ITS WORK FINISHED

Oregon Methodist Conference Adjourned Yesterday.

THE APPOINTMENTS GIVEN OUT

Rev. Rockwell, the New Presiding Elder of Portland District—Missionary Appropriations.

ASHLAND, Or., Sept. 24.—The Oregon M. E. Conference convened at 8:30 o'clock this morning with devotional exercises conducted by Rev. W. T. Kerr. At 9 o'clock Bishop Andrews took the chair, and after the reading of the minutes, he and the presiding elders retired for a cabinet meeting, leaving John Parsons, D. D., to preside.

The various reports of the standing committees were read, after which G. W. Grannis, the financial agent of the Willamette University, pleaded the cause of that institution. The following missionary appropriations were made by the conference: Eugene district, $1600; Grant's Pass, $1565; Salem, $398; Chinese, $1883. The matter of the place of meeting for the next session of the conference was left to a committee, consisting of the presiding elders and a member from each district.

The bishop then announced the following appointments:

Portland district—Presiding elder, L. F. Rockwell, Portland; Astoria, B. F. Rolland; Beaverton, supplied by S. W. Potter; Clatskanie, C. C. Culmer; Cleone and Bristol Valley, supplied by G. E. Rawlins; Gresham, M. L. Hardingham; Knappa, supplied by J. K. Hawkins; Montavilla, D. G. Stephens; Mount Tabor, S. E. Meminger; Oswego, H. L. St. Clair; Portland, Centenary, G. W. Gue; Central, W. T. Kerr; Chinese Mission, C. A. Lewis; Clark, B. J. Headley; First Church, H. W. Kellogg; Grace, to be supplied; Potter, supplied by Andrew Monroe; St. Johns, C. E. Cline; Sellwood, W. J. Waltz; Sunnyside, H. B. Elworthy; Trinity, A. L. Hawley; University Park, C. T. McPherson; Woodlawn, Andrew Monroe; Rainier, to be supplied; St. Helens, A. C. Fairchild; Seaside, E. C. Alford; Warrenton, supplied by T. J. Ferguson; A. N. Fisher, editor of Pacific Christian Advocate, member of Grace, Portland quarterly conference.

Eugene district—T. B. Ford, presiding elder, Eugene; Albany, M. C. Wire; Brownsville, W. H. Myers; Coquille and Bandon, M. O. Brink; Cottage Grove, C. E. Crandall; Corvallis, F. L. Moore; Creswell, Samuel Snyder; Dallas, F. L. Young; Drain, O. B. Streyfeller; Eugene, W. B. Hollingshead; Falls City, supplied by F. J. Long; Gardiner, H. H. Buckner; Halsey and Harrisburg, E. F. Zimmerman; Independence, Joseph Mottershead; Jefferson, John Naugle; Junction City, J. H. Skidmore; Lebanon, G. P. Arnold; Marshfield, R. C. Lee; Monroe, H. N. Rounds; Myrtle Point, James Moore; Philomath, supplied by D. L. Fields; Shedds, R. M. Corner; Siletz Indian Mission, E. H. Bryant; Springfield and Wendling, M. P. Dixon, and supplied by Jesse Fisher; Toledo, supplied by C. M. Brown; lecturer on theology in Willamette University, I. D. Driver; conference evangelist, member Eugene conference, G. M. Bryan; left without appointment to attend some one of schools (E. Q. C.), W. T. Young.

Grant's Pass district—D. T. Summerville, presiding elder, Grant's Pass; Althouse, supplied by Winfred Smith; Ashland, J. T. Abbett; Canyonville and Myrtle Creek, supplied by J. W. Warfield; Central Point, J. C. Gregory; Fort Klamath, supplied by Richard Fysh; Glendale, to be supplied; Grant's Pass, N. F. Ronkins; Jacksonville, E. C. Graff; Klamath Falls, supplied by C. A. Stockwell; Klamath Indian Mission, Donald McLochlin; Lakeview, supplied by W. J. Wright; Medford, W. B. Moore; Merrill, B. A. Bristol; Oakland, supplied by Israel Putnam; Paisley, to be supplied; Roseburg, A. S. Mulligan; Ten Mile, supplied by J. B. Stark; Wilbur, N. J. Harbit; Wilderville, A. F. Buche.

