## WIND BLEW A CALE

Off Columbia It Gained Velocity 100 Miles an Hour.

"PROBS" INDICATE ABATEMENT

Communication Between Astoria and Mouth of River Has Been Destroyed-No Report From Const Ports.

ABTORIA, Dec. 16 .- All telegraph and telephone connection between here and the mouth of the river has been down for the past two days, and it was not un-til the arrival of the steamer Nahcotta this afternoon from Ilwaco that any defi-nite knowledge was obtainable. She left Ilwaco yesterday for Astoria on her regular run, but put into Fort Canby, where she remained until today. Several of those on board of her visited the lookout station, and the man on watch stated that the wind was blowing at a rate of nearly 100 miles per hour, but the barom eter had begun to fall and the gale was showing signs of abatement. The tele-graph and telephone lines up the coast were all down, but there was no report from any place of any vessels in dis-tress, and all the vessels in the lower harbor are at a safe anchorage. At high tide today the tug Escort was at the quarantine station to assist the steamer Shing Wo in getting away, but the high wind would not permit, so she will not come around before tomorrow. She was passed by the quarantine officer, and will proceed directly up the river.

Engene Had Both Thunder and Hail. EUGENE, Or., Dec. 16.—The storm which has been raging on the coast reached this place last night. A strong wind blew all night, although it had lost much of its rirength as reported on the coast. Quite heavy rain accompanied the wind and this forenoon a heavy thurder and half storm occurred, lasting only a few minutes. No damage was

Chehalis River Is Rising Rapidly CENTRALIA, Wash., Dec. 16.—There has been a steady downpour of rain here for the past few days. The Chehalis River is rising rapidly and is already considerably higher than at any time this

Violent Thunder Storm at Corvallis. CORVALLIS, Or., Dec. 16.-A thunder storm of considerable violence happened here today. No damage has been re

SALEM SUNDAY SCHOOL CENSUS. Figures of City Enumeration Have Been Announced.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 16.-The results ob the Sunday school census taken in this city December 5, were madpublic this afternoon at a mass meeting of Sunday school workers at the First Methodist Episcopal Church. The statis-tics show the following facts:

Pamilies visited ..... Church members 2306
Adults enumerated 394
Adults in Sunday School 244
Adult onureh members 1511
Church attendants 402
Persons with no church preference 457
Children 2 to 17 years old 1915
Children 3 to 17 years old 1915
Children 3 to 17 years not in Sunday School 1239
School to 17 years not in Sunday School 563

Children under 3 years ... The census was taken through the united action of the Sunday school work-ers of most of the churches of Salem. The work was directly under the supervision of an executive committee consist-ing of J. B. T. Tuthill, superintendent of the Congregational Sunday school; W. H. Osborne, superintendent of the Christian Sunday school; F. A. Wiggins, superintendent of the Presbyterian Sunday school; C. J. Atwood, superintendent of the Pirst Methodist Episcopal Sunday school; N. J. Damon, state superintendent of house-to-house visitation; Robert Reed, Lake with the plank road of Hayses. president of the Marion County Sunday School Association, and John Moire, of the Presbyterian Church. Of this com-mittee C. J. Atwood was elected chair-man. The commercation was made in one day. For the purpose of systematic work city and suburbs were divided into six districts with headquarters in each, There were about 50 enumerators in each district. Messenger boys on bicycles cartrict headquarters and thence to the city headquarters, where all the enumerations were tabulated. The organization was perfect and the work was conducted rap-tally. That a few should be overlooked

was of course, to be expected.

The facts learned by the taking of this census will be placed at the disposal of all the Sunday schools for the purpose

of siding them in their work. of siding them in their work.

The figures on Sunday school attendance are said not to be accurate for the reason that many parents report their children as regular attendants at Sunday school when in fact they seldom

#### FOUND DEAD IN HIS CABIN. Reedaville Farmer Thought to Have

Been Killed for Money.

HILLSBORO, Or., Dec. 16.—Andrew Bahlberg, an inoffensive farmer, residing near Reedville, was today found dead in his cabin. The dead man had a bad contusion on the forehead. He had recently sold some produce and was supposed to have considerable money in the house. It is generally believed that he was killed for his money. The Coroner will hold an inquest in the morning.

Bold Robbery at Kalama.

