fordney, joker, has returned to Wallowa County from South-ern Oregon, where he did not find it desirable to engage in the business of breeding elks for their teeth.

Mrs. Snell, of Arlington, reached down into a can for eggs, only to find her hand upon a writhing creature and hear the sing of a rationake. Fortunately, she escaped its fangs, but was sick from

A number of Willow Creek ranchers are said by the Huntington Herald to have contracted for the delivery of a large number of cows at Snake River The purchasers are Boise men, and the contract price is said to be \$30 per head. Henderson Harrer, a resident of Fox Valley, aged & years, was dragged to death recently by a horse. Mr. Harrer formerly owned the old Prairie City townsite. He leaves a wife, two sons and three daughters, all grown, to mourn his

Medford's \$30,000 bond issue has bee taken by the bank of that town, at 5 per cent. The money enables the Treasarer to take up \$20,000 of water bonds. pay six months' accrued interest, and re-feem \$5000 of gutstanding 8 per cent warrants.

the country and the proliminary survey of the proposed railway and enter into contracts. It is expected that Messrs, Thompson and Lyman will go out to Klamath County in a few days. George T. Baldwin, the president, and Rufus S. Moore, vice-president, arrived from Klamath Falls, and David Horn, the treasurer, from Hornbrook, this afternoon to attend tonight's meeting. The keepest interest is taken in this section. keenest interest is taken in this section and in Klamath and Lake Counties over the prospect of the building of this

CONVENTION FOR TEACHERS. Second Annual Meeting of Eastern

Division of State Association. SALEM. Aug. 6.—The programme for the second annual convention of the east-ern division of the Oregon State Teachers' Association has been prepared by the executive committee, consisting of J. A. Churchill, Baker City, W. H. Stalker, Baker City; J. H. Ackerman, Salem; E. B. Conklin, Pendleton, and J. C. Conley, Joseph It is said that in point of speakers this programme is the strongest that has ever been arranged for an educational meeting in this state. The principal speaker is J. M. Greenwood, superintendent of the public schools of Kansas City, Mo., an educator of National reputa-tion. The associations will convene Wed-nesday. September 5, at 1:30 P. M., and will adjourn Friday evening, September

7. The programme is as follows: Wednesday Afternoon. 1:50 o'clock-Preliminary remarks, J. A. Churchill.

"Art in the Public Schools," P. L. Campbell, president State Normal School, Mon-mouth, Or. "Rural Work," J. M. Greenwood, superintendent schools, Kansas City, Mo.
"Things vs. People." S. B. L. Penrose,
president Whitman College, Walla Walla,

Enrollment of members,

Wednesday Evening. Addresses of welcome-Baker City, Hon. W. F. Butcher; public schools, Hon. C. A. Johns Responses—J. F. Nowlin, School Superintendent, Umatilla County; O. M. Gardner, principal schools, Cove, Or.; E. E. Bragg, School Superintendent, Union

President's address, J. A. Churchill. Thursday Morning. o'clock-"Relation of Society School." C. L. Gilbert, County School Superintendent, The Dalles, Or.

"Rural Work," J. M. Greenwood, Super-intendent Schools, Kansas City, Mo. "Reading in Primary Grades," J. L. Landers, Superintendent Schools, Dalles, Or.
"The Training of the High School Teacher," Dr. Frank Strong, President State University, Eugene, Or.

Thursday Afternoon. "Ethles in the Public School," Rev. J. bthics in the Public School, Rev. J.
R. N. Bell, Baker City, Or.
"Misfit Puplia," Frank Rigler, Superintendent Schools, Portland, Or.
"Graded Work," J. M. Greenwood, Superintendent Schools, Kansas City, Mo.

Thursday Evening.

Lecture, Dr. Frank Strong, President State University, Eugene, Or. Friday Morning.

"Future of the Normal School," D. V. S. Reid, Weston, Or.
"Is Compulsory Eudcation in Oregon
Feasible?" Rev. J. R. N. Bell, Baker City, Or.
"Graded Work," Frank Rigier, Superin-

tendent Schools, Portland, Or.
"Graded Work." J. M. Greenwood, Su-perintendent Schools, Kansas City, Mo. Address, Dr. J. A. Beattle, President State Normal School, Weston, Or. Friday Afternoon.