Salem district—Presiding elder, D. A. Watters, Salem; Amity, S. L. Lee; Brooks, C. A. Luse; Canby, R. E. Dunlap; Cornelius, Andrew Kershaw; Dayton, T. L. Jones; Dilley, supplied by Lew Davies; Forest Grove, L. F. Belknap; Hillsboro, Harold Oberg; La Fayette, supplied by E. B. Lockart; Lincoln, supplied by G. R. Morehead; McMinnville, H. T. Atkinson; Marquam, F. B. Butler; Mehama, G. F. Round; Nehalem and Bay City, J. M. Sweney; Newberg, Hiram Gould; North Yamhill, D. H. Leech; Oregon City, R. A. Atkins; Salem, First Church, John Parsons and A. W. Bagley; Salem, Leslie, R. C. Blackwell; Silverton, L. H. Pederson; Sheridan, Edward Gittins; Tillamook, S. A. Smith; Turner, W. S. Gordon; Woodburn, G. H. Bennett; Viola, supplied by H. L. Fowler, W. P. Drew, professor; Gabriel Sykes, instructor, and G. W. Grannis, agent of Willamette University, members of First Church, Salem quarterly conference; J. J. Walter, missionary in Alaska; W. F. McClure, missionary in Nevada.

After some further routine business, the conference adjourned. The bishop and the preachers, with a few exceptions, left for northern points on this evening's train. Bishop Andrews will preside over the deliberations of the Northwest German Conference, which meets in Salem Thursday.

ASSIGNMENTS OF MINISTERS.

Appointments of the Methodist Episcopal Church South.

ALBANY, Or., Sept. 24.—Bishop Duncan, of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, has announced the following appointments for the coming year:

Presiding elder Willamette district, E. L. Fitch; Corvallis and McFarland, F. A. Lark; Independence and Louisville, H. N. Russell; Dallas and Dixie, D. C. McFarland; McMinnville, to be supplied; Oregon City, C. W. Pole; Lebanon, M. L. Dardy; Tangent and Brownsville, H. C. Allen; Harrisburg, H. S. Shangle; Junction City, J. D. Sibert; Roseburg and Oakland, J. T. Cotton; Dillard, R. A. Ragan; Myrtle Creek, C. U. Cross; Grant's Pass, to be supplied; Medford, E. F. Wilson; Applegate, Joel Hedgepeth; Sand Valley, A. J. Stormer; Klamath Falls, J. W. Craig; Coquille City and Bandon, C. A. Hyde; Myrtle Point, W. R. Hanson; Albany, W. B. Smith. J. M. Turner was transferred to the East Columbia Conference, and W. J. Fenton, T. Thomas and L. C. Willson, to the Pacific Conference.

German M. E. Church Conference.

SALEM, Or., Sept. 24.—The North Pacific Conference of the German Methodist Episcopal Church, comprising Oregon and Washington, will convene in Salem, Thursday, September 27. Bishop Andrews will preside.

AT FORT STEVENS BARRACKS.

Sewer Completed, Buildings Come on for Finishing Touches.

ASTORIA, Sept. 24.—The construction of the sewer at the Fort Stevens Barracks has been completed. Constructing Quartermaster Downs has put a large number of men at work on the buildings and is rushing their completion as rapidly as possible. Some of the officers' quarters are finished and will be occupied in a few days.

On Clatsop Beach at the present time there are more young clams than ever seen there before, and in watching them it hardly appears possible for them to find room to bury themselves in the sand.

Rosh Hashanah was generally celebrated by the Jewish residents of this city. Appropriate services were held, J. S. Levy, of San Francisco, officiating.

At low tide on Saturday afternoon a whale got stranded on the beach at Seaside and remained there partially out of water until the next tide. It could easily have been killed, but the residents did not want its carcass on the beach.

A mass-meeting of citizens was held at Warrenton on Saturday evening to devise means to build a bicycle path from Warrenton to Seaside. The meeting resulted in the organization of the Warrenton and Clatsop Beach Bicycle Association. Four hunded dollars has already been subscribed for the purpose.

LIEU-LAND SELECTIONS.

Railroads File on Over 100,000 Acres in Oregon City District.

OREGON CITY, Sept. 24.—The records at the local Land Office show that the lieu-land selections in the Oregon City district since October 1, 1899, amount to a total of 110,384.91 acres. Of this amount, the Northern Pacific Railway Company selected 96,381.21 acres, the first filing having been made on October 9, 1899, and the last, 3093 acres, on July 13, 1900. On October 9, 1899, the Northern Pacific Railway Company also attempted to file on lands, principally located in the Tillamook country, consisting of 109 timber claim locations, and aggregating 13,357 acres. The right to these lands was contested with the timber-land locators, and the parties interested are waiting for a decision to be handed down from the General Land Office at Washington.

The railway company located these lands under the special act of Congress of March 2, 1899, in lieu of land grants deeded back to the Government in the Mount Rainier National Park and Forest Reserve, the act giving the company the privilege of making selections on unsurveyed lands until October 1, 1900. This, however, does not at present limit the selection of lieu lands on unsurveyed lands. While the greater part of the selections were made on surveyed lands, several thousand acres were taken on tracts not yet surveyed by the Government.

