GOOD NEWS FOR SALEM

OREGON MATERIALS WILL BE USED IN NEW FEDERAL BUILDING.

How Business District of the City Is Shifting on Account of Location of Postoffice.

SALEM, Oct. 7.—The dispatch from Washington in today's Oregonian, announcing that bids for the construction of Salem's new Federal building have been advertised for, was pleasing news to the people of Salem. The information had been received here from a private source that no action would be taken by the general Government until after the Legislature had released to the Government the required jurisdiction to the site selected for the building. If the bids shall be opened on November 17, as expected, all preliminary preparations can be made so that the active work of putting up the structure may be commenced early in the Spring.

The further announcement that Oregon material will be used as far as possible is also very satisfactory to citizens of Salem. When Special Agent Garrison, of the Supervising Architect's office, was here a year ago this Summer, examining the various sites offered, the superior quality of Oregon's stone was fully represented to him, and a special effort has been made to secure an order directing the use of Oregon material. If these efforts have been successful, as now appears to be the case, Salem will have a public building that will not only be an ornament to the city, but also a standing testimonial of the quality of building material produced in this state.

The selection of the west end of Wilson avenue for the new postoffice site has had a considerable influence in changing the center of the city. It is already noticeable that business is gradually moving back from the river and closer to the new postoffice site. When the new Odd Fellows' temple was planned it was predicted that the storerooms and offices could not be rented on account of the location, which is two blocks east from the main business street; but the Odd Fellows have already leased a storeroom to Fred A. Legg, the druggist, and office rooms to Drs. Byrd, Smith, Bradshaw and Shaw. If the location of the postoffice so far east shall result in the desertion of some of the old buildings on Commercial street it will also encourage the erection of modern business blocks on Liberty, High and Church streets. For many years the business portion of Salem has been confined to Commercial street and two blocks on Star street. The permanent location of the postoffice on Church street, three blocks east of Commercial, has been followed by a thorough remodeling of the old Reed Opera-House on Court and Liberty streets, and the erection of the Odd Fellows' block on Court and High. The old Reed will be occupied by one of the largest business houses in the city and also by the Masonic lodges.

Henry Dunn, an old soldier, popularly known as "Old Harry," threw a rock through a plate glass in the front door of the Ladd & Bush Bank. The missile also crashed through a plate glass partition inside the bank, doing damage to the amount of $50 or more. Dunn has been troublesome to the police for some time. He was formerly an inmate of the Soldiers' Home at Roseburg, and was discharged on account of habitual drunkenness. A number of attempts have been made to secure his readmission to the institution, but without success. He considers himself misused,a nd just as he threw the tone this morning he said:

"I will force the people of Salem to support me."

A burglar entered the residence of Dr. J. A. Richardson, in this city, early Saturday morning, and stole a pair of trousers hanging on a chair in the doctor's bedroom. The trousers were afterward found in a vacant lot near by, but $15 in coin had been taken from the pockets.

MUNICIPAL TROUBLES.

Oregon City Citizens Criticise the Council's Expenditures.

OREGON CITY, Oct. 7.—Just at this time local municipal politics are receiving more quiet discussion than the Presidential election, although new city officers will not be chosen until the first Monday in December. Partisan politics does not enter into the strife for the control of the local municipal government, but candidates array themselves in two cliques. For a few years past the city recorder and police force have championed the winning side, and there have been no changes in these offices. However, recent events may effect a change in this order of things, as there is much expressed dissatisfaction among a number of taxpayers. This culminated in the finance committee referring back some bills at the last meeing of the City Council to be considered by the body of the Council. The bills were recommitted to the finance committee. However, other bills were allowed by the Council after considerable discussion. A few weeks ago Charles Burns, Jr., son of the chief of police, and Charles Drew, stepson of a prominent merchant, were arrested by Night Policeman Shaw for disorderly conduct, but stubbornly resisted being taken to the city jail. The officer secured the help of four men to land them there, but was so badly injured himself that he had to be carried home, where he remained under a physician's care for several days. The city recorder sentenced the offenders to confinement in the city jail 60 days each on charges of disorderly conduct and resisting an officer, but ordered them released after 12 days' imprisonment on promise of good behavior. The chief of police remained off duty while his son was confined in the city jail, and when the Council met both of the officers were allowed pay for full time and their substitutes were paid out of the city treasury. City Attorney fees, board of prisoners and the cost of substitute officers amounted to nearly $80, besides pay for the stove and other articles the prisoners demolished during their confinement. All these bills were paid in full by the city. The bill of C. Schuebel, of $200, for making a present ownership list of the property-holders in the new sewer district, is still in the hands of the finance committee. The work was done jointly by Mr. Schuebel and Recorder Curry, and there is considerable complaint that the charge is exorbitant, County Judge Ryan expressing the opinion that the job could have been done for $35. H. E. Cross, who was city attorney when the sewer was built under the bluff in 1892, said he did not charge the city anything for making out the assessment roll for sewer district No. 1.

