## IN TIDEWATER ONLY

Clatsop County Wants All the Salmon.

ITS BILL FOR THE LEGISLATURE

The Gilnetters Seem to Have Comblued With the Trans and Seines to Make War on Other Sections.

ASTORIA, Dec. 11.-Among the mean ures to be introduced at the coming ses-sion of the Legislature will be one from the Lower Columbia River district to amend the present fishing laws. The text of the proposed bill cannot yet be ined, as it has not been drawn up in full, but is is proposed to have it con-form so far as possible with the wishes of all the various fishing interests of this district. Two years ago the fisheries committee of the Push Club, in conjunction with the late Commissioner McGu prepared the bill that was in part adop net McGuire by the Legislature, but this year the work has fallen into other hands. Several iths ago a committee was appointed by the Columbia River Fishermen's Pro-tective Union to interview the various interests connected with the industry, prepare a bill that would not only antagonize none, but would in the main be satisfactory to all, and solicit funds to be used in providing literature relative to the subject for presentation to the ombers of the Lecislature and to otherwise aid in securing the passage of the proposed measure. This committee is now hard at work, and while the bill is complete, its principal provisions

have been agreed upon.

The most important feature of the measure will be a section which prohibits all fishing for salmon in the Columbia. above tidewater and perhaps above the mouth of the Willamette, as it is claimed the latter would be a great aid in pro-tecting the hatchery fish, which would, if left alone, find their way to the Clackamas, already a reserved stream. It is said that the combine will favor this provision and is willing to sacrifice the use of its gear and plant on the upper river for the good of the cause, although It is claimed by many that its up-river investment has been anything but a pay-ing one. The framers of the bill assert that they are justified in asking for a law that will effectively put a stap to all fishing above tidewater, by the experience of other sections, namely British Colum-bia and Norway, where the enforcement of similar statutes has been the means of preserving the industry. While it is re-alized that this provision will meet with more or less opposition from other parts of the river, the Lower Columbia interests are nearly all united in favor of its

Another provision of the bill will be one providing that every license issued contain a full and complete description of the gear used by the holder. The object of this section is to do away to a certain extent with he danger of

loss of nets, etc., by theft.

A third section will be one regulating the size of mesh to be used on all classes of gear and placing the minimum at about \$3, inches. Nothing is to be said concerning the abolition of traps or eines, the object being to unite all the uterests of the lower river in securing to passage of a manual transfer of the lower river in securing the passage of a manual transfer of the lower river in securing the passage of a manual transfer of the lower river in securing the passage of a manual transfer of the lower river in the lower river river in the lower river ri of mutual benefit to each,

Two other provisions are also spoken to but have not yet been definitely dedded upon. One is to change the seaon by allowing fishing until the 20th day of August and the other is to set apart a portion of the license money collected each year to be used is paying a bounty on scals and sea lions that have worked such havor among the salmon in the

These are the main features of the bill passed, although there will probably be an amendment to the section relating to individual licenses, not to do away with them, but to permit of a more rigid enforcement of the section and make it more of a protection to the rights of those who are entitled to fish in the wat-

## DIVISION OF YAKIMA COUNTY.

Legislator Expresses Opinion That Rumor Is Not Well Founded.

NORTH YAKIMA, Dec. 12-Hon. Nelson Rich, Representative-elect for this county, stated today that he has he County in the lower end, where he re sides, and where it has been alleged the was a strong sentiment in favor of a di-vision. He does not believe the people of that part of the county are seriously thinking of a division, or would be will-ing to have it made until the population has increased considerably.

Militin to Binld Armory.

Company C, N. G. W., is making arrangements to build an armory this Spring. Those in in charge of the pro-ject say that 75 feet of one of the busi-ness streets will be purchased, and the building will occupy the whole of the three lots. It will be espacially arranged for the accommodation of the militia com-pany, but will have hardwood floors and will be otherwise arranged so that it may be used as a bullroom or convention hall. Members of the company and others have signified a willingness to subscribe for stock in the building, which, it is thought, Leased Lands to Go to Philippines.

N. H. Lille, of Toppenish, has leased the greater part of the large tract of land controlled by him on the reservation and will go to the Philippine Islands in a short time to engage in business. Reed, ex-Chief of Police, of Scattle, who was here this week, has taken 400 acres of the land; John Baxter, of Puyallup, 100; John Milton, of Kent, 100; and U. F. Diteman, of this city, 120 acres.

