FOUL PLAY EVIDENT

Captain Beeson Did Not Drown in Willapa.

THROAT CUT AND HEAD HURT

All Pishermen on River Night of His Disappearance Will Be Arrested-Inquest in Progress.

SOUTH BEND, Wash, Sept. 4.—The body of W. A. Beeson, captain of the launch Lenore, who was missed last Thursday, was found near the mouth of Willapa River last evening with a cor tusion on his head and what appears to have been a deep cut on his neck. James Gates, an Astoria fisherman, and his boat puller, L. Olsen, who brought in the launch to South Bend and claimed sal-vage, were arrested on suspicion, but were later released, as the body could not be found. Now every fisherman known to be on the river Wednesday night will be ted. Gates and Olsen will be re-

At the autopsy held this afternoon, it developed that there was not sufficient water on the lungs to warrant the theory that Captain Beeson had drowned. It was also plain that the gash in his neck was made with a sharp instrument. The inguest will be continued tomerrow.

His Home in Astoria ASTORIA, Or., Sept. 4—Captain Beeson had resided in Astoria for a number of years, and he left a widow and two young children. During the fishing season just past on the Columbia, Captain Besson was running the launch Lenore as a tender to McGowan's Chinook cannet very careful man, but did injure some nets, and incurred the enmity of several fishermen. The latter part of the season he would not go out on the river in the launch at night, as several shots had been fired at him, and there was an evident intent to take his life. The body will be brought here for buriel

CAN'T STAND BRYANISM. Prominent Silver Democrats of Yal ima for McKinley.

ORTH YAKIMA, Wash., Sept. 4.-H F. Marble, the Fusion nominee for County Surveyor, states that as soon as the ex-ecutive committee of the Fusion campaign committee is named he will lay be fore it his announcement that he will not accept the nomination tendered by the convention. Mr. Marble's reason for this

action is very simple.
"I cannot consistently run for an office on any ticket when I expect to vote another," is the way he puts it.
Mr. Marble has always been a Democrat, he says, though he has been count ed as a Populist. He is one of the strongest men intellectually that the Fuists have had in this county, and is highly respected by all who know him. Four years ago he voted for Bryan. He was the Pusion nominee that year for County Surveyor, was elected, and served

term out with credit to himself.
shall wote for McKinley this year, said Mr. Marble today, "because I am an expansionist, and indorse the course of the Administration with respect to our foreign possessions. I cannot vote for can because it seems to me that under leadership the party has nothing to do but criticise and find fault. I am not wholly in accord with the Republican party. I simply cannot stay with my party on the issues of this campaign. I was for silver four years ago, and am not less so now, but at the same time I do not think the Democratic party in tends to do anything for silver, and I have come to the conclusion anyway that a settled financial policy, even with the gold standard, is better for the country than continued agitation of the money

John Louden, for many years one of the pillars of the Yakima County Dem-ocracy, states that he is dissatisfied with the party's course, and that he will vote McKinley this Fall. He voted for

CITY OFFICES TRANSFERRED.

Payment Made on Vancouver Street Improvement-Forfett Is Due. VANCOUVER, Wash., Sept. 4.-At the regular meeting of the City Council last evening the offices of the City Clerk and Treasurer and the Council Chamber were transferred from the Crawford & Mar-shall building to the Coovert & Eastham block; the transfer to take place Octo-ber I. Among the claims ordered paid was one for \$1235 78 to C. E. Watson, contractor for the Main-street pave This amount completes the 85 per cent of the full contract price for the work, allowed under the contract to be paid before the completion of the contract. The several days age and Contractor Weston is obliged to for it to the city \$5 for each day between the expiration of the contract time and the completion of the work, which will be deducted from the 15 per cent of the contract price reserved. Mr. Weston expected to finish the street

This morning a heavily loaded logging train coilided with a train of empty log-ging trucks on the Portland, Vancouver & Yakima Ratiroad, near the log rollway at this place. David Bays, a brakeman, was slightly injured by being thrown from the loaded train. The wreck caused no serious damage, several empty cars being thrown from the trestle on which collision occurred and the apron of the loaded engine being wrecked. The trestle was also slightly damaged.

INDIAN CHILDREN KILLED. Caught by Icebergs in Glacier Bay,

Alnaka. SKAGWAY, Aug. M, via Seattle, Sept. -The news of the fate that befell three Indian children a few days ago at the mouth of Glacier Bay leading to the great Muir Glacier is brought by T. J.

