WASHINGTON CITIES

Census Announcement of Their Population.

BETWEEN 2000 AND 25,000

Olympia and Port Townsend Have Both Lost Inhabitants During Decade—Walla Walla More Than Doubled Since 1890.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—The population of certain incorporated places in Washington having a population of more than 2000 but less than 25,000 is as follows:

	1900.	1890.	1880.
Aberdeen	3,747	1,658	....
Ballard	4,568	1,172	....
Colfax	2,191	1,949	444
Dayton	2,216	1,904	906
Everett	7,838	....	....
Fairhaven	4,228	4,678	....
Hoquiam	2,698	1,202	....
New Whatcom	6,834	....	....
North Yakima	3,154	1,535	....
Olympia	4,092	4,698	1,232
Port Angeles	2,321	....	....
Port Townsend	3,443	4,504	917
Republic	2,059	....	....
Roslyn	2,786	1,484	....
Snohomish	2,101	1,262	1,409
Vancouver	4,006	2,546	1,722
Walla Walla	10,049	4,590	3,588

VANCOUVER BURGLARS CAPTURED.

Two Youths Acknowledge Recent Burglaries There.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 14.—Fritz Wolf, aged 18 years, and Ira Edgill, aged 17 years, were arrested here today on a charge of burglary. They were given a hearing before a Justice of the Peace, and pleaded guilty to the charge. They were each held in the sum of $250 bail. In default of bonds, they were committed to jail to await trial.

Considerable petty thieving has been going on in different parts of town recently. The grocery firm of Crawford, Marshall & Co. discovered, some two weeks ago, that their store had been entered on two different occasions during the night and $19 or $12 taken from the cash drawers and articles, such as cutlery, watches, etc., taken. City Marshal Nerton was notified, and, while his suspicions were directed to young Wolf and Edgill, he was unable to secure sufficient evidence to warrant their arrest.

He was notified this morning that the barber-shop of George Housch had been entered last night and $7 and a razor taken. He immediately suspected young Wolf as the thief, and, calling Constable Thomlinson to his assistance, they confronted the young man, and made a search of his room. They discovered not only the money and razor, but several knives, a watch and other articles bearing the trademark of Crawford, Marshall & Co. Young Wolf then confessed that he robbed both places, and implicated young Edgill in the Crawford-Marshall burglary.

He said he went to the rear of the store in day time, November 28, and unfastened one of the windows, through which he and Edgill entered the store the same night, taking $10 in cash from one drawer and 75 cents from another, besides several knives and a silver watch. They repeated the same operation on the night of November 28, but got no money that time, only a knife or two and a few other small articles. Wolf says he did the barber-shop job alone, making an entrance by way of the basement.

In Superior Court.

In the Superior Court today the case of V. V. Rand vs. Lorn Seward, for damages, was on trial.

The jury in the case of Ralston Cox vs. E. L. Canby, for damages, alleged by reason of violation of an agreement, returned a verdict in favor of the defendant.

In the case of Matt Brown vs. Cone Bros., yesterday, the dispatches stated that the jury decided in favor of the plaintiff. This was error. The case went to the defendants.

PLEADED GUILTY TO LARCENY.

Baker City Man Who Stole Lumber to Build House.

BAKER CITY, Or., Dec. 14.—Charles Albee, a well-known young man of this place, who is charged with stealing lumber and material to build himself a residence, pleaded guilty today to larceny. He was first arraigned on three charges, one of which was burglary. In view of the fact that he did not ask for trial, and his past good record, he will be sentenced on one only.

His wife has begun divorce proceedings against him, and had not been living with him for some time previous to his erratic conduct in trying to steal a whole house.

Libel Cases Postponed.

The three cases of libelous publications, in which Henry F. Cassidy is defendant and Letson Balliet complaining witness, have been postponed until the next term of court. These are the cases growing out of the controversy between Editor Cassidy, while proprietor of the Baker City Herald, and Balliet. The fact that hearing of the cases has been postponed is regarded as a victory by Editor Cassidy's friends, who believe he will be able to prove at the trial his innocence of all criminal liability. Both sides to the fight are now in the courts, as Balliet is reported to have been arraigned in the Federal Court of Iowa for using the mails to circulate his advertising matter.

Jury Discharged.

The jury impaneled for the present term of the Circuit Court in Baker County was discharged by Judge Eakin yesterday from further duties. A few more cases will be heard by the Judge as an equity tribunal, or where by mutual agreement a jury has been dispensed with.

Wise Is Held on Second Charge.

SILVERTON, Or., Dec. 14.—Benjamin Wise, who was examined before Justice Ramsey at Silverton today on the charge of burning a store in that city, was held under $3000 bonds, and, until security in this amount shall be furnished, he is confined in the county jail. He is now held under $5000 bonds to appear before the grand jury at the February term of court.