## OREGON CHAUTAUQUA.

Dates Fixed for Assemblies at Glad-

stone Park and Ashland. OREGON CITY, Dec. 11.-H. E. Cr. who returned from San Francisco last night, where he attended a meeting of the Pacific Coast representatives of Chau Valley Assembly this afternoon. It was decided to try the plan of holding the lusive, and the Ashland assembly July 5 to 18, inclusive. The dates

coresentatives of the California mility objected to the high standard talent demanded by the local assembly, as they are not in such a prosperous condition financially as the Willamette Valley organization. However, in the main, the various assemblies will employ the same star attractions; but the local own contracts. Willamette Vailey Assembly is constderably handicapped by the methods of the other assemblies, but indersed the re-port of Mr. Cross, and will secure the best talent obtainable, as it is out of debt and in a condition materially to improve the standard of excellence of the annual

Committees to Secure Specimens. Announcement of committees to take up the work of gathering exhibits for the Buffalo exposition was made by Mrs. Edyth T. Weatherred yesterday, before leaving Baker City. At Sumpter, Mrs. Weatherred chose J. H. Robbins, H. S. McCallum and Edward Everett Young; at Granite, J. J. O'Dair: Ibex district, John Michael, and Cracker Creek district, Colonel J. T. Grayson, A committee of three was chosen to collect and prepare an educational exhibit in Baker County. This committee consists of Professor W. H. Stalker, Miss Ada Cleaver and Miss Lois Stewart.

MINERALS AT BUFFALO FAIR. Baker City Has Candidate to Take Charge of Exhibit.

BAKER CITY, Dec. 12 .- Arrange are in progress for Frederick R. Mellis to take charge of the Eastern Oregon mineral exhibit at the Pan-American Ex-position at Buffalo. Since Mrs. Edyth Toxicr Weatherred visited this region and Togier Weatherred visited this region and interested business men and miners in the matter various plans have been proposed. Mrs. Weatherred went to Sumpter, where she met the members of the Business Men's League. As a result, a committee was appointed to gather ores, the same preliminary work was done in other sections. But when the short time to prepare the collection was considered. to prepare the collection was considered, together with the fact that the task was one of no small proportions, Mrs. Weatherred agreed with many other Baker and Sumpter citizens that the specimens already possessed by Mr. Mellis, added to. of course, wherever necessary, would be the most complete exhibit possible, un-der the circumstances.

ores to Spokene for the exposition there a year ago. He had charge of its arranged ment, and remained there to fully explain its many good features. As he was thoroughly informed on all parts of Eastern Oregon's mineral field, and having collected personally most of the ore exhibited, his knowledge was regarded an invaluable part of the advertising programme. That benefits have resulted is admitted by miner men of this section. ores to Spokane for the exposition there admitted by mining men of this section In more than one instance investments here have been traced to the exhibit made at the Spokane Exposition. This method of advertising is regarded as the most effective possible, and there is a general desire that Mr. Mellis be given charge of the Eastern Oregon collection. Mrs. Weatherred will submit the prep-

osition to the other members of the cor mission, who have entrusted her with this part of the work. If it is decided to place Mr. Mellis in charge, he will at once commence gathering more ore add to his already large cabinet of ex-

#### BONANZA MINE LITIGATION. Generally Believed to Be an Internal

Dissension. BAKER CITY, Or., Dec. 12.—No a preciable interest has been created ining circles by the petition in equity r a receiver for the Consolidated Boanza Gold Mining Company, which was lied in Pittsburg. Local mining men understand the difficulties outlined in the petition to be an internal conflict. Frank having charge of the property. There is no suspicion that the Bonanza will be er or not the allegations made regarding a purpose to sell and reduced operations

o give the property apparently less alue, have any basis of truth. All that is known here is that the Bonanza has been a steady producer for several years, although not so heavy as at some periods in the past, but as the output of all producing mines vary, according to the policy of the manage ment in pushing development work and natural changes in quality of ore as different levels or sections are reached, no significance is attached to ordinary changes in the monthly output. The Pittsburg fight between stockholders is not expected to be reflected in any man-

Quotations of Mining Stocks. SPOKANE, Dec. 12 .- The closing quotatio

ч	SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 12.—Official closing
ij	quotations for mining stocks:
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NEW YORK, Dec. 12.-Mining stocks today Brunswick ....\$0 15 Ontario ......\$6 00 Chellar 12 Mexican ...... 25 Chollar
Crown Point Delymouth
Con. Cal. & Va. 1 25 Quicksilver
Deadwood 51 do. pred
Gould & Curry 48 Sherra Newada
Hale & Norcross 15 Standard
Homestake 60 00 Union Con
Iron Süver 70 Vellow Jacket BOSTON, Dec. 12 -Closing quotations:

Adventure \$ 6 25 Franklin \$ 15 50
Allouer M. Co. 1 50 Franklin \$ 15 50
Allouer M. Co. 1 50 Franklin \$ 15 50
Amai. Copper 91 87 Quincy 170 60
Admai. Copper 92 87 Quincy 170 60
Boston & Mont. 27 60 Ctah Mining 33 75
Butte & Boston 85 60 Witness 3 25
Cal. & Hecla 810 60 Wolverines 36 60
Centennia 20 600 Sents Fe Cop 6 50
Oscoola 72 50

Rich Strike in Helena No. 1.