A party of six Indians in a canoe, two bucks, a squaw and the three children, was caught between two giant loebergs while on the way across the water. The glaciers, each as large above water as a huge steamship, ground the canoe to splinters. The older Indians escaped on one of the bergs, but two of the little ones dropped between the bergs to a chilly grave in the waters. The other child, a girl perhaps 8 years old, not upon a berg by herself and was subjected to the awful fate of having to remain there while it drifted off among countless other bergs and carried her to what considered certain death. The older Indians were rescued by a passing boat.
The berg which carried off the little castaway is supposed to have in time turned, as the bergs often do, and to then have thrown the child into the freez-

DATES FOR HEARING COMPLAINTS. Counties to Appear Before Washing.

ing waters.

ton Equalization Board. OLYMPIA, Wash., Sept. 4 .- The State Board of Equalization convened today and set dates for hearing complaints of Coun-

ty Auditors as follows: Saturday, September 5-Thurston, Ma-ion, Pierce and Lewis Counties. wednesday, September 12-King, Snohomish, Skagit, Chehalis, Cowlits and Kit-

Thursday, September 18-Kittitas, Yakima, Spokane, Adams, Walla Walla. Whitman, Franklin and Lincoin Counties.
Friday, September 14—Douglas, Jefferson, Clallam, Clarke, Chelan, Island, San

Skamania, Okonogan. Stevens, Columbia Garfield, Asotin, Klickitat and Ferry

Saturday, September 15, is set for the day of general hearing, also all repre-sentatives of railroads will be given op-portunity of appearing before the board.

BOY ACCIDENTALLY KILLED. Gun in Hands of His Brother Did the Mischief.

TROY, Idaho, Sept. 4.-Late yesterday evening Orie Day was shot and killed by his brother, Ed Day. The shooting was accidental. The gun, a 4-Winches-ter, was lying on the ground, the ham-mer resting at half-cock. Ed Day picked it up. While in the act of raising it the hammer silened and the grup was dishammer slipped and the gun was dis-charged, the ball striking Orie in the left side, passing through his bowels and lodging in the right side. A physician half an hour. The boy was 17 years old, and Ed is three years younger. The family are recent arrivals here.

VANCOUVER BARRACKS, Wash., Sept. 4—Acting Assistant Surgeon H. R. Parter has been ordered to the Presidio from there to be assigned to se China. Dr. Parter was with Glenn on the Cook Injet expedition in

1896. Later on he was with Lieutenant
J. S. Herron, Eighth Cavairy, when his
party was supposed to have been lost
between Cook Inlet and Fort Gibbons. Puget Sound Salmon Pack. TACOMA, Sept. 4.—The Puget Sound salmon pack will fall 600,000 short of last year. The catch was only 25 per cent of 1896, but cold storage men have taken a larger share than usual. Canners esti-mate its season's pack at 225,000 cases, as

against 900,000 last year.

Washington Industries. During the month of August, 280 buildng permits were issued in Seattle. The mprovements amounted to \$292,338. The presence of Northern Pacific sur veyors in Hoquiam revives the talk of the extension of that company's road from Hoquiam to Quinault.

The fruit evaporator being constructed at Walla Walls by Allen & Cable will be ready for operation within a few days The capacity of the plant will be 24 tons f dried fruit per day.

The Palouse County apple crop now as-sures an abundant harvest. It is estimated that Whitman County fruit will return to the growers nearly \$200,000. A steady market for the crop is found in the Middle West.

C. W. Taylor, of Walla Walla, has been appointed superintendent of the Washington & Columbia River Railway, with headquarters at Hunt Junction, and Al Kelling has been promoted to the office of agent in Walla Walla.

Shipments from the Yakima Valley have become so heavy that a special train of 0 cars was made up at North Yakima and an engine ordered from Ellensburg to take it out independent of the regular freights Monday. The train was loaded with hay, melons, fruit and potatoes for the Western and Northern markets Among the shippers is Judge J. L. Et vin, who will leave in a few days for Dawson, to which city he will ship several carloads of potatoes and Yakima products. Those who contemplated shipping to Nome have changed their minds and are seeking other markets.

Washington Notes.

Ellensburg was literally overrun with noboes last week, who followed in the wake of a circus.

Two daylight burglaries occurred at Seattle Monday. The thieves secured \$68. They wanted nothing but money There arrived at Fort Walla Walla Sun day 100 horses which were purchased in Southern Idaho and will later on be shipped to the Philippines.

Seattle people who belong to some of the various Greek-letter college fraternities, contemplate organizing an inter-fraternity alumni association. The Seattle recruiting office is doing

land office business these times. There is hardly an hour in the day but there are applicants at the office for enlist

Abner J. Spates, aged 60 years, an old colored resident of Port Townsend, died suddenly Friday night of rheumatism of the heart while engaged in a social game of cards.

