DUTY OF LEGISLATURE TO PRO-VIDE IT.

The Constitution, Says a Correspondent, Requires Legislators to Take Some Action in the Matter.

GRANT'S PASS, Or., Dec. 19 .- (To the Editor.)-The Legislatures of the State of Oregon, while appropriating public funds with a levish generosity and permitting public officers to do the same, have alther averlooked certain provisions of the constitution, or willfully violated its positive directions. Section 10, article 1, constitution, provides;

No court shall be secred, but justice shall be administered openly and without purchase, completely and without delay, and every man shall have remest by due course of law for injury done lifm in person, property or repu-

Will the Legislature and the Governor, under and in face of this provision, and their respective onths of office and duties, deny to litigants the right of anmeni? Section II, article 4, constitution, pro-

widesz The members of the Legislative Assembly shall, before they enter on the duties of their respective offices, take and subscribe the fol-

"I do solemnly swear for affirm, as the case may be) that I will support the Constitution of the United States, and the constitution of the State of Oregon, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of Senator for Repre-sentative, as the case may be according to the best of my ability."

Under these provisions it is the duty of the Legislature to afford relief to the Supreme Court and to litigants that they may have a speedy trial of their causes. It is also the duty of the Governor, under his oath of office, and section 10, article 5, constitution, to recommend and insist upon the relief re-

Mr. Ford follows some others in recom mending that the Circuit Judges he called in to assist the Supreme Court to save in to assist the Supreme Court to save the expense of an increased member-ship or a court sommission, and remarks that the work of the Judges when they performed both Circuit and Supreme Court duties was satisfactory. This is true; but with the lapse of time Aaron E. Wait, Matthew P. Dendy, Paine Page Prim and E. D. Shattuck have passed away, and I believe all the others who served in that capacity, excepting Reu-ben P. Boise, who is now performing cir-cuit duty, and would perform Supreme Court duties to the entire satisfaction of the profession and the people. These Judges were all men of satisfaction Judges were all men of sterling integrity, schooled in judicial work, removed by their high qualities and appreciation of judicial honor from political and other

judicial honor from political and other influences, and who never swerved from the line of official duty.

Under modern tendencies the Circuit judiciary is drifting into politics, and the Judges are only answerable to the people of their respective districts to whom they look for re-election. Under these conditions the method proposed would not be satisfactory, nor would their labors materially assist the Supreme eir labors materially assist the Supreme their labors materially sesset the Supreme Court, but might increase their labors. Further, the people are guaranteed by the constitution a remedy for injury to per-son or property by due process of law, by speedy trial and adjudication, and an appellate court finally to adjudicate their rights, and no method of delegating that power to hisi prius Judges will satisfy the guarantee, the people, nor the legal

other hody to assist the Supreme Court should be elected by the people of the whole state, or appointed by the Gov-ernor, the only appointing power under

he provisions of our constitution.
It impears year by year that we are highling fariber away from recognition of the positive commands of the cansilution to the great loss of public funds and to a further disposition to override it. In such important and far-reaching things there always follows the necessity if revolutionary movements to restore or-ier and obedience to law, and I advocate oer and obedience to law, and I savecate a return to its safe provisions at once, or if that cannot be accomplished, let it be abrogated in legal form and be done with its provisions, and save the Legislaters from violating its directions and their cath of office blennially.