P. J. Jennings, president of the Helena Mining Company, has just returned from a trip to Bohemia district, and is more than pleased with the latest strike made in Helenn No. 1. The very rich streak has a width of about two feet in the center of a wall about 25 feet in thickners, and, it is believed, extends to an indefinite depth. This body of ore will be tapped during the present Winter at four different levels, and the ore shipped to market as soon as the roads are passable for four-horse teams. Mr. Jenniags estimates that the late strike has added at least \$500,000 to the value of the mine.

## RUBAL MAIL-CARRIERS.

Appointment of Officials for New Routes Out of Salem. SALEM, Or, Dec. 12.—Special Agent Ormsby, of the Postoffice Department, today announced the following appointments of carriers on Salem rural deliv-

Spring Valley route, J. A. Remington:
Rickreal and Oak Grove, Ciel Hayden;
Buena Vista, McNell Howell; Rosedale,
Lester Davis; Reform School, S. S. Willard: South Howell, Edward Cherrington;
Silverton road, Frank Raymond; Mission
Bottom, Lett. Girod, Ciel Hayden, How. Bottom, Leon Girod. Ciel Hayden, Howell Davis and Girod are Second Orego

veterana.

The Salem Chamber of Commerce has undertaken to raise a \$1000 purse to be offered at the races Salem day at the next

Seattle Eleven Defeated Walls Walls the standard of excellence of the annual meetings. Efforts will be made to secure lishop McCabe, Senator Dolliver, Colonel George W. Bain, Polk Miller and the Parke sisters for the July meeting. The flore. The score was 10 to 5.

# board was disappointed last year in not securing several prominent persons, who had contracted to come.

SECURES RELEASE FROM JAIL, TO BE REARRESTED.

Now Charged With Burning Insured Goods at Silverton to Defraud Insurance Companies.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 12.—Benjamin Wise, who was Monday evening bound over by Justice O'Donald to answer to the charge of setting fire to a building in Silverto iast Saturday, was this afternoon release last Saturday, was this afternoon released upon depositing \$2000 cash ball. At 9 o'clock this evening he was rearrested on the charge of burning a stock of insured goods for the purpose of defrauding an insurance company. The warrant for his arrest was issued from the Justice Court at Sliverton, and the arrest was made by Deputy Sheriff Ben Colbath, who found his man on the street in Salem.

When Wise was released this afterno it was known that the insurance com-panies desired to have him held to an-swer to another charge, but as no com-plaint had been made, he could not be detained. It was thought by many that the defendant would not be found, but as he was released after the Portland train had gone, he was still in town. Wise showed by his actions tonight that he is very much worried over the second arrest. He told the Deputy Sheriff that the \$5000 ball was put up by I. J. Benjamin, his employer, and owner of the stock of goods which was burned.

#### SUIT AGAINST EX-SHERIFF.

Charged With Failure to Properly

Account for County Funds. HILLSBORO, Dec. 12.-District-Atto HILLSBORO, Dec. 12—District-Attorney Harrison Alien has filed suit against ex-Sheriff Ford, principal, and his bondsmen, as tax collector for the year 1888, Messrs, Dr. S. T. Linklater, Herman Schulmerich, E. J. Lyons, George Schulmerich, W. C. Jackson and W. J. Morgan, in the sum of 1845-30, for money alleged to be due the county, and not properly turned over to the County Treasurer. It turned over to the County Treasurer. is understood that another suit, individually, against Mr. Ford, will follow

Not Guilty of Illegal Voting. The jury this morning returned a ver dict of not guilty in the case of State vs John Borwick, charged with illegal vot ing at a school meeting at Reedville las Winter. Borwick's counsel, S. B. Hus-ton, contended that "intent was the esdo, asked the Court to so Instruct ury. The Jude complied with this and the verdict followed. The two other cases, like charges, which were dismissed upon defective indictments, will, in all likelihood, be dropped.

Residence Robbed by Burglars.

COLFAX, Dec. 12.—The residence of Mrs. J. P. Shattuck, of Garfield, was robbed by burglars Monday night, and a gold watch, 15 gold nuggets, ranging in value from \$5 to \$39 each, some old silver spoons and other ware were taken. Mrs. Shattuck's loss in all was not less than The burglary was committed at an early hour in the evening, when the fam-ily were away at church. Two men were seen by a neighbor approaching the Shattuck house about 8 o'clock, but it was too dark at the time to see who the mer were, or gain any idea of their appear-ance, so they could be traced.

MINER ASKS FOR \$21,000 DAMAGES. Bases Action on Injuries Received in Golconda Mine.

