

EVER A LIVE ISSUE

Location of the State Capital in Washington.

REMOVAL IS AGAIN AGITATED

Present Time Hardly Propitious for Project—One of Rogers' Board Will Be Changed.

TACOMA, Wash., Nov. 15.—The approaching meeting of the State Legislature brings with it the usual amount of gossip and conjecture regarding the location of the State Capital. While this question has been discussed for upward of 10 years, or ever since the people declared in favor of Olympia, new features are constantly being introduced, and recently is the announcement of the candidacy of Everett for State Capital honor. It is understood among a number of Democratic and fusion leaders that Governor Rogers will favor the use of the county courthouse at Olympia for State Capital purposes.

In the meantime, a large number of the citizens of all parts of the state express themselves on every opportunity in favor of various localities, particularly on Puget Sound. Should the question be put to a vote at this time it is believed that the choice would rest largely between Olympia and Tacoma. A proposition, made about the time the vote was taken 20 years ago to locate the capital permanently at the site on the eastern side of Puget Sound between Tacoma and Seattle, is being revived. A central location at Yakima is also favorably mentioned, together with locations in about half of the counties of the state.

On the whole, it is taken for granted that the present is not a propitious time to take up and permanently settle the capital location. It is understood that the sense of the taxpayers of the state that the question should again be submitted to the people. The people of Olympia are well satisfied to have the capital remain there, and they are equally ready to present each and all of the various schemes and propositions to move the executive department of the state. Recently the meeting of the State Legislature at Olympia, particularly when E. United States Senator is to be elected, results in the distribution of a considerable amount of money, but at the coming session no Senator will be expected to support the proposition to meet with opposition in many instances outside of Thurston County. There are many Democrats and fusionists who would like to have the capital matter settled under a Democratic administration, and there are also a still larger number of Republicans who will not be satisfied unless the plan for the buildings are put into effect. The chief Executive in charge of state affairs.

As the Legislature is empowered to create the State Board of Audit and Control, it is held that the same body can be organized to handle the means for handling state institutions, including state patronage. As such a move would embarrass the Rogers administration, it seems reasonable to expect that a partial division of some of the state offices may result. Therefore, although the Democrats and fusionists elected a Governor, it is possible that the Republicans will be able to place a number of their men in many appointive places. When Governor Rogers came into office he had the Legislature with him and forthwith changed by doing away with the Rogers board or commission and substituting a Board of Audit and Control, otherwise known as a Board of Strategy and political reservations. It is believed that the result may result, the Rogers Audit and Control Board is likely to undergo changes.

NATURAL GAS IN WHITMAN COUNTY.

Wells Will Soon Be Bored—How Discovery Was Made.

COLFAX, Wash., Nov. 15.—There is considerable excitement in Pine City neighborhood, in the northwestern part of Whitman County, over the reported discovery of natural gas in the area. Recently a test of the gas was made in the presence of a number of men of wealth, with the idea of interesting capital. The test is reported to have been entirely successful. The test was made that the boring of wells will begin at once.

The new gas field is located from Pine City south and west to a distance of 20 miles and with an average of one mile. The first discovery was made in what is called the "Hole in the Ground," a peculiar little valley, surrounded by rock precipices, and having but two outlets. At the lower end of the valley, just above the head of Rock Lake, is the farm of E. N. Jones. Mr. Jones has lived here since 1872, and has always used water from a large spring on his place. He noticed that bubbles of air or gas were constantly coming to the surface in the water of this spring, but thought little of the matter.

About two months ago, however, Mr. Jones read something that led him to think that perhaps the bubbles that had escaped from his spring during all the years of his residence were natural gas. Taking a lighted torch, he passed it over the surface of the water where the bubbles were rising and was much surprised to notice that as he did so, the bubbles ceased to rise, and that a slight noise of explosion. He then began experimenting. Taking a long iron rod, he thrust it into the soft earth to a depth of six or seven feet. Withdrawing the rod, slight traces of gas were held to the hole, and the gas was ignited, the flame rising to a height of 12 inches to two feet, and burning for half a minute. The discoverer endeavored to keep the matter a secret, with the usual lack of success, and within a week, half the land-owners about Pine City were getting about their long iron rods, peering holes in the ground, and having the gas burning therefrom.

FINANCES OF MARION COUNTY.

Semiannual Report for Term Ending October 1.

SALEM, Nov. 15.—The semiannual report of the financial affairs of Marion County for the six months ending October 1 was made public today. It shows that there were at the close of the half-year outstanding county warrants to the amount of \$2,000. The remaining funds were \$24,000. The receipts for the six months were \$24,000, and the disbursements were \$24,000. The report shows receipts to the amount of \$12,500, and disbursements to the amount of \$12,500. The report also shows that the county has a surplus of \$12,500.

