ROGERS? FAWCETT?

Two-Thirds Rule Will Defeat Both for Governor.

FUSIONISTS ARE MUCH UNSETTLED

The Voorhees Candidacy Will Be Strong, if Spokane Pavors Him-Complications in King County.

SEATTLE, Wash., Aug. 12.-If the twothirds rule is insisted upon at the union convention next Monday, it is easy to see that it means defeat for both the leading Gubernatorial candidates, Rogers and Fawcett, and that a third man must be taken up. He may be Charles S. Voor-been, of Epokane, and he may not be The Spokane delegations are in Sanator Turner's hands, and will be disposed first to consult his wishes and interests. But they are not tied up in any unit rule, and they are under no instruction to do anything for anybody. So they may get away from Turner, and be carried off with the food tide of Voorheer undoubted popularity. The Senator is earnestly doing all he can in behalf of Governor Rogers. To that end he has regarded with friendly eye the aspirations of F. C. Robertson to be Representative in Congress. Robertson is from Spokane and it would seem, if Voorhees' candidacy would hurt Turner, as much might be said of Robertson's candidacy. Senator Turner appears to be choosing the lesser of two evils. The Robertson alliance is made because it will sidetrack Voorhees, and leave the way open to delivery of the delegations to Rogers. It was necessary to take up Robertson to shut out Voot-hees; and it is necessary to exclude Voorbees in order to keep faith with Rogers, and not because Voorhees' nomination for Governor would hurt Turner any more, or much more, than Robertson's for Congress. The state at large has in the past regarded with peculiar indu-Spokane candidacies for Senator gence Spoans canadacies for Senator and Representative. Three out of four members of the Congressional delegation at one time hailed from that city—Senator Wilson, Senator Turner and Representative W. C. Jones. But this congestion of Congressman within the limits of that or congressman within the limits of that lively city was short-lived. Not all be-longed to one party. The Republican party once deliberately called Wilson and Hyde from Spokane, and the fusion party Turner and W. C. Jones. So there is precedent in both parties for calling upon Spokane to supply material for one-half the entire Congressional dele-

Tom Maloney, the Democratic boss, claims that he already has Governor Rogers beaten, and he is ready to supply the figures to show it. He claims that Rogers will not have more than 150 wotes in the Democratic convention; while the Fawcett and other anti-Rogers men profess to see something like 400 votes in sight. All these calculations are based upon the expectation that as the Democratic convention goes, so will go the union convention. All the candidates for Governor are Democrats, the nomination being conceded to that party. This shows the remarkable change in the whirlight of fusion fortunes in four years. Then the Democrats were lucky to be the tall of the fusion kite. Now they are the backbone of the whole structure. There will be a strong movement this year to give the united parties the Demo-cratic name; and just here will be a ripe opportunity for a great row. A quarrel more or less will add very little to the difficulty of getting together. The parties have never yet fused until the tempers of all were at white heat, which is the fusing point. Regers, despite his assessay from the Populist party to the Democratic, still retains a very powerful hald on the former party, and will, it is probable, come to Seattle with a majority of the delegates. He lost the Democratic of the delegates. He lost the Democratic delegation from Perce, his home county, but he will have the solid 20 from the Populist convention as well as the 14 Sliver Republicans. In King County the Populist convention declared for Fawcet, Democrat and a Tacoma man. This is plicable on the ground that the Seat-Populist leaders are practically unani-ous in their opposition to Rogers, and their hostility is largely personal. John P. Fay and Alaska Davis were summarily dismissed from the office of University Regents by the Governor; Bob Bridges, Land Commissioner, has been persona non grata to Rogers, the Governor, from the first. The origin of their troubles is found in the fact that Bridges is a single-taxer—one of the kind that the single tax has selsed as with disease—and Rogers is not. Eugene Way, who single tax has select as with universelect and Rogers is not. Eugene Way, who comes very near being the Populist boss comes very near being the Adddr long-legs in Searce, and who is the daddy long-legs of all the single-tax tribe, is against Rogers first, last and all the time for the same reason, and perhaps for other reasons. So it comes about that not one stray voice has been raised among the Populists of King in Rogers' behalf. They do not love Fawcett more, but Rog-ser a great deal less. They complain that Rogers has never listened to them. Their omplaint is well founded, for he has not, to the great benefit of the state. truth is that there is harsher criticism against Rogers as the state's chief exscutive among Populists-once his own ople-than there is among Republicans. ere are few of the latter who will not admit that he has made a satisfactory Governor, and there are none who will not say that he has done the best he could, according to his lights. All the time, Rogers, and nobody else, has been Governor; and that's what's the matter with the Ways, Fays, Bakers, Maloneys, Tugwells and Davises. If he had heeded them, he might have had no trouble about his renomination; but he certainly would have a great deal about his elec-

King.