The stockholders of the Willamette Valley Chautauqua Association held a meeting last night. President W. C. Hawley, of Salem, presided. The same committees that were in existence last year were reappointed, but now each committee has the privilege of selecting its own chairman. H. E. Cross was elected delegate to the convention of Pacific Coast Assembly secretaries, that will meet in San Francisco in January.

WHY MINERS WERE RELEASED.

Not Shown That They Knew They Were Interfering With Mail.

In explaining the decision of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals by which 10 of the Coeur d'Alene miners were released from San Quentin last Monday, the San Francisco Chronicle says:

"The indictment in the case alleged three counts, two of which were abandoned at the trial. Fourteen men were arraigned and of this number 10 were found guilty on a count alleging that the defendants had conspired to seize a train bearing United States mail. Denis O'Rourke, one of the defendants, was sentenced to 22 months' imprisonment at San Quentin and to pay a $1000 fine. The other defendants received the same fine and were sent to San Quentin for 22 months.

"The decision rendered by the Circuit Court of Appeals sets aside all the convictions because of a fatal defect in the indictment. Circuit Judge Gilbert wrote the opinion and Judges Ross and Morrow concurred. The decision was based on two opinions of the Supreme Court of the United States, one in the case of the United States vs. Carli and the other in the case of Pettibone vs. the United States. Carli was indicted for passing counterfeit money. He was granted liberty because the indictment failed to allege knowledge on his part that the money in question was counterfeit. Pettibone was indicted for inducing employes of the Bunker Hill mine to cease work ir spite of an injunction of the District Court of Idaho. This case fell to the ground for lack of an allegation showing that Pettibone had knowledge of the issuance of an injunction and of the fact that he was restricting a process of the Federal courts.

The defect in the indictment at bar was the absence of an allegation that the strikers knew the train they seized to be a mail train. On this subject the court said:

While it is true that the laws make the railways of the United States postal roads for carrying the mail, it is nevertheless true that many passenger trains do not carry the mail. The defendants in this case are not charged with the overt act of obstructing the passage of the mails or a carrier of the mails, but with a conspiracy. . . . It is no offense against the United States to hinder and delay the passage of a railway car, and consequently it is no offense to conspire or confederate for that purpose. Such an offense must be dealt with under the laws of the state. The conspiracy as charged in the indictment lacks an essential impediment to an offense against the United States, towit, that the defendants knew that the mails of the United States were carried upon the train which they conspired to obstruct. It may be that they all had such knowledge, or that the facts and circumstances shown in the evidence were sufficient to charge them with such knowledge, but that does not dispense with the necessity of setting forth in the indictment all the elements of the wrongful act which they conspired to commit. . . .

The judgment is reversed and the cause remanded with instructions to quash the indictment and discharge the defendants.

"The decision does not affect the case of Paul Corcoran, one of the strikers, who was convicted under the state law of murder in the second degree and sentenced to 18 years' imprisonment. Effort is now being made to have Corcoran's case reviewed by the Supreme Court of the United States on hearing of a writ of error."

PREPARING A BIG FAIR.

The Best of Eastern Oregon to Be Exhibited at The Dalles.