The Astoria & South Coast Railroad also secured 11,659.35 acres, and C. W. Clarke, of San Francisco, 4553 acres, and smaller tracts were located by divers persons. These latter selections were made under the general lieu-land acts, which give the individual the right to take lieu lands anywhere in the United States after relinquishing his right to the Government lands taken in any forest reserve. Often railroad or timber companies purchase this lieu-land scrip from individual holders, enabling them to acquire lands without vexatious delay. Among the bases that have been used to select lieu lands in this state are the Mount Diablo and Sierra Forest Reserve, California; Pine Mountain and Zacca Forest Reserve, California; San Bernardino Reserve, New Mexico; San Gabriel and Yosemite Reserve, and Idaho and Montana reserves.

The Clackamas County flouring mills are not getting enough local wheat to supply the demand of their consumers. The Mulino mill has received only about 5000 bushels of new wheat to date, against 18,000 bushels received at a similar date last year. C. T. Howard, the proprietor, stated today that he had ordered two carloads of Eastern Oregon wheat to mix with the home product.

The Butte Creek Agricultural Association will hold its 14th annual fair at Marquam, Friday and Saturday. This association has virtually been under the same management since its organization, and has only missed holding one annual fair—during the panic in 1894. The association is out of debt, and conditions are favorable for another successful fair.

Grace Seminary at Centralia.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Sept. 24.—Grace Seminary, under the management of Dr. R. A. Waterbury, will open tomorrow. A number of pupils from other states have already arrived. Mrs. Virginia C. Watson, of Portland, will be one of the teachers.

Oregon Notes.

Eugene will improve Willamette street now that the car line has been taken up.

The City Council of Enterprise has annulled the charter of the defunct water company.

The Coos County Court has directed that work on the Middle Fork road be continued.

A riding tournament will be one of the features of the Harney County fair at Burns.

Gus Nyman, of Beech Creek, and a hired man, recently killed a five-pointed deer with no other weapons than a pick and an ax.

The Lakeview Council has awarded a contract for 450 cedar posts for the town flume at 11 cents per post.

Rev. Jerry Rounder, of Butte, has accepted a call from the people of Red Gulch, in Cornucopia district.

The County Court of Coos County has ordered that a road up Glenn Creek Valley to the Douglas County line be located and surveyed.

A Catholic church will be organized at Sumpter. The townsite company has donated property, and $1500 will be raised for a church building.

A number of Marshfield sportsmen have rented the shooting on the Peterson place, Haynes' Slough, and intend baiting the duck ponds with wheat.

The Corvallis & Eastern Railroad has a force of carpenters at work enclosing the framework of the drawbridge across the Willamette River at Albany.

Joseph H. Yoakam caught a marked salmon one day last week that was liberated four years ago from the Stone hatchery on the Clackamas River, says the Marshfield Sun.

Elisha Durrett, a 14-year-old lad of Granite, was lost in the mountains last week for 53 hours. He was found 25 miles from camp almost famished. He and his brother-in-law were camping at Olive Lake.

J. P. Welburg has leased the hot spring ranch in the extreme southeast corner of Crook County and will move there in a short time. He expects to open a store there and to fit the place up as a Summer resort.

The County Court of Coos County has authorized that the proposed relocation of the Marshfield-Coquille road near J. J. Stanley's place, about a mile from the Cutter place, be accepted and opened, provided the petitioners bear the expense.

A fatal stabbing affray occurred at the Indian camp above Joseph last week. Jack Allen, chief counselor to Chief Joseph, was killed by Tom Hill. The quarrel arose over a blanket. The murderer escaped, and as yet has not been apprehended.

Sheepmen are complaining of big losses of sheep in the mountains, says the Wallowa Chieftain. W. H. Graves has lost 200; G. J. Wagner, 1130; Peter Boudan, 500, and N. C. Longfellow about 100. It is believed wholesale stealing is being carried on by an organized gang of thieves.

Satisfactory progress is being made in Baker City's new water system. The trench for the pipe is finished, and is from two to four feet deep. The pipe line from the head to the reservoir will be 43,200 feet in length, and from the reservoir to the center of the city will be 5000 feet farther.

Between the Siuslaw and Umpqua Rivers is a chain of fresh-water lakes, five in number, and there is some talk of connecting these links with the Umpqua by means of a canal, but it is only talk as yet. Around Tenmile, Fivemile and Threemile Lakes are some fine bodies of spruce and fir timber, owned by mill companies. East of and tributary to these lakes are a number of good-sized streams, with narrow valleys which contain fine land for dairying and stock-raising. Most of the land near the lakes is suitable for grain or clover.

