

FOR ARID SECTIONS

Bill to Provide Great Irrigation System. \$1,000,000 FOR SEVERAL STATES

Oregon, Washington and Idaho included—Will be introduced at the coming session of Congress.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 27.—A bill for irrigation of arid lands is to be introduced...

The bill already prepared provides that four practical reservoir sites and irrigation ditches shall be surveyed in each state...

COURT AT BAKER CITY.

Bonanza Mine Suit Dismissed—Newspaper Man Arraigned for Libel.

BAKER CITY, Nov. 27.—The civil action commenced in the Circuit Court of this district by H. L. Phillips to recover from Albert Geiser and other members of the Geiser family \$100,000, was dismissed yesterday by Judge R. E. Eakin...

Charged With Death of a Child. VICTORIA, B. C., Nov. 27.—Eugene V. Brooks, 21-year-old son of Mr. Malby, one of his followers, were arrested this afternoon and charged with causing the death of the 9-year-old son of Mr. Malby...

Held for Uttering Worthless Checks. NEW WHATCOM, Wash., Nov. 27.—H. L. Crosby, who was released only last month from the state penitentiary at Walla Walla, was arrested here tonight...

TO ENTERTAIN OREGON DAIRYMEN.

Hillsboro Making Ready for Annual Meeting—State Land Business.

HILLSBORO, Nov. 27.—Mayor Wilcox, at a meeting of the City Council last evening, appointed the following committee to provide for the entertainment of the State Dairymen's Association...

Agricultural College Instructors. CORVALLIS, Nov. 27.—Professor J. H. Patterson has signified to President Gatch an acceptance of the position of physical instructor at the Agricultural College...

Washington Postal Orders. WASHINGTON, Nov. 27.—A postoffice has been established at Hoods Bay, Lewis County, Washington, to be supplied by special service from Silvercreek...

HARVEY WAS ACQUITTED.

Verdict of Jury in Case of Trainman Charged With Assault.

ROSEBURG, Ore., Nov. 27.—Circuit Court for Douglas County convened here yesterday morning, with a light docket. First on the docket was the assault case in which Willie Thron, of Cottage Grove, was the victim of a Southern Pacific freight-train crew last summer on the run between that place and Roseburg...

Mr. Tongue Leaves Today. HILLSBORO, Nov. 27.—Representative T. H. Tongue and party leave tomorrow evening for Washington, D. C. The Misses Elizabeth and Bertha Tongue, Miss W. Langley and Miss M. Barrett, Jr., go east with the Representative...

Final Trip of Goldsborough. TACOMA, Nov. 27.—It is expected the torpedo destroyer Goldsborough will be ready for her final trial Friday. The crew to handle the ship are here, and are all experienced men.

Moody Off for Washington.

THE DALLES, Ore., Nov. 27.—Hon. M. A. Moody left here this morning for Washington, via the Northern Pacific, expecting to reach Washington Saturday.

Judge Failed to Arrive.

HILLSBORO, Nov. 27.—Judge McBride missed the morning train from Portland and there was no session of the Circuit Court today. He is expected to arrive here today, and will conduct this evening session of the court to enable witnesses to go to their homes.

FOOT AND ANKLE WERE TORN OFF.

Accident That Befell Otter in Mill.

Another Employee Injured. ASTORIA, Nov. 27.—Oscar Launi, 14 years old, was caught on the set-screw line shaft in the Astoria Box Company's mill this evening, while oiling. His foot and ankle were torn off by the shaft, which was slightly bruised. He was taken to the hospital and the doctors hold out little hopes for his recovery...

Portland Custom-House Work.

Local Firm Will Likely Get Contract for Electric Wiring.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 27.—The Western Electric Works, of Portland, will probably secure the contract for electric wiring in the Portland Custom-House, their bid of \$200,000 being about \$100,000 less than the next lowest.

MINER'S GHASTLY DEATH.

His Head in Tunnel and Blew Off His Head With Dynamite.