THE DALLES, Or., Oct. 7.—Managers, decorators, carpenters and electricians in squads are hurrying forward the work on the booths, band stands and paraphernalia of the street fair today, making the enclosure and its immediate vicinity hum with the preparations. Cloudless skies have given zest to the work, and bunting, evergreens and strings of colored lights are rapidly transforming the newly built walls into gay and brilliantly colored booths and stands. Exhibitors have poured in in such numbers that space is at a premium, and all indications point to an unprecedented display of Eastern Oregon products and manufactures. Immediately inside the main entrance on Third and Washington streets, is the department devoted to women's handiwork, which is in charge of a committee headed by Mrs. Alice Sheldon. Following down the Third-street space are the booths and exhibits of the city merchants, beautifully decorated and lighted by hundreds of incandescent lights. Midway in this block a high band stand spans the thoroughfare, below which is the throne, where the queen and her attendant maids will hold their court. The working force of the electric light company is taxed to its greatest endeavor putting in 20 arc lights in addition to the numberless groups and strings of incandescents, which will give the fair the brilliancy of noonday. Chief among the fruit attractions will be the choicest exhibits of Hood River's recent horticultural fair, which will be brought here tomorrow. The keen interest evinced by the town and country people, together with the perfect weather, promises to make the festival a notable feature in the history of The Dalles.

Tuesday morning, at 10 o'clock, the queen will arrive up the river and will be received from her royal barge by the Mayor of the city and the City Council at the Regulator dock, where the city keys will be turned over to her keeping until Friday, when Rex is expected to arrive and share that responsible honor with her. From the river Queen Cora will lead the city fathers and dignitaries to her pavilion at the fair, whence she will proceed to lead the grand procession, whose order will be as follows:

Platoon of police.
Queen's royal coach.
Float bearing maids of honor to the queen.
Band.
Detachment of National Guard.
Grand Army of the Republic (Nesmith Post.)
Fraternal societies.
Fraternal societies' floats.
Fire department.
Indians in war paint.
Merchants' floats.
Private turnouts.
Midway parade.

Oregon Notes.

The new Heppner band has ordered $500 worth of new instruments.

J. H. McHaley last week bought 3000 head of choice yearling ewes and wethers at $2 12½ per head, says the Heppner Times.

The man arrested in Wisconsin as Fitzhugh, who robbed the bank at Joseph, Or., October, 1897, turned out to be some one else.

Hummason & Cheney have their new quartz mill ready for operation and will begin dropping stamps the first of the week, says the Gold Hill News.

This shows what Tillamook County is doing these days: "Among the freight taken by the Sue H. Elmore Saturday were 276 boxes of butter, 175 boxes of cranberries, 800 boxes of cheese and 38 bundles of hides."

An effort is being made in Kings Valley, Benton County, to get telephone connection with the outside world. It is said that the telephone authorities have offered to connect the valley with Philomath, if given a bonus of $150.

Another gold strike has been made near Susanville, Grant County. This time on free-gold ore from the Mayflower mine, owned by a man from Heppner, and assays as high as $480 per ton. The location of the find is about a mile to the northeast from the town, in the Granite belt.

The packing-house at The Dalles received Friday from Klickitat County, four cows of the Polled Angus breed that weighed 5250 pounds, two of them weighing over 1300 pounds apiece. This is no unusual weight for steers, but for cows of any breed it is a record not often equaled.

The present lumber output of Tillamook Bay is about 1,000,000 feet per month, and the indications are that this output will be doubled for the coming year, says the Tillamook Headlight. The city mills are cutting spruce for San Francisco and have the positive assurance that boats will be here inside of 30 days. The capacity of the mills will be increased as soon as the first cargoes are shipped, and they will be kept running steadily.

Cathartic or purgative pills do more harm than good. Carter's Little Liver Pills do only good; but a large amount of that. Only one pill a dose.

TO BIND SHIFTING SANDS

PROJECT OF PROFESSOR LECKENBY ON CLATSOP BEACH.

Continuation of His Experiments in Introducing and Extending Use of Tenacious Forage Plants.

ASTORIA, Or., Oct. 7.—Another most important thing that has been added to the utilities and attractions of Clatsop County is the United States and state experiment station, recently located at Gearhart Park, under the direction of Professor A. B. Leckenby, the agrostologist. The principal object of the station is to find the grasses best adapted to sodding the sands on the sea ridges, which are now almost destitute of vegetation, and where the raw sand drifts Summer and Winter, burying the plants and encroaching upon the pasturage. There are some 2000 or 3000 acres of such lands in this county now, comprising a strip a quarter to a half-mile in width, along the ocean shore. As new dunes are being constantly formed, owing to the action of the jetty, which is causing the ocean sands to accumulate along the Clatsop beach, these also need to be reclaimed. The final object to be attained is not so much to furnish pasturage, although that is not to be overlooked, as to stop the sands from drifting and thus convert what are now barren and unattractive hills into grassy downs, easy of access, picturesque and sightly. They will then be adapted to the growth of trees or grasses, flowers and other pleasant herbage, and furnish incomparable sites for numberless oceanside cottages.