THE SUMPTER TRAGEDY

KANE MURDER AND ATTEMPTED SUICIDE MUCH DISCUSSED.

Theory of Insanity Is Most Generally Accepted—Full Particulars of the Terrible Deed.

BAKER CITY, Or., Sept. 24.—The Kane murder and attempted suicide, eight miles south of Sumpter, last week is the absorbing topic there and in Baker City. There are many rumors afloat as to what prompted the awful crime, but the theory of insanity is the most generally accepted. Fred Kane and wife are well known, their parents being old and respected pioneers of the county. There is no doubt as to the fate of the little girl. After being mortally wounded by her infuriated stepfather, her body was burned in the cabin until nothing could be found but her bones, when a search was made afterwards.

The terrible deed is said to be the result of momentary insanity, but others who are familiar with the affairs of Kane and his wife declare the shooting was the result of jealousy. Both Kane and his wife are inmates of the hospital in this city, but the physicians hold out little hope of the former's recovery. Mrs. Kane has displayed wonderful vitality, and unless blood poisoning sets in she may recover.

At the Coroner's inquest, Mrs. Kane made the statement that she was awakened a few moments before the shooting by her husband moving about the cabin. He was dressed in his nightclothes and was carrying a gun. She asked him what he was going to do with the weapon, and he replied that he was going out to kill birds. The next moment Kane raised the gun, and, pointing it at his wife, fired. The young daughter of the unfortunate wife was at her side, and the bullet struck Mrs. Kane near the hip, and, being deflected in some way, glanced and penetrated the child's body directly over the heart, causing almost instant death. Mrs. Kane then jumped from the bed and wrestled with her husband for possession of the weapon, and in the struggle received a deep gash over the frontal bone. Kane then started over the hills. His wife accompanied him for a short distance and prevailed upon him to return and dress. As soon as he left the second time, Mrs. Kane hastened to the county road, about half a mile distant, where she met two prospectors going into the hills. She told them her story, and the men, being armed, started in pursuit of Kane, whom they met a short distance from the cabin. Seeing that Kane was well armed, they returned and took Mrs. Kane into the woods, where they covered her with brush to secure her from further harm. She was weak and excited, and was unable to stand any longer. The cabin, which was set on fire after Mrs. Kane had left it, was then burned to the ground.

Kane was later followed up by the aroused miners, and they found him at his brother's cabin, about a mile from the scene of the tragedy, with blood oozing from a bullet wound under the heart. He had also set fire to this cabin, and it was fast burning. Kane submitted to arrest without making any resistance, and he was later taken to Sumpter and lodged at the hospital, with a guard to prevent any attempt at escape. Mrs. Kane's story of the affair is disconnected, which is attributed to her weakened condition. Her husband tells several stories, and the doctors believe he is yet of unsound mind.

PACIFIC UNIVERSITY RECEPTION.

Faculty Entertained Students and Friends of the School.

FOREST GROVE, Or., Sept. 24.—The faculty of Pacific University tendered the students and friends of the institution a reception last evening. The new teacher of English and public speaking, Professor Rollo L. V. Lyman, gave two readings, and the new instructor in vocal music, Miss Lois M. E. Cobb, rendered two selections in a very creditable manner.

Junction City Schools.

JUNCTION CITY, Or., Sept. 24.—The public schools of this city opened this morning with a good attendance. The following teachers are in charge for the coming year: Professor A. T. Gruggett, of Halsey; Miss Pearl Darelius, of Isabel, first assistant; Miss Bella Millican, of Eugene, intermediate; Miss Fanny Griggs, of Albany, primary.

West Oregon City Schools.

OREGON CITY, Oct. 24.—The Fall term of the West Oregon City schools began this morning with a better attendance than was expected. The teachers are: Principal, T. J. Gary; grade teachers, Misses Lizzie Shipley, Florence Patty and Bessie Grant; teacher Bolton annex, Mrs. Gertrude M. Strange.

Forest Grove Public Schools.

FOREST GROVE, Or., Sept. 24.—The public schools of this place opened today, Professor Ward Swope, principal. The attendance is slightly less than last year, due to the absence of many of the pupils in the hop fields, and school opening one week earlier than then.

CURRY COUNTY MINERALS.

Copper Prospects Attract Capitalists—Good Placer Districts.

GOLD BEACH, Sept. 24.—The copper prospects found all over Curry county, from the Coast Range to the ocean, are attracting the attention of capitalists. It has been known for years, by a few old prospectors and mountaineers, that there were rich deposits of copper ore in the mountains, but little attention has been paid to prospecting for ledges until the last two years.