"Rural Work," Frank Rigler, Superintendent Schools, Portland, Or. "How May the Efficiency of Rural Schools Be Increased?" Hon. J. H. Acker-man, Superintendent Public Instruction, Salem, Or. "Rural Work." J. M. Greenwood, Supertendent Schools, Kansas City, Mo. "The Sckirks of Oregon," S. B. L. Pen-

ose, President Whitman College, Walla Walla, Wash. Friday Evening. Lecture, J. M. Greenwood, Superinten-dent Schools, Kansas City, Mo.

LARGE LOG DRIVE BEGUN.

6,000,000 Feet of Timber Destined for

Oregon City Paper Mills. INDEPENDENCE, Or., Aug. 8.—The advance guard of the big log drive of Spaulding Bros. has commenced to pass by this city. The drive comprises 6,000,-000 feet, and is composed of white fir and balm logs, and destined for the Ore-gon City paper mills. In moving this arge lot of logs, 40 men and eight horses are required. Three scows are required for the accommodation of the men and horses, besides numerous small boats. The drive is necessarily slow, as the logs

lights at \$7 per light per month, the City Hall to be lighted free of charge. A special meeting has been called for Wednesday to vote on the ordinance. It is not thought the measure will pass, as five members of the Council are opposed to having Patts at any price.

Charged With Theft.

A young man named Fred Kuhn, a resideut of Portland, was arrested here last night or a crarge of having stolen \$30 from Al Wyatt, at Seaside. The men had been rooming together there, and Kuhn charged with taking the money from Wyatt's clothes. He will be given hearing in the Justice Court on Thurs

Superintendent Coblidge, of the Astoria Street-Car Company, has returned from a trip to Puget Sound, where he was in consultation with the new owners of the road. He has been instructed that the company which will operate the road will be known as the Astoria Railway Company, and Mr. Coolidge, who will remain as superintendent, has been authorized to place the track in first-class condition. Before Winter a num-ber of new cars will be purchased and placed in use on the line.

Army Officer Transferred. WASHINGTON, Aug. 2.—Post Quarters master-Sergeant Matthews Legendre, now at Fort Walla Walla, Wash., has been transferred to Fort Riley, Kan.

Washington Notes.

Forest fires are raging near Medical Colfax is threatened with a water R. L. McCrosky's barn at Colfax was

burned Friday night. A machine for piling grain has been invented by a Colfax man. One salmon cannery at Fairhaven has received \$5,000 fish two days in succes-

Ad Gooding has been located, but not a trace is found of W. H. York, of Walla Walla. J. D. Barnett, of Ritzville, lost 300 sacks

of wheat, his barn and some fencing last Wednesday by fire. Charles Dorhn, employed on the West-port jetty, was drowned last week, and his body was carried out to sea. Denver Byers, a harvest employe, of

Colfax, was struck on the head and seriously injured on the 4th, by his employer Z.-E. Hardrock. The quarrel was over Ex-Senator Warner Miller, of New

York, was in Spokane last Saturday. He is said to be considering Kettle Falls, with a view to transmitting electric power to Republic. An unknown man committed suicide in a variety theater at Spokane the night of August 4. There was nothing in his clothing to identify him, and his body

lay all day in an undertaker's without being recognized.

The Colfax school district now has 750

pupils. The receipts of the district dur-ing the year were \$2,277 ib, and disburse-ments \$18,122 72. The debt of the district is \$60,605, and the assessed value of its property \$907,778.