Any opposition to an increase in the Cook. S

ership of the Supreme Court, or of the proposition to enact a law creat-ing a commission for the court's assist-ance, on the score of sconomy and to save the people the needed funds necessary for enance of either, is pure demarogy. in view of the lavish appropriations made by every Legislature in positive violation of the constitution. Cut off a few hun-dred thousand dollars of such appropriations and all salaries in excess of that provided by the constitution and with a very small portion of the savings the relief the constitution provides will be

It is not intended to intimate that the Judges of the Supreme Court receive any salary above that allowed by the consti-tution. The debates in the constitutional convention, and the written opinions of many of its ablest members show that the constitutional salary of the Judges was only intended to apply until such time as the Judges should be elected in distinct classes. Their salaries are inadeconte to the value of the services refred of them, and are not creditable

should restrict all salaries and appropri-ations to the constitutional limitations.

with it, and then see to it that all ap-propriations and salaries are brought within its boundaries, and when you shall in

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It is just and proper that the Legislature

The constant criticism hurled at the legal profession, notably in recent utternness of The Oregonian, in a general way is unwarranted. That profession, like all others, has its good and bad members, but the lawyer of ability and integrity is the judicial mind and force that always has and siways will guide the destiny of pro-gressive governments; he is an indispensi-ble factor and entitled to consideration upon all vital questions affecting the gov-

gon is a state of vast extent and of Oregon is a state of vast extent and of varied rescurces and unlimited wealth in soil timber, minerals and grazing lands, upon which Nature has bestowed every natural advantage, and should be one of the leading states in the Union. What is its standing today? After more than 50 years of settlement we have less than years of settlement we have less than 450,000 population, and laws that are a discredit to the Nation; laws that grant District Attorneys \$300, \$4000, and even greater salaries annually, leaving to them the great part of their time to devote to the great part of their time to assure, as their profession, business or pleasure, as tractically please their fancy, and practically full power to say whether state cases shall be prosecuted or not; laws that grant one state office in fees over \$20,000 per ansum provided for that office by the con-situation; laws that grant the Supreme Judges, who are compelled to work long hours every day, less salaries than some

of the District Attorneys.

The Oregonian has advocated the defeat of proposed constitutional amendments of late years, and the people, by reason of the advocacy or of their own desire, have refused to amend it. There-fore we must accept it as the constitu-tion desired by the people, and it is the swors duty of every member of the tees: Legislature and of the Executive to en-Legislature and of the Executive to en-force its letter and spirit and the people demand that they perform that duty. Legislators, study the constitution and your duty under it, the laws in conflict Fred H. Bradbury, of Bathdrum.

List of Unclaimed Letters Remaining

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Idaho Notes. Lewiston is to have another weekly

ewspaper. Several carloads of apples left Troy last week for Montana and Minnesota. About 300 feet of track was washed out Friday two miles from the mouth of Potlach Creek.

The newly-incorporated Couer d'Alene The newly-incorporated court distance Mining Company, formed to work claims in the Hayden Lake mining district, a few miles from Lake Pend d'Oreille, has elected the following officers and trustees: President, J. W. Phillips: viceesident, Fred H. Brudbury: secrets d treasurer, E. G. Soule: trusteen, J.

propriations and salaries are brought within its boundaries, and when you shall have accomplished that purpose, the state of \$200.

## WHO ARE THE REFORMERS?

THIS IS EXTENT OF PUBLIC INTER-EST IN TEXT-BOOK COMMISSION.

Appointees Should Have Knowledge of Monopoly to Be Overthrown and Reform to Be Effective.

Excellent material for the formation of the Oregon Text-Book Commission is be-ing brought to the attention of Governor Geer from all parts of the state, says the Salem Journal. There have been added the last few days the following new

Mrs. Eva Emery Dye, of Oregon City, author of "McLoughlin and Old Oregon." Judge Flynn, the Albany banker. Judge Stephen A. Lowell, late Circuit Judge at Pendleton. Mrs. E. A. Ivanhoe, principal of La

erande, Or., schools.