KALAMA, Wash. Dec. 16.—The resi-ence of Dr. L. M. Sims was burgiarized ast night. The robber entered a bedhast night. The robber entered a bed-room and took a valuable gold watch and the doctor's pocket-book while the

HELD FOR CRIMINAL LIBEL. North Yakima Doctor Alleged to

Have Maligned a Practitioner. NORTH YAKIMA, Dec. 16.-Dr. David Lindsay, who has been doing business here for several months as the Washington Medical Dispensary, yesterday created one of the greatest sensations that has ever stirred the minds of Yakima pecrie, and tonight reposes in the county jail, having been unable to give a bond in the sum of 500 for his appearance at the February term of court to answer to a charge of criminal libel. The alleged crime for which he was held consisted of the publication on a handbill of a violen attack upon the character of Dr. P Frank, of this city. The handbill con tained a letter from Dr. Frank's former wife, charging him with various crimes and misdeeds, and also some caustic com-ments on the letter by the Washington Medical Dispensary, the signer.

North Yakima Farmers' Institute. NORTH YAKIMA, Wash, Dec. 18.—The two days' Farmers' Institute held here by members of the faculty of Fullman Agricultural College closed yesterday. The attendance was good, from 100 to 150 farmers being in attendance at the seretons. The first day was devoted to horticulture. Professors Balmer and Fletchfor improvements as they are made. A
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for apparatus has been secured and will
Management. "Prunes." "Methods of
be paid for this Winter. The operating Controlling Insect Enemies and Diseases expenses of the town have been paid this of the Orchard and Garden," and "Way year out of the license fund.

Are Pears Neglected?" Yesterday Pro-fessor Spillman spoke on "Feeding Dairy Cows," and "Crops for the Dairy Farm." Professor Fletcher made an address on "The Art of Landscape Gardening Ap-piled to the Pianting and Care of Home

Big Lot of Hay Fired by Incendiary. FOSSIL, Or., Dec. 14.-Early Thursday morning 150 tons of hay was testroyed by fire on West Branch, near Mitchell, Wheeler County. The nsy was the prop-erty of Isaac Magee, a well-known sheepman, and all indications point to the fact that the fire was the work of an incen-diary. A few years ago several other sheepmen, including Eugene Looney, County Commissioner of this county, who lost over 300 tons, suffered similar losses at the hands of firebugs, and the sheepmen of the vicinity are considerably worked up over this latest case of arson. Every possible effort is being made to run down the guilty parties, who seem to be imbued with the unreasoning hatred of sheepmen that unaccountably prevails in certain sections of Eastern Oregon.

To Give Walls Walls Rural Mail. WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—Representa-tive Jones recently presented to the Post-office Department a number of petitions asking for the establishment of two rural free delivery routes for supplying the outlying districts in the vicinity of Walla Walla. He says that the section involved is quite thickly populated, and would be much benefited by the establishment of such service. As usual in such cases, the department will defer action until the special agent of the rural free delivery service can inspect and report upon the proposed routes. Much will de-pend upon the nature of his recommenda-

Increase of Pension for Soldier.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—At a recent ession, the Senate put through a bill Introduced by Senator Simon at th session and favorably reported by Sena-tor Turner, granting an increase of pen-sion to Marvin V. Tufford, the amount of allowance being \$24 per month.

Oregon Notes. Lane County teachers will meet at Eu-

Young men of Brownsville will form an thietic association.

Girls of Pendleton Academy have organized a basketball team. The Methodist Church at Canyon City has received a 600-pound bell.

The Corvallts Council last Monday aproved bills aggregating \$350. The National Bank recently organized at Ashland will open February 2.

Cottage Grove will present a new char-tergto the Legislature for approval. A cougar which had killed several val-

H. L. Kyte, of Merlin, was recently

Toledo schools will give an entertain-ment Friday for the benefit of the library The Medford Council will hold a specia

meeting Monday to discuss a new charter for the city. James Fisher is superintendent of the Lion County poor farm at a salary of \$46 per month.

A McMinnville resident has a cat 21 years old which catches rats and mice almost every day. The safety deposit boxes and vault door

the new Canyon City Bank have arrived, and are in place. The Brownsville Council has appointed a committee to investigate the best methods of protecting the city against fire. Seven teams have been hauling rock to the Yambill locks lately. The stone is used to protect embankments from

wash The Brownsville Council has pass ordinance for regular inspection of flues, chimneys and smokestacks within the

The local telephone line between Cen tral Point and Eagle Point has been pur-chased by the Sunset Company and con-nected with the main circuit.

Emil Cameron has been bound over at Canyon City to the Circuit Court for assault upon Dave Irwin, with a dangerous weapon. His bond is \$1000.