Snohomish.

ing Times, has been having son to say lately as to the Govern cratic delegation to insist that Fawcett be at least opposed. There are

may be switched off. Moore made the fight in the primaries with Ronald, and is entitled to his delegation. But it has become obvious that the Democrats of King County are asking too much, and King County are asking too much, and there is a disposition to support Judge Winsor, a Populist, for the same position. If there were a steering committee to arrange the distribution of offices among the various parties, Moore could be eliminated by the simple process of giving this office to the Populists. It may be yet that the union convention will decide before any nominations are made that there shall be a definite assignment of the several offices to Popullsts, Democrats and Silver Republicans, as such. The latter

THE OLD TOWN OF HARNEY

OF SLOW GROWTH, BUT HAS SUB-STANTIAL PROSPECTS.

Center of Range Horse Industry-Promising Mining District Opening Near.

Returning with the water and pursuing their journey they retained these objects. Several days later they met a party of gold prospectors who were shown the gravel obtained at the spring and upon closer examination they proved to be gold suggets. "Why," said the old lady, "I could have dipped up a blue bucket full of them!"

of them!"

From that day to this search has been made for the Blue Bucket mines. A party out from Portland spent a whole Summer looking for the Blue Bucket mines under some clew it thought it had. fore any nominations are made that there shall be a definite assignment of the several offices to Populista, Demograts and Silver Republicans, as such. The latter may expect to get little or nothing in any event.

HARNEY, Or., Aug. M.—The town of Harney, situated within a mile of old Fort Harney, in Harney County, is one of the oldest towns in the county, and is one of the oldest towns in the county, and is one of the smallest and most inactive. A prosperous ranch covers the seat of the old fort and not a vestige of the former war scenes remains. For years Harney has been on a standstill. The houses have gradually gone to rack, the former war scenes remains. Congress—J. T. Ronald, of King; F. C. Robertson, of Spokane, and James Hamilton Lewis, of King, (Democrats), and the bounds in the bo

The second monster ocean raft con-structed at West Scattle left Wednesday morning for San Francisco, in tow of the tugs Tatoosh and Rescue. The raft is built according to a system patented by Captain Hugh R. Robertson, of the Robertson Raft Company. It is 633½ feet long, 56 feet in width at the widest part, 55 feet down and down and down and down and feet and the state of the 85 feet deep and draws 25 feet of water. It is bound together by chains made of 1½-inch iron, and placed 12 feet apart. The raft tapers almost to points at both ends. Captain Robertson states that he cannot approximate the amount of lumcannot approximate the amount of tum-ber in the raft, but probably 800,000 feet of piling would be a safe estimate. The time usually needed for the construc-tion of such a raft is about four months, but this one was under way for nearly

The steamship Californian having been taken by the Government as a transport, interfered with the plans of the American Hawaiian line only temporarily. The

Lumber for Australia. ASTORIA, Or., Aug. 23.-The barkentine

Marine Notes. British ship Frankistan left down the

loading wheat yesterday, and will probably clear today.

umber for Delagos Bay at the unusually high rate of 92s 6d. The British ship Riversdale, from Hamburg, entered at the Custom-House

Domestic and Foreign Ports.

ASTORIA, Or., Aug. 22.—Condition of the bar at 5 P. M., rough; wind, south; weather, fog and rain. Arrived—At 6:20 A. M. and left up at 10 A. M., steamer State of California, from San Francisco. Hogulam, Wash.—Arrived August 22, steamer Newberg, from San Francisco, for Aberdsen. for Aberdeen.

from Genoa, Naples and Gibraltar for New York.

and Hamburg. New York, Aug. 23.-Sailed-Koenigen Luise, from Bremen via Southampton.