On Quosatun Creek a deposit of ore resembling the famous Peacock ore, and assaying as high as 68 per cent in copper, and a small per cent of gold and silver, was discovered several years ago. The discoverers did not develop the prospect, and the mine was "jumped." Two miles south, on the same lead, a large, well-defined ledge was found and located by I. N. Muncy and others. Fifteen claims were located and named the McKinley group. Until quite recently the locators confined their work to sinking shafts on each claim of the group, in every instance finding good ore as far as they went down. The prospect was so encouraging that they abandoned their shafts, and are now running a tunnel into the mountain to strike the ledge. They have run in about 60 feet and found good ore the entire distance. Eastern capitalists have been unsuccessful in getting an option on the McKinley group, although they have held out good inducements. This mine is situated on the top of a high mountain, about eight miles east of Gold Beach. On Lawson's Creek, a tributary of the Illinois River, fine prospects have been found. The best-defined deposit, and one which experts claim will show up a good ledge, is owned by Canfield & Hurt. This mine carries the Peacock ore, as well as black and red oxide copper ore. The property has been bonded by Eastern capitalists, who will undoubtedly develop the same. The ore found in the croppings on the surface is high grade, and there is enough in sight to justify the erection of a small smelter. There are several other prospects near the Confield & Hurt mine, but the locators have not done much development work. The copper belt extends south across the state line into California, and capitalists have been bonding and working several of the best prospects in that state.

Placer mining has been followed with profit on the Illinois and Rogue Rivers, in the eastern portion of the county. The placers at Mule Creek, and south of the old Johnson's Diggings, also offer good inducements to the gold-hunter. The Creek mines, on the headwaters of Johnson's Creek and Lobster Creek, in the vicinity of Iron Mountain, have been worked with good returns for several years. The gold is coarse—pieces weighing two ounces having been taken out of these creeks. On the Rogue River side of these mountains near the Big Bend country, good prospects have been found, but there has been no thorough prospecting done in that section.

There is some talk of putting in dredgers in the Rogue River next year to scour the bottom of the river for gold. No doubt such appliances would pay well, yet the cost far exceeds the means of the average prospector. When the mines of other parts of the state, easier reached and prospected, are well established and developed, the gold-hunter will turn his attention to the possibilities of this district, and will take the place of the hide-hunters, who have no desire to look for paying mines.

Mining Stock Quotations.

The following transactions were made yesterday at the Portland Mining Stock Exchange:

Helena	2,000 shares sold at 37⅞
	4000 at 33
	6000@32¼
	10000 at 32⅛
	*1000 at 32½

*Ex dividend.

Musick	11,000 at 10¼
	1000@10½
Helena No. 2	18,000 at 7¼
Lost Horse	10,000 at 3¼
	*2000 at 3⅜
	1500 at 3⅜
May Queen	5,000 at 2½
Portland G. M. & M.	10,000 at 3⅛
	5000@ 3¼

QUOTATIONS.

	Bid.	Asked.
Helena	33¼	33½
Helena No. 2	7⅛	7⅜
Musick	10¼	10½
Lost Horse	3¼	3½
May Queen	2½	2⅝
Portland G. M. & M.	3⅛	3¼
Oregon Ex. & Dev. Co.	...	5¼
Sweden	1	1½
Sunset G. M. Co.	...	6
Richardson	...	10
Isabella	.002	.009

LOCAL STOCKS.

	Bid.	Asked.
First National Bank	200	.....
U. S. National Bank	110	.....
Merchants National Bank	110	.....
Ladd & Tilton Bank	105	.....
Ainsworth National Bank	100	.....
East Side Bank	100	.....
Portland 6s	103	.....
Funding 5s	101	.....
Albina 6s	103	.....
Bridge Bonds	102	.....
City Hall 5s	101	.....
Water Bonds	103	.....
Ferry Bonds	103	.....
Improvements	103½	.....
East Portland 6s	103	.....
Gambrinus Brewing Co.	101	125
General Electric	100	.....
Northwest Light	100	.....
Reserve Script	3½	4½
Suburban	100	.....

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

	Bid.	Asked.
Adams Mountain	5	5¼
Buffalo	...	2
Copperopolis	5	5¼
Gold Hill & Bohemia	5	5⅝
Goldstone Consolidated	1½	2⅞
Helena	32½	32⅞
Helena No. 2	7¼	7½
Isabella	1	1½
Lost Horse	3⅜	3¾
Musick	10¼	10½
May Queen	2½	2¾
Oregon-Colorado	4⅞	5¼
Oregon Ex. & Dev. Co.	...	5½
Riverside	3½	7
Umpqua	4½	8

SHARES SOLD.