BAKER CITY, Or., Dec. 12—A \$21,000 damage suit is on trial before Circuit Judge Eakin here. Charles Finnigan is the plaintiff, and the Golconda Gold Mining Company the defendant. Finnigan alleges that he is entitled to judgment on account of injuries sustained while em-loyed as a miner in the main shaft being unk on the Golconda last Spring. He, with two other miners, was in the bottom of the sump. A suction pipe with a large from valve was used to connect the pumping pipes with the extreme bottom. work was in progress. blasting this valve and rubber pipe were hoisted a distance up the shaft to prevent injury. While the hoisting was taking place last May the rope broke, causing the valve and pipe to fall back upon Fin-nigan, striking him on the fore part of the head and breast with sufficient force to prostrate him. He was assisted from the mine and later conveyed to the hospital at Sumpter by the company. From there he came to Baker City, and later went to Portland, where Dr. A. C. Smith trephined brain caused by the fracture,

the skull to relieve a pressure upon the On the witness-stand this morning, Fin-nigan stated that he was still incapaci-tated from following his occupation of miner, owing to a digginess overcoming him whenever exposed to powder smoke in a mine. Dr. Smith was subpensed from Portland, and testified regarding the operation performed. Dr. E. P. McDaniel. who treated Manigue in the local hogelful also testified to the nature of the injury. The case is attracting considerable attention, owing to the magnitude of the sum demanded and the prominence of Mossrs. English, who own the Golconda. Rufus Mallory, of Portland, assisted by C. L. Rand and C. F. Hyde, of Baker City, appear for the company, while Finnigen is represented by the Iccal firm of Courtney & Knight. The defense closed its evidence yesterday, when a motion for nonsult was argued. The evidence will all be in to-

## Trio of Accidents.

TILLAMOOK, Or., Dec. 12.—Arthur, son of James Reeber, had the misfortune to chop off four of the toes on the right foot at Glenora, yesterday.

E. Quck was struck on the head with a empty bottle while unloading outs in Had-ley's barn, making a gash in his head several inches iong. It is thought some one was throwing a bottle away and did not know he was there.

Arthur Stillwell, while playing football esterday, fell in such a manner as to disocate has arm at the elbow.

Accidentally Shot in the Reel.

INDEPENDENCE, Or., Dec. 12.—Carl Herren was shot in the heel at H. C. Miller's shop yesterday evening. Carl was working at a lathe close by, where Mr. Miller's Miller was chambering a 22-caliber to take the long shell. The carrifle to take the long shell. tridge was accidentally discharged, the shot taking effect in Herren's beel. The bullet went clear through the foot and left no bad effect as the boy is at work

Carpenter Injured.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 12 - Joseph Benoit, s stage carpenter at the Grand Opera-House, fell from a scaffold today, break-ing several ribs and bruising his face and body badly. The accident was caused by the breaking of a board upon which he was standing.

Leg Fractured in Fall. HILLSBORO, Dec. 12-Jerome Palma

teer, a prominent citizen, fell on the side walk here this morning and severely frac

SITE FOR ODD FELLOWS' HOME. Grand Lodge Directors Will Select It

Today-Judge Ryan's Choice. OREGON CITY, Dec. 12.-County Judge Ryan, who is a member of the grand lodge board of directors of the Odd Fel-lows' home, stated today that there would be a meeting in Portland tomorrow to se-lect a site for that institution. His choice is the Riley tract of seven acres, about

ic car shops, and within three blocks Woodstock electric motor line. Mr. Ryan says that this property, with 2%-story building, a substantial struc-ure, suitable for an orphan home, can be purchased for \$7000. The ground is planted in small fruits, and is desirably situated on an eminence. Out of 50 sites offered, Mr. Ryan considers this the most desir-

able in cost and convenience of location MIND AND RICHES LOST. Sad Tale of Well-known Eastern Or-

gon Miner. BAKER CITY, Or., Dec. 12-One Eastern Oregon's pioneer gold hunters has been brought to the County Jail at Baker City, and is now held for an examination as to his sanity. His name is Fletch tion as to his sanity. His name is Freche-er Henderson. The first cabin erected on the present site of Sumpter was his handlwork. The large placer fields lying Immediately opposite the town were first opened by him, and many well-known properties of Eastern Oregon have at some time in their history been in his control. But the old man comes to the asylum from the poorhouse. Ploneers asylum from the poorhouse. Pioneers of this region can remember when he spent money like a Prince, or the more apt synonim-successful miner. He has lost it all, and will probably spend the time allotted him after his 72d birthday

in a madhouse Fletcher Henderson is one of the inter rietcher Henderson is one of the inter-esting characters surviving Eastern Or-egon's ploneer gold hunters. He located at Auburn in 1882, when that camp was booming with new discoveries. Between that period and the present he has tra-versed every gold-bearing district of the region. With true miner's luck he has region. With true miner's tuck he has been up and down often, and the pelods of his successes are remembered for their extravagance. Exposure and hard work, together with old age, have left him a physical and mental wreck. The past two years has been spent mainly in the poorhouse of this county. Recently symptoms of a rapidly failing mind have aused the authorities to conclude tha would be better off in the Asylum,