BAKER CITY, Nov. 27.—At the inquest held over the body of George Ellis, the aged, insane man found in a mining tunnel near Weatherly, ghastly details of death were revealed. It is evident that the old man entered the tunnel to hide from imaginary pursuers, or to prevent his being taken to the asylum, with the result that he was blown in a portion of the tunnel, blocking the exit. Over the top of this obstruction he had succeeded in drilling a loophole, through which he had crawled and hid himself from pursuing himself. It is supposed that Ellis committed suicide by exploding a stick of dynamite in his mouth. When the body was discovered, it was found in a cleft of the tunnel, with a small portion of the lower jaw. While inquiries had been made as to what had become of the old man, no one thought about exploring the tunnel. Within the past few days obnoxious odors marked the region, and investigation revealed the corpse within.

At the Coroner's inquest evidence was adduced to the effect that Ellis, after escaping from the officers, had purchased three sticks of dynamite and some rifle cartridges at the Duquesne Store, at the same time that he would never go to the asylum, together with the conditions discovered inside the tunnel, led the jury to return a verdict of suicide. At the Coroner's inquest evidence was adduced to the effect that Ellis had taken his own life with his rifle, but closer examination proved this theory at fault, as the rifle lay some distance away and never was fired. No less powerful explosion than dynamite or giant powder would have been so destructive.

Ellis had resided about Weatherly for several years. He was known as an erratic, contentious man. A small farm is left, which has little value, and his mining properties are of no considerable worth.

ANTELOPE SHEEPMAN SHOT.

Outcome of Trouble With Another Over Family Matters.

THE DALLES, Ore., Nov. 27.—Sheriff Kelly received a telephone message this morning from E. J. Gilman, Justice of the Peace at Antelope, stating that E. J. Gilman had shot and seriously wounded M. J. Finlayson, one of the most prominent sheepmen of the Antelope section. The ball entered the chest at the level of the nipple, and, ranging upward, lodged under the collar bone. Sheriff Kelly instructed Justice Gilman to arrest and hold Rogers for examination. Both men were brought to The Dalles this afternoon. The trouble between the two is said to have arisen over family matters.

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Oregon City Nonpartisan Ticket.

OREGON CITY, Nov. 27.—At the nonpartisan city convention held at Williams Hotel tonight, Charles H. Dye was elected chairmen, and C. Schieffelin secretary. The following nominees were chosen: Mayor, George A. Harding, by acclamation; Treasurer, E. J. Jamieson, by acclamation; Independent citizens' convention endorsed unanimously: Councilmen—First Ward, Duane C. Ely, three years; H. C. Stevens, one year; Second Ward C. G. Dunham, three years; Third Ward, J. S. Sprague, three years; Independent citizens' nominee for three years, Indorsed, S. D. Francis, one year.

Idaho's Official Vote.

BOISE, Idaho, Nov. 27.—The State Board of Canvassers canvassed the vote of the recent election today. It shows there were 51,514 votes cast. The highest Bryan Elector has 263 plurality, the others 173 and 151. Glenn, fus, for Governor, has 127, and Hunt, fus, for Governor, has 127. There were 67 Prohibition votes, 213 Barkeley votes, and 222 votes for Bryan Electors on what was termed the anti-fusion Populist ticket.

HEAVY FOGS ON PUGET SOUND.

Many Minor Accidents on Both Land and Water Resulted. TACOMA, Nov. 27.—Heavy fogs prevailed over the Upper Puget Sound all day, and minor accidents on both land and water resulted. Two street-cars collided on lower Pacific avenue, smashing the fronts of both cars and injuring one of the motormen. None of the passengers sustained injury.

NORTHWEST DEAD.

W. H. Wood, of Astoria. ASTORIA, Nov. 27.—W. H. Wood, a resident of Astoria, for the past 50 years, died this morning of cancer of the liver after a long and painful illness. His funeral will be held Thursday morning from the late residence, and the interment will be in Greenwood cemetery, under the auspices of the Knights of Pythias and the A. O. U. W., of which he was a member. The deceased was born in Devonport, England, in 1811. While a young man he joined the British Navy and remained in it until 1839, when he received his discharge at Victoria, B. C., after which for several years he engaged in the coasting trade on the coast, when he came to Astoria to reside, and has been engaged ever since in the sealing business. He married here and leaves a widow, two daughters and a son.