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What the public is interested in is to know who is resily in favor of a reform. All the present text-books are high-priced, many of them are inferior, some of them are ruinous to the children's eyes. Those who have been connected with the monopoly of the text-book business that has existed in Oregon for 18 years are manifestly not the persons to put in charge of the reform contemplated in the harge of the reform contemplated in the Daly text-book bill. It is a significant fact that most of those persons are not prominent applicants, although many of them are working secretly to capture the commission for the existing order of things. Most prominent of all the persons men-tioned in connection with the Oregon Text-Book Commission and known to have some knowledge of the monopoly to be overthrown and the reform to be brought about are Harvey Scott, of The Ore-gonian; John D. Daly, Matthew Stewart, Professor Wilson, Rev. T. L. Eillot, President Strong and Professor Young, of Eugene: H. S. Lyman, of Astoria; B. Daly, of Lakeview; Professor Hitchcock, of Ashland; J. H. Raley, S. A. Lowell, of Pendleton; John Gavin, of The Dalles, and any of the members of the Legisla-

ture who voted for the bill.

If Governor Geer follows a strict construction of the constitution it will bar from service on the Text-Book Commission from service on the Text-Book Commission some of the above an dsome of them the ablest, best qualified and most representative men in the state. The law also requires him to give consideration to geographical location. This will again exclude some of the finest material if it is strictly adhered to. The Governor has a strong feeling that locality, politics or any other petty considerations shall not out the finest in the section of the or any figure in the election of the commission, and as he expressed it, he is justified in hunting the state over with a fine-tooth comb to find the very best material possible to serve on this com-mission. The Governor has recently sent out a number of letters asking that peo-ple suggest to him a list of five names suttable for places on this commission. A number of persons are recommended who are niready holding some office of trust or emolument. The case of Watts, of Yamhili, who was declared disqualified as Presidential Elector because he held a small postoffice, is recalled. Binger Hersmall postoffice, is recalled. Binger Her-mann was found to be disqualified as a member of the Senate in 1830 because he was a deputy Collector of Revenue. (Senate Journal, 1830, page 32.) The con-stitution, Sec. 30, page 33, vol. 1, Hill's Code, forbids a citizen holding more than one lucrative office. This may exclude Senator Daly and Representative Stewart from sitting on the text-book commission, but they are most petitioned for of any

in the teachers as well as of books.

"Governor Geer evidently realizes that no party advantage could be so great as to appoint a commission above reproach of suspicion of corruptibility. The actual ridding of the state of an offensive and unpopular book monopoly, would do more than any one act to win him approval and support. Politically it is giving him a strong card to assist him in carrying out such a reform. I know that I would gain nothing by helping a Repub-lican Administration to get this thing out of the way. Party interest would dictate that he be encouraged to make strictly partisan and corruptible appointments. and then be trounced for it at the next

But I still look at it from the point of view of the citizen, not the partisan. I will do what I can to secure the reform at the earliest moment, no matter where the credit goes. If all the commission is appointed and seeks only the public good J. will help them." is appointed and seeks good, I will help them."

As Seen by Republican Senator. member of the Oregon Senate writes

The route I shall briefly outline is one that I have personally inspected, and the lines have been run and elevations taken by a thoroughly reliable surveyor.

The Northern Pacific should be followed from Portland to a point between Scarpoose and Houlton, which would be the most practicable for reaching and as cending the north fork of the Scappoose; then over the divide and down the east fork of the Nehalem, striking the main stream at Pittsburg, one of the beat mill

stream at Pittsburg, one of the best mill sites on the river; thence down to the lower coal fields. This route possesses the following advantages: Fewest miles of road to construct; low-est divide to cross (between 1000 and 1100

feet), with no grade of over 2 per cent. The road will be through fine timber all the way from the time it leaves the Northern Pacific; it taps the upper as well as the lower Nehalem coal and timwell as the lower Nehalem coal and tim-ber belts. There are no tunnels, and no bridges of any extent. A large bonus of timber can be had from the settlers, as they recently offered the promoters of a road from St. Helens to Pittsburg 100,-00,000 feet and 100 feet right of way. The settlers are anxious for a road, and will be liberal with any bona fide attempt to build one.

uild one.
I recommend this route to the consideration of The Oregonian and the pro-gressive men who are earnestly striving to open up to Portland markets one of the richest sections of our state. W. H. MORSE.