Charles Preston was held up by awo masked men at Walla Walla Monday evening, but was spared from handing over any valuables by the approach of a pedestrian.

Now that the Fairhaven canneries have closed down, the Chinese population of the city is fast decreasing. The migra-tion this week is expected to reach 2500. The majority of the Celestials are headed

A detachment of 60 men of Troop E, Sixth Cavalry, under the command of First Lieutenant Nissen, left Walla Walla Monday for Fort Wright, Spokane, to relieve the Twenty-fourth Infantry, ordered to the Philippines.

What may prove to be a murder oc-curred at Colfax Monday night when a farm laborer named Stump was drugged, beaten on the head with a heavy board, robbed of \$110 and left for dead by a man with whom he had associated for several days. The injured man is hovering be-tween life and death, with the chances in favor of the latter.

An attachment has been levied for \$140,000 on some of the most valuable timber lands in Skagit County, the prop-erty of the defendant in the suit of W. F. Hays vs. the Richardson Land, & Timber Company, in the Superior Court of Skagit County, on the ground that the defendant owes the plaintiff this sum as a part of the purchase price of the

Captain Michael A. Healy, the well-known northern skipper, sailed to San Francisco in the big steamship Lawton last week. Captain Healy, who was in command of the United States revenue cutter McCulloch, has been for several weeks under treatment in the hospital for the insane at Stellacoom, but has so far regained his faculties that the authorities agreed to permit his removal.

Fire consumed between 700 and 800 acres of wheat in the Dry Creek section of Walla Walla County, Monday. Farmers in the immediate Vicinity turned out to fight the fire, but the stubble was so rank and dry that it was impossible to check the progress of the flames. The blaze is supposed to have been started by a spark from an engine which had passed along the roadside a short time

before the fire. William Stare, chief carpenter in the quartermaster's department of the United States Government, arrived in Tacoma Saturday evening from Washington, en route to Taku to superintend the con struction of the storehouses and bar-racks that the Government contemplates erecting at that place. Mr. Stare has been in the service of Uncle Sam for two years, and built most of the Government buildings in Porto Rico.

Eugene P. McCarthy, a late arriva from Nome, tried to commit suicide at Seattle Sunday by throwing himself in front of the noon Tacoma train. Officers observed his action, and pulled him off the track before the wheels reached him. He was taken to police headquar-ters and locked up. Before the day was over he became violently insane. Financial misfortune is said to be the cause

Colonel William L. Luhn, of the Thirtyfirst Infantry, formerly Adjutant of the First Washington Volunteers, is now com-manding officer of the garrison and dis-trict of Linguyan, Philippine Islands, where he has been stationed since Jan-uary 21. He writes Spokane friends that there has not been a hostile shot fired in his district within the last six months. The districts of Northern and Southern Luson are not yet entirely pacified, but the trouble there is made mostly by guerson, Claliam, Clarke, Chelan, Island, San rilla bands, who are disturbers of the Juan, Whatcom, Pacific, Wahkiakum, peace under any circumstances.

PRUNES OF GOOD SIZE

BY NO MEANS SO SMALL AS WAS EX PECTED.

Marion County Growers a Little Pussled Over Prices-The Proposed Oregon Hop Pool.

SALEM, Or., Sept. 4.—The first drops of this year's Petite prune crop have been cleared away, and the driers have got well started on the fruit that hung to the trees until matured. The reports now received are more encouraging, and it is said that the crop will not average as small in sizes as was expected. The Petites now being dried are of fair size, but not as large as the prunes of two

years ago.

A few growers began drying Italians or Fellenbergs yesterday. The results are surprising. Several growers report that their crops will come near averaging 30 to 40 to the pound. An average of 40 to 50 to the pound would ordinarily be considered an excellent crop. Dr. Reynolds, James Winstanley and Charles L. Dellay are ement these who report that Dalley are among those who report that they will have a considerable proportion of Italians that will go 20 to 30 to the pound, a size that is seldom even men-tioned, and for which no prices are quoted. So far as sizes are concerned, this crop of Italians has never been