## Spokane has voted to purchase a \$500

fire engine. Criminal Court will convene at Everett December 17. There is a full calendar. The Weekly Yakima News will make its appearance at North Yakima this week. George C. Hunt, of San Francisco, has applied to Seattle for a 25-year telephone

Seattle will pay \$85,664 96 in interest be fore January 1, to holders of city bonds in the East. The Everett Railway & Electric Com

pany has decided to make extensive imements on its system. Officials of the Monte Cristo Rallway

tendent, will resign January 1. On the first Friday of the new year, th Mining News Publishing Company wil issue the Northwest Mining News, a 15-page weekly, with publication office at

struck by a locomotive on the Everett & Monte Cristo Railway tracks Monday and instantly killed. She was 70 years Contractors are six months behind in

Mrs. F. T. Clark, of Machias, was

They are subject to a penalty \$200 per day; but it is not likely to be Thomas Lynch has brought action to recover \$7000 from the Pacific Coast Steam-ship Company, at Seattle. While in the

employ of the company he was injured by A curious eye disease is afflicting children in the western districts of Tacoma. The children's eyes become red and infinmed, but so far no serious consequence

William Gartman, a Tacoma longshor

man was shot and probably fatally wounded, Monday in the lumber yards at the slips by G. L. Christensen, another longshoreman. The cause of the shoot ing is unknown. N. C. Cameron and wife have menced an action at Seattle against the

West Street & North End Electric Rail-way Company to recover \$7300 damages for injuries alleged to have been sustained by Mrs. Cameron in a collision.

Annie J. Brobon is suing the City of Seattle for \$25,000 for the death of her husband, who was a member of the Fire Department. He was thrown from a hose cart last March, while driving to a fire.

She alleges his death was due to an struction in the street, A request has been forwarded to the Census Bureau for a official census of Walla Walla County, this to be used as evidence in the suit by the officers of the county for the salary which will accompany an advancement of the county from the 14th to the 11th

The citizens of Colfax are in a flurry because G. H. Hahn, a well-known mer chant, is erecting a store building in the very center of one of the principal streets in the city. A petition is being circulated asking the City Council to take some steps to stop the apparent blockade to the thoroughfare.

Ordinances have been introduced raising the salaries of Superintendent of Streets and Superintendent of Water Streets and Superintendent of Water Works at Seattle from \$125 to \$175 per month; of City Attorney and Corporation Counsel to \$150 per month, and the sten-ographer for the Corporation Counsel to \$15 per month.

The New York Dental Company is the The New York Dental Company is the loser of about \$90 as a result of a burglary which occurred at its Seattle dental parlors, Monday. The burglar must have been acquainted with the arrangement of the offices, for nothing was disturbed but the gold which was on hand to the purpose of filling teeth and crown and plate work.

A diver recovered \$700 in gold from the bottom of Bellingham Bay Tuesday. The money was in a small satchel, and was lost off the Schome wharf by a Mrs. Mat-thows, of Samish, about two weeks ago. Fruitiess efforts were made to recover the money by dragging and the diver was finally employed. He found the money after five minutes' search.

The Bellingiam Bay Improvement Company's mill will close down in a few pany's mill will close down in a lew daye for the holidays, and will not resume operations until the danger of celd weath-er is passed. While the mill is closed all incompleted buildings will be finished, including the dry kiln, now under way, and a large slab and refuse burner, to be located between the shippard and the Bitte Canyon bunkers. Blue Canyon bunkers.

Secretary Ernest Lister, of the State Board of Audit and Control, it is under stood, will recommend that a farm be purchased ir Yakima Valley for the pur-pose of creating an industrial home for some of the insane patients now crowded in the two public institutions. The patients destrous of working on a farm are harmless, weak-minded and aged ones. They do not care to remain at Medical Lake or Srellacoom, as neither place is suited to their best interests.

P. Bartell, of Scattle, was the victim of a peculiar accident Monday afternoon he went to cotch a chicken and seized it by the tail feathers. The bird fluttered and made considerable noise, and attract-ed the attention of one of the male birds. The male bird attacked num, and caught his free hands in its bill, and, swinging treat of the ground strick him with itself off the ground, struck him with its gaffs. The gaffs struck on each side of his left hand, entering just at the base of the thumb and the base of the little finger. His index finger was also badly incerated by the bird's bill. His hand began to swell immediately, and for a ne it was feared that blood poisoning

be a meeting in Portland tomorrow to se-lect a site for that institution. His choice is the Riley tract of seven acres, about one-half mile east of the Southern Pa-fou need Carter's Little Liver Pills.