This is substantially the route described in The Oregonian several weeks ago.

GREAT BRITIAN AND IRELAND Questions Answered in the Editorial

Columns Today. PORTLAND, Dec. 21 .- (To the Editor.) Much has been written of late about the Clayton-Bulwer treaty, and it is urged that the Hay-Paunicefote treaty, which modifies the provisions of that treaty, should be ratified by the Senate without delay, in order that there may be no obstacles to the building of the Nica-

Now, while nearly everybody has heard about it, and many have read the treaty itself, for it was published in full in your paper, a large percentage of your read-ers do not understand why it was necessary and what the occasion was to make this treaty in the first place. England owns no territory near the proposed canal, and many believe that she had no more right to fix the conditions on which an isthmian canal might be built than any other commercial nation, and no other nation has assumed to dictate to our Government regarding this matter.

When a French company undertook to build the Panama Canal, was permission saked of England, and was an agreement entered into between France and England as to the policies to be pursued in con-structing and operating that canal? Kindly enlighten your readers on these AMERICAN. points.

AT THE HOTELS.

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Code, forbids a citizen holding more than one lucrative office. This may exclude Senator Daly and Representative Stewart from sitting on the text-book commission, but they are most petitioned for of any two men in the state, for the simple reason that they were in the Legislature and secured the passage of the bill and are recognized as champions of this reform.

Views of Prominent Educator.

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A prominent educator, a county superform of the subject is of the highest importance, and I can only express my admiration that one influential daily, at least, has made, and continues to make, the free sind best use of school text-books a subject of prime concern, and will not let public interest sleep. I remember a prominent School Director in Portland, two years ago, who sought to ridicule the text-book agitation by remarking that the people of Oregon puid more for chewing gum than for school books, and hence the saving of 10 or 20 per cent on books could not be vital. However, a horizontal reduction, not only in economy to parents, but in efficiency of education, and of teaching, not of 20, but perhaps of 50 per cent as the effect of monopoly is seen in the teachers as well as of books.

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THE ST. CHARLES.

As Seen by Republican Senator.

A member of the Oregon Senate writes the Journal as follows:

"I am heartily in sympathy with the noble fight you are making in having a pure Schoolbook Commission appointed by the Governor, men in whom the people have full confidence, and men that the American Book Company or any publishing house have not or cannot influence to work for their pecuniary interests. This is a matter in which every citizen is interested, and it is time that the people awakened to the true status of affairs in Oregon. I well remember what an arduous battle we had to fight in the last Legislature to secure the passage of the law creating the Schoolbook Commission, and I hope that the limitation to successful to render nugatory this salutary measure.

As Governor Geer has invited correspondence and even suggestions as to a properly composed Schoolbook Commission, and as he is required to make these appointments next month, the Journal suggests that readers take an interest in this matter, and indicate to the Governor their preferences, and assist him in maxing until the world to the reader of the successful to the successful to render nugatory. It will be none to good to give to properly composed Schoolbook Commission, and as he is required to make these appointments next month, the Journal suggests that readers take an interest in this matter, and indicate to the Governor their preferences, and assist him in maxing until the world between Sensitive Tout of the rule into which it has failen in educational matters.

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ASTORIA URGES APPROPRIATION FOR FORTY-FOOT CHANNEL.

Not Likely to Get More Than Recommended by Engineers-Effect of Many Small Demands.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19 .- Judging from communications that are being received by members of the Oregon delegation, there is a very great interest being mani-fested by the people of Oregon, Wash-ington and Idaho in the needs of an adequate improvement of the mouth of the Columbia, as well as of the Upper Columbia and Snake givers.

The Astoria Chamber of Commerce has

recently submitted an earnest request for a large appropriation for the 40-foot chan-nel at the mouth of the Columbia; in fact, at the mouth of the Columbia; in fact, ated at this session of Congress. In their communication to the various members of the delegation they call attention to the urgent need of immediate appropriation for the improvement of the entrance of the river.