Growers are puzzled over the prices se by the California association, but no more so than are some of the buyers. The price of 7 cents for 40s to 50s is for tes. Some say that the same grade of Fellenbergs should sell for nearly the same price. The lowest estimate heard is that 40s to 50s Felienbergs should bring 5 cents. As the crop will go one size larger than that, the Fellenberg prunes should bring at least 6 cents, and, computed on an average estimate, 6% or 7 cents. There are several, however, who think the California prices are too high for the large sizes, and that sales cannot be made at the figures given. Several sales have been made in this vicinity at 4% to 5% cents per pound for 30s to 40s. A number of contracts were made at about thes figures, and the growers are now inclined

o regret having made contracts. That Fifteen-Cent Hop Deal. It was reported in Salem this morning that the Oregon Hopgrowers' Association has closed a deal for 3000 bales of hops at 15 cents per pound. This announce-ment attracted wide attention, for it is generally known that the association has few, if any, of the 1900 hops to sell. If the association should bind itself to deliver 3000 bales of this year's hops, it would place itself in the position of a short buy er-one who has sold goods yet to be bought. As the association has always denounced the practice of contracting hops, and especially of short buying, there was considerable adverse comment on the action the association was reported to

have taken. When asked in regard to the matter Manager Winstanley said today that the association has not obligated itself to deliver hops at 15 cents. He said the situation in regard to the 3000-bale pool is the same as reported last Saturday-that an offer of 16 cents has been made, and that he will endeavor to form a pool. Winstanley says that while he is working on the formation of the pool, and has al-ready secured the hops of two growers, he is not enthusiastic over the matter for he believes the hops will sell at 15 cents, pool or no pool. If the pool should be completed, the hops will be sold to Lillenthal Bros. at 15 cents, as announce last Saturday.

One grower, in speaking of the report circulated this morning, said that the wrong impression should be corrected, for growers will lose confidence in the association if they are led to believe that it has sold hops that are not ready for delivery. By agreeing to deliver hops at a certain figure, the association would be placed in a position which would make it necessary to keep the price down to that figure or the association could not get ops to fill its contract. The association as always been a bull in the market, but if it should sell hops it does not control it would immediately become a bear if the price should go higher. This grower says that there is every indication that the price will go above 15 cents, and that the present New York quotation warrants the payment of 17 cents in Oregon today. He says the report that the association has closed a deal for 2000 bales at 15 cents will lead growers to believe that small belief which is not warranted by condi-

No hop contracts were filed at the Courthouse today. This is taken as an indication that most of the contracting has been done for this season. While there are no records of sales at 15 cents, that amount is usually spoken of as the market price.

DIVERSIFIED FARMING PAYS. Fruit, Hay, Hops and Cattle Make

Clackamas Growers Happy. OREGON CITY, Or., Sept. 4.—Four staple productions in Clackamas County his season exist in plentiful quantities despite the shortage in the wheat yield, and they are in-demand at good prices, showing the advantage of diversified farming. These are fruit, hay, hops and cattle, and it is believed that the producers will profit by past experience and unioad before there is a possibility of prices falling. Considerable hay of good qual-ity has been sold, delivered on board the cass, for \$11 per ton, while W. W. Irwin, of Barlow, sold 100 tons of mixed hay, not considered first class, for \$8 per ton. Prunes are already quoted at a good figure, and good prices can be secured for the immense crop of Winter apples, if properly graded and packed. Buyers are now scouring the county for cattle, but the farmers do not seem at all anxious to sell, although ruling prices are considered good, and many of the producers have s surplus on hand. Harvey Gibson, of lagle Creek, purchased 37 calves this week for an Eastern Oregon dealer, paying \$8 to \$13 per head. Buyers are offer-ing for yearlings average prices of \$18; 2-year-olds, \$25; 3-year-olds, \$32 50, and \$30 to \$50 for cows.

CURING HOPS AND PRUNES.

All Working Overtime-Offers of 15 Cents Refused for Hops.

EUGENE, Or., Sept. 4.-All interest this week is centered in the hops and prunes, and thousands of men, women and chil-dren find profitable employment in the work of gathering these two crops and preparing them for the market. Every prune drier in the county is working night and day, and the days are not long enough at that. The quality of the fruit is as nearly perfect as has ever been seen in the market, and the methods employed in curing are the latest and best known. The experimental stage in the prune industry of this county has passed, and the prune farmers have reduced their work to a science as a reult of their experience in former year This school of experience has taught them the best methods of preparing and curing their fruit, which they have adopt-ed and now have in practice.