Suspected Murderer Discharged.

HILLSBORO, Or., Dec. 14.—Louie How, the Chinaman who was brought here from Portland under an information charging him with the murder of Gue Sue, who was killed at Raleigh several days ago, had an examination before Judge Rood this morning, and was discharged from custody. There was no evidence connecting How with the crime.

WILL BE QUITE ELABORATE.

Programme for Dedication of Masonic Temple at Baker City.

BAKER CITY, Or., Dec. 14.—Dedicatory ceremonies by the Masons, December 21, upon completion of the new temple in Baker City, will be quite elaborate. Most Worshipful Grand Master H. R. Thielsen, of Salem, together with other grand officers, will be present and participate. The local Masons have extended invitations to all the blue lodges of neighboring counties in Eastern Oregon. The officers of the grand chapter and grand commandery have been invited to be in attendance, and most of them at least are expected.

The occasion will be memorable in Baker City by the large gathering of Masons, and local members of the order propose to do the proper part by the visitors. After the programme of music, etc., has been finished, all the guests will be ushered into the capacious hall on the lower floor, where a banquet will be served.

Baker City will have a very complete and commodious temple when all is finished. Great care has been exercised in arranging details. The result is a well-appointed system of rooms, finely adapted to the work of the order.

New Knights of Pythias Lodge.

A new Knights of Pythias lodge was instituted Saturday evening at Express, by Grand Vice-Chancellor J. H. Aitkin and a delegation from Baker City and Huntington. The new lodge was given the name of Triumph, No. 80. Among the visiting delegation were Grand Vice-Chancellor Aitkin, C. A. Northey and R. W. Frame, of Huntington; Past Grand Chancellor G. W. Jett, D. F. Boynton, W. A. Weatherby, S. A. Glaske, F. T. Shaw, F. H. Atkinson, E. P. Vorus, B. F. Dickenson, L. Mendelson and Charles Coker, of Baker City.

Among the charter members of the new lodge are: Frank Grabbner, Otto Rankin, William Smith, George W. Brassfield, Frank Renshaw, T. A. Brassfield, F. H. Shaw, Charles Price, A. Coryswell, W. S. Wilson, J. W. Askens, F. W. Bubb, Frank Sheldon, D. W. Holman, B. J. Moura, J. J. Moura, W. D. Hiatt, D. Courtwright, George Courtwright, Walter Park, Joseph Wirsch, Thomas Ellis, Gust Johnson, Adam Arnbroster and J. J. Chute.

Thomas Ells was elected chancellor commander; Gust Johnson, vice-chancellor; Frank Grabbner, prelate; Otto Rankin, master of work; Frank Renshaw, keeper of records and seal; Clarence Sheldon, master of finance; F. S. Bubb, master of exchequer; T. A. Brassfield, inner guard; A. Seiser, outer guard, and Colonel James A. Panting, B. J. Moura and W. S. Wilson, trustees.

FAILED TO RECOVER DAMAGES.

Result of Actions of Two Employes Against Golconda Mine.

BAKER CITY, Or., Dec. 14.—A verdict has been rendered for the defendant in the case of Charles Finnigan vs. the Golconda Company. Finnigan asked for $21,000 damages for injuries sustained while employed in the Golconda mine. The case was stubbornly fought on both sides. The plaintiff was injured while hoisting a suction pipe and valve from the shaft, by means of a rope. He alleged that the rope was defective, for which he endeavored to hold the company responsible. The defense was that Finnigan and his fellow workmen were best able to detect when there was any weakness, and had full authority to replace the rope with a new piece whenever they deemed it unsafe, and that Finnigan was being paid 50 cents extra per day because of the unusual hazard of working in the shaft.

Another damage case against the Golconda was put on trial immediately after the close of Finnigan's. The evidence for the plaintiff was put in, when the defense moved for a nonsuit, which was granted.

Vancouver Firemen's Election.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 14.—At the annual meeting of the Vancouver Volunteer Fire Department, today, the following officers were elected for the coming year:

President, W. C. Springer; secretary, E. R. Schofield; treasurer, J. C. Huston; foreman, J. J. Healy; first assistant foreman, Lloyd DuBois; second assistant, Carl Luithle. Louis Burgy was chosen chief of the department, and Thomas Corliss, assistant chief. Henry Burgy was recommended to the Council for driver of fire engine.

Tests Prove Forest Grove Water Pure

FOREST GROVE, Or., Dec. 14.—This place has long boasted of good, pure drinking water, and the result of scientific tests made by Professor Bradley, of Pacific University, which was made public today, adds evidence which will permit of no dispute. And, best of all, the supply is in no wise limited.

Champion Turnip of Season.