Jabkson County has disallowed the bill

of the Sugar Pine Company, of 1229 4 for constructing a bridge across Rogue River, Flounce Rock Precinct, with ex-ception of \$300. A large number of hogs are dying of

cholera in the central part of the val-ley, says the Jacksonville Times. F. E. Bybee has lost about 20, Mrs. S. E. Ish, 80, and A. Schultz, 20. M. S. Barnes, proprietor of the Baker

City-Cornucopla Stage Line has made an assignment to P. Basche, of Baker City. It is thought that the creditors will receive payment in full The Bohemian football team of Cottage

Grove has issued a challenge to all elev-ens in Lane County. Militia Company C, of Eugene, will contest with the Bohemians next Saturday.

The people of Shaniko will present a petition to the next term of County Court asking that the town be incorporated. The petition is signed by 75 rest dents and legal voters of the town.

There has been a big run of salmon in the streams of Waldo district. Two years ago Winer Bros, blew out the falls 20 miles below Kerby, so that the fish do not have to wait there for a rise in the water before going up.

Lincoln County Court at its recent ses Lincolr County Court at its recent ses-sion ordered the repairing of the bridge over Depot Slough on the Newport-Toledo wagon road, commonly called the "Dundon Bridge" The approaches to the bridge are still in fairly good con-dition, but the s pan across the stream will be pulled down and replaced.

F. G. McWilliams and F. M. Granger have filed their bond with the County Clerk in the sum of \$830 as assignees of the Ashland Grocery Company, in-corporated. The creditors have full con-fidence in the receivers and it is thought the stock will pay nearly 199 cents on the dollar. E. Edelhoff, the absconding manager of the concern who robbed it of its capital stock and accumulated sur-plus, has not been heard from. The Poresters have checked his accounts and find that he has absconded with \$89 of their money.

### Idnho Notes.

The Weiser creamery will soon be in full operation

An electric light plant will be installed the new flour mill at Kendrick It is estimated that 500 carloads of cattle have been shipped from the Clear-water this year. About 40 carloads of hogs have been shipped out.

W. A Lander shipped a carload of apples to Kansas Tuesday and another later in the week. Mr. Lander says that there are not many first grade apples in the country, and that this will be his last shipment. The price remains in the neighborhood of 30 cents per box. The Boston & Seven Devils Coppe Company, operating the Decorah, Helena, Arkansas, Peacock and South Peacock in

the Seven Devils district, suspended op

erations and discharged all their men on

the 16th, with the exception of two mer on the Decorah and two on the Helena. The revenue from this year's taxes will put Kendrick out of debt and leave a surplus of several hundred dollars. The policy of the Council for the past four

## POWER FOR BAKER MINES

PLAN TO INSTALL ELECTRIC PLANT ON EAGLE CREEK.

Will Furnish Entire District With Power and Perhaps Supply Baker City Lights.

BAKER CITY, Dec. 15. - An electric plant larger than any ever installed in Eastern Oregon, and capable of furnish-ing power and light for a region 60 miles in diameter, is being talked of here. The in diameter, is being taised of here. The idea is not new, as plans on about the same scale were carefully considered a year ago. Both the supply and the de-mand have been thoroughly estimated, and it is believed that another year will not pass before a big plant will be in-

The location of the generators is to be on Eagle Creek, 35 miles from Baker City and five miles north of Sparta. Eagle Creek at this point, even in the Summer, has always over 2000 inches of water, and during most months of the year double that quantity. The fall is very great, so that the water will not have to be conducted far before all the power required is developed. The place most likely to be selected has already a three-mile ditch and flume, taking the water high up the hillside. Within the past few days Edwin Fish, manager of the Raker Clay Co. F. Francisco Clay Co. Baker City Gas & Electric Light Company, acquired the ownership of this piec

est effort to get the same enterprise started last year. With engineers and experis he went over the field in detail, measured the volume of water available for power, estimated the horsepower that could be generated, asked for bids for installing generators and other parts of the plan and for constructing the con-ducting lines from the generators to Baker City and other points where elec-tricity could be utilized for power or light. Professor Stalker's figures showed that the plant could be installed and the lines constructed for about \$30,000; that is, such a plant as would be necessary at such a pinnt as would be necessary at first. Generators for 900 horsepower were considered in these estimates, the plant being so constructed that additions might be made to it as increasing demands ne-cessitated. A large electrical company agreed to install the generators, and a contracting firm to erect the poles and stretch the wires for this sum.