Helena No. 2	1,000 at 7⅜
	1,000 at 7⅜
	1,000 at 7⅜
Sweden	1,000 at 1¼
	1,000 at 1¼
	1,000 at 1¼
	1,000 at 1¼
	1,000 at 1¼

SPOKANE, Sept. 24.—The closing bids for mining stocks today were:

Blacktail	$0 12½	Morn. Glory	6¼
Butte & Boston	1⅞	Noble Five	$0 05
Crystal	3½	Princess Maud	5½
Deer Trail Con.	3½	Reservation	6
Gold Ledge	1	Rossland Giant	2¾
Golden Harvest	⅝	Sullivan	13
I. X. L.	11	Tom Thumb	19
Iron Mask	32	Waterloo	1½
Lone Pine Surp.	8½	Conjecture	2¾
Mount. Lion	49½		

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 24.—Official closing quotations for mining stocks today were:

Alta	$0 02	Justice	$0 03
Alpha Con.	3	Mexican	29
Andes	7	Occidental Con	6
Belcher	19	Ophir	50
Best & Belcher	27	Overman	10
Bullion	2	Potosi	18
Caledonia	40	Savage	16
Challenge Con.	19	Seg. Belcher	2
Chollar	12	Sierra Nevada	31
Confidence	75	Silver Hill	25
Con. Cal. & Va.	1 10	Standard	4 10
Crown Point	17	Union Con	18
Gould & Curry	12	Utah Con	24
Hale & Norcross	21	Yellow Jacket	20
Julia	3		

NEW YORK, Sept. 24.—Mining stocks today closed as follows:

Chollar	$0 12	Ontario	$5 75
Crown Point	10	Ophir	50
Con. Cal. & Va.	1 05	Plymouth	8
Deadwood	45	Quicksilver	1 50
Gould & Curry	30	do pref	7 00
Hale & Norcross	18	Sierra Nevada	33
Homestake	50 00	Standard	4 00
Iron Silver	65	Union Con	17
Mexican	25	Yellow Jacket	20

BOSTON, Sept. 24.—Closing quotations:

Adventure	$ 4 00	Humboldt	$ 25 00
Allouez M. Co.	1 25	Osceola	64 00
Amal. Copper	85 00	Parrott	39 75
Atlantic	22 50	Quincy	140 00
Boston & Mont.	306 00	Santa Fe Cop.	4 00
Butte & Boston	50 00	Tamarack	229 00
Cal. & Hecla	738 00	Utah Mining	28 00
Centennial	13 50	Winona	2 50
Franklin	13 00	Wolverines	39 00

TWO RICH STRIKES.

Made in the Musick and Vesuvius Mines Located in Bohemia District.

P. J. Jennings, the well-known mine-owner, has just returned from a trip to the Bohemia district. Mr. Jennings reports a rich strike in the Musick mine that has all the indications of permanence. On the lower level of the mine a cross-cut of 11 feet was made to the foot wall, and a body of ore seven feet in width was uncovered. The lead was opened up for 100 feet, with the best possible results. It is lead ore, the assays showing $25 gold, $32 lead, $6 60 silver and 4 per cent copper. Two shifts are working in this property day and night, and eight four-horse teams are employed hauling concentrates and ore to the railway. The tunnel now being started on the west side of the mountain will tap 1000 feet below the present lowest level and will be 1500 feet lower than the apex of the mountain. It will probably take one year to complete this piece of work.

Two tunnels are being worked in Helena, No. 2. The upper tunnel is in 127 feet, and shows a full body of ore averaging $23 to the ton. The lower tunnel is in 92 feet, and the ore assays $29 to the ton. Buildings are being erected on Champion Creek to house the men working on this property, and the work will continue throughout the Winter. Helena No. 1 looks well, and the men are working right along in $20 ore. A shoot was recently struck that assayed $400. A supply of wood to last eight months is now being piled up at the mill.

Mr. Jennings confirms the news of the big strike made in the Vesuvius, a property owned by Zinnaker & Graber. The vein is four feet in width, and a number of assays show that the ore averages $125 to the ton. A Mr. Parks had this property bonded, and after working it for some time became discouraged and gave it up. Forty feet more development work by Zinnaker & Graber, to whom the property reverted, uncovered the rich lead mentioned above, and now it would take a handsome sum of money to secure the mine. A rich strike was also made on the Stocks & Harlow property.

Mr. Jennings thinks that a very bright future is in store for the Bohemia district.

FUSION IN IDAHO DOUBTFUL.

Democrats and Populists Hold Several Meetings Without Result.

BOISE, Idaho, Sept. 24.—The Populists and Democrats have held several conferences today and this evening, but without result. Tonight it looks as though there would be no fusion. The Democratic ticket, as filed, has three Populists on it, but there is no Democratic name on the Populist ticket, and it is more than possible that there never will be one on it.