HILLSBORO, Or., Dec. 14.—J. C. Miller, of Glencoe, today brought in the champion turnip of the season, the vegetable weighing 24½ pounds.

Oregon Notes.

Drain has an epidemic of tonsilitis.

Eugene High School athletes will organize a club.

The school enrollment at Marshfield numbers 345 pupils.

Weston has drawn a $550 warrant for payment of interest.

The Roseburg Marshal has received direction to purchase 100 dog license tags.

Two liquor licenses have been granted by Union County for Cornucopia precinct.

L. A. Overton was arrested at Eugene, Wednesday, for carrying a concealed weapon.

The Postmaster of Olialа received a reclining chair a short time ago, sent to him by his son, from Manila.

The Fossil Journal says it is proposed to have a meeting of natives of Scotland Saturday, December 29, at Fossil.

The Roseburg Council has made it a misdemeanor to remove apparatus from the fire stations without permission.

The Weston Marshal recently constructed a dam on Pine Creek, above the head of the water-works, to protect the spring from freshets.

An effort is being made to complete the horseback trail from Elkton to Alleghany and to establish a mail route via Loon Lake to Marshfield.

The La Grande Treasurer has called for city warrants issued prior to November 28, 1894, and for water warrants issued prior to September 7, 1900.

The Hood River Poultry Club adjourned at the last meeting until today on account of bad weather. The constitution and by-laws will be amended.

The Hood River Glacier says the road between Frankton and Belmont is in deplorable condition, and that the free mail delivery route in some places is almost impassable.

The public drinking fountain which will be erected in the city park at Eugene in memory of Company C, Second Oregon Volunteers, will arrive about January 1.

The citizens' ticket at Marshfield, composed of Charles Bradbury and J. A. Matson, was elected by a large majority. Judge Hyde received 128 votes for Recorder out of 132.

The committee on improvement of the McKenzie road has filed its reports. The total expenditures have been $4847 36. Collections from all sources for the improvement amount to $4819 30.

For a week residents on the west side of the river were annoyed by the distressed howling of a dog, says the Sumpter Miner. Several days ago a man chanced to find the dog in an abandoned well, too weak to make any more noise. The animal was taken out, but could scarcely walk. He was fed and will perhaps recover.

William Murray and William Dillon pleaded not guilty to the charge of burglary at Pendleton, Tuesday, and their cases were set for January 20. Charles Dunn pleaded not guilty of having stolen a cow and will be tried January 25. Isaac Ruddock will stand trial on six different charges of cattle stealing.

Joe Mayes met with a painful accident at Bonney's wood camp at Wyeth, Monday. He was dislodging a jam in the flume when a stick of wood came along unexpectedly and crushed two of his fingers. The index finger on one hand had to be amputated at the first joint, and the middle finger was badly lacerated.

The volunteers who put in work on the state road last week under the charge of Supervisor Warren Miller did a good job, says the Hood River Glacier. The rocks in the roadway from Paradise farm to the top of Haynes' hill were nearly all blasted out. Elevations were graded off and low places turnpiked and graveled.

SHOWS GREAT INCREASE

LARGE DEMAND FOR WASHINGTON PUBLIC LAND LEASES.

Present Number Is 2547, Against 246 in 1896—Other Features of Commissioner's Report.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Dec. 14.—The copy for the biennial report of the Commissioner of Public Lands is partly in the hands of the printer. The report will show a vast increase in the leasing of state school and granted lands during the past four years, a corresponding gain financially to the state from this source.

The number of leases October 31, 1896, was only 246. The records of the Land commissioner's Office October 31, 1900, show 2547 leases, with an aggregate annual rental of $60,016, and embracing an aggregate area of 234,340 acres, as against 24,375 acres October 31, 1896, and 230,234 acres October 31, 1898. The average annual rental on these 2547 leases is $23 56, or at the rate of $15 02 per acre, each lease embracing on an average 154.85 acres.

The present leasing laws guarantee exclusive possession by the lessee of the lands leased and afford ample protection to any improvements made by the lessee, as well as giving the owner of these improvements the right to release his lands if the Land Commissioner considers his bid sufficient and the best interest of the state are served by the re-lease.

Since 1897 the land department has subdivided and platted into blocks a total area of 1980 acres of valuable school lands lying near the Cities of Seattle and Tacoma, which tracts have been leased to parties for suburban homes and garden plots. The Land Commissioner urges the Legislature to make some provision for levying a tax to pay for the cost of such local improvements in these leased districts as will secure a beter class of lessees and higher rent to the state for the lands. The extension of water and sewerage systems and street grading need providing for, and a bill will be introduced in the Legislature this Winter to secure the needed legislation on this subject. The bill will further provide:

"That municipal corporations may levy assessments for improvements against a leasehold interest, either upland or tideland, where property is leased from the state or any municipal corporation, or against a contractor's equity where property in the district is bought under contract from the state or corporation, which assessment shall become a lien against such leasehold interest or contractor's equity.