## **WOULD WORK WRONG WAY**

COMMISSION WOULD MULTIPLY LA-BORS OF SUPREME JUDGES.

While Court Is Gaining Steadily, Relief Is Necessary-Experiences of Other States.

clan, who reports the young man severely but not dangerously injured. No other damage resulted.

SALEM, Dec. 12.—That the Supreme Court is steadily gaining on the work before it is apparent, though it is also evident that the progress is alow. An inspection of the trial docket today shows that cases are being heard in the appellate tribunal about a year and three months after they are ready for trial. Within the last three years the court has been from a year and a half to two years behind. There is no assurance, however, that the ourt can continue to gain on the work

court can continue to gain on the work before it. The increase in litigation, which may reasonably be expected to fol-low, the return of more prosperous con-ditions and greater business activity, may be sufficient to more than equal the rate at which the court has been gaining. "Relief of the Supreme Court" is a mis-nomer so far as the personnel of the court is concerned, for a Supreme Court Commission, however formed, would in-Commission, however formed, would in-crease rather than lessen the labors of the Supreme Judges. Those who have oc-casion to observe the work done by the Supreme Judges will readily understand that, so far as they are personally con-cerned, they could not wish for the crea-tion of a commission, for they would still have the same amount of work to do, and would be compelled to bear the responsibility for the work of the com-mission, as well as for their own. But under the circumstances, when relief to Hilgarits has become almost a necessity, the members of the Supreme Court may be depended upon to sacriface their per-sonal interests that the cause of justice may be advanced. The Judges decline to express themselves to the public on the subject of the proposed commission, believing it not their province to express

an opinion upon a matter properly com-ing before the legislative department. That the next Legislative Assembly will pass an act providing for a commission pass an act providing for a commission of some sort is generally, believed at the capital. Since the present rate of disposing of cases indicates that the court could keep up with the work if once caught up, it is also believed that the provision will be for only temporary assistance, or in accordance with the plan of "Ben Hadad" in today's Oregonian, who proposes that the Supreme Court be authorized to call Circuit Judges to its assistized to call Circuit Judges to its assist-

From decisions in other states upon the validity of Supreme Court Commissions, it appears that in framing laws making taken not to make any change in composition of the Supreme Court, as created by the constitution. That is, a law creating a commission with power to perform any judicial acts, or one which practically forced assistance upon the Su Rev. M. D. Dunning, pastor of the Con-gregational Church at Forest Grove, has been assisting Rev. Mr. Philbrook in a series of meetings. Rev. Mr. Winchester, of Hassalo-Street (Portland) Church, preached Wednesday evening. oreme Court, might be unconstitutional, while a law having practically the same effect, but leaving the power of the reme Court unimpaired, would be up In California the commission was created to assist the Supreme Court, but the manner and extent of the assistance was left entirely to the court. In prac-tice, the commissioners listen to the ar-guments and write opinions, which they submit to the court. The court, in rendering its decision, does so "for the rea sons expressed in the foregoing opinion."
While for all practical purposes the commissioners may be the deciding officials. there is nothing in the law that de-prives litiganis of their right to a hear-

ing by the Supreme Court.
It has been said that while attorney may favor a commission, they would not be satisfied to have their own cases tried the decision of a commissioner, if the decision should be adverse to their interests. It is probable that there would be complaints of this kind, yet this could be avoided by the commissioners never hearing a case alone, but always sitting with at least one of the Supreme Judges

SAWMILL BURNED. Completely Destroyed Palm' Plant, Near Clatskanle.

ASTORIA, Or., Dec. 12.—Word was re-ceived here today that the lumber mill of A. J. Palm, at Palm station, on the Astoria & Columbia River Railway, about one-half mile west of Clatskanie, was one-hair mile west of character, we totally destroyed by fire this morning. A telephone message was received by Chief Stockton, asking that a fire engine be sent to assist in saving the lumber yard and adjoining property. A fire engine was loaded on a car, but before the train was ready to pull out word was received that the fire was under control.