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The prospects for greater trans-Pacific trade also demand the #0-foot channel, and immediately. An appropriation of the whole amount, so that the work can be prosecuted without delay, and continuously, is desirable-more, is impera-tive-if the commerce of the Columbia highway is to pass through the mouth of the river, which all loyal Oregonians wish. The people of the great Columbia Basin outside of Oregon, if not immediately interested in the building up of our state and the increase of its wealth, are still interested in the entrance to

river being improved, so as to cheapen by competition and better facilities all the outlets for them to the ses. As a matter of fact, the Astoria Cham-ber of Commerce, making this demand, which is similar to that of the Portland Chamber, are doomed to partial disap-pointment. The fact is that the Chief of Engineers, General Wilson, one of the bear friends the Columbia River has, in his estimate for the coming year, asks for but \$600,000 for the mouth of the Columbia, sithough the complete project requires slightly over \$2,500,000. It is seldam indeed that an appropriation is now made in excess of the estimate, and in most instances the appropriation falls this amount. The members of the this amount. The members of the fation are using their best efforts to a slarge an appropriation as poston, and may succeed in getting the \$600,10. but hardly more, this year.

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According to the recommendation of the engineers, it is desired to extend the jetty at the mouth of the Columbia by day bor, securing the material in the open bor, securing the material in that the barket or by contract, in order that the cost may be conducted by the engineers themselves. It is possible that it may be a difficult matter to secure a benefiting appropriation this year, and for that reason the delegation has turned its efforts to having the mouth of the Colum bia project made a continuing contract, whereby the work will be done entirely by contract, as this method will insure the final completion of the work as

With Representative Tongue on the river and harbor committee, and Senator McBride on the committee on commerce, the Columbia River should receive very the Columbia River should receive very fair treatment in the river and harbor bill of this session. There is, however, one thing that should be done. There are, as every one knows, a large number of minor river and harbor projects credited to Oregon, which sap out amounts ranging from \$5 to \$50,000 in these bills, when as a matter of fact, these projects amount to but very little. Some of them are for rock removal and snagging in streams not more than two snagging in streams not more than two feet deep, and really not worthy of im-provement by the General Government. There is always insistence that these apropriations be continued, and by urging em members do not receive the highest regard that might come to them if they concentrated their entire efforts on pro-jects of greater magnitude and worth. If, therefore, the two members of the delegation now on committees will drop these minor and insignificant projects and show that their first and deepest interest lies in the Columbia, which every one recognizes is worthy of improvement, they will be the more likely to secure such recognition as the merits of the case demand. These insignificant im-provements have acted in the past, and will continue to act, as drags on the more worthy projects. Members of these committees from the East, who strive to secure appropriations for large waterways and rivers that are known to be much-traveled routes of commerce, are often greatly disgusted when Western members raise a howl for improving some little creek which they would not deem worthy of improvement even by the state, and when men urge such pro-jects they cannot expect the strongest support for larger projects where supsupport for larger projects where sup-port of Eastern men is most essential. The sooner this fact is appreciated, the merce committees and of the House and Senate.

MEDALS FOR VOLUNTEERS.

Representative Moody Takes Up

Cases of Three Oregon Soldiers. WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.-Representative Moody was recently requested to look into the cases of three members of the second Oregon Volunteers, who had been recommended for medals of honor and ascertain the cause for delay on the part of the department. He accordingly called on the Secretary of War for the de-sired explanation. The three men speci-fied were E. E. Lyon and M. H. Robertson, of Company B, and F. C. High, of Com-pany G. Mr. Moody learned that these three men, while scouting for General Lawton's division in the Pampanga cam-paign in the Philppines, were recom-mended for medals of honor for actions at San Ydlefenso, San Miguel and Tabon at San Tdlefonso, San Miguei and Tabon Bridge, in May, 1899, by Lieutenant Edward Thornton, Company B, Second Oregon Volunteers, and by Captain Bercentemer, then of the Third Artillery, who was on General Lawton's staff, but now Colonel of the Twenty-eighth Regulars. In reply to his queries, Mr. Moody was informed that the three recommendations in question have been referred to the commanding Georgia division of the Phil.