"All taxes paid by lessees or purchasers under contract of any lands belonging to the state or to a municipal corporation which were for local improvements assessed against leasehold interests or contractor's equity in such lands, shall be classified and appraised as representing improvements on these lands whenever an appraisement of the improvements on such lands becomes necessary, with the exception, however, that the value of such taxes classed as improvements shall be considered to decrease at the rate of 10 per cent per annum from the date of their assessment. This 10 per cent decrease is considered the average rate of wear and tear on the improvements."

The Legislature of 1899 extended the maximum term for leasing tide and shorelands from five to 30 years. Prior to October 31, 1898, there had been but three leases of tide and shore lands issued by the State of Washington. Since that period there have been 208 of these leases made, making a total of 211 leases, which bring an aggregate revenue to the state of $3542 64.

The report calls the attention of the Legislature to the matter of providing for the payment of interest on the state 3½ per cent bonds purchased by the permanent school fund, interest on which is payable semi-annually out of the state general fund on the first day of May and November of each year. Proper appropriation should be made by the Legislature so that the common current school fund of the state may be credited with the interest of these bonds, to which it is entitled on the day it falls due.

The following statement shows the amount of money received into the different funds from the state school granted and tide lands:

	Two years ending Oct. 31, 1898.	Two years ending Oct. 31, 1900.
Current school fund (interest on contracts, rent on loans)	$166,472 04	$ 178,882 62
Int. on county and school dist. bonds purchd. by per. sc. f'd	56,206 47	78,839 24
Int. on gen. fund warrants purchased by per. sch. fund	32,571 24	23,492 04
Int. on state 3½ per cent bonds purchased by permanent school fund (interest due Oct. 31, 1900)	.....	23,614 90
Permanent sch. fund (sale of sch. land and material)	129,029 92	356,563 81
Five per cent sales United States lands in this state	3,329 06	6,002 87
Tide lands, general fund	272,327 83	349,041 90
Fees of office, general fund	2,249 45	1,672 45
University fund	337 50	724 93
Harbor lease fund	.....	6,127 67
State charitable, educational, penal and reform institutions	.....	3,272 65
Scientific school fund	.....	633 68
Capitol building fund	.....	729 00
Agricultural College fund	.....	535 00
Normal School fund	.....	5,485 75
Escheated lands fund	.....	1,141 62
Totals	$872,524 51	$1,031,850 14
Total receipts from the same sources for the four years prior to 1898, or from Nov. 1, 1892, to Oct. 31, 1896, amounted to		$ 945,521 33
Total receipts from Nov 1, 1896, to Oct. 31, 1900, amounted to		1,704,374 60
Making a total for the past eight years of		$2,649,895 97

WILL NOT TRY IT IN NEWSPAPERS.

Governor Rogers on Washington Capital Case.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Dec. 14.—The suit instituted in Pierce County by F. H. Goss, contractor for the construction of the State Capitol building, against Governor John R. Rogers, Land Commissioner Robert Bridges, State Superintendent Frank J. Browne, Secretary of State Will D. Jenkins, and State Auditor Neal Cheetham, to compel these state officials to fill the vacancies on the Board of Capitol Building Commission, and fill the other requirements of a contract entered into between the state and Mr. Goss, was today transferred to Thurston County, and the state officers are cited to appear in court January 4, 1901, to show cause why the conditions of the contract are not complied with. In speaking of the suit, Governor Rogers said:

"I see that Mr. Fenton H. Goss has begun a suit in the Superior Court of Thurston County against the State of Washington, claiming damages in the sum of $200,000. Beginning in this way, he evidences an intention of influencing or attempting to influence public opinion. When the proper time comes I shall have a statement to make, but do not propose to try the case in the newspapers. I think it would be well for the public to withhold judgment in the matter."

OREGON CANS FOR MANILA.

Astoria Concern Supplies Government With Three Carloads.

ASTORIA, Dec. 14.—The Pacific Sheet-Metal Works have just shipped three carloads of special-made cans to Manila, for the United States Government. These cans will be used by the Government for packing biscuits and crackers. It has also orders for this season's work for over 5,000,000 cans for outside shipment, which will necessitate the factory running a full crew much earlier in the Spring than last season.

Log Jam in Necanicum.

During a freshet in the Necanicum last night over 1,000,000 feet of logs, belonging to the Necanicum Spruce Lumber Company and C. C. Clark, floated down and formed a jam below the upper bridge. The jam has not yet been broken, and a large tract of the bottom land is being overflowed. The false work put in by the contractors who are building the bridge on the Elk Creek road has been carried away. There are said to be nearly 1,000,000 feet more of logs to come down that stream.