The project of an experiment station at the beach has been a favorite one with the Astoria Progressive Commercial Association during the past two years. Professor Leckenby, who is an honorary member of the association, has lent his aid in every way possible, and now, principally through his efforts, both the state and Government departments have been interested, and have undertaken the work. M. J. Kinney has given the use of 40 acres of land on the shore, the sandiest he has, and land best adapted to the purpose. Work is to be commenced at once, and many varieties of grasses will be tried, those qualified for binding the sands and forming a sod being used. From the facts thus learned owners of other bare sand hills will be enabled and expected to reclaim their acres.

The work, however, will not end with Clatsop Beach. There are other sandy tracts throughout the coast, and in the interior along the Columbia and Snake Rivers are many thousands of acres to be reclaimed, which, when once fixed, will make most valuable fruit and forage lands. Neither is Professor Leckenby limiting his researches to the sands. He is introducing for experiment grasses that are best suited to the marshes and tidelands. On Clatsop Plains, between New Astoria and Seaside, there is a chain of marshes comprising many thousands of acres. This area is now either too much drowned or too low to produce wholesome native grasses, and has not been reclaimed to any extent. Mr. Leckenby, however, has hopes of sodding these lands with a certain very valuable forage plant, with which he has already had an interesting experience. It is a native of South America, and naturally would be supposed to require a hot climate, like the famous Bermuda grass. He has experimented with it successfully in the interior of California, grassing the margins of the alkali lakes of that arid region. It is an aquatic growth, and a sod thrown on the edge of a pond begins extending at once, and soon covers the shore and even reaches out over the water.

Much to the surprise of the professor, he has recently discovered that this plant has in some way been introduced on the Columbia; and at Kalama, on Guild's Lake, near Portland, and on a low piece of ground at The Dalles it is growing vigorously. It is best propagated by sods, one of which extends enormously in a single year, gradually choking out everything else.

The name of the plant is Paspalum, and the species is Pisdistichum. It is purely a ground-runner, and, therefore, useful only for forage, and not suitable for hay. It is very sweet, however, and is a great milk and flesh former. There are 60 species of the plant, and Mr. Leckenby intends trying all of them here.

Karl Aumhkoff, a sailor on the German ship Philadelphia, which arrived yesterday, was taken to the hospital this morning for treatment. He fell from the fore topmast yard a few days before reaching port, and one of his legs was broken.

Levy Wooden, of Jewell, met with a very serious and painful accident yesterday. He was engaged in blasting at the bottom of a well, and a large piece of rock flew and struck him on the right leg, below the knee, crushing the limb badly, and breaking two of the bones. He was brought to this city this morning to have the injuries dressed.

The funeral of the late James A. Cook was held from Pohl's undertaking parlors today, under the auspices of the Oregon Pioneer and Historical Society, and Cushing Post, G. A. R. The remains were taken to the old Pioneer cemetery, at Clatsop, for interment.

LOOKING FOR AN EX-PRISONER.

He Is Said to Have Been in Colfax Jail to Assist Delivery.

COLFAX, Wash., Oct. 7.—The case of the state against James Moore and George Mansfield, charged with assisting prisoners to escape from the County Jail, has been dismissed for want of sufficient evidence to convict. Mansfield, Moore, Hugh Boiye and Charles De France were charged with assisting William Clifford and Daniel McDonald to escape from the Whitman County Jail. Mansfield and Moore were released on bonds, Boyle was remanded to jail in default of bonds, and De France, being under bonds on conviction of larceny by embezzlement, was not arrested. Judge McDonald released Boyle on a writ of habeas corpus, and there was little evidence against the others, excepting what Boyle could give, and the state decided it was insufficient to warrant a trial and dismissed the case. An effort is now being made to locate a man by the name of Romine, who was a prisoner in the County Jail at the time of the escape, and the Sheriff has affidavits of other prisoners that Romine was the real leader of the plot and was given $500 for the job, having been brought here from Portland for that purpose.

A warrant was issued yesterday for the arrest of W. H. James, a pioneer farmer and stockgrower living near Hay Station, in the southwest part of the county, on a charge of attempted rape. The complaint is sworn to by his daughter, Eva James, who is only 16 years of age. This is the second time he has been charged with the same offense, the first time being in July, 1897, when his wife was the complaining witness.