Oregon capital was invited to inspect the proposition. Contracts for power that would bring in \$1000 a month were made, conditional on construction of course, and many companies said they would enter into contracts soon as the plant was com pleted. This did not include lighting of Baker City, which seemed an assured op-portunity for the company whenever it reached the town with a good current of ectricity. It was estimated that the urrent could be brought to Baker from Correct could be brought to maker from Eagle Creek with a loss of not to ex-ceed 13 per cent. Yet with all those prom-ising conditions opened to the investor, no Oregon capital could be found to take hold of the matter, and it was never

ressed beyond the state. Since that time the Cornucopia mines f Oregon, which was one of the heaviest assured patrons, has constructed its own lectric plant. That company offered to take electricity from the Eagle Creek plant, construct its own lines and let the power concern pay for them with power. Such inducements were not suffi-cient to attract investors a year ago. cient to attract investors a year ago, but conditions seem to have changed. Plans are being formulated to promote such a company, and, if necessary, capital will be sought in the East. The coming year the field will be immeasurably enlarged. Each new mine opened up within the radius, or an old one started again, will add to the possible business of a new cover company. In all the printer of a power company. In all that mining section lying east, northeast and south east of Baker City, electric power is espe-cially to be desired, because of the scarc cially to be desired, because of the scarcity of fuel. In some places, particularly the Virtue district, eight miles east of Baker, wood has to be hauled a long distance and is expensive. In a mine consuming eight to 15 cords per day, at from 33 50 to \$5.50 a cord, the fuel item becomes large by the end of a year. Such a property is brought much further within the column of dividend paying by the introduction of water-power electricity.

Electricity is by far the most desir able power for a mine, and, wherever available, is being universally considered. Ordinarily there are mountain streams within the vicinity of mining properties that could be made to drive a turbine wheel. Many fair properties cannot sus-tain the burden of constructing an indi-widual electric plant, such as the Cornu-copia Mines Company is putting in. Bui if a few such enterprises as the Engle Creek plant were started, a large num-ber of mines could be supplied, on the co-operative plan, or for fixed charges paid to a company in the business for the Many mining men hope to see the Eagle Creek company succeed, because of the direct benefit to many properties, and also that it may be used as an example for other districts in the Eastern Oregon region. The Denver people who have just district

nded the Gem mine, in the Sparta strict, had placed before them as a strong inducement the possibilities of gen-erating power on Bagie Creek. The properties awakening in the Virtue and Pleasant Valley districts, where wood is Piensani Vailey districts, where wood is very scarce, also consider the proposed plant as an important factor of the future, should it be installed. The first promoters contemplated reaching the Baisley-Eikhorn property, is miles to the northwest of Baker City. Baker City's rapid growth develops a demand for power here in the town. Wood has to be hauled some distance and is rather high. On every side there seems to be open-On every side there seems to be openings for a good electric plant, particularly for furnishing light in the town, and the business people generally join in the hope that Mr. Fish will be able to get a company organised capable of do-

Unusua ly Quiet Sunday at Centralia CENTRALIA, Wash., Dec. 16.—This has been an unusually quiet Sunday. Sunday closing is being tried here. The salcons and all the business bouses have been

and all the business bouses have been closed during the day.

The saloon-men paid their fines and agreed to close, providing all other busi-ness houses followed the same course. It is understood that while they observe sunday closing, they will prosecute all thers violating the law. The hotels and livery stables are about

the only business houses open today and the drug stores are closed part of the

Electric Light Stock Transferred. VANCOUVER, B. C., Dec. 16.-George H. Collins, of Greenwood, has sold to Nelson investors his interests in the Green-wood and Phoenix Tramway and Green-wood Electric Light Company. His holdings in the former were one-quarter of the stock. In the Electric Light Company he held is, 550 shares. The Electric Light Company serves both Phoenix and Greenwood, and has been in operation nearly In the spring operations will on the tramway to connect this city

Work at Salmon Hatchery Closed. OREGON CITY, Dec. 16.-Harry E. Austin and John A. Howland returned today from the Upper Clackamas hatch ery, having closed up the work for Su-perintendent E. E. Green, who left about three weeks ago to take charge of a new hatchery, near Seaside. Mr. Austin, the mountains when they came over the lines, assessment ilens, etc.

eleven of the enlisted men at Fort Stevens this afternoon, a game that was clean and hard played throughout. Each made a touchdown, but the Fort Stevens captain, Mitchell, was successful in kicking a goal, while the Orient kicker was not. The score resulted, Fort Stevens & Orient &

Fined for Conducting Cambling. COLFAX, Wash., Dec. 15.-Sheriff Ca nutt yesterday arrested Philip Love charged with conducting a gambling game, and brought him before Justice game, and brought him before Justice Kirkland. Love pleaded guilty and was fined \$25 and costs.