Commercial Association Meeting.

At the annual meeting of the Astoria Progressive Commercial Association, held last evening, the following officers were elected to serve during the coming year: F. P. Kendall, president; A. Schermacken, vice-president; H. S. Lyman, secretary; J. N. Griffin, treasurer; C. W. Carnahan, August Hildebrand, Harrison Allen, R. M. Gaston and J. E. Gratke, directors. The report of Fish Commissioner Reed, as recently presented to Governor Geer, was discussed, and a resolution was passed commending the suggestions therein contained as to the changes in the fishing law, and the association will assist in having these suggestions incorporated in the bill to be submitted to the coming Legislature.

Declared for Park.

An official canvass of the returns of the recent city election, made today, showed that the total vote cast was 1020, and as 515 of them were in favor of the "park act," passed by the last Legislature, that measure was adopted. The act creates a park commission, consisting of the Mayor, City Engineer, and five citizens to be appointed by the Circuit Judge, which shall have charge of all the city parks and have authority to levy a tax of not more than ¼ mill each year to raise funds for park improvement purposes.

Call for City Warrants.

City Treasurer Carney has issued a call for all warrants drawn on the general fund and endorsed prior to March 1, 1900. The warrants and interest on same included in the call amount to about $5000.

MOUNT BAKER BOUNDARY LINE.

Commissioner Hermann Says It Has Never Really Been Surveyed.

NEW WHATCOM, Wash., Dec. 14.—In a letter to an interested party of this city, United States Senator Foster conveys the information that he has requested the State Department at Washington to secure from the Canadian Government a copy of the report of their engineering party, who this year made a survey of the international boundary line where it passes through Mount Baker mining district in this county. This report has never been made public, and rumors concerning its nature have only added to the confusion already existing. United States Land Commissioner Binger Hermann affirms that the international line has never been really surveyed through this district, and states that the international commission in 1854, at points easiest of access, from astronomic observations, determined the location of the 49th parallel, which is the line, and at these points, which in many instances are widely separated, set their monuments.

Thus it occurs that in this very mountainous district the line is unmarked. Upon receipt of the report of the Canadian engineers this Government, it is believed, will cause a survey to be made by American engineers and reports of these two parties will then be made the basis of negotiations for the settlement of the disputed question.

STATE WILL BE ASKED TO ASSIST.

Funds Desired to Further Legislation for Indian War Veterans.

ALBANY, Dec. 14.—The annual meeting of the Linn County Indian War Veterans, Camp No. 17, was held this afternoon at the Courthouse, in this city, with a good attendance. The following officers were elected: Captain, Jason Wheeler; first lieutenant, T. A. Riggs; second lieutenant, A. L. Bridgefarmer; orderly sergeant, C. H. Walker; commissary sergeant, W. J. Smith; physician, Dr. S. A. Smith; corporal of the guard, A. B. Morris; messenger, F. M. Westfall.

A resolution was passed providing for a memorial to the Senators and Representatives, particularly of the Northwest States, urging them to work for the passage of a pension bill for Indian War Veterans, granting a pension of $8 a month; also favoring the passage by the next State Legislature of a bill appropriating not to exceed $2000 for the expense of a delegation, to consist of five members of the Indian War Veterans and two members of the Grand Army of the Republic to go to Washington to work in the interest of favorable legislation.

Needed Legislation Discussed.

Pursuant to a call issued by State Senator J. Clem, of Linn County, a meeting was held in this city this afternoon, with an attendance of 10 or 12, including Senator Clem and Representatives Whitney and Ingram, for the purpose of considering needed legislation, in order that our representatives may act in keeping with the will of the people of the county. Judge Palmer was elected chairman and ex-Representative J. H. Scott, secretary. Among matters considered was the collection of delinquent taxes, a better road law, a school law that will be less conflicting in its character, a board of equalization, etc.

WILL BE TRIED MONDAY.

Case of Salem Flouring Mills Against State—Dispute Over Waterpower.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 14.—Judge Boise has set the case of the Salem Flouring Mill Company against the State of Oregon for trial next Monday. This suit was brought in 1897 to test the right of the state to use waterpower from the millrace at the Penitentiary, without compensation to the mill company.

Williams, Wood & Linthicum will appear for the plaintiff, while John A. Carson will represent the state.

To Extend Cascade Reserve.

Captain S. B. Ormsby, Superintendent of the Cascade forest reserve, returned from a trip to Eastern Oregon, where he inspected two townships of land north of Warm Springs Indian reservation. The inspection was made in order to determine the advisability of adding the townships to the Cascade reserve. Captain Ormsby's report will not be made public until acted upon by the United States Land Department.

INSPECTED SEATTLE SHIPYARD.

Naval Officer Went Over Plant to See If It Could Build Battle-Ship.