WHY FARMERS ARE PROSPEROUS.

Diversified Crops and Attention to Details Tell the Story.

OREGON CITY, Oct. 7.—Farmers of Clackamas County are prosperous in spite of the short yield of wheat. This is due to the fact that diversified farming is becoming more general. In but few instances has the farmer placed his entire dependence on wheat. Many agriculturists have cattle in the mountains that now bring high prices; others have sheep or goats; the hopyards and potato fields are extensive, while a portion of the fruit crop is actually going to waste in some sections of the country. Butter-making and poultry-raising is receiving considerable attention, and creameries are becoming an important industry.

W. S. Byers, a farmer near Stone, marketed 12 tons of green peas in Portland this season, raising two crops on the same land, sowing in December, February and during the Spring months. He harvested the product between April 21 and June 21, enabling him to market large quantities as he could drive from his place to Portland, a distance of 14½ miles, in three hours. In addition to the usual farm products, he sold six tons of dried prunes, receiving 4½ cents per pound for the Fellenbergs. He also sold 1000 boxes of King, Waxen and Gravenstein apples, receiving on average of 75 cents per box. Mr. Byers would not give out what he received for his peas, but said the returns were very satisfactory.

There is a practical demonstration of successful dairying on the farm of M. Vetsch & Sons, on the Sandy road, 5½ miles from Damascus, and 21 miles from Portland. Twenty-two years ago Mr. Vetsch, wife and two sons came from Switzerland, and settled in this section of Clackamas County, purchasing a heavily timbered farm, with only 28 acres cleared. Old settlers say that Mr. Vetsch's neighbors commented on the fact that it would be almost impossible for him to make a living on the land. Now it is current talk that he is actually wealthy, with various sums of money loaned out and drawing interest. The entire 160 acres is now in a high state of cultivation, except 40 acres used as a Summer pasture. Fifty-two cows and their increase until sold, hogs and other stock are kept on this quarter-section of once heavily timbered land. Although Mr. Vetsch had carried on dairying many years on a small scale, it was not until about six years ago that he embarked in the creamery business with properly equipped apparatus. The creamery is now operated with the milk from 110 cows, 52 kept on the farm, and the product from 58 cows belonging to farmers living in the vicinity, the price now being paid for milk being on the basis of 23.65 cents per pound for the butter fat. The cows are common stock bred in with Jerseys, and produce an avegare of 220 pounds of butter apiece annually, the product being in regular demand in Portland at 55 cents per roll. The skimmed milk is carried from the creamery to the hoghouse through a siphon pipe, where it is used for feed. Mr. Vetsch says that last year he sold $350 worth of pork fattened on skimmed milk. They also raise eight to ten acres of potatoes every season, steaming those that cannot be sold, by the aid of the creamery engine, and using them for hog feed.

The principal feed for the cows is clover hay, mixed with bran or sometimes chopped wheat. The Summer pasturage on the farm, with the addition of a little bran, is sufficient for the cows for a couple of months, but in the Fall they are given corn fodder, grown on six or eight acres, every season. With the exception of occasionally a few lots of bran, the cows are fed entirely on the product of the 160-acre farm. A chopping mill occupies a convenient position to the engine in the creamery building, that is sometimes used for grinding up wheat. During the Spring months, when the supply of milk is large, cheese is manufactured in one part of the creamery building, thus making uniform production of butter throughout the year. Besides Mr. Vetsch and his two sons, only three men are employed to handle the product of his farm—two ordinary hands, receiving $22 50 per month and board, and the butter-maker, $40 per month and board. At present Mr. Vetsch, Sr., is visiting his old home in Switzerland.

The figures show that farmers, who supply the creamery with milk, receive an average of a little over $50 per annum from each cow for butter fat.

NORTHWEST DEAD.

Military Burial to a Veteran of the Spanish War.

JUNCTION CITY, Or., Oct. 7.—The funeral of W. H. Baber, Jr., who died in Prineville, October 5, of typhoid fever, contracted in the Philippines, took place here this afternoon from the family residence, conducted by Rev. Mr. Bishop, of Portland. Separate Company C, of Eugene, then took charge, acted as pallbearers and gave the remains a military burial. W. H. Baber was aged 27 years, and was raised in this vicinity. He was a member of Company B, Second Oregon Volunteers, who went to the Philippines, and has not been well since his return.