W. F. Owens, of Cedar Mill.

HILLSBORO, Nov. 27.—W. F. Owens, a prominent pioneer farmer of Cedar Mill, this county, died yesterday. His funeral will occur tomorrow.

Washington Notes.

Pomeroy has a project for an electric light plant. N. E. Lee has been sentenced at North Yakima to 30 days for pocket-picking. Two cases of smallpox are at Fish Hook Point on Snake River, near Walla Walla.

J. W. Rumrums, of Pomeroy, last week contacted a case of hogs and 200 turkeys to Northport, B. C. The Colville city election will take place December 4. A Mayor, City Treasurer and three Councilmen will be elected. Adam Spenser has been found over at Four years ago the Presidential Electors were John P. Caples, T. T. Geer, E. L. Smith and S. M. Yoran. Geer and Yoran were both very anxious to be selected to transmit the vote, because of the honor and the national publicity accorded a man who goes to Washington on such a mission. Caples and Smith were also willing to undertake the task, but were disposed to yield to one of the other two. The Electors not being able to agree upon one of their number, it was decided to cast lots. Caples withdrew his chances, and the names of the other three Electors were written on cards, which were placed in Judge Caples' hat. The cards were well shaken, and then Judge Caples, with eyes turned aside, drew out the card bearing Mr. Spenser's name. The President-Elect insisted, however, that his name be put back in the hat, and that another draw be made. This was done, and the name of T. T. Geer was next drawn. Governor Geer today received a letter incident, that he did not suggest that another draw be made. He says, however, that he regards Mr. Smith's act as the most unbecomingly unstatesmanlike that has ever come to his notice.

It is a great privilege to be permitted to carry the electoral vote to Washington, for the messenger has all his people's confidence, and the national reputation, meets a hearty welcome in all official circles at the National Capital, and is granted the courtesies of the Senate for the Governor-elect. The President-elect claim on this honor, aside from his drawing the lot. He had made a strong personal campaign for the Republican ticket, and received the highest vote of the four Republican candidates.

McKinley to Governor Geer.

In response to a telegram of congratulation on his re-election, President McKinley has written Governor Geer as follows: "I want to thank you most cordially for the message of congratulation which you were good enough to send. With assurance that your kindly comment is appreciated, believe me, very sincerely yours, WILLIAM MCKINLEY."

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GIVEN OFFICIAL NOTICE

ELECTION CERTIFICATES ISSUED TO REPUBLICAN ELECTORS.

Decide Among Themselves Who Goes to Capital—How Governor Geer Was Selected in 1896.

SALEM, Nov. 27.—Governor Geer today issued to the Republican Electors their certificates of election. The Electors will meet at the Capitol, December 5, to cast their ballots for President and Vice-President, and at that time one of the four Electors will be selected to take the certificate of votes cast to Washington. There is no prescribed mode of determining the order in which the Electors will cast the vote, so each body of Electors adopts the manner most satisfactory to a majority.

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NATURAL GARDEN SPOTS

EAGLE AND PINE VALLEYS IN EASTERN OREGON.

Prize Fruit Raised in Abundance—Sheltered by Mountains and Favored in Every Way.

BAKER CITY, Ore., Nov. 27.—Eagle Valley is rightly named the Eden of Eastern Oregon, and it has a big sister, 19 miles distant, known as Pine Valley. These two garden spots are richly favored in every way. Nature seems to have striped of fruitfulness a large area and concentrated all in these two depressions. Eagle Valley is six miles by three miles in dimensions, while Pine is five by four. Both are abundantly watered. With the exception of the level land along the lower Powder River, Eagle and Pine constitute the agricultural land in the Panhandle of Union County. There are two little truck gardens in a vast stretch of mountains, mineral land, placed in the heart of the district to feed on lucidous fruits and fine vegetables the delvers for gold.