SEATTLE, Dec. 14.—Naval Constructor F. W. Hibbs, who has been assigned by the Secretary of the Navy to make a complete investigation of Moran's shipyard, with a view to seeing whether the firm would be able to build a warship if they get the contract, has completed his investigation, and will immediately report to Washington. It is not known what the result of his investigation was. He was two days going over the plant.

Idaho Notes.

W. A. Ayers, of Payette, has consigned 40,000 pounds of wool, and R. Y. Currins 30,000 pounds, to John Johnson, of Boise.

E. A. Lockart fell into a mining shaft near Idaho City, Monday night. He was rescued after an experience of about an hour.

Two prominent Moscow citizens, L. D. Jamieson and L. F. Henderson, engaged in a fight last week. The latter is Coroner and the other is a professor in the university. Despite their age, they went at each other in youthful fashion.

RETARDED BY BAD ROADS

MOVEMENT OF MACHINERY TO EASTERN OREGON MINES.

Snow or Freeze Would Facilitate Transportation—Cornucopia Light Plant Also Delayed.

BAKER CITY, Dec. 14.—Hauling in Eastern Oregon has been made almost impracticable by the recent heavy storms. Many of the mountain roads over which supplies and machinery for mines must be conveyed are bad at their best. Rain or melting snow soon converts them into quagmires, through which it is impossible for beasts of burden to draw much more than their own weight. Dry weather or good freezes are the conditions most desired. At the present time there is much machinery waiting for an improvement in some of these roads. At Sumpter, several carloads are piled up by the depot or in the warehouse, where it will remain until snow covers the ground to a sufficient depth for the use of sleds.

An immense quantity of machinery has been taken to Sumpter by the Sumpter Valley Railway the past season. Conservative estimates place the total at 258 carloads on the Sumpter Valley Road, which would equal about 126 carloads on a standard-gauge road. All Summer, teams were engaged hauling this vast quantity of machinery to the various mining properties. The task often proved anything but easy. When the mammoth boiler for the Red Boy was hauled out of Sumpter, there were 28 horses hitched to the big truck. Several thousand dollars was spent by the company on the road to be traversed, and then a block and tackle had to be used in climbing the main ridge dividing Sumpter from the Red Boy basin. Some of the big fly wheels taken in were handled with great difficulty, as they made a top-heavy load.

When snow covers the ground all the machinery now stacked up at the depot will be hauled in on large sleds constructed for the purpose. As snow will even up many of the rough spots in the road, sleds are regarded as better than wagons or trucks. Machinery for the Cornucopia electric power and light plant is waiting at Carson for a freeze and snow. It has been hauled that far, a distance of about 60 miles, over roads bad at all seasons and nearly impassable in wet weather. It is considered impractical to try the canyon up to the mines under present conditions. Owing to this delay the new electric plant will not be in position by January 1, the date originally intended for its completion.

Hauling concentrates from the Cornucopia mines at this season is rendered exceedingly difficult. During the Summer months three six-horse and four eight-horse teams are engaged in this work, each team drawing two wagons. With the approach of Winter the teams are reduced to four horses, drawing one wagon only, and then, with light loads they are taxed to reach this place.

These heavy handicaps explain to some extent the backwardness of some of the Eastern Oregon mining districts. As railroads branch out into the various districts immeasurable aid is given development work. Should any of the Seven Devils projects materialize, the Cornucopia will be brought so close to a railroad depot as largely to increase values there. The proposed electric extension from Sumpter to Bourne will also remove a heavy haul that has been considered a heavy drawback.

Quotations of Mining Stocks.

SPOKANE, Dec. 14.—The closing quotations for mining stocks today were:

	Bid.	Ask.		Bid.	Ask.
Blacktail	8½	9½	P. M. Tunnel	....	20
Butte & Bos.	1	1¾	Quilp	20	22¼
Crystal	4¾	5¾	Rambl. Car	25¾	26¼
D. T. Con.	2½	3½	Republic	60½	64
Evening Star	5¾	6½	Reservatic	3½	4½
Gold Ledge	1	1½	Ross. Giant	2⅝	3⅝
Golden Harv.	⅝	¾	Sullivan	13¾	14½
I. X. L.	18	19½	Tom Thumb	10¼	11¼
Iron Mask	23	27	Waterloo	2¾	3
Jim Blaine	4	8	Winnipeg	4	4¾
L. P. Surp.	6⅝	7¼	Ben Hur	6⅝	8½
Mtn. Lion	19½	22	Conjecture	3⅞	4⅝
Morn. Glory	7⅛	7⅝	Amer. Boy	9¼	10
Morrison	2	3	Dewey	2½	2⅞
Noble Five	....	4	Juno	5	5⅝
Prin. Maud	1¼	1⅝	Miller Creek	2	2⅝