DISPLAY OF FORCE. A Probable Naval Demonstration

The establishment of the European station is looked upon here as a move in the collecting of the indemnity due from urkey. The squadron will gradually e increased in strength, and it is spenly said that in the Fall a cruise will be made into the Mediterranean. By that time, unless the Porte manifests a willingness to pay, a considerable display of force is calculated on.

cle says: Trouble is brewing in the Order of Railway Telegraphers. The immediate cause of the trouble is the action of W. V. Powell, president of the order, in suspending George Estee, chairman of Division 58. For some time there has been much dissatisfaction among the telegraphers re-garding the administration of certain reg-ulations which refate to the insurance benefits of the order. President Powell took a stand that was distasteful to the members, especially to those of Division 53, and when Estee was called on to exe-cute the orders issued by his superior he hesitated and finally referred the matter back to headquarters. The correspond-

Lost in Arizona Desert. THE DALLES, Aug. 23.-From a dis patch received here this morning, it was learned that Norman Wilson, a former esident of this city, had been lost in the desert in Arizona. He had gone on an outing trip with several companions and became separated from them, and search for several days failed to find him. It is feared that he has perished in the desert, Norman Wilson was reared in this city, and went to Phoenix, Ariz., a few years ago for his health. He was engaged in

His sister, Mrs. B. S. Huntington, resides here, and a brother, Fred Wilson, is engaged in the mercantile business in Prineville. Much anxiety is felt here on account of the meager news received here.

Extend a Logging Railroad KALAMA, Wash., Aug. 23.—C. T. Brock, of Stella, Cowlitz County, was in this city yesterday to secure the services of Surveyor Bystrom in surveying an extension to his logging railroad, on Coal Creek. The main line, which is laid with steel rails, and is in every particular first-class, is about eight miles in length, and will be extended about two miles. Branch lines to the extent of two miles will also

WILL BUILD STEEL SHIPS

CONTRACTS CLOSED FOR A NUMBER AT CHICAGO.

Seventeen of Them Will Cost About \$3,700,000, and Have a Capacity of 90,000 Tons.

CHICAGO, Aug. 23.—Contracts were closed here today for the building of a number of steel ships by the American Ship Building Company. Seventeen had aiready been contracted for. The rush, it is said, is due principally to the drop In the price of steel, the current price being \$25 per ton for steel plates, as compared with \$70 during boom times. The 17 boats contracted for previous to today will cost about \$3,700,000, and will have a combined carrying capacity of 90. 600 tons. The building work will give employment to 7000 persons. All the boats contracted for are to be freighters.

Seattle Log Raft Starts.

Takes Californian's Place.

can rinwalian line only temporarily. Ine people behind it are not easily discouraged, and the company has secured the steamer Hyades to load at New York for San Francisco direct, salling about September 5. This fills in the place of the Californian and the plans of the company now will be carried out according to the original schedule.

Addenda cleared at the Custom-House today for Melbourne, Australia, with 772,476 feet of lumber, valued at \$334.76. She was loaded at the Knappton mill, and will leave out tomorrow.

river yesterday.

British ship Robert Rickmers finished

The German ship Wilhelmina has been chartered at Vancouver, B. C., to load

terday. Her cargo consists of 20,895 bar-rels of Portland cement.

San Francisco, Aug. 23.—Arvived—Steamer Columbia, from Portland; schooner Five Brothers, from Coquille River. Sailed—Steamer Titania, for Nanaimo; schooner Pioneer, for Astoria; schooner Joseph and Henry, for Coquille River; steamer Arcata, for Coos Bay. San Diego, Cal.—Salled August 22, Ger-man bark Bertha, for Seattle.

Eureka, Cal.—Arrived August 22, steamer W. H. Kruger, from Tillamook.
Kobe—Arrived August 20, schooner
Prosper, from Port Townsend.
Dungarven Bay—Arrived August 22,
British ship Allegiance, from Seattle.

Rotterdam, Aug. 23.—Arrived—Amsterdam, from New York. St. Michaels, Aug. 23.—Passed—Ems,

Against the Porte. WASHINGTON, Aug. 23 .- It is authoritatively stated today from the Navy Department that the new European station will be thoroughly established by the end of the present week. The new battle-ship-Kearsarge has been chosen for the flagship, and the pennant of Rear-Admiral Rodgers will probably be flying over it

Trouble Among Telegraphers. SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 22.—The Chron

ence that followed did not contribute much toward the settlement of the misun-derstanding, and a few days ago the edict of suspension was issued.

business there.

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MAY OPEN CINNABAR MINE

DIMINISHING SUPPLY HAISES PRICE OF MERCURY.

Rich Deposits in the Siskiyou Mountains Near Ashland-Gold Mines of Southern Oregon.