A Grant County Pioneer.

J. B. Edington, one of the best-known and most highly honored citizens of Grant County, residing near Mount Vernon, died at the Calkins Hotel in Burns, September 29, of pneumonia. His wife was summoned from her home and reached Burns Thursday. J. B. Edington was born in Green County, Missouri, January 3, 1841. He moved to California with his parents in 1852 and settled in Napa County, coming to Grant County during the mining excitement in 1862, where he has resided continuously until his death. He followed mining on Canyon Creek, within what is now the corporate limits of Canyon City, for many years, and also mined for a while at Susanville and Dixie Creek.

M. M. Ashley, of Baker City.

BAKER CITY, Or., Oct. 7.—M. M. Ashley died in this city early this morning of heart failure, aged 63. Mr. Ashley was a pioneer of the county, having resided here for 20 years. On coming to Oregon he first settled in Wallowa County. A wife and two daughters—Mrs. Mitchell Smith and Mrs. G. W. Campbell—survive him. The burial will take place tomorrow, under the auspices of the G. A. R., of which order he was an honored member.

IOWANS WEDDED IN OREGON.

Love Story That Might Have Been Taken From the Books.

ALBANY, Or., Oct. 7.—John P. Foley, a prominent furniture dealer and undertaker, and Miss Phoebe E. Freeman, a graduate last year of the nurse's department of Rush College, Chicago, both of Cedar Rapids, Ia., were united in marriage at the Catholic Church, in this city, this morning. The case is a romantic one. Several months ago they were engaged to be married, when Miss Freeman heard from different sources that her lover was not true to her, and, without notice, started immediately for Oregon, where she has an uncle at Crabtree, in this county. The first intimation to the lover was a personal in a newspaper that the young lady had gone to Oregon. The young man, about whom the reports had been false, wrote daily after learning the address of the young lady's uncle, but received no answer. Then he became desperate and started for Oregon. He learned that Miss Freeman was in Albany, working at her profession, and wrote her to meet him at the train at a certain time. She received the letter, but independently refused to respond. Not being able to learn her whereabouts, he walked the streets, until finally rewarded by her appearance as she went to the postoffice. Satisfactory explanations followed, and the happy couple, after seeing some of Oregon, will return this week as husband and wife to their future home in Cedar Rapids.

WARMING UP IN BOISE.

The Intermountain Fair—Work of the Politicians.

BOISE, Ihado, Oct. 7.—The Idaho Intermountain Fair will open in Boise next Monday, and continue during the week. It is expected by the managers that this fair will eclipse anything previously given in this section of the country. They are allowing liberal premium offers in all departments, and especially so for the racing programme, offering $10,000 in cash prizes in this department alone. They have made an effort to secure for this fair more vaudeville and other outside attractions, and they have succeeded well. The credit for this is due in great measure to their secretary, J. S. Bogart, and the energies of President John McMillan and J. G. Camp, the field advertiser.

Hon. Binger Hermann, of Oregon, delivered an address to a crowded house last eveing, which was admittedly one of the very strongest speeches that has yet been delivered in Boise in this campaign. The fusionists all concede that it was a strong speech.

The Republican State Central Committee announces the following itinerary for Governor Geer, of Oregon: Weiser on October 8; Cambridge, Tuesday, October 9; Caldwell, Wednesday, October 10; Boise, Thursday, October 11, and at Mountainhome, Friday, October 12. He will be in the state five more days, but the itinerary for these days is not yet arranged. The Democrats announce that S. H. Bashor will speak here on Monday evening. Willis Sweet and S. S. Crane, the candidate for Lieutenant-Governor, are in Boise between trips. They have been campaigning in Northern Idaho, and report that everything there looks fine for the Republican party. They will continue their campaign in the southern part of the state.

Lewis County's Tax Levy.

CHEHALIS, Wash., Oct. 7.—The tax levy for Lewis County, as fixed by the Commissioners, is 25 mills, divided as follows:

State	9 mills
Current expenses	4 mills
Road and bridge	3 mills
Old interest and warrant indebtedness	4 mills
Road tax	5 mills
Total	25 mills

Lewis County's old warrants, bearing 8 per cent, which are outstanding, will aggregate about $50,000. Four mills of the tax levy is made to take up a part of these, and will make about $10,000 available for this purpose. The Chehalis City Council has fixed the levy for the town at 30 mills.