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—Mining stocks today closed as follows:

Adam Con	$0 20	Little Chief	$0 15
Alice	40	Ontario	6 00
Breece	2 00	Ophir	50
Brunswick Con.	13	Phoenix	10
Comstock Tunnel	40	Potosi	12
Con. Cal. & Va.	1 30	Savage	5
Deadwood Terra.	58	Sierra Nevada	24
Horn Silver	1 12	Small Hopes	50
Iron Silver	80	Standard	2 85
Leadville Con.	5		

BOSTON, Dec. 14.—Closing quotations:

Adventure	$ 6 75	Franklin	$15 00
Allouez M. Co.	2 25	Parrott	47 50
Amal. Copper	99 50	Quincy	107 00
Atlantic	26 00	Santa Fe Cop.	5 50
Boston & Mont.	327 00	Tamarack	284 00
Butte & Boston	80 00	Utah Mining	33 75
Cal. & Hecla	805 00	Winona	3 00
Centennial	20 00	Wolverines	45 50
Osceola	72 00		

Oregon Mine Notes.

Sanders & Wells has a No. 1 giant ready for work at Olalla.

The Olalla Mining Company is preparing to start up a saw mill near its mine.

Ed Cannon will sink another shaft 100 feet on his Free Coinage property in Sumpter district.

The Scandia Mining & Tunnel Company, consolidated, near Alamo, which is operating the big tunnel on Quebec Hill, is getting ready to put in a compressor and drill, and expects to have it in running order within the next 60 days.

The strike reported at the Cornucopia mines a few days ago, when a large number of the miners employed there walked out on account of some trouble over differences at the boarding-house, was amicably adjusted and the mines are operating as usual with a full force.

At present there is a working force of 60 men at Beaver Hill, Coos County, employed in the new and old mines. Three gangways are being driven in the new mine, and in the old mine a counter gangway is being driven above the water level, to get past the fire to the pillars, which are to be drawn.

The sale of the Gold Coin mine, adjoining the Gold Ridge group, to a Milwaukee syndicate for $150,000, is reported. The former owners of the property were Charles Durkee, after whom Durkee Station was named, and H. K. and C. C. Nicholas. The Gold Coin ledge is said to be 12 feet wide, and carries high values in free gold.

A rich strike was made last week at the Leo group of claims, situated on Beaver Creek, about two miles from Alamo postoffice, says the Sumpter Miner. An average sample from the ledge assayed values amounting to $32 20. There are three or four ledges on the property of five claims, and all of them give good values. The width of the ledges on an average is 10 feet. Owners of the mine had a 125-foot tunnel run this Summer, which shows up three strong ledges that average $4 90 a ton at a depth of 50 feet. About a mile from this property, in the Jerome, on the Little Beaver, L. C. Wilson uncovered a rich lead last week.

A complete diamond drill outfit arrived at Hilgard from Portland Tuesday. It is to be used in making a thorough prospect of the coal deposits on Beaver Creek. The outfit consists of engine, boiler, pump and diamond drill, and represents an expenditure of $4500. In the locality to be prospected a five-foot vein of coal was uncovered some years ago, but it lies below the creek bed, which renders successful working impracticable. The hope is entertained that the diamond drill will reach bigger bodies of coal in localities where it can be successfully worked. Twelve teams were sent out from Hilgard with the machinery and the work will commence at once. The locality is about 20 miles above the mouth of Beaver Creek.

New Whatcom Poultry Show.

The Northwest Poultry, Pigeon and Pet Stock Association will hold its third annual exhibition at New Whatcom, December 26-29. Associated therewith will be the first exhibition of the Bellingham Bay Belgian Hare Club. This will be the most elaborate exhibition of the kind ever attempted in Northwest Washington. The hall secured for the exhibition is the largest in the city, affording a floor space of 110 by 38 feet, in addition to rooms for officers' headquarters, etc. The premiums for birds and poultry this year will consist of $1 to first, 50 cents to second and $2 to pen.

The premiums offered on Belgian hares are as follows: Best-nurtured buck, $10; second best-nurtured buck, $5; best immatured buck, $3; second best, immatured buck, $2; best matured doe, $4; best immatured doe, $2; second best immatured doe, $1; best doe with litter, under two months old, $6; second best doe with litter under two months old, $3; best display in one bunch of any size, $5; best general display, $7 50; best and neatest display of hutch, regardless of hares, $5.

F. W. Hitchcock, of Denver, Colo., will be the judge in the poultry department. Entries are coming in from British Columbia and up-Sound cities.

New Study at Agricultural Collegt.