ASHLAND, Aug. 33.—The recent advance in the price of mercury, with little probability of reaction, may stimulate some new discoveries in the Siakiyous. some now discoveries in the Slakiyous. Prospects of this mineral have been obtained often in the Slakiyou Mountains, and considerable development work was done in at least two locations a number of years ago. The mine at Cinnabar Springs, worked successfully by Jackson-ville men for several years, is now being examined into. When in operation this mine proved to be rich enough in ore, but the low price of the metal and the exbut the low price of the metal and the ex-cessive cost of transportation rendered further development of it unprofitable. Now things look more promising for cinnabar. Some fear is felt in the trade that the world's production of quicksilver is likely to prove unequal to the demana. The total supply in 1899 was \$,000 flasks, from Spain, Italy, Austria and Califor-nia. This was less than for quite a nia. This was less than for quite a number of years. The production of the cinnabar mines of California, the only largo producers on the American Continent, has declined alarmingly.

Just across the fork of the Little Ap-

plegate, from Wagner's Peak, not is miles from Ashland, there are some extensive cinnabar deposits, likely to become imfrom Genoa, Naples and Gibraltar for New York. Plymouth, Aug. 23.—Arrived—Auguste Victoria, from New York, for Cherbourg has been driven into one of these claims, which disclosed an extra heavy deposit. Several years ago this cinnabar deposit. like the one at the Cinnabar Springs, was worked for a time, the ore being extractdropped on account of the heavy decline in the price of mercury. A number of men are now out looking up this prop-

erty and prospecting in its vicinity. The Ashland mine, in this city, continues to give splendid results. The ore chute at 425-foot level, from which so much fine ore has been taken in the past few months, is 150 feet long. They have recently struck a very rich body of ore at a still lower level. The shaft is now down 560 feet. The full crew of 25 men working at this mine are kept at work on night and day shifts. B. Carille, who has worked almost continuously in this mine for five years, is now acting as superintendent at the mine works, under the direction of the general manager, Mr. G. E. Ingersoll. The quartz mill of the Ashland, situated at the corner of Helman and Mechanic streets, is pounding on rich rock day and night,

J. W. Opp, the mining men recently from Montana, who has bonded the Gold Standard mine, on the left fork of Jackson Creek, situated about threfrom the county seat, and owned by Ash-land men, is now engaged in doing much rosscutting work on the property. The Gold Standard has developed into one of the very best of the newer mining prop-erties in this section of the state.

Now that the litigation over the title of the Whitney ledge, near Tolo, has been settled by the United States court and the title to the valuable property vested in J. W. Mitchell, a practical miner, came to this section from Colorado a few months ago, work has been resumed on the mine by him. This ledge is 8 or 19 feet wide, and it goes \$30 to \$30 to the ton, while some of it has done as well as \$120. The settlement of the title to this Whitney ledge will give a great impetus to quartz mining in its vicinity. S. J. Fore, the proprietor of the Blue Jay mine, near Cole's Station on the Southern Pacific, south of Ashland, is now engaged in placing his new five-

ection of the new stamp mill on the A splendid strike has been made on the dren. Bumble Bee mine, situated near the Blue Jay, by three miners named Chenoy, De-Camp and Sutton. They struck a ledge of ore and with a hand mortar pounded out gold from the rock in a few hours that totaled \$1200. So pleased are they with the prospects of the property that they have ordered a two-stamp quarts

is open. I. W. Miller is superintending

mill to be built in this city. D. B. McDaniels, who has been working on a tunnel on his claim on the south side of Beaver Creek, for several years, has cut a ledge of productive rock some four feet thick. If this should make a ood mine, it is said that there are so peculiarities of the formation, duplicated elsewhere, which would insure other

ton district. The width of the ledge where the tunnel cuts it is reported to be 46 feet, with a 13-foot pay chute. Samwhere the tunner cuts it is reported to be 4f feet, with a 13-foot pay chute. Bam-ples across the face of this 12 feet were assayed here yesterday, giving a value of \$40 to the ton. G. G. McNamara, speak-ing of the property, says the line of this property is about 1000 feet from the Cou-ray null and is on the same yell. The property is about 1000 feet from the Cou-gar mill, and is on the same vein. The ore at this point on the ledge is much richer than at the same relative location in the Cougar mins. The latter being one of the best properties in Grant County, there is every reason to believe the South