The output of dried prunes from this county will be much larger than ever before, but there is no way of accurately stating the amount in pounds, for the reason that no record has ever been kept. ome of the largest orchards have in one two former years produced more than they will this year, but the great number of young orchards just coming into profitable bearing will greatly increase the aggregate output of the county, it a fair price shall be realised for the fruit, this industry will be the means of bringing to the county a very comfortable revenue, making amends, to some extent, for the shortage of the wheat crop in the general footing for the year. The hop crop is undoubtedly the best

that has been produced for a number of rears. Weather conditions have been fa-rorable for the production of a strictly first-class hop, and now the conditions for picking could not be improved upon. Frowers have exercised the utmost car in producing the hops, and are now pick-ing and curing them with all possible care. A number of buyers have been trying to contract with the growers at good figures, but have not succeeded. It is known that offers of is cents per pound on contracts have been refu that figure. Now the buyers, in their eargerness to secure the crop, are making proposals to buy the hops outright before they are picked. Two prominent growers have received offers of 14 and 15 per pound, the buyer to deposit the money in the bank for payment as soon as the hops were delivered, the only condition of the sale being that the grower exercise every precaution and cure the hops in first-class manner. In other words, the hops to be inspected and accepted unless they should be materially damaged in curing. These offers were both refused. Picking will begin in some of the yards

where they will remain until the picking is finished. Prosperity in Linn County. ALBANY, Or., Sept. 4.—Two hop contracts were filed with the County Recorder today, at it and ill4 cents, All previous contracts have been below it cents. Picking in this county is in progress, with report of a good yield and good

Thursday, while in others it will not be-gin until Monday. Thousands of people

are going to the yards and making camp

An indication of a general improvement in this county regardless of a poor wheat crop is shown in the report of a farmer in the city today, who counted between Albany and Harrisburg, a dis-tance of less than 25 miles, 13 new barns, ance of less than 25 miles, 13 new six new residences and 10 new windmills, all built this year on the farms of the

Clark County Prunegrowers. VANCOUVER, Wash, Sept. 4 .- Pruneuyers are making an active canvass of the Clark County orchardists. The ruling price now offered for the season's of Fellenberg prunes is 4% cents for 40s to 50s, and 4½ and 4½ cents for larger sizes. A number of contracts have already been secured at these prices, but as a rule fruitmen are slow to contract their crop in advance, the general expectation being that the price will advance. A number of orchardists in this vicinity began picking their Fellenberg prunes this week, the crop of French having been pretty well har-

Report of Whitman County Wheat. COLFAX, Wash., Sept. 4:- Reports from the harvest fields throughout the county show that at least three-fourths of the grain of the county has been threshed, and that three weeks more of good weather will see all the grain of the county saved. As the harvest progresses It is made evident that the scare of short crop in the Palouse so prevalent several weeks ago was without foundation. From all quarters the report is of average grain yields of 25 bushels to the acre and better-which is somewhat better than an average crop.

Fine Prunes and Hops

MONROE, Or., Sept. 4.—Prune picking has begun in the several orchards here, The yield is fair, and the fruit is extra large. The larger part of the output this season goes to the drier at Junction City. Bartlett pears are plentiful, and sell at four bushels for \$1

Hoppickers are now encamped at the Doldge, Herron and Wilhelm & Sons' yards, and active operations began this morning. The price paid is 40 cents per seven-bushel box. Hops are in excellent

Hoppicking at Aurora.

AURORA, Or., Sept. 4.-About all the have now started in picking hops. There is as yet a scarcity of pickers, only a few yards being fully supplied. The price all are now paying is 40 cents per box. The weather is all that could be desired for hoppicking-warm and somewhat windy. No lice or mold is yet visible. Everything is in favor of the grower this year.

Fewer Indians in Payallup Hopyards TACOMA, Sept. 4 .- Hoppicking began in several of the yards in the Puyallup district a-large number of Japanese having left for the fields yesterday. Seventy-five cents per 18-bushel box is being paid for picking. So far fewer Indians have reached the hopfields than ever be fore, but growers seem to be confident of obtaining all the help they need to gather their crop.

ASTORIA GETS LIGHT AT LAST. Ordinance Passed, Contract Signed

and Service Commenced. ASTORIA, Or., Sept. 4.- The Council this evening passed an ordinance authorizing the signing of a two years' contract with the Westshore Mills Company for 50 are street lights, at the rate of \$7 each per month. The ordinance was immediately approved by the Mayor and the contract signed. The service was commenced to

Clackamas County Court News. OREGON CITY, Sept. 4 .- In the Circuit Court today Jessie Porter filed a suit for a divorce from W. B. Porter, on the ground of cruelty, and W. J. from Cassie M. Shaw, on the ground of desertion. The plaintiffs in both suits are residents of Clackamas County. A decree was entered today in the divorce suit of Bertha vs. Peter Gordon, from Multnomah County. The plaintiff was awarded the custody of the minor children, and permission was given to assume her maiden name, Bertha Kahn.

night.

In the Probate Court, C. M. Idleman, executor of the estate of Matilda Hoit, deceased, was granted an order on peti-tion to extend the filing of the inventory of the property until September 15, and Gilbert L. Hedges, Bruce C. Curry and James P. Lovett were appointed apprais-

Monroe Notes.