Hopbuyers were very active here yesterday. About 200 bales were sold at 12½ cents per pound, which was freely offered. Thirteen cents could have been obtained, and there were rumors of 14 cents and better being offered. About 1700 bales have been sold in the Chehalis district. About 2000 bales remain unsold.

Washington Notes.

Chehalis County will pay $114,697 72 in state and county taxes this year, as against $103,795 last year.

Landseekers are flocking into Brewster to be on hand for the opening of the Colville reservation on October 10.

The Laconner Postoffice receipts entitle it to be advanced from a fourth grade to a third grade office. This is the oldest Postoffice in Skagit County.

The eighth annual convention of the Pacific Coast Association of Fire Chiefs was held in Spokane October 2, 3 and 4. The association will meet next year in Tacoma.

John G. Foster, commission merchant at Hoquiam, has on display three pumpkins, raised in Chehalis County, their weights being 59½, 54½ and 50 pounds respectively.

The demand for logs seems to hold good in spite of the dubious prospect of a month ago. The Mason County Logging Company has orders for a half dozen rafts of logs ahead.

A recent census of the Swinomish reservation, opposite Laconner, by Deputy Agent J. Y. Roe, shows there are 313 Indians and half castes, 160 males and 153 females, the oldest Indian being 79 years and the majority about 35. There were but six births during the past year, and 12 deaths.

The "Steck" piano—Wiley B. Allen Co.

A Year's Increase in Washington National Banks.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 3.—The condition of the 31 National banks of Washington State, on September 7, as compared with their condition a year previous, is interesting at this time, as indicating the commercial advancement of that state in the past year. The returns show as follows:

	Sept., 1899.	Sept., 1900.
Loans and discounts	$ 9,481,055	$12,188,349
Stocks and securities	1,437,619	1,470,362
Specie	2,787,230	2,697,914
Surplus fund	503,918	559,835
Individual deposits	18,702,972	20,934,468

AT LEAST NINE KILLED

WORK OF TORNADO IN NORTHEASTERN MINNESOTA.

Locomotives Were Shifted From the Tracks and Pounded Into Scrap-iron—Mines Disabled.

BIWABIK, Minn., Oct. 7.—The tornado that raged in this vicinity last evening was most violent. The storm cut a pathway 150 feet in width through the northwestern corner of the town, completely wrecking several buildings. The property loss is estimated at $100,000 and the known fatalities number nine, with a score or more injured, some severely.

The storm swept in a northwesterly direction after leaving here and struck a little Finnish settlement near Pike Lake, where a number of buildings were wrecked, in one of which an entire family, consisting of husband, wife and four children, were instantly killed. So far their names have not been obtained. It is believed when the more remote districts are heard from further casualties may be reported. The list of casualties so far learned is as follows:

Killed:
Mr. and Mrs. Marowitz.
William Hilstrom.
Family of six near Pike Lake, names not known.

Severely injured: Andrew Anderson, a locomotive fireman, severely scalded, will recover; F. Murray, engineer, severely scalded, will recover; Andrew Debbo, laborer, severe scalp wounds, will recover; John Morrison, foot badly crushed. About 25 others were more or less severely cut and bruised.

The house in which the Marowitz family lived was completely wrecked, and the body of Mrs. Marowitz was found 400 feet away, every bone in her body being broken and her clothing completely stripped off. The body of her husband was found amid the debris of their home horribly mutilated.

William Hilstrom was struck on the head by a falling tree and his skull crushed. He afterward died at the hospital.

The engine-house of the Duluth, Mississippi & Northern Railway was completely wrecked and a number of locomotives and cars were shifted from the tracks and pounded into scrapiron. The engine on which Murray and Anderson were when the storm broke was blown from the track and the men were pinned beneath it and horribly burned by the escaping steam. Several cars were blown from the Duluth, Mississippi & Northern tracks and were found in the Duluth mine pit, hundreds of feet away. Many of the buildings destroyed were owned by the mining companies, and tenanted by their employes. The shafthouse and buildings of three mines were reduced to kindling wood.

The tornado, which lasted less than five minutes, was preceded by an unusually severe thunder and rain storm. The rain has flooded many of the open pit mines, and they cannot be operated for some time.

7500 POUNDS OF DYNAMITE.

Exploded and Injured 200 Persons and Wrecked Buildings.