Eagle Valley, small as it is, has done more to advertise Oregon than any other fruit district of the state, with the possible exception of the Willamette Valley. It was in Eagle Valley that the famous world-beating apple grew which took the grand prize at the Columbian Exposition in Chicago. And the Billy Oregon, the proud bantam gamecock placed by Dr. J. Guy Lewis to crow over that mammoth apple, and whose princely bearing and challenging clarion attracted the attention of the world, were both raised in Eagle Valley. It is only Billy Oregon's feathers and skin that greet the eye, for he is not now among the living.

Eagle Valley fruit has taken many prizes. Wherever exhibited it wins. A rare combination of warm sunshines throughout the summer, a moderate temperature and water for irrigation, with a dry atmosphere and altitude of 2000 feet, form an ideal spot for fruit. Forty miles of rough mountain road intervenes between Eagle Valley and the nearest transportation center. Naturally, little fruit can be marketed under such conditions. But whenever Eagle Valley fruit reaches the outside world, it is in the hands of the most successful of the Eastern Oregon towns have long enjoyed the treat.

As at present situated, Eagle Valley can market profitably but little more than the heavy handicap of distance and rough roads absorbs most of the profits. Stock thrives on the broad Summer Range throughout, and rich alfalfa and timothy hay are produced in large quantities in the valley for winter feed. Over 34,000 head of sheep will winter in this little valley, with 15,000 head of cattle and 2000 head of horses. The mutton, wool, beef and cavalry horses sent out bring a handsome income to the population, which numbers between 700 and 800 people.

Eagle Valley was settled for a stock camp. When the fever of early mining days began to subside and men began to realize there was other than mineral wealth in the country, Eagle Valley was immediately chosen as an ideal site for stock. Hardly any snow fell in winter, and the thermometer knew no extremes. The roughness of the adjacent country promised a profitable return on agricultural investment. Water was abundant in many mountain streams. What drew one stockman soon drew others, and Eagle became the home of many. With permanent residence came the idea of agriculture. The first ones—but there are many protests coming from some of its citizens.

Montesano, after six years of darkness, has closed a contract with Chester H. Kiehl and his associates, who have bought the Montesano water plant, which is situated on the hills north of the city, and is operated by means of a dam on the gravity system. It is their intention to enlarge the reservoir, and to run the light plant arrangements will be made through the overflow from the dam will be utilized. Mr. Kiehl filed a bond of \$1000 with the city attorney of Montesano Saturday, guaranteeing faithful performance of contract. There is good reason to believe that the dam is known as Silvia Creek falls, and it may be possible the company will decide to build the light plant there instead of at the reservoir. At first the dam was to be built last Saturday in the case of H. K. Brown vs. the Union Savings & Loan Association, of Portland, by which Mr. Brown gets a judgment for nearly \$5000. A number of others that cluster about the few closing months of the career of ex-Collector J. C. Saunders in Port Townsend. Saunders transferred to the account of the city of \$100,000 of the capital stock of the Puget Sound Savings & Loan Association. The association was later dissolved, and the money was returned to the city. It was understood that the capital stock which Brown held was to be released by the Portland and Marine Bank, and Mr. Saunders' bank broke, and Mr. Saunders' name was on the list of others that cluster about the few closing months of the career of ex-Collector J. C. Saunders in Port Townsend. Saunders transferred to the account of the city of \$100,000 of the capital stock of the Puget Sound Savings & Loan Association. The association was later dissolved, and the money was returned to the city. It was understood that the capital stock which Brown held was to be released by the Portland and Marine Bank, and Mr. Saunders' bank broke, and Mr. Saunders' name was on the list of others that cluster about the few closing months of the career of ex-Collector J. C. Saunders in Port Townsend.