The statement of claims allowed shows that the total expense for the half-year aggregates \$24,000, of which the items, amounting to over \$1000, are as follows: Roads and bridges, \$1,500; Fuel, \$1,000; Salaries, \$1,000; and other items. The report also shows that the county has a surplus of \$12,500.

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GOVERNMENT OF SALEM

COST OF MAINTENANCE FOR PAST TWO YEARS.

Present Administration Takes Credit for Having Reduced Expenses Over \$20,000.

SALEM, Nov. 15.—City Recorder N. J. Judah today issued a comparative statement of the financial affairs of the city of Salem under the present city administration and under the previous administration. The object of the statement is to show that the citizens' administration has fulfilled its promise to reduce the current expenses of the city.

The statement shows that the warrant expense of the years 1897-98 aggregated \$40,000, from which is deducted \$20,000 expended on the City Hall, and not properly a current expense. This leaves the current expense of the previous administration at \$20,000.

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REIGN OF LAWLESSNESS

HOLD-UPS AND ROBBERIES ARE FREQUENT IN TACOMA.

Police Make Daily Round-Ups of Shady Characters, Only to Head Them for Portland.

TACOMA, Wash., Nov. 15.—Hold-ups are becoming of daily occurrence, and hardly a night goes by without some house being burglarized. At noon today, as two ladies were passing through Wright Park, a thug held them up, snatching the pocketbook and watch of one of the ladies.

The police make daily round-ups of men of shady character, who have been recently driven out of Seattle. Many are taken to the southern limits of the city and headed for Portland. People living in the suburbs are asking for better police protection.

JUDGE McDONALD GOES FREE. Charge of Attempted Subornation of Perjury Dismissed.

COLFAX, Nov. 15.—The November term of the Superior Court closed this afternoon, the jury summoned never having been called.

This afternoon saw the close of the prosecution of Judge McDonald on a charge of attempted subornation of perjury. Yesterday Judge Jacobs held defendant's testimony, but the information to be well founded. The prosecution gave notice of an intention to appeal to the Supreme Court. Judge Jacobs gave the prosecution until the 15th inst. to file a complaint. This prosecuting attorney declined to do so, and the case was dismissed. M. O. Reed, the attorney employed by the County Commissioners to assist in the prosecution of McDonald, and who was not permitted to act in that capacity by Judge Jacobs, still claims that the prosecution will be continued in the opinion of McDonald, and who is not to be done until after McDonald retires from the bench in January, 1901.

The case against W. H. James, charged with passing on his own daughter, was also dismissed, the outraged child, who was the prosecuting witness, making no appearance.

The 12 cases set for trial at this term of court, two have been postponed until the December term. There are the cases against Dan Miller, charged with grand larceny, and C. C. Clark, who was caught with the stolen horse, after having committed a burglary.

BEESON MURDER TRIAL.

Damaging Evidence Against Gates, Who is Accused of the Crime.

SOUTH BEND DEPOT, Wash., Nov. 15.—Two fishermen testified today in the Beeson murder case that Gates, who is accused of the crime, told them that he had seen the body of Beeson, but that he knew who did it. A boy testified that Gates told him that it would be better for him (Gates) if the body of Beeson was never recovered. Another boy testified that Gates told him that if he saw the body of Beeson, he would kill him. It was demonstrated by expert testimony that the launch which Beeson was in charge of could not have turned around, if no one was at the wheel.

T. R. Billings said he had conversed with Gates the next day after Beeson was reported missing. Gates was very nervous and said when a man disappeared on the Columbia nobody thought anything of it. Gates said he had it in for Beeson because he had treated him mean. Calvin Brown heard the conversation and corroborated it. Henry Smith, superintendent of McGowan's North River cannery, testified that Olsen told him that his partner, Gates, was to go to the talking about the Beeson matter.

Two Young Men Assault Another. ALBANY, Or., Nov. 15.—Vernie Sloan and John Bem, two young men of Crawfordville, were arrested today for assaulting another young man, who was taken to the County Jail under bonds to await the action of the Circuit Court. It is charged against them that while Fred Green was escorting Miss Adams to the church, the young men attacked them, beating and kicking them, until a neighbor came to the rescue and drove the young men away. It is evidently a case of jealousy.