Route for Astoria-Nehalem Road. The viewers and surveyors who have been laying out a route for a county road from this city to the Upper Nchalem Val-ley returned today, having completed their work last Monday. The new road is 41% miles in length, and the grade in no place exceeds 5 per cent. It is ex-pected the viewers' report will be subnitted at the next meeting of the County

O. R. & N. Sued for Value of a Mule. The case of S. Normile vs. the Oregon Railway & Navigation Company is set for trial in the Justice Court tomorrow. The complainant alleges that about Sep-The complaining alleges that about September & the plaintiff shipped eight horses and two mules from Portland to Astoria on the defendant's steamer, Hassalo; that on arrival here one of the mules was tied to a plow, and, becoming frightened, ran away, and was so badly injured that it was rendered useless. The complaint asserts that the animal was valued at \$150; serts that the animal was valued at also, that \$50 expense was incurred by the accident, which was caused through the negligence of defendant's employes, and asks for a judgment in the sum of \$200. The defendant's answer denies the main portion of the complaint, and asserts that the mule was not valued at more than \$50, and also that the plaintiff signed a second for the augmain before the acciint for the animals before the acci-

Departs for New Field. Dr. Hill Hastings, who has been in charge of the Government Quarantine Service at the mouth of the Columbia during the past two years, left this more

take charge of the station at Port BUSINESS IS INCREASING.

Past Twelve Months à Good Sesson for La Grande Land Office.

LA GRANDE, Or. Dec. 12.—Register Bartlett, of the United States Land Of-fice at this place, has prepared a statis-tical statement for the year beginning December 1, 1803, and closing December 1, 1800. There were filed in that time, 301 homesteads, embracing an area of 123,440 acres. During the same period 216 final proofs, which covered an area of 31,573 acres, were submitted. There were also filed 163 timber and stone entries, 16 final

minerals, 19 final timber cultures, and 24 desert land entries. The total amount of cash received during that period was \$50.363; from fees and missions, \$16,576. The above period is commissions, 178.50c. The above period is not to be considered as the fiscal year, which ends June 30. The report shows that the business of the office is increas-ing. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1889, there were only 564 homesteads, and the cash receipts amounted to \$37.334.

CONSTERNATION AT FUNERAL. Team Attempted to Run Away-

Driver Severely Injured. ROSEBURG, Or., Dec. 12.—Consterna-

## LONE MAN HELD UP STAGE

afternoon at the Odd Fellows' cemetery during the funeral services over the re-mains of Mrs. W. R. Buzzell, by a team which had conveyed the casket to the

closure and attempting to run away. The tongue was broken from the wagon, and the driver, James Smick, son of Rev. W. A. Smick, was thrown heavily to the

ground, sustaining numerous severe cuts and bruises about the face and head. He was hurried to town and his inju-ries were attended to by a local physi-

AT VANCOUVER BARRACKS.

New Assignments for Soldiers-Arm;

Affairs in General.

VANCOUVER BARRACKS, Dec. 13-

Major Allison was ordered to Seattle last week to see about the supplying of the transport Kintuck for her voyage to Ma-

Frank B. Roberson and Elmer Ells

worth, from Seattle, have been assigned to Troop H, Sixth Cavairy, stationed at

Joseph Dwyer has been ordered to Com-pany M, Seventh Infantry, at Fort Os-

Commissary-Sargeant F. B. Cornell

was ordered here the beginning of the month to close the subsistence accounts of the transport Seward. George Howell, Troop M. First Cavalry,

has been sent under guard to the Pre-

is regiment in the Philippines.
It has been the custom to ship the

they were empty back to the powder de-pot at Dover, New Jersey, but on ac-count of the expense it will be discontin-ued, and the cases, will be stored in the

mand of Benicia Arsenal, Cal., sends for

Chehalis Favors Nicaragua Canal.

CHEHALIS, Wash., Dec. 12.-The new

headquarters of the Citizens' Club was opened up last night and an interes meeting held There will be a public o ing and reception held in the clubro

early in January. The question of the digging of he Nicaragua Canal was brought up and elicited a warm discus-sion, which was finally closed by a near-

Rain Will Boom Lumbering.

INDEPENDENCE, Dec. 12.-A heav

thuing today, and thep rospects are good for a rapid rise in the river. The rain will also beem the logging business, and cause the mill here to be put in opera-

some time awaiting logs, which could not be driven out of the woods because of lack of water in the streams tribu-tary to the Willamette,

Notes of St. Helens

Episcopal Church here next Sunday.

ST. HELENS, Or., Dec. 12.—B@hop Pranston, of Portland, will be present at the dedicatory services of the Methodist

Hop Sales at Woodburn.

New English Commander.

Oregon Notes.

The Masonic Temple at La Grande will

be dedicated December 20. H. B. Thielsen, of Salem, grand master of the State of Oregon, will officiate,

There will be no jury cases tried at the

term of Circuit Court for Jackson County which convened Monday. The jurors were

Ceptain J. Edward Thornton, of Com-pany B. Third Regiment, Oregon National

Guard, located at Ashland, sent his resig-nation as Captain of the company to the Governor a few days since, on account of

a press of business. A reply received by him from Colonel Yoran asks him to reconsider the matter.