Climate conditions in Eagle Valley are favorable for the raising of the state. Storms may be raging on both sides, and yet Eagle Valley be enjoying calm and sunshine. Granite Mountain and other high peaks of the Eagle range on the southeast and Lookout Mountain on the southwest act as great regulators of air pressure, and the winds blowing from the southeast seem to be generated around these peaks, the moisture being precipitated as rain on the high peaks, and leaving the valley clear and bright. The valley between, would suffer for lack of moisture were it not for great volume of pure mountain water available for irrigation. Snow seldom comes here, and for any length of time. Winds are light, compared to those of other sections of the country. The temperature is never very high, but quite warm during the middle of the summer, greatly to the advantage of ripening fruit and the growth of alfalfa.

For the last few years Eagle Valley has been considering a fruit and vegetable cannery. With this method of caring for fruit, the valley would be much better able to handle its yield. Canned fruit is a staple of the valley, and it is an advantage that green fruit. Last season negotiations were in progress with capital for a plant capable of handling all the fruit in the valley. Business men are confident that the future of the valley was not the best, and the proposition fell through. There is good ground for hoping that a cannery will be established in the valley in the near future, as several property-owners are alive to the importance of such an institution, and propose to have one erected. Establishment of a cannery would mean an increase of orchards, and the valley would be a single valley apple.

In this little green spot, wrapped by barren sagebrush hills, are found large swarms of honey bees. Several farmers have 50 to 100 hives, and the yield gathered here, while it is blooming, is of a superior grade. As the green alfalfa pastures are to be had from early spring until late in the fall, yielding in regard to the possibility of the future. Even now Eagle Valley may be said to be the land of milk and honey.

W. Usher, better known as "Uncle Billy," organized a branch of the horticultural society in Eagle Valley a few years ago. This society got up a good exhibit of fruit from the valley for the World's Fair at Chicago last year, among the specimens sent being the famous apple.

OREGON CITY COUNCIL MEETING.

OREGON CITY, Nov. 27.—At a special meeting of the City Council last night Elmer Dixon was elected to serve the unexpired term of Councilman of ward No. 1. G. W. Tracey, who has changed his residence. A statement of the Recorder showed that under the Bancroft act of the Legislature, 1884, taxpayers of \$174.64 out of the total sewer levy of \$233.67 had made application to pay their assessments in 19 cent annual installments; also that only \$88.50 had been received, the city paying upon public squares and other property \$61.55 of the total assessment, leaving \$166.61 unsettled. The Council ordered that 23 days' notice be published to the effect that the \$166.61 will be delinquent after December 20, 1900.

Vancouver Thanksgiving Services.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Nov. 27.—The public schools will close Wednesday for Thanksgiving, and will reopen the Monday following. Exercises appropriate to the day will be carried out at the different schools tomorrow afternoon. Union Thanksgiving services will be held at the Methodist Church in this city Thursday morning. The Rev. F. W.

THE KICKER.

A Theory of His Rise and Progress.

The word "kicker" is no more slang, but an honorable term admitted by the lexicographer to the round table of English speech. This acceptance of the word proves that there was a real need for it; that a certain class of people had no word in the English language to fitly designate them. As a class these kickers must be as modern as the word which describes them. They are in effect a new product of our latest civilization. The word which describes the kicker is picturesque. It suggests the mule whose kicking is usually done out of pure wantonness, which kicks in season and out of season, at everything or at nothing

As the case may be. The term kicker scarcely needs definition. We know exactly what it means as well as we know the chronic faultfinder it designates.

THE RISE OF THE KICKER.

Any one who cares to trace the rise of the kicker will find that he keeps pace with the prevalent American disease dyspepsia. On the whole, the kicker is not all dyspeptic, but all dyspeptics are surely kickers. They are everlasting fault-finders. Nothing gives right for them in the family or in business. They are like telephones magnifying every little sound to the shock of thunder. He really can't help himself. His nerves are strained to the limit of endurance. He is like a telephone magnifying every little sound to the shock of thunder. He really can't help himself. His nerves are strained to the limit of endurance. He is like a telephone magnifying every little sound to the shock of thunder.

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