DULUTH, Minn., Oct. 7.—A special from Eveith, Minn., tonight, reports a disastrous explosion. Seven thousand five hundred pounds of dynamite in the powder magazine at the Pruce mine, situated a half mile from town, blew up about 5:30 o'clock this afternoon. A hole 100 feet square and 25 feet deep marks the spot where the magazine stood. The force of the explosion was so great that it smashed every pane of glass within a radius of two miles. The mine laboratory and warehouses were totally wrecked.

At least 200 people were hurt more or less from being thrown down by the shock or hit by shattered glass. The explosion was plainly felt at Biwabik, 12 miles distant. The cause of the explosion is unknown.

Eight Injured in Car Collision.

CHICAGO, Oct. 7.—Eight persons were injured tonight, one of them seriously, by a collision between a Calumet electric car and a south-bound Lake Shore train at Stoney Island avenue and Seventy-ninth street. The conductor says the accident was due to the fact that the motorman, who was a new man, did not bring the car to a stop before starting across the track. The injured are: Irwin Dowse, motorman, internally injured, crushed under car, may die; Rev. H. Mattlen, slightly bruised; Nevins Nuchegkt, right arm and left leg broken; Frank Jacobson, bruised about head; Tony Peters, cut and bruised; Elmer Yrede, hands and face cut; Herman Schieffer, wounded on head; T. R. Thompson, cut on head and body.

Floods of Mexican Rivers.

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 7.—Telegraphic advices from Tampico, Mex., state that the Panuco and Tames Rivers, which empty into the Gulf at that place, are on one of the biggest rises in their history, and great damage has been wrought by the floods in the populated and cultivated valleys above here. At one point near Chila station on the line of the Mexican Central Railway the Tames River is over 50 miles wide, and has swept to destruction hundreds of houses occupied by Mexican farmers and laborers. Many drownings are reported. All the tributaries of these rivers in the southeastern part of the state of San Luis Potosi are out of their banks and have washed away whole villages and ruined thousands of acres of growing crops.

Railroad Injury Was Fatal.

SALT LAKE, Oct. 7.—A dispatch to the Tribune from Rock Springs, Wyo., says Arthur Mumaugh, whose mother lives at Springfield, Ill., died at the State Hospital here today from a shock following the amputation of one leg and part of the other foot. He fell from a box car, the wheels crushig his limbs.

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MALARIA AND MOSQUITOS.

Professor Koch Conducted Experiments on Oriental Monkeys.

TACOMA, Oct. 7.—Passengers who arrived here today from the Orient report that Professor Robert Koch has arrived at Hong Kong. The eminent bacteriologist of the Berlin University has devoted a year to scientific investigations in the Dutch West Indies and in the German colonies of East Africa for the purpose of testing his cure of malaria, which was only partially successful in Germany before his departure.

The scientist now announces to the medical world that his cure is positive, and that every malarial district can be absolutely purged of the scourge.

During his stay on the Island of Java, Professor Koch procured several gorillas infected with malaria whom he gave hypodermic injections of his virus, and in two or three cases he mixed medicine with food which contains about 50 per cent of quinine. The doses were much larger than those intended for human beings, and the results were eminently satisfactory. Dr. Koch announces that his medicine is both for curative and preventative purposes.

He also wants it known that he has found a way of ridding countries of the malarial parasites—the mosquitos. On his arrival in Berlin he will present his official report to the German Government, and will recommend that measures be taken at once to introduce his method of exterminating the parasites and his cure for malaria, which he claims can be manufactured at once in all countries.

He Came, He Saw, but Did Not Conquer.

Medford Enquirer.

The great Binger Hermann, of handshaking fame, has come and gone, and as a consequence the chickens are roosting high.

Chance for a Hero.—When I marry, it will be a brave hero, who fears nothing. May—Yes, dear; I am sure you will never wed any other kind of a man.—Philadelphia Bulletin.

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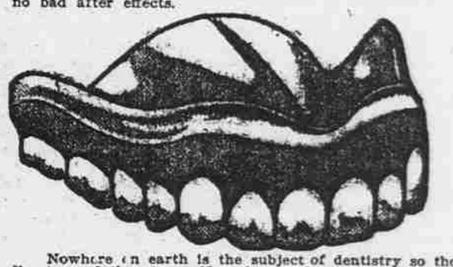

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