Cougar is all right. The recent strike was made at a depth of 70 feet from the sur-face, and 90 feet from the mouth of the tunnel. Mining Stock Quotations. Helena No. 3 Inabelia Inabelia
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Isabella SPOKANE, Aug. 28.-The closing bids for

Biacktull Butte & l SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 28.-Official closing

NEW YORK, Ang. 23 .- Mining stocks inday ed as follows:

HOSTON, Aug. 28.-Closing quotations: Adventure ... \$ 2 50 Humboldt ... \$ 25 04 Allousz M. Co. 1 00 Osecola ... 67 75 Armal. Copper ... 88 50 Parrett ... 61 75 Beat. & Mont. 317 00 Fants Fe Cop. 4 50 Butte & Boston 43 00 Ctah Mining ... 50 56 Cal. & Heclin. 750 00 Winuna ... 3 09 Centennial ... 18 75

NORTHWEST DEAD.

Walter S. McKee, of McKee. WOODBURN, Or., Aug. 23.—Walter S. McKee, a native son, died at his home, at McKee, this morning, aged 33 years. Deceased was born at McKee, and was wide-ly known and a highly esteemed citizen. He was a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and also an active member of the Woodmen of the World. His father, David A. McKee, and five brothers and four sisters, survive. The funeral will take place Saturday.

LEWISTON, Idaho, Aug. 21.—Marion Shellman, a well-known farmer residing near Anatone, Wash, committed suicide stamp mill on the property, as well as three Jacobs concentrators, made by the Ashland Iron Works. The new wagon road to the Blue Jay and the Poole mine his wife. Wearled from long watching she fell asleep, and the suicide slipped out of the house and put a bullet through his head. He left a wife and three chil-

Miss Scharn's Brother Held. NEW YORK, Aug. 23.—The grand jury today indicted Frederick Scharn, brother of the murdered girl, Kate Scharn, fus burgiary, on the evidence of Mrs. Kehoe, who occupied rooms near Miss Scharn, and who accuses the young man of steal-ing her watch. If the prisoner should be released on a habeas corpus writ tomorrow, the police will rearrest him on the

The Oregon Mining Stock Exchange

properties being opened and making it a very good district.

Strike in South Cougar Mine.

BAKER CITY, Or., Aug. 23—A big strike was made a few days ago in the strike was made a few da

nation of Governor Rogers; and so does L. C. Gilman, one of his strong lieu, tenants. Gilman, although a friend of Ronald, has always been a strong sup-porter of Rogers; and it is doubties his influence that has caused Ronald to waver. Colonel Blethen, too, in his He has editorially declared he will not support Fawcett if he is nominated, because he is a Tacoma man, and because his personal record is such that the party would be on the defensive dur-ing the whole campaign. To be plain about it. Pawcett and his wife were divorced, and he at once married the woman named in the first Mrs. Fawcett's married the the city's employ, kept there, it the Times thinks there are many opis who do not approve that rt of thing in a public man, is due to Fawcett to say that any persons who know all the circumstances of his unfortunate troubles approve of what he did, and say that he is not blameworthy in any way. However, this unhappy affair is being at this early time urged as one of the objections to Fawcett, and there can be no death of the objections to the control of the objections to the control of the objections to be a control of the control of doubt that it will burt his candidacy. The blunt deciaration of the Times has affred up a great deal of bad feeling. It will have no effect on the King County Populist delegation, but it will encourage the few Rogers partisans in the Demo-

A complication has arisen in this ounty as to the Democratic delegation of the State Convention. It was chosen of further the candidacy of J. T. Ronald or Congress, after a severe contest with J. P. McElroy. The alignment was broadly between the Rogers and anti-Rogers forces, and the former were beat-en. Now Ronald is said to desire the



ton Daniels, of Clark, (Populists).
Supreme Judge-W. H. Moore, (Dem.),
of King, and L. H. Prather, (Pop.), of
Spokane, and Richard Winsor, (Pop.) of Lieutenant-Governor — E. C. Million. (Dem.) of Skagit, and W. E. McCros-key, (Dem.) of Whitman. Treasurer—E. C. Ferguson, (Dem.) of

Attorney-General-Thomas M. Vance, (Dem.) of Yakima. Land Commissioner—Robert Bridges, (Pop.) of King. Superintendent of Public Instruction-F.