MONROE, Sept. 4.—The stage line be-ween this place and Corvallis, which will begin operations October 1, will be the first line to serve the new postoffice at Bruce, Or. This office is located six miles north of Monroe and 12 miles south of Corvallis. New buildings for a resi-dence, office and general merchandise store are in course of construction. Several young people from this place are making preparation to attend the Oregon Agricultural College this Winter. At least a dozen will be in attendance

Forest Grove Notes.

FOREST GROVE, Or., Sept. 4.—Sena-tor E. W. Haines and M. H. Shipley are still busily engaged with their day and night shift of 40 men, completing their Government contracts of baling hay for Manila. Some days 200 tons of hav are delivered to their plant at the railroad

Mr. J. B. Eddy's lease of the Forest Grove Times having expired, the paper yesterday was leased for a short while to Mr. Ross Pratt, with the view of purchasing the plant.

Beaver Creek Grange Hall Burned OREGON CITY, Or., Sept. 4.—The Bea ver Creek Grange Hall burned down at an early hour this morning, entailing a loss of about \$1000, although the structure

TEACHERS ARE PLEASED

GATHERING IN BAKER CITY FOR THE ANNUAL CONVENTION.

ecturers Who Will Appear Before the Association at Its Two Days' Session This Week,

BAKER CITY, Or., Sept. 4.-Baker City is alive with teachers from various parts of Oregon, Washington and Idaho, who have come to attend the Eastern division of the Oregon State Teachers' Association which will convene tomorrow and continu in session until Friday evening. Much surprise has been expressed by the visit-ing teachers at the marvelous improve-ment the city has made—whole blocks having been erected during the last year. Several have spoken of the advisability of locating the association here, where educational sentiment and business growth are running so high. Some have already expressed surprise that there is no institution giving college instruction within 125 miles of Baker City and it is suggested that not far in the future a college or university will necessarily be located at this place. Not the least interesting of the attractions to the teachers are the field displays of ore taken ers are the rich displays of ore taken nes near this city.

Among the prominent educators who are to lecture before the association are President P. L. Campbell, of the Oregon State Normal School, at Monmouth; President Frank Strong, of the Oregon State University; Superintendent Frank Rigler, of Portland; State Superintendent J. H. quality. The acreage is less than last Ackerman, Salem; Professor J. B. Horner, Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis; S. B. L. Penrose, president of Whitman College, Walla Walla; ex-President D. V. S. Reid and President J. A. Beattie, of the State Normal School at Weston; Superintendent J. M. Greenwood, of Kansas City the last of whom comes at the highest salary ever paid a lecturer by an Oreg teachers' association.

AFTER STEAMBOAT COMPANIES. Salem to Take Legal Steps to Collect License Fee.

SALEM, Sept. 4.-At a meeting held this evening the Salem City Council or-dered Recorder Judah to employ legal counsel and proceed immediately by due process of law to collect the \$50 license fee from steamboat companies landing in this city. This action was taken after Recorder Judah read correspondence which had passed between himself and the steamboat company officials. O. R. & N. replied that it would pay the fee if it is a temporary tax, but that its river business will not warrant paying the tax annually, and it will ques-tion the constitutionality of the law it an attempt is made to enforce it in the courts. The Oregon City Transportation Company replied that it would pay O. R. & N. would. Recorder Judah stat-ed that the first legal proceeding would be to arrest a steamboat captain and fine him for violating the ordinance. Only the Oregon City Transportation Com-pany is running a boat to Salem at pres-

Mute School Employes

The Board of Trustees of the Mute School has elected the following teachers for the ensuing year: Miss Nannle C. Orr, Miss Susie Boyd, George W. Halse, Miss Mina Murton. ployes chosen are:

Printer, Charles E. Comp; engineer, John Van Osdol; assistant engineer and boys' supervisor, Orrin Tiffany; supervisor of girls, Mrs. Mary E. Smith; super-visor of small boys, Miss Mary Lance, cook, Mrs. Verlinda Standish; laundress, Miss Lavina Witzell: teamster, H. S. Lewis.