RAIN DID LITTLE DAMAGE

SUCH IS THE GENERAL REPORT OF SALEM HOPGROWERS.

Hill Yards, Where Crop Is Late, Suffered No Injury—Few Sales Being Made.

SALEM, Or., Sept. 24.—Hoppicking was completed in a good many yards in this vicinity last week, and in all the yards along the river will practically be finished in a day or two. Back in the hills the hops are later. In a few yards picking did not begin until last Wednesday, and will not be finished until some time next week. From reports made by growers it appears that the damage to hops by the rain was not of any considerable extent. Even owners of yards in the hills, where the hops were late, claim that no injury has been done, and that they will harvest a good quality of hops.

The market has not yet opened, and probably will not for a week or 10 days. Only a very small part of the crop is in the bale, and it is estimated by growers and dealers that by Saturday night next not over half the hops will be baled. A few growers have made bales in order to get samples. A few sales were made last week at prices ranging from 12½ to 14 cents, but these were small lots. The sale at 14 cents was of very choice hops, and cannot be taken as an indication of what will be paid when the market opens and the hops are ready for delivery. Growers still talk of 15 cents, though there are some who do not speak so decidedly as they did in regard to holding for that price. Squire Farrar, a well-known Salem dealer, says that the brewers hope to buy their hops at 15 cents delivered, and if this price should prevail the grower will not receive over 12 cents. Unless there is a very radical change in the opinions of growers, there will not be many sales at 12 cents.

CORVALLIS HOP OUTPUT.

Will Be 12,000 to 15,000 Boxes—Damage From Mold Is Trifling.

CORVALLIS, Or., Sept. 24.—Picking in the King yard ended this afternoon. It is the last to finish save the Campbell yard, a small one, in which picking began this afternoon. The damage from mold is trifling. The total yield in this vicinity will be from 12,000 to 15,000 boxes. Pickers returning from the Polk County yards say that two yards in the Buena Vista district have contracted next year's crop at 12 cents.

Carload of Dried Prunes Sold.

CORVALLIS, Or., Sept. 24.—A carload of dried prunes was sold here last Saturday. The purchaser was the representative of a Newberg firm, and the seller was Henry Stone. The price paid was 4½ cents for 40-50s, and 5½ cents for 30-40s.

WEALTH OF CURRY COUNTY.

Assessment Summary Shows That It Has Decreased Ten Per Cent.

SALEM, Or., Sept. 24.—The summary of the assessment roll of Curry County for the year 1900 was filed in the office of the Secretary of State today. It shows a decrease of over 10 per cent in the last 12 months in the total value of taxable property. The summary is as follows:

Tillable land, 3258 acres	$ 31,533
Nontillable land, 145,559 acres	281,563
Improvements in deeded lands	37,740
Town and city lots	13,027
Improvements on same	9,060
Telegraph and telephone lines, 48 miles	2,400
Steamboats, engines, machinery, etc.	14,245
Merchandise and stock in trade	17,515
Farm implements, carriages, etc.	8,146
Money	200
Notes and accounts	14,993
Household furniture, jewelry, etc.	10,988
Horses and mules, 771	11,024
Cattle, 4237	59,549
Sheep and goats, 21,383	34,497
Swine, 1159	2,022
Gross value of all property	$565,274
Exemptions	62,042
Total taxable property	$503,232

The total taxable property last year was $562,413, showing a decrease of $59,181, or 10½ per cent. Of this decrease, $34,067 is on land. The summary for 1899 shows no tillable land, and 3700 acres less of tillable land. There is a decrease of $19,675 on improvements on deeded lands, $11,400 on town lots, $6000 on improvements on lands not deeded, $3000 on merchandise and $1600 on money. The present summary shows an increase in both the number and value of horses, cattle, sheep, goats and swine, and also on the telephone lines, steamboats and farm implements. The exemptions last year were $59,069, or nearly $3000, less than this year.

Long-Felt Capitol Want Supplied.

A recent improvement, that has been a long-felt want at the Capitol, is a complete set of doorplates, designating the occupants of the different offices. The new placards are painted on tin, with a black background and gilt letters, and can be seen at a considerable distance. Visitors at the Statehouse have experienced difficulty in finding the different officees, and often bother officials with inquiries. The signs just put up will be greatly appreciated by both the public and state officers. For many years, the door of the Governor's office has borne a card bearing the word: "Executive office." Many people do not understand these words, so the new sign bears the simple word "Governor."

Fish Commissioner's Report.