Toustom County has two candidates for nomination for state offices on the Republican ticket. E. E. White seeks the nomination of Superintendent of Public Instruction, and Judge S. A. Callvert has announced his candidacy for State Land Commissioner. Henry Cunstone, for 30 years a resident

of Thurston County, died at his home at Independence, August 4, from kidney-troubles. He was a native of England, 75 years of age. Nine children survive him—Mrs. Harvey McClellan, Mrs. John Schwen and Robert, Jacob, John, James, Walter, Henry and George Gunstone. Largely as a result of the vigilant cru-

sade against owners of uniformsed bi-cycles, instituted by the president of the Tacoma Wheelmen's Association, and carried on by the Police Department, the City Treasurer has issued 455 licenses to date. It is believed the 5000 mark will be reached before the year is out. Harry Arlington, of Detroit, Mich., was

looking up some lots in "Harrisburg, a suburb of Tacoma," last Saturday, only to learn that there is no such suburb, and that the man to whom he put up \$500 had buncoed him. He takes the matter philosophically, saying that the fellow who tricked him was so clever that he feels like forgiving him. Club women of Tacoma are indignant at members of the Board of Education,

because of poor sanitary work in the schools. The board's fallure to employ a trained nurse to superintend the clean-ing of the buildings brings the matter to the attention of the general public The charges made are that the lavatories are not clean, the schoolrooms mopped but once a year, and the dust from day to day merely stirred up with feather dusters, etc.

tion of T. J. Driver, ex-Sheriff, as Marshal. No apointment for Recorder was made, and Mr. Gates still holds the position.

The practice of "rushing the growler" among the small boys of Huntington is assuming serious proportions, says the Huntington Herald. The go-betweens who impose upon the salons to accommodate the juvenile tipplers should be called to account.

for the accommodation of the men and horses, besides numerous small boats. The drive is necessarily slow, as the logs to the drive is necessarily slow, as the logs, and on the gravel bars, and much time is consumed in getting the afternoon of the th. His friend, H. T. Gardinler, soon rescued the body from the waters, but efforts at resuscitation who impose upon the salons to accommodate the juvenile tipplers should be called to account.

feet yesterday, and all in ore, average samples from which showed over \$500. The Concord group is situated on Red Boy hill, about 15 miles from here, and adjoins the famous and rich Red Boy property on the west. A history of the Concord is interesting. The oldest to cation on the property was made 14 years ago by August Bachman and George Cleaver, and the property ultimately came into the hands of two men named Tabor and Sheedy. About a year ago J. H. Robbins, president of the First Bank of Sumpter, with his brothers, W. W. and C. C. Robbins, obtained a bond W. and C. C. Roblins, obtained a bond on the same. The Concord Gold Mining Company was organized under the laws of the State of Oregon, and was the first Sumpter incorporation. The capital is entirely furnished by Pendleton and Sumpter people. The officers are C. P. Wade, cashier of the First National Bank, of Pendleton, president; J. H. Robbins, president of the First Bank of Sumpter vice-president and treasurer, J. A. Howard, secretary; W. W. Robbins, general manager, and C. C. Robbins, chemist. These gentlemen, compose the board of directors. The capital stock consists of 2,000,000 shures, with a par value of 10 cents 2 share.

That all Oregon people are not necessarily slow is proven in this case, as all, or nearly all, of the directors and promoters of the company are native sons of Oregon. Work was commenced on the property some time in January. There had been a few assessment holes stink on the surface when this company took hold. Since January 90 feet of tunders of these parameters and deliver. The mouth of on the same. The Concord Gold Mining

sunk on the surface when this company took hold. Since January 800 feet of tunnels have been driven. The mouth of the tunnel in which the above-mentioned strike was made is \$5 feet west of the Red Boy side lines, and is in \$55 feet. The purpose of the tunnel is to intersect what from the outcroppings on the apex of the property seems to be a large vein running about northeast and southwest. Trenches along the outcroppings have Trenches along the outcroppings have been dug and good values obtained. The tunnel will have to be continued 300 feet further in order to intersect this vain. When the tunnel had reached 305 feet from its mouth an ore chute was encountered, which did not appear on the surface of the ground. Assays were taken, which were very satisfactory, but the work was continued until the present length had been reached, when some one suggested that it might be as well to sink a winze at the point spoken of, as it would not interfere with the other work, with the result stated. The work is being well done, and the importance of the strike cannot be overestimated.