The old Government cable that has re

cently been used by the Western Union running between Fort Stevens and For

Canby, was picked up by the anchor of

the ship Cromartyshire, when the latter dragged down last week, and was broken. It will be considerable trouble to repair

the damage, as the ends cannot be easily

discharged the first day.

in Australian waters.

mountains.

The mill has been shut down for

ingly favoring construction of the wa-

ly unanimous adoption of a resu

tin-lined cartridge storage cases

different posts until the officer in

Boise barracks.

emetery taking fright within the

THE LAKEVIEW AND AGER LINE ROBBED NEAR FORMER PLACE.

Two Mail Sacks Rifled and Considerable Registered Mail Taken-No Passengers Aboard.

LAKEVIEW, Or., Dec. 12.-The Lakeview and Ager stage was robbed last night at 8 o'clock, about two miles from this place. A lone highwayman accom-plished the job. No passengers were

aboard the stage. Two mail sacks were rifled, and a considerable amount of registered mail taken. Officers are now working on the case.

#### SHOT TWICE BY THUGS.

Experience of Spokane Man Who Refused to Give Up Money.

SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 12.-Dwight Franks, a carpenter, who refused to give up his money, about 1800 to footpads was twice shot. His assailants ran away without the money however. Franks was go-ing home from work about 2 this evening, when two men stepped out and demanded that he throw up his hands, at the same time shoving pistols under Franks' nose Franks swung at them with his open brel a, and an instant later was shot in the groin by one ruffian, and in the instep by the other, both taking to their heels. Previous to Franks' hold-up. Mo.rison, a messenger boy, was stopped by apparently the same men and his looschange taken from him. Franks is not dangerously wounded. He says his as-sailants were masked and disguised their voices, but he believes they are old hands at the business.

CLEAN SWEEP FOR CITIZENS. Ticket at Astoria Elected by Good Majorities.

ASTORIA, Or., Dec. 12.—The city elec-tion today resulted in a sweeping victory for the Citizens ticket, every candidate being elected by large majorities. The rebeing elected by large majorities. The re-sult is as follows: City Attorney, A. M. Smith; Police Com-missioner, G. O. Moen. Councilmen-First Ward, J. H. Hanson; Second Ward, C. C. Utzinger; Third Ward, F. E. Wright.

Republican Ticket at Ashland. ASHLAND, Or., Dec. 12.—The Republithis evening and nominated the follow-

ing officers to be voted for at the election December 18: Mayor, R. P. Nell; Recorder, Milton Berry; Treasurer, Heary Gaiey. Council-men-First Ward. P. B. Whitney; Second Ward, Thomas H. Simpson; Third Ward, W. P. Powell.

NORTHWEST DEAD.

James McGrane, Washington Ploneer and Indian Fighter. WALLA WALLA, Dec. 12 - James Mc-Grane, an old ploneer and Indian fighter, died here today, aged 57.

# The Oldest and Best.

WOODBURN, Dec. 12.-The following sales of hops have been made here re-S. S. S. is a combination of roots cently: E. R. Seely, 109 bales, at 15%c, to Catterlin & Linn, of Salem; O. S. Pom-eroy and C. C. Hall, 144 bales, at 14 cents and herbs of great curative powers, and when taken into the circulation searches out and removes all manner to Mig cents, to H. J. Ottenhelmer. This leaves less than 500 bales in this vicinity, of poisons from the blood, without The hops remaining are of a choice quality and are held for better prices. the least shock or harm to the system. On the contrary, the general health begins to improve from the first dose, VANCOUVER, B. C., Dec. 12.—Rear-Admiral's Edward Kennedy Bickford, C. for S. S. S. is not only a blood purifier, but an excellent tonic, and strength-M. G., arrived here from England today to assume 'command of the North Pacific squadron, succeeding Admiral Beaumont, who has been transferred to the command ens and builds up the constitution while purging the blood of impuri-S. S. S. cures all diseases of a of the South Pacific squadron, and is now blood poison origin, Cancer, Scrofula, Rheumatism, Chronic Sores and Ulcers, Eczema, Psoriasis, Salt Rheum, Herpes and similar troubles, A number of new cases of smallpox have developed at Pendleton. and is an infallible cure and the only The mountain ranges about Wallowa antidote for that most horrible disease, are again free from snow, and sheep are being driven from the valley back to the Contagious Blood Poison.

A record of nearly fifty years of Claude Gray will captain the Eugene
High School football team next season.
Charles Austin will succeed himself as than ever. It numbers its friends by the thousands. Our medical correspondence is larger than ever in the history of the medicine. Many write to thank us for the great good S. S. S. has done them, while others are seek ing advice about their cases. All letters receive prompt and careful attention. Our physicians have made a life-long study of Blood and Skin Diseases, and better understand such cases than the ordinary practitioner who makes a specialty of no one disease.

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e contracting the disease.

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