The Gray's Harbor Boom Company is the commanding Georgia division of the Phil. amanding General, division of the Philipppines, for action by a board of officers convened at Manila to consider individual cases of this character, and that until the action of that board is known, no definite opinion can be advanced as to whether these soldiers will be the recipients of medals of honor. In view of this statement by the department, it will be impossible to learn more until the report of the special board has been received and approved by the has been received Secretary of War.

Lientenant Felton Parker. HARTFORD, Conn., Dec. 23.-Lieuten ant Felton Parker, manager of the patent department of the American Ric Company, is dead at the home of his nother, in South Lancuster, Mass., aged 43 years. He graduated from Annapolis in 1882. He accompanied the first Greely relief expedition in the Yantic, and later conducted a ranch in Colorado.

Population of Berlin. BERLIN, Dec. 22.—The population of Berlin, including the suburbs, is 2,465,678, as compared with 2,676,946 in 1885. The electric trolley system is rapidly displacing the storage battery system on the busiest streets of Berlin.

Son Killed Pather. CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—To shield his mother from abuse, and save himself from a beating with a poker, Albert Albertsen DUBLIN, Dec. 23.—Archbishop Walsh,

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gious diseases.

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today shot and killed his father at their in a letter to John E. Redmond, leader of home on Wentworth avenue. Albert, the Irish party, says: "The time has who is 17 years old, was arrested."

Colville needs another school building.

Many churches and schools in Whitman
County are closed on account of conta-

There will be no petition for a rural mail service near Harrington, as the nec.

the state.

The Hoquiam Commercial Club in a few days will commence erection of a large building to be used for a bowling alley and clubroo

ind clubrooms, Land Commissioner Bridges has been enjoined from letting a contract for dredging the Puyallup waterway and against filling the lands adjoining the Portland, Dec. 21. 8 P. M.—Maximum

Whatcom saloon, Saturday morning shot twice at P. J. Kennedy, Neither shot took effect. Robertson was arrested and locked up but afterward released.

The steamer T. C. Reed plying between Aberdeen and Hoquiam, has been Ward. Aberdeen and Hoquiam, has been libeled by J. P. O. Lownsdale for \$7500 damages alleged to have been sustained in falling from a gangplank at Hoquiam July 6 last. Patrolman Joel Hindman, of Spokane distinguished himself Friday night by dashing into a burning building and car-

rying out three babies safely. The fire

was in a frame building occupied by "Aunty" Rogers, an old colored woman as a Baby Home. Contractors who put in bids for the construction of the passenger depot to be built by the Great Northern Railroad be built by the Great Northern Railroad at Spokane have been notified by the company that it has decided not to ac-cept any of the bids at present, but will call for new bids later.

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The Legislature will be asked to previde the Agricultural College with fire protection, a library, armory and gymnasium combined, sewerage system and a new chemistry building. A bill is before Congress now, which, if passed, will give to the college \$10,000 a year for its mining department.

ing department. Martin Boylan, a miner of Isaquah, met with a serious accident Tuesday marning. While he was removing some timbers from a mine car in the 800-foot level the timber caught on the moving train and struck him on the arm below the elbow. The doctor thinks amoutation necessary. Boylan is 65 years of age, and a ploneer miner on the Pacific Coast

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The family of Mr. Reynolds, of Hoquiam, miraculously escaped death Wednesday night. Mr. Reynolds lives in a small house near the theater, close to a group of large fir trees. In the night a large tree was blown across the kitchen of their house where Goorge, their eldest son, was sleeping. The boy was caught, but was not seriously injured. The house was almost entirely destroyed. A trio of criminals who