The Diadem group, owned by J. K. Pardee and General C. S. Warren, and which shipped seven tons of ore to the Baker City Sampling Works two weeks ago, which netted \$130 per ton after allowing baker City Sampling works two weeks ago, which netted \$130 per ton after al-lowing for hauling and smelting, has a carload of 11 tons ready for shipment. The property is situated in the Green-

The Potosi group, also situated in the Grsenhorn district, between the Little Giant and Bonanza, and distant four miles from the Bonanza, has encountered miles from the Bonanae, has encountered two feet of solid ore in the face of the tunnel, which assays \$5. The tunnel is in 600 feet. The property has been worked continuously for the past three, years, and has shipped two carloads of 20 tons capacity each, which averaged \$50 C5. The property is owned by W. E. Hurd and associates, of Portland, and is ot incorporated. Fourteen men are employed.

Courtland L. Parker, manager of the Portland Mining Stock Exchange, has been in Sumpter and the outlying min-ing districts for the past week, getting acquainted with the mineowners and has visited and inspected the North Pole. Columbia, Golconda. Mammoth, Bald Mountain, Ibex, Red Boy, Concord and various other properties, with a view to having them listed on his exchange, which is composed of some of the best-known bankers, lawyers and business men in Portland. Mr. Parker has been well received and much interest is being manifested in the business which brought him here. Unfortunately, some of the best paying mines are either foreign cor-porations or the property of private individuals who do not care to have the stock of their companies speculated in. Mr. Parker is an old-time Wall Street banker and broker, an ex-member of the old stock exchange and other exchanges, and is bringing to bear all the ability he has acquired by so many years of experience.

The mill on the Don Juan has been purchased by Mr. Laclaire, and is in process of removal to the Richmond property, adjoining the Bonansa. The Richmond is owned by Montreal people and has an ore body blocked out that will last for the capacity of this mill, which is 10 stamps, several years.

W. A. Farish, of Denver, one of Colorado's best-known experts, has been bere to examine the Ibex mine, owned by Simcos Chapman and associates, of Detroit, Mich. He expressed himself as highly pleased with the property, as well as with the Cracker Creek mines, which he cursorily visited. The purpose of the examination was not disclosed.

CENTER OF MINING DISTRICT.

side people possess the best-paying properties, and a good share of the profits naturally pass from the state. Under the present system, when a p ospector finds present system, when a prospector finds a good mine, the first tibing he wants to do is to sell it. If he fails, some so-called representative of an Eastern syndicate takes a bond on the mine, and ties it up for a few years, and then perhaps makes no purchase. Not only is this "prospect" injured, but all other proporties of a like nature. Several of the leading mining man here favor a united effort by the hustness man to encourance. leading mining men here in or a united effort by the husiness men to encourare a better method of handling these new discoveries. A mining exhibit, belonging to the community at large, would be a great assistance to those who want to investigate the mines.

Grant's Pass claims a population of \$500 mentle and until the recent courses.

Grant's Pass claims a population of \$2500 people, and until the recent course is public the figures will riand. The business done by the Southern Pacific Railroad at this station is immense, being something like \$11.000 a manth. Fire, last year, in the business district, made beal-ners houses scarce, and marchaota were. forced into small and inconvenient quarters. Work of rebuilding the burned district commenced at once and has contrict commenced at once, and has con-tinued until most of the buildings des-troyed have been replaced with substan-tial brick structures.

MINING STOCK REVIEW.

Weekly Letter of Wagy, Hengen & Wagy-An Active Market.

Wagy—An Active Market.

PORTLAND, Aug. 6.—An active market, accompanied by higher prices, has been prevailing since our last letter. It has had the effect of bringing the meritorious shares more prominently before the people and shows that there is plenty of capital eager to purchase shares in Oragon gold mining campanies where proporties possess demonstrated medi. The present low prices of a Summer market are being taken advantage of by the careful invester, who anticipates the careful invester, who anticipates the higher prices of the Fall and Winter by purchasing stocks when they are at their

lowest figure.

This fact is particularly emphasized in the case of Eastern investors, who in many instances are buying the higher class of stocks.