CORVALLIS, Or., Dec. 14.—Government institutions of learning along the Pacific Coast are rapidly introducing higher scientific study in the classroom. A knowledge of the molecular transformations, constantly going on in decomposing vegetable matter, and returning it back to earth again as plant food, seems to be confined to the few individuals who have made this branch a special study. In view of the importance of a wider dissemination of knowledge so valuable to the rising generation, the Oregon Agricultural College has wisely added this study to the curriculum, and its senior class enjoys the privilege of obtaining a thorough elementary course through class work, and laboratory practice, embracing a study of the bacterial diseases of man, and of the domestic animals, fermentation, dairy bacteriology, and micro-organisms of the soil and water.

Woman Claims Bachelor's Estate.

SEATTLE, Dec. 14.—Marie Curran, a young French woman, announces, through her lawyer, that she has in her possession a nuncupative will left by John Sullivan, a rich bachelor, who left $500,000 when he died here, a few weeks ago. She says she was engaged to marry Sullivan, and on his death bed he summoned witnesses and announced that he desired that his entire estate go to the woman. The alleged will will be filed for probate in a few days. Montana people who claim to be the heirs of Sullivan will undoubtedly contest the woman's claim.

Oregon City Census Satisfactory.

OREGON CITY, Dec. 14.—Local business people do not find any fault with the census figures of 1900 giving Oregon City a population of 3494, as the thriving suburbs of West Oregon City, Bolton, Canemah, Park Place and Gladstone are not included in the corporate limits. The census gives Oregon City proper an increase of population of 432 over that of 1890. The population of the convenient suburbs has increased in a much greater ratio, and were they included in the city census, the total population would reach 5500.

London Sale of Sealskins.

VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 14.—Advices were received today of the sales of sealskins at the Hudson's Bay and Lampson Companies' London office. Thirty-five thousand skins were sold. The prices averaged 63 shilling 6 pense for British Columbia coast skins, and 70 shillings 6 pence for Behring Sea skins at Lampson's and 66 shillings and 65 shillings respectively at the Hudson's Bay Company.

Judge Extended Clemency.

COLFAX, Wash., Dec. 13.—Leslie Battdorf, of Oakesdale, the 16-year-old boy who has been confined in the County Jail for stealing chickens, was released yesterday, the committing magistrate, Justice E. J. Doneen, of Oakesdale, having remitted the remainder of his sentence.

Closed by Sheriff.

FOREST GROVE, Or., Dec. 14.—Under an attachment, Sheriff Sewell today closed the Pacific Coast Furniture Company's establishment at this place. The liabilities of the concern are said to be considerable, and an early adjustment of its affairs is expected.

Minnesotan Buys Oregon Farm.

CORVALLIS, Or., Dec. 14.—The 57-acre farm of Henry Ambler, near Philomath, was sold yesterday to Jacob Schaffer, a late arrival from Minnesota. The consideration was $1800.

New Oregon Postmaster.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—Samuel Kunz was today appointed Postmaster at Bethany, vice Ulrich Gerber, resigned.

Washington Notes.

Whitman College has 250 students.

Bricks for building are scarce at Everett.

A new school building will be erected at Ballard.

Ballard has drawn a warrant for $1283 15, in payment of interest.

Charles Fulton will establish shipyards at Hadlock and will build two vessels.

The Citizens' Club, of Chehalis, has resolved in favor of the Nicaragua Canal.

Gray's Harbor towns will unite in an effort to obtain an appropriation from Congress.

The committee on salaries of the Tacoma Council has voted against an increase in pay of the city employes.

Several valuable blooded dogs have been poisoned in the past few days in the north end and the western part of Tacoma.

James Watson was convicted at North Yakima Wednesday of having robbed a freight car near Kiona of goods valued at $500.

The Walla Walla Electric Company has received a water-wheel by which the power of the plant will be increased 450 horsepower.

The Whitman County Poultry & Pet Stock Association is making preparations for its third annual show, to be held at Pulman, January 22 to 26.

The first annual midwinter convention of the Christian Endeavor Societies of Western Washington will be held at New Whatcom, December 27-28.

Centralia saloon-keepers, who have been compelled to close Sundays, will see that the law is strictly enforced against other business concerns.

Kee Wass, a Chinese laundryman, was arrested Thursday at Seattle, charged with violating the ordinance prohibiting the Chinese method of spraying clothes.

Surveys have begun for building a saw and shingle mill on Noble Harvey's place, on the river bank at Snohomish. Joe Miracle and J. A. Heath are the projectors.

The Mount Vernon Electric Light, Power & Motor Company has issued a circular letter announcing that its works will be permanently closed on January 1, 1901.

Because of profanity in a college yell, Chauncey Rathbun, the leader of the Rooters' Club of the University of Washington, has been indefinitely suspended from that institution by the faculty.

The bridge over the Nisqually River near Yelm is in danger by reason of the recent freshets. It is a struct