Administrator Appointed. OREGON CITY, Nov. 15.—In the Probate Court today, Henry E. Stevens was appointed administrator of the estate of Hiram Straight, deceased. The estate is valued at about \$6000, and includes the real estate of the late Hiram Straight. A Straight, the former dying before the provisions of the will were finally executed.

New Practice for Portland Attorneys. PORTLAND, Nov. 15.—Edward B. Watkinson and Benjamin B. Beekman, of the firm of Watson & Beekman, of Portland, have been admitted to practice before the Interior Department.

Oregon Notes. The Drain Normal School has formed a football team, and will play at the Chatskain streets are now lighted with gas lamps. The Standard Oil Company will locate a station at Coos Bay. Ground has been broken at La Grande for the new Christian Church. Marshfield may have a winter carnival during the month of February. A local teachers' institute will be held at Forest Grove, November 24. Pendleton and La Grande high schools will play football Saturday week at La Grande.

Recommendations for Positions. Two Oregon educators were today recommended to Governor Rogers for positions on the State Text-Book Commission. They are Mrs. Nora T. Burney, of Portland, and Professor E. D. Ressler, of Eugene. While the Governor makes his appointments entirely outside the State, he is recommended to encourage and appreciate suggestions and recommendations.

ALASKA INDIANS IN DIRE STRAITS. Unless Aid Is Sent, Numbers Will Die of Starvation. CHICAGO, Nov. 15.—Unless Government aid is extended to Alaska Indians the death rate this winter will be appalling large. This is the statement of G. B. Swinehart, of Nome, Alaska, who is on his way to Washington, where he will bring the matter before the notice of the Department of the Interior. Continuing, Mr. Swinehart said: "The Alaska Indians are in dire straits. About a month ago I made a trip to the Yukon River and found hundreds of men and women dying of a disease that is nothing more or less than consumption. The sickness, which has now become an epidemic, was first noticed in the spring. During the summer the disease increased and the Indians were unable to dry fish, which is their chief and almost their only staple. Consequently, thousands of them will die of starvation." Mr. Swinehart was the first United States Commissioner at Nome.

BACKACHE

Women Suffering with Backache are Requested to Read These Letters From Women Who Have Been Cured of It by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

Could Not Sleep. "DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—I thought that I would let you know how much good Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has done me. Before taking it I suffered very much with backache, could not sleep nights. Now, thanks to your medicine, I rest very well every night and am better than I have been for years. I want every woman to know what your Vegetable Compound has done for me. I know it will help others if they will only give it a trial."—Miss GRACE COLSON, Oswego Falls, N. Y.

Backache and Headache. "DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—I had headache and backache, was nervous all the time. I have taken five bottles of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and have had better health since taking it than I have had for ten years. I am stronger than I was and weigh more than I ever did. I think it is the best medicine on earth and have recommended it to others. May God bless you for the good you have done to suffering women."—Mrs. MARGARET WILD, Clover Bottom, Ky.

Profuse Menstruation. "DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—My trouble was profuse menstruation, lasting from one to twelve weeks. The flow was so great I thought I could not live over night. I had pains in my right side very severe at times, hot flashes so that I thought I would burn up. I had to stay in bed nearly all the time for two years and six months. I had two doctors but they did me no good. My neighbors thought that I could not live. While I was in this condition, a lady gave me some of your medicine. I began its use at once and in two days felt that it was doing me good. I soon got out of bed and commenced to do my work, something I had not done for over two years. I continued taking your medicine and now feel as though I was young again. My changes are now regular and people are telling me how well I look. I tell them that Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound did it all."—ALMENA E. DUNLAP, 29 S. Kent St. Winchester, Va.

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with the outlook in Nome, especially in the newly discovered mining regions. Mr. Lane's 60th birthday was celebrated on the Oregon at sea several days before her arrival in Seattle. Captain George B. Baldwin, the third member of the party being sent by the Nome Chamber of Commerce to make known Nome's wants in Congress, also came down on the Oregon.

Oregon Mining Stock Exchange. Following were the quotations at the Oregon Mining Stock Exchange yesterday:

Table with columns: Stock Name, Bid, Asked. Includes items like Astoria & Malheur, Adams Mountain, Buffalo, etc.

Horses for Cavalry Service. WALLA WALLA, Nov. 15.—Captain R. Fure Wallingford, U. S. A., is in the city buying horses for the use of the troops in the Philippines. Since July, 1899, before the War Department was in Washington, Oregon and Idaho nearly 2700 horses and 30 mules, and is now engaged in filling an order for 500 more. He paid from \$20 to \$30 a horse for horses. While they are not up to the standard for cavalry use in this country, they are admirably suited to the service in the Philippines.

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