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Washington Notes.

Walla Walla is to have a fire alarm Catholics of Kent will erect a new

B. F. Wasson is establishing a brickyard at Everett. Gray's Harbor bar now has 28 feet of water at low tide.

New Whatcom authorities arrested a Henry Hewitt, Jr., of Tacoma, will

build a sawmill at Everett.

A camp of Sons of Indian War Veterans will be instituted at Aberdeen. Sisters of St. Joseph's Hospital at Ab erdeen will conduct a fair this week. A Farmers' Institute is to be cor

The faculty of Whitman College has prohibited tobacco smoking on the cam

Spokane of assault with a gun upon

Walters.

fucted at Waitsburg, December 19.

The Eastern Washington Normal School has received a consignment of books for its library. Nearly 1,500,000 bushels of wheat are stored in warehouses at Prescott near Walla Walla.

The labor Unions of Everett have boy cotted two restaurants for employing Jap cooks and waiters.

The North Yakima Council will be titioned to purchase a rock-crusher for street repair work. The Patterson hop crop at Olequa, 654 beles, has been sold to Balfour, Guthrie

& Co., at 14% cents. Three hundred residences are in cours

of construction at Everett, and since Jan-R. M. Shaver, of Boistfort, started up sawmill on the Hanaford Tuesday, will cut about 200,000 feet of road

plank. In order to save an hour's time, chief dispatcher of the Great Northern Railway at Everett is arranging a new

It is said that settlers are flocking to Horse Heaven, and that not only is all of the railroad land sold, but that every patch of Government land worth \$25 has been filed on.

The Western Union Telegraph Company has quietly laid down is fight against a franchise tax at Spokane and through its agent paid the sum of \$106, which was the amount in litigation. T. Horn fell from a chair in a Scattle

saloon Saturday, and splashed a strong tolution of lye which was in a bucket, over his face. He will be permanently disfigured, and may lose his sight. The Kalama Council has passed a cur-ew law prohibiting children under the ge of 17 years from being on the streets. unat ended by parent or guardian, after 7:30 P. M. in the Winter and 9 P

Frank Morris, a laborer, was killed one mile from Poyallup, Saturday, by the chain of a piledriver snapping, one end of which struck him on the head. The accident took place at a point on Clark's Creek, where the county is hullding An incorporated company will be per

tain an armory and dance hall at North Yakima. It will be under the direct man-agement and control of officers of Company C, of the National Guard. John C. Smith, who shot Jacob Glo at Fairhaven some time ago, was ar-raigned in the Superior Court on the charge of assault with intent to kill.

He pleaded not guilty and was remanded to jall for trial at the January term. The North Yakima G. A. R. post has elected officers as follows: C. V. Bissell, immander; L. R. Lovell, junior vice-com-nander; Comrade Peck, junior vice-commander; Nat Yeates, quarter-master, The

installation will take place in January. State Grain Inspector George P. Wright has his blennial report to the Legislature ready for the printer. In it is a reference to the duty upon jute sacks. Mr. Wright thinks that this duty is an onerous burden upon the graingrowers of Washing-

Professor Charles A. Barry, head of the modern language department of the Agri-cultural College, is in a critical condi-tion from nervous prostration. It will be at least three months before the professor will again be able to meet his Physicians of Everett are puzzled to

know the cause of the epidemic of ty-phoid fever that is raging within the narrow limits of three blocks. Within the past four weeks there are as many as 18 ns who have been taken down with

A hand of five tough characters was be fore the Superior Court at North Yakima last week, charged with robbing the Northern Pacific freight-cars near Kiona last October. Each demanded a separate trial, but all were convicted, and will be sentenced by Judge Davidson this week.

The residence of Mr. Keenan was totally destroyed by fire last Monday night at Olga. All of the household goods saved. A store building near the house ignited, but was prevented from burn-ing by the efforts of the entire com-munity, which turned out in force to fight the flames.