J. Browne, of King.
It will be observed that Colonel Lewis classed as a candidate for two ofices. It may always be expected that Lewis will come in somewhere and so how for the consideration of the con-Clark Fusionists Inharmonious

VANCOUVER, Wash., Aug. 22.—Considerable dissatisfaction exists among Democrats, Populists and other fusionists in this city and county over the constant of the constant of the constant of the city and county over the constant of the constant of the city and county over the constant of the city and county over the city and county over the city of the ci ticket nominated yesterday. Democrats are displeased at the Populist nominees. and Populists are said to entertain the same feeling towards the Democratic representatives on the ficket. The Silver Republicans received no representation at all on the ticket, except a precinct nomi-nee in this city, and he it is said, re-fuses to accept. As a result, there is considerable talk today of withdrawing several of the nominees and substituting others less objectionable to the objectors. Request for resignation, it is said, will be made to C. J. Moor, of Skamania County, nominee for Joint Senator: V. J.

Fike, nominee for Auditor, and J. Mon-roe Wood, nominee for School Superin-The convention was dominated by Lieutenant-Governor Thurston Daniels and a few of his friends, whose chief alm was to select anti-Rogers delegations to the fusion state convention, with the result that but little attention was given to the selection of candidates for county offices. As a consequence, several nominations not on the prearranged programme were

The following precinct nominations for Justice of the Peace—Henry Van Atta. Constables—North Vancouver precinct, William Jaschke; East Vancouver pre-cinct, J. P. Smith; West Vancouver precinct, Gus Burgy.

Idaho's Silver Republican Committee BOISE, Idaho, Aug. 23.—The Silver Re-publican State Committee has been an-neunced as follows: C. E. Arney, of Banneck County, chairman; John Donaldson, of Fremont County; George H. Laky, of Nez Perces County; Mrs. Carrie D. Myers, of Ada County; and John C. Callahan, of Kootenal County.

COSMOPOLIS, Wash., Aug. 23.-The Republican County Central Committee met today at Montesano and organized oday at Montesano and organized cting Daniel Gillies, chairman; J. by electing Daniel Guiles, Last, R. O'Donnell, secretary; E. C. Story, treasurer, and Silas M. Smith, chairman

Chehalis County Republicans.

Killed by Outlaws. ST. LOUIS, Aug. 23.—A special to the Post-Dispatch from Dallas, Tex., says: Joe Alvarez, the richest cattleman of El Paso County, died today of wounds received last night in a pitched battle with four New Mexico outlaws on his and they opened fire on him. A Sheriff's and they opened fire on him and they opened fire on him. A Sheriff's and they opened fire on him and they opened fire on him and they opened fire on him and they opened for one of his gang. The others are being purcandidate for the Supreme Judgeship, sued toward the New Mexican border. gravelly-looking objects in the bucket.

Neal Cheatham, of Whitman, and Thurston Daniels, of Clark, (Populists).

Supreme Judge-W. H. Moore, (Dem.), of King, and L. H. Prather, (Pop.), of came panic-stricken within and was came panic-stricken within and was shunned like a pesthouse from without. The few that remained, with true Christian spirit, ministered to the suffering and now the epidemic has practically passed and Harney is taking on new life.

The manner of ministering to the suffering by a people who never saw a case of smallpox or had a case near them, is worthy of mention. The epidemic raged on ranches a few miles from town. Members of the plague-stricken families, who escaped the disease, waited on the others. The expeculeurs of the procedure of the plague stricken families, who escaped the disease, waited on the others. The expeculeurs of the plague stricken families, who escaped the disease, waited on the others. Becretary of State—Will D. Jenkins,
(Pop.) of Whatcom.

Auditor—Neal Cheatham, (Pop.) of
Whitman. who escaped the disease, waited on the others. The schoolhouse at Harney stands out to itself, some distance from the main town, and in its belfry is a large, old-time bell. When anything was needed in the small-pox settlement a runner was sent in who rang this bell needs returned to town and obtained the articles wanted and placed them where the messenger could get them. But the saddest tolling of this bell was when the messenger rang for a coffin

and shroud for a poor boy who died from the disease. When Harney County was created the old town of Harney was first appointed the county seat. A courthouse was the county seat. A courthouse was erected, Harney put on city airs, and the old-timers still talk about those good old times. A county seat election finally came on with all the proverbial bitterness, and Burns won the place by five It is a dangerous subject votes. touch upon yet at Harney. Then Har-ney had a fire shortly afterwards and the courthouse, which was no longer needed, was destroyed as well as the bulk of the town. She has had two such

fires and when the small-pox came, it looked as if the end had come. But it has had a different effect. Paint lumber are being ordered, contracts being let and the town is already showing signs of revival. The surrounding country justifies this. It is in the center of the principal grain belt of the valley. There are three sawmilis and shingle factories within 12 miles, and the Idle City mines are being developed only 15 miles away. Besides, Eastern Oregon's great foundation and mainstay-the stock industry-is just now booming in the vicinity of Harney. Horses are higher in price than for years before and Harney is the central point for this industry. Several individuals took down small droves Saturday and sold them to the Government agent at Burns, at an average of \$50 per head.