The report of Fish Commissioner Reed for the month of August, together with a remittance covering the collections made by him during that month, was received at the Treasury Department today. It shows license fees as follows:

District No. 1	$ 25 00
District No. 2	246 50
District No. 3	126 00
District No. 4	185 00
District No. 5	201 00
District No. 6	116 00
Total collections	$899 50

There were no fines collected nor sales made of confiscated fish or fishing gear.

Oregon and Negro Immigration.

Governor Geer is in receipt of a communication from David Milburn, of Parsons, Kan., making inquiry as to the rights of the negro and mulatto, under the Constitution of Oregon. It seems that Kansas politicians are making capital of the obsolete section of Oregon's Constitution prohibiting the colored man from voting. While it is true that the Oregon Constitution contains a clause against the immigration of the negro or mulatto, it is also true that the provision is made a dead letter by the National Constitution, and is of no effect whatever. While it has never been repealed, neither has any attempt for its enforcement been made. Oregon's colored population enjoys equally as many privileges as that of other states.

$5000 FIRE AT ASHLAND.

Fruit Cannery and Evaporator Destroyed for a Second Time.

ASHLAND, Sept. 24.—The building and entire contents of Coleman's Ashland Fruit Canning and Evaporating Company, located at the railroad crossing and Helman street, was totally destroyed by fire this morning at 2 o'clock. The loss is estimated at $5000, with $2600 insurance. The same manufacturing institution was entirely destroyed by fire two years ago.

WASHINGTON STATE FAIR.

Opened Yesterday, With Good Prospects for a Fine Exhibition.

NORTH YAKIMA, Sept. 24.—The State Fair opened here today with all of the departments fairly filled, and prospects for a better exhibition than has been given in previous years. Fourteen cars of stock arrived this evening, and others are coming tomorrow. The stock department will be judged by Professor Shaw, of Bozeman, Mont.; agricultural exhibits by Professor Elliott, of Pullman, Wash.; races by C. A. Emry, of Carthage, Mo. R. S. Leighton, of Vancouver, B. C., acts as starter in the races which will begin tomorrow. The Indian races and dances will begin Wednesday. The attendance today was small, but larger than usual on opening day.

WILL SOON COMMENCE OPERATION.

Sawmill With Daily Capacity of 50,000 Feet Nearing Completion.

CENTRALIA, Sept. 24.—The large sawmill of the Salzer Valley Lumber Company, about two miles west of this place, will be put in operation in a short time. The work of construction is progressing rapidly. The plant will have a capacity of about 50,000 feet per day, and will receive its supply of logs from Salzer Valley.

Probable Fatal Fall of Painter.

OREGON CITY, Sept. 24.—E. G. E. Seal, a resident painter, this afternoon fell from the gable-end of the Congregational Church, a distance of 35 feet, striking on his back and receiving injuries which will probably prove fatal. A ladder resting on a swinging scaffold slipped, and caused him to fall to the ground.

Death of J. K. Price, of Portland.

SALEM, Sept. 24.—James K. Price, aged 74 years, died at the asylum for the insane last night of apoplexy. His home is in Portland, to which place the remains were sent for burial.

Appointment for an Oregonian.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 20.—Miss Alice E. Simmons, of Woodstock, Or., has been appointed seamstress at the Fort Lapwai Indian School, Idaho, at $500 per annum.

Soldier Relieved From Duty.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 20.—The President has directed that First Lieutenant Samuel V. McClure, be relieved from further duty at the University of Idaho, Moscow, Idaho.

Oregon Mining Notes.

From the face of a 400-foot drift on the Uncle Dan mine, in the Virtue district, ore is being taken out which goes $200 per ton in free gold.

It is reported that Spokane capitalists have taken a bond on the Thrasher group of copper claims, on Lower Innaha, and are going to begin development immediately.

Jack Cockell, reports a fine strike on his Lincoln claim, in the Bonanza district. He says the tunnel is now in 145 feet, with a 12-foot ledge, which will average $9, while selected samples are reported to give values of $63.

A. V. Reeves is operating a group of claims on the north fork of the John Day, back of the Cable Cove district. It is said that they have two feet of ore, from which assays of $42 in gold and silver and 14 per cent copper are reported.

The property of A. W. Ellis, located over the summit from the North Pole mine, on the Rock Creek side, is said to be making a very fine showing. It is reported that assays averaging $23 are being received from a four-foot vein.

The Tempest mine, in the Greenhorn district, has started a 400-foot tunnel to tap the vein at 250 feet depth. The Tempest is shipping high-grade ore to the Sumpter smelter every day, and will have ample tests made, with a view of ascertaining the proper method of treatment.

W. H. Huffman, who has been spending much of his time this Summer in the rich mineral belt of Union County, was in Union last week, where he exhibited samples of ores from some of the new copper discoveries of that section. The ore is very rich and demonstrates that the district will develop into valuable property