The Shelton Council is considering the plan of laying a pipe direct from the springs to the reservoir over ground purchased of the Shelton estate, and also of purchasing the springs. At present \$10 a month is being paid for the rent of the springs, and claims are also being presented for use of the right of way of the present line. A survey has been made of the proposed improvement and the matter is before the Council for

A United States mailcar was robbed while atanding on the main track near the Seattle & International depot, at Se-attle, Friday night. The robber escaped unnoticed with a leather pouch contain-ing letter mail from Sumas. Two hours later the pouch, ripped open and entirely empty, was found on top of a car of coal standing on the tracks about 50 yards from the spot where the malicar was when the theft occurred. The Governnent dejectives who are investigating the case say that the robber probably se-cured but a few dollars in coin and bills. One weighed 1850 pounds and another since the pouch contained no registered mail.

The Supreme Court has handed down

a decision in the case of Zervish B. Dane vs. Mellssa K. Daniel and E. J. Dyer, reversing the ruling of Judge Prather and diamissing the action, giving costs to de-fendants. The case is one that has been watched with interest by the legal frater-nity, as it brings forward the question whether both husband and wife are nec essary parties to an action to foreclose mortgage upon their community property. The Supreme Court decides that both are necessary, and says that the precise question suggested has never before been determined, though the principle has re who was foreman of the hatchery, reports celved frequent consideration and for that the season's work closed in a very decisions have been rendered in the sa

Fort Stevens Bent Portland Orients.

Astoria, Or., Dec. 16.—The Orient ikes them. Carter's Little Liver Pills.

Try them.

## EUGENE AND ITS CENSUS

CITIZENS ACCEPT LOW RETURNS WITH EQUANIMITY.

School Census Shows That Popula tion Is Larger Than Recorded-Many Suburban Residents.

BUGENE, Dec. 16. — People who were surprised by the low population of Eu-gene as shown by the census returns are not allowing the matter to be a cause for worry. There is not a man in town who was here 10 years ugo who is not satisfied that the population has greatly increased in the past decade. This population is not outside of the corporate limits, either. At least 200 houses have been built in the city within the past 10 years. They are all occupied now, and a vacant

operated to make the census returns show less than the true number of inhabitants. There are many men who have located homesteads on Government land, who, with their families, are simply sojourning in town. These may all have been enu merated as residing on their homesteads which would take away several hundred from the population of the town. Second reason, the enumerators may have failed to make an accurate count.

As evidence of the fact that the enumeration is below the true number of inhabitants, there are now 924 pupils acproves a greater population than census

their welfare whether all are counted or not, and care little whether the census returns report the population 3900 or 33,000

TWO FARM RESIDENCES BURNED. Contents Also Total Loss-In Same

Section, but Mile Apart. LEBANON, Ot., Dec. 16.—The farm residence of Bass Cooper, with all of its contents, was destroyed yesterday by fire The place is about four miles north of Lebanon, near Spicer, and is occupied by B. B. Doughton. Mr. Doughton and wife had come to Lebanon to do some trad-ing, and, during their absence, the fire started. When discovered by neighbors, it was under such headway that nothing

could be gotten out.

It is supposed the fire originated from an ash barrel and some live coals, as the ashes had been carried out that morning. There was no insurance. The farm residence of Rev. S. F. Dough-

nd his family were all at when the fire started. When discovered the entire roof was on fire The neighbors soon gathered, but the flames had gained such headway that only a few things could be gotten out. It is supposed the fire originated from a defective flue. Rev. Mr. Doughton is the father of B. B. Doughton, whose house burnet yesterday, and they only lived about a mile apart. There was no insurance.

#### REDUCED \$1,000,000.

Cut Made in Lane County's Assess ment by Board of Equalization. EUGENE, Or. Dec. 18.—The Lane County Board of Equalization, after sit-ting the entire week to listen to taxpay-ers on the subject of assessment, ad-journed last evening. The final action of the peard was the cutting down of the assessment 20 per cent on all real estate in the county. The same was done last year. The reason advanced for this reduction is that property is assessed higher in this county than in other counties, and consequently more than a just proportion of state taxes would have to be paid. Also it is argued that real estate has been assessed higher than personal property. The action of the board is generally approved, but there is strong sentiment in favor of a State Equalization made yesterday is about \$1,000,000.

Sinking will begin in a few days at the River Queen on Snake River. The Arlington warehouse is said to contain 250,000 bushels of wheat.

The Fischer flouring mill at Corvallis is equipped with a new dynam

A co-operative creamery is to be er tablished on the Coquille at Lee. A large fruitdrier will be built at Union for next year's crop, says the Republi-

Kiddle Bros, shipped five carloads of

It is probable that a matting plant erected at the Iron Dyke early in the Spring. Material for construction of the Corvallis-King's Valley telephone line arrived at Corvallis.