The three sawmills 12 miles northwest

from here have a capacity, respectively. of 25,000 feet, 10,000 feet and 5,000 per day, and work, all told, about 35 men. Two of the mills also have shingle factories in connection and turn out large consignments of shingles. The lumber brings \$10 to \$25 per thousand feet and the shingles bring \$3 per thousand. The timber behind these mills is inexhausttimeer bening these mills is inexhaustible—the mountains are covered with it, and it is of a fine grade of block pine. As the broad plains settle up below, which is going on at a rapid rate, the lumber industry here will grow. E. H. King is the owner of the largest plant, C. F. McKinney & Son are owners of the second plant and A. K. Richardson is second plant, and A. K. Richardson is

the owner of the small mill.

But the mining interest here is not the least interesting. Citizens think they are in the vicinity of the real Blue Bucket mines. These mines—the Blue Bucket mines—are the talk of Harney County. Years ago an immigrant train was passing through this section of the country. It was during the dry season and the company divided up and went out into the guiches in search of water. An old woman took an old-time blue water bucket and went away alone as did the others. After hours of wandering she came to a boiling spring and in dipping

up water she got some small, uneven,

been taken out of the placer diggings in this manner. Besides Sam Roach, few others have experimented. A reservoir and flooding process is now contemplated for next Spring.

The quartz taken from the prospects so far have made good as mys. One as say shows \$362 to the ton in gold, free miling. Another shows \$20 in gold, and 22 ounces of silver to the ton. There is plenty of timber adjacent to the mines. and it is said that water can be ob tained in abundant quantities by the storage plan. The mines are in a spur of the

mills, hay and grain of this section, some fruit is raised and vegetables thrive here. Harney, thus the immediate supply town, is bound to grow. There are no Eastern Oregon towns going backward now, for the eyes of the country are upon Eastern Oregon.

Oregon.

The town is incorporated. John Loggan

is Mayor, Robert Irving, Treasurer, Bill Gray, Marshal, and W. R. Crawford, Jasen Bennet, A. K. Richardson and Sum Gould are the Councilmen. Two general stores, two hotels, a blacksmith shop, a saloon and a livery stable are here. The blacksmith shop is one of the hest in the county. It is well equipped with modern tools and wagon and blacksmith work is done for a vast scope of country. Seaward & Crawford are smith work is done for a vast scope of country. Seaward & Crawford are the proprietors. Seth Bower & Co. do a good general merchandise business, Robert Irving runs the livery stable and J. C. Buckland, an old-timer, has the saon. There is a good school, where two teachers are employed, the Presbyterians have a church, and the town has a fine Town Hall. There is connection with Burns and the outside world by tele-

OMAHA'S POPULATION.

phone.

Census Shows a Decrease of Twentysix Per Cent.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 23.—The popula-tion of the City of Omaha, Neb., accord-ing to the official count of the returns of the twelfth census, is 102.555 for 1900, against 140,452 in 1899. These figures show for the city as a whole a decrease in population of \$7,497, or 25.78 per cent from 1890 to 1900. The population in 1880 was 30,518, showing an increase of 108,834, or 300.23 per cent from 1880 to 1890.

This is the first decrease in population so far shown in the enumeration of cities.

When Director of the Census Merriam

was asked about it he refused to say

anything, but in other official circles the

charge will be made that the rolls 10 years ago were padded. It is claimed that

old hotel registers and other devices were

utilized in swelling the population of the city at that time. A New Vanderbilt Heiress ASHEVILLE, N. C., Aug. 23.—A girl aby has been born to Mrs. George Vanderbilt in Biltmore House, Mr. Vanderbilt announced that her name will be The baby is heir

Negro Bustness League BOSTON, Aug. 23.—The National Negro Business League, made up of delegates from 25 states, assembled here today. The principal speaker of today's se was Booker T. Washington.