Judges' Stand Changed. The State Fair Board has arranged to

have the judges' stand at the Fair Grounds race track removed to the out-side of the track. Heretofore the judges' stand has been on the inside of the track and directly opposite the grandstand. In this location it has shut off the view to a portion of the track and has been un satisfactory because situated so far from the grandstand that the spectators could not see what might be going on. By the new arrangement the judges will occupy a position on an open platform directly in front of the grandstand, where those interested can see or hear all that takes place. No one except the judges will be admitted to the stand, so there can be no charge that outsiders have made secret suggestions to judges. The scales for weighing jockeys will be placed under the judges' stand, where all wish to do so may see the weighing done. In addition to giving greater satisfaction to spectators this change will remove the excuse for so many men crossing the racetrack. The time-keep ers' stand will remain on the inside of the track, as they must be on that side in order to display on the bulletin boards the number and time of winners. A complete programme will be published giving such information as will enable any person to understand from the bulle tin board the result of each heat.

Insane Asylum Report. The report of Superintendent Calbreath, of the Oregon Insane Asylum, for the month of August shows the following statistics:

Received during August 14 Total number under treatment.......1185

Number discharged umber eloped Number of patients August 31 1160

Number of officers and employes...

Total expenses for August \$11,743 36 Average monthly expense, per capita, \$10 07; daily, \$0.33. The general report shows that the health of the patients has been good, with the exception of two cases of diph-

theria.

The W. H. Savage grove near the asylum has been leased for a term of four years for picnic grounds. The considera-tion of the lease is that the state shall keep the grounds in order, furnish plat-form, seats, tables and water—Mr. Sav-age to have the use of the grounds for picnic purposes when not in use by the

state Dryer and Thresher Burned. The Inman prune dryer at Liberty

south of Salem, burned to the ground at an early hour this morning. The plant had been used during the day in preparing prunes for drying, and it is supposed the fire caught from the furnace over which water is heated for scalding prunes. About 50 cords of wood and 200 oushels of prunes were also lost. The naurance will nearly cover the loss. During the noon hour yesterday a threshing machine belonging to Isaac Stevens, of Howell Prairie, caught fire and was destroyed. A quantity of grain piled near by was saved. The thresher was new and valued at about \$900. It is not known how the fire caught.

Capital City Brevities.

County Assessor J. W. Hobart said to-day that his valuations of timber land will be about the same this year as last, His deputies made the field assessn and no rule was made changing the val-uations. It is probable that the County Board of Equalization will raise the val uations, as has been done in some other counties. County Judge Scott expresses the opinion that the assessments should be raised to correspond with the raise

in actual value. It was discovered last night that the residence of Jacob Wenger, near the asy-lum, was burglarized last week, during the absence of the family. The thieves secured a quantity of household goods.

M. H. Henline today began a divorce is said to have been insured for \$600. The building was completed only a few months ago. The cause of the fire is not known. suit against his wife, M. I. Henline, to whom he was married in Marion County in 1875. The plaintiff alleges that the de-

fendant secured from him a deed to his iand and then deserted him.

Hanah Shuholm, aged 22, was received at the asylum today from Baker City. She is unmarried and has been engaged

WANT BETTER PROTECTION. Improved Laws for Salmon

Fish Promises High. ASTORIA, Sept. 4.—At a meeting of the Columbia River Fishermen's Protective Union last evening trustees to serve during the coming year were elected as fol-A. L. Mattson, Paul Strangland, Martin

Johnson, Fred Wright, Frank Elg, C. P. Peterson and Frank Welch. The question of having the laws amended so as to protect the fishing industry was discussed, as was also the matter of compelling the officers strictly to enforce the fishing laws. The union has in past years expended large sums of money in efforts to protect the fisheries and it was decided to ask the business people of the city to help this time. A committee consisting of Thomas Nelson, Fran Welch, Paul Strangland and H. M. Lorntsen, they to name the fifth member, appointed to visit the cannerymen usiness men and solicit financial aid. The idea is to issue printed matter relative to these fisheries and send it to each of the Senators and Representatives and for the committee to go to the state capitals and confer with the members of the Legislatures and endeavor to have them pass needed amendments to the laws.

The price of Fall fish has not yet been announced but it will be at least 4 cents and may reach 6 cents per pound. One seiner has received and refused an offer of 3% cents for all the fish that he catches regardless of the species, size or quality This would indicate a high price for the

better quality of fish. A natural spawning ground of the shad that came into the Columbia has been discovered at the headwaters of the Lewis and Clark River by O. Paulson. He says that there are millions of young shad there that were spawned during May and June

A deed was filed for record today where-by the Grimes Grove Land Company dedicates to the public the right to use the tideland in front of its property at Sea-side as a highway, but reserves to the inhabitants of Grimes' Grove the joint and exclusive right to take for "their individual domestic use clams and crabs from the land dedicated to the pupblic for a highway."