Sheep at Long Creek are commanding top prices. As high as \$2.50 per head has been offered for lambs. It is reported that a new sawmill is soon to be built on Fox Creek a short distance back of Rainier.

A 65-horsepower boiler passed through Prineville last week for the Chewaucan Lumbering Company of Paisley. R. C. Goodwin, of Wheeler County, has again gone into the sheep business, and has bought 2000 head near Isee.

A 70-horsepower boiler and engine arrived at Shaniko a few days ago for the May Flower mines, in Crook County. Over \$32,000 worth of blankets has been shipped from the Union Woolen Mills this month, according to the Republican. J. P. Simpson has about 4,000,000 feet of logs ready to float down the Luckiamute as soon as there is sufficient water for

A. S. Hulburt, of Linn County, recently imported some Black Leghorn chickens from Cutler, O. They will be on exhibition at the coming poultry show at Corvallis.

driving.

The Simms mine, in Waldo district, is operating two pipes. Beers on the upper East fork is also running two giants and may start the third one. Mr. McClay is operating one pipe in Scotch Gulch.

Judge Burke, who has a bond on the mines at Copper Butte, east of Union, is pushing development work as rapidly as possible. Three shifts are now employed. The showing is said to be excellent.

The Sanger Development Company started its 14 by 7 by 14 Knowles sinking pump December 1. The pump, which is working in excellent shape, will be crowded to its full capacity until the mine is Hector McDonald shipped a

ounds each. Reduction of 25 tons of ore from the old Butterville Bonanza, now known as the Paul Kruger property, in the Quartz-Burg district, has just been completen, says the Prairie City Miner. The clean-up was 11 pounds of amalgam, estimated

to be worth over \$1000. Development of the prospects west of the town of North Powder, in Union County, gives assurance that mines will be opened there of permanent value. A number of claims are being opened ther number of claims are being opened there with paying results. The ore is generally rich in gold and some of it contains what is believed to be paying quantities of copper. The district is designated as Elkdale. A lot of machinery is now being placed on some of the properties the new district for reducing the ores The Wimer hydraulic mine is not

pended over \$2000 in improvements on their mining property since their last clean-up in June. These improvements consist of new head race, flumes of sugarpine lumber and white cedar timbers, also bridge flumes across the Illinois River, extension of ditches at the mine, new penstocks and a large trestle across the main outlet race upon which the pipe-heads are siphoned across to the giant \_

#### STATE PRESS COMMENT.

The proposed ship subsidy is in with all such bounty measures. It is class legislation, and aids a few at the expense of the many. If the American merchant marine cannot be built up with-out Government subsidies, under the favorable conditions that made Arthur Sewall, the late famous shipbuilder, a very wealthy man, it cannot be built up at all. —Weston Leader.

There is money in the chicken industry if properly conducted. This section would thrive on hops, chickens and the cream-ery bustness if the people entered into them with as much gest and intelligence as they do in hops. It is foolish to do-pend further on wheat. Our farmers have had sufficient experience in that line to, in the common parlance, take a tum-ble.—Woodburn Independent.

The flax industry, both the growing of flax and its manufacture into linen, prom-lses to become an important industry in the Williamette Valley. It is conceded that no part of the world surpasses the Williamette Vailey in the growing of flax.
The investment of capital in the manufacture of flax into linen ought to develop into a big, profitable industry here.—Albany Herald.

The Portland Oregonian celebrated its fiftieth anniversary on the 4th inst. Four pages of the issue of that day was a fac simile reproduction of the first issue of the paper. The reproduction was made by the photographing process and the contrast between No. 1 and No. 12473 is decidedly marked. The Oregonian has ad-vanced from an insignificant beginning to the head of the class of Pacific Coast newspapers.-Condon Globe,

While it is true that no one can be possibly injured by reading the Bible yet all sects or religious denominations rely solely upon the Bible as their authority for their particular belief and doc trines and claim to be able to find there-in proof for the creed they have adopt-ed, and they are, in almost every in-stance, sectarian to such an extent as to express an opinion on the chapter read read the Bible without comment uld it be required in the public school is a requirement that few, if any, it structors would comply with. First, they would deem it necessary to make some comment in order that they might ad-vance some special theory. Secondly, there would be a call for comment on certain passages by pupils who had been taught one particular doctrine by their parents or given to ideas which were in-stilled into their minds by persons of sec-tarian religious belief.—Myrtle Point En-

It is to be hoped that the proposed text book commission wil be chosen from among practical educators, and not from among politicians. The Oregon publi school needs a series of text books which will be permanent, for at least a couple of years. It needs condensed and assort-ed studies in every branch. The scholar is burdened by a vast library of school books. He gets a smattering of many studies, but gets a theroughness in none. A commission of educators, armed with authority to fit the text book to the need of the day, will be a God-send to Oregon schools.—Pendleton East Oregonian.