Helena, on account of its divisend-pay ing qualities, held place as favorite both by home and Eastern investors. There seems to be a growing demand for these shares, no doubt from the fact that this property has passed from the prospec tive to the dividend class. This com pany is now building roads and mairing extensive preparations to carry on devel-opment on an increased scale during the coming Winter. Five additional stamps are being installed in the mill. Lost Horse held steady at about 2% ents with a small amount changing hands

at 3 cents. May Queen was quite active during the week and prices were 2% cents and 2% cents, with a strong demand for these shares.

Copperopolis held at about the same figure with a considerable amount of

trading to its credit.

Mountain View made a very creditable advance with heavy trading.

Buffalo held about steady with light

sales, closing at 1% cents.

Helena No. 2 was in demand and took a bealthy advance in price, starting the first of the week at 5% cents and closing the week at 5% cents. This is due to the excellent showing on the property and the increased amount of develop

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

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Mining Stock Quotations. SPONANE, Aug. 6.-The closing hids for ofning stocks today were: Blacktail 30 12% Morning Glory. \$0 03% Butte & Boston 1½ Noble 30 12% 3 Princess Mand. 1% Butte & Boston Crystal 3 Princess Mand.
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NEW YORK, Aug. 6 .- Mining stocks today

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SMALLPOX IN WASHINGTON. Disease Confined to Skamania County Family-Sheriff Sottfied.

STEVENSON, Wash., Aug. 6.-The Sheriff of Skamania County has been no-tified that the family of Ed Underwood is afflicted with smallpox. Mr. Under wood lives at White Salmon, across the wood lives at White Salmon, across the Columbia River from Hood River. The family has been quarantined, and every precaution will be taken to prevent the spread of the disease. One of Mr. Under-wood's damenters who had been fully been been foundative. BEST! wood's daughters, who had been attending a sick patient, carried the germs home in her clothes. The cases are of a mild form.

spring a few days ago about two miles from here on Rock Creek. The water registers 35 degrees now, and it is predicted that it will be found quite hot when followed up. The water is impregnated with minerals, but has not been analyzed. Adolph Chamberlain discovered a hor en analyzed.

RICH PIND IN VIRTUE DISTRICT. Recent Strike on Quarts Golch One of the Best Yet Made.

BAKER CITY, Aug. 6.—The recent find in the Virtue district, on Quartz Gulch, about one mile east of the Virtue mine. about one mire east of the virtue mine, has been visited recently by scores of people, who pronounce it the best yet found in the district. The ledge has been stripped several hundred feet, and nearity every piece of rock broken off shows gold Extensive Pincer and Quartz Mines
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GRANT'S PASS. Or. Aug. 6.—Grant's
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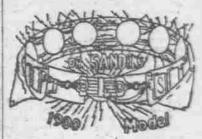
of over \$60 to the top the entire width of the vein. Messra, J. H. Parker and John Wilson own a third interest in the property. Other locations have been made in the vicinity, and these, too, show rich prospects. From present indications a very limited than a limited to the prospects. very lively camp will soon spring up on. Quartz Golch.

The Winterville diggings of Austin & Co. are proving to be good gold producers. Several handred dollars have been brought to this city this Summer for shipment to the mint. Mr. Austin today brought in \$1500 more. In the clean-up were a number of nuggets, averaging from \$50 to \$60. The lot was picked up from bedrock, lying around loose. About the middle of this month the final clean-up of the reason will be made and it is expected that a large amount of gold will be obtained. will be obtain

Burns Land District Decision. WASHINGTON, Aug. 2.—The Secretary of the Interior has affirmed the Land Office decision cancelling the timber culture entry of Frances C. McGee for a quarter section in the Burns land district, Oregon. This truct accrues to the Willamette Valley & Chacade Mountain Wagon Road Company.

Fall Causes Injury. SHERIDAN, Ot., Aug. 6.—Mrs. Sidney Mahler, of Oceson City, received a fall at Cape Klwandi, near Ocean Park, yea-terday, fracturing both bones of her right ankle. She was brought here for medical againstance, and is improving nicely.

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