MAY BREED EASTERN OYSTERS. Gratifying Progress Made With Ex-

periments at Yaquina Bay. NEWPORT, Or., Sept. 4.—State Biologist Washburn, who is here examining results of the Summer's work in Eastern oyster culture, reports finding oyster spate in the artificial pond used for the culture of Eastern oysters, and expresses himself as hopeful for final results. An effort will be made to have the United States Fish Commissioner send lobsters to be placed on rocky portions of the Oregon const.

NORTHWEST DEAD.

Mrs. Marietta Painter, of Canemah. OREGON CITY, Or., Sept. 4.-Mrs. Marietta Painter died at Canemah last night, aged 61, after a residence in Clack-amas County of 30 years. The funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon. The deceased was a native of Missouri, and came to Oregon in 1870, and has since resided at Canemah. Her husband died a number of years ago. She left five chil-dren-Fred, Flavius and Joseph Painter, L. H. Feaster and Mrs. Timothy Finnegan.

D. L. Watson, Jr., of Marshfield. D. L. Watson, Jr., son of ex-County Judge Watson, died at Marshfield, August 29, aged 25 years, a victim of consump-tion. Deceased began the practice of law in this state at the age of 21 years, but his connection with the profession continued only three years. Two years were spent in California in quest of health to no advantage.

Columbia County Teachers' Institute. CLATSKANIE, Or., Sept. 4 .- The enrollment was considerably larger than ever before for the first day of the Columbia County Teachers' Institute. The instructors are C. W. Durette, of Mount Tabor, Miss Mary Hargrave, of Ke Mr. Durette delivered an address on 'Home, School and State" this evening.

Northwest Pensions. WASHINGTON, Aug. 31 .- Pensions have

een granted as follows: Oregon-War with Spain, original Frank H. Thompson, Brownsville, 27. Washington - Original - Truman M. Washington — Original — Truman M. Lamphere, Chewalah, S.; William A. Ray,

Gregory, Hartford, St. Increase Samuel Hice, Tacoma, 312: Marshall Clark, Soldiers' Home, Orting, 310; Oscar S Mount Vernon, 38; John Couch, Palouse City, 38; John L. Dickerson, New What-18. Original widows, etc., spe act August 16-Eliza Jane Fitterling, Port Angeles, 38. Idaho-Original-Stephen K. Mahurin,

State Crop Brevities, Threshing is near an end in Coos

Black & Co.'s fruit evaporator at Myr with the harvest of the prune crop, Threshing has commenced in the upper part of the John Day Valley. The Canyon City Eagle is informed that considerable of the grain was injured by the

Stearns Bros, and D. W. Stearns, at Onkland, have begun picking hops. They pay 35 cents a box and have plenty of nds. The crop is probably the best they have ever had. The first carload of flax sent out of

Lane County in many years was shipped to the Portland Linseed Oil Company by E. C. Smith Monday, and several cars are to follow. The growers are well pleased with results, and have retained enough seed for another crop next year. There is a large crop of prunes about Oakland and upon the Calapoola and a scarcity of driers, says the Roseburg Review. E. C. Stuart's, at Chenoweth Park, Edward Zachary's on the Cala-pools, J. A. Hanson's at Wilbur, and S. D. Evans' at Umpqua Ferry are the principal ones, and they are not to the demands made upon them.

Oregon Notes The Eugene Board of Trade has been

A Bryan and Stevenson club has been organized at Roseburg. Great success attended the second agriultural district fair which closed Marshfield Saturday.

A now steam schooner was launched from the North Bend shippard last Saturday. The vessel will be placed in the coast trade.

The fishing boat of James Costello and William Vandecar was capsized on the Cognille River bar last week. The ocants were rescued by the life-saving crew. The barbed wire telephone line, necting Condon with several of the

ranches in the neighborhood has been Cattlemen on the south fork of John Day have sold 900 dry cows and threeyear-old steers to the Pacific Meat Com-pany, of Theoms. The steers brought 3 cents per pound. The steers brought delivered at Pendleton this month.

Waterspouts have been quite numer-

ous in the vicinity of Rock Creek, in Grant County, lately, but did little damage, other than washing out quite a number of flumes from ditches used for irri-gating purposes by the farmers here. The Southern Pacific gravel trains that have been at work at the Myrtle pit have been taken off. One will haul rock from the Crow Creek Canyon for a few days, while the steam shovel is being moved to Harrisburg. The track

has been graveled from Roseburg as far north as Whitemore Gap. C. W. Vali is the turkey king of Doug-las County. He has some 700 fouls now, and many more contracted for Recently he leased the 400-acre ranch of Fendal Southerlin, near Oakland, and will graze turkeys upon it, probably to the number of 2000. Most of these will be put in condition for the holiday markets, only the old ones being placed on the market at

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