The new road law, which required the payment of road tax in money instead of labor, and which proved a bone of so much contention in this county, and largely contributed to the defeat of John E. Bean for County Judge at the June election, although the system had been in operation before Mr. Bean's appointment, meets with great favor in Gilliam County. The new system was given trial in that county about the time of its adoption in Umatilia. During a recent trip into Gilliam the writer was informed that the cash system proved extremely unpopular at the outset, but after a thorough trial, there is not a farmer in that county now who is willing to re-turn to the old system of each precinct taking care of its own roads. In Gilliam County the Road Superintendent pays blood

Pass Journal. The Wimers have ex- 11 50 per day, and 10 hours constitute a day's work. There is, perhaps, no other county in Eastern Oregon where the roads are kept in equally as good condition. From Arlington to Condon, a distance of 45 miles, not a rock of any con-siderable size, nor a ruthole can be seen in the road. While public opinion com-pelled the abandonment of the cash sysem in this county, it will remain a ques tion after all if it is not the better plan tion after all if it is not the better plan. The farmer who pays his road tax in labor, works only eight hours, and usually sees to it that he does no more work than his next-door neighbor, who may possibly bear the reputation of being s'slaw poke," especially when working out his road tax.—Pendleton Live Stock Jour-

> The "push" organs are publishing a syndicate indorsement of Senator Mc-Bride, which has been obtained from his colleagues in the Senate. If his six years' service are such as to require these in dorsements, it is not to the Senator's oredit. Forty-six votes in the Legisla-ture would count more than all the Senatorial taffy.-Portland Dispatch.

The first consideration in the appointment of the text-book Commission is the selection of men of honesty and integrity, and men whose highest aim will be to serve faithfully and wisely the educa-tional interests of the state. There could be no one act of legislation in Oregon that be no one act of legislation in Oregon that would tend to retard our progress like the appointment of men of mercenary motive and irresponsibility to the position that means so much for the educational inter-ests of the state. Block the wheels of learning and the machinery of govern-ment will run in a groove from which there is no escape.—Eugene Register.

## COMING NORTHWEST EVENTS

Oregon. eting of State Teachers' Asnciation, Albany, December 26-27-28. Meeting of Lincoln County Farmers' Association, Toledo, December 20.

Meeting of Northwest Fruitgrowers' Asociation, Portland, February 5. Meeting of State Darry Association, Hillsboro, January 3-4.

Farmers' Institute, Logan, December 17-Douglas County poultry and pet stock ahow, Roseburg, December 29-22, Eugene poultry show, December 27-29, Medford poultry show, January 2-5, Ashland city election, December 18, Oregon Legislature meets January 14. Meeting of Oregon Fish and Game As-sociation, Portland, December 17.

Washington. Washington State Teachers' Associaon, Ellensburg, December 26-28. Seattle poultry show, January 35-31. Tacoma poultry show, January 1-5. Farmers' institutes: Sunnyside, Decemper 17-18; Ritzville, December 19-39.
Dairy convention, Cheney, December

27-29. Washington Legislature meets, Janu-Spokane poultry show, January 8-12.

Walla Walla poultry and pet stock show, February 5-9. Chehalis County Teachers' Institute, Deember 17. Native Sons of Washington grand camp, Port Townsend, January 8.
Whitman County poultry and pet slock show, Pullman, January 24-27.
Convention of Western Washington

Christian Endeavor Societies, New Whatoom, December 27-28, Exhibition of Northwest Poultry, Pigeon and Pet Stock Association, New What-com, December 26-29.

Idaho. Meeting of Idaho Teachers' Associa-tion, Mountainhome, December 25-28. Farmers' institutes: Nampa, December 7-18; Middleton, December 19-29; Meridlan, December 21-22.

Domestic and Foreign Ports.

ASTORIA, Dec. 16.—Arrived at 2 A. M. and left up at 11 A. M.—Steamer Columbia from San Francisco. Condition of the bar at 4 P. M., rough; wind south; weather cloudy. San Francisco, Dec. 18. — Sailed — Saip Lucile, for Seattle; schooner Confianza, for Coquille River, NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—Sailed—Spaarn-

dam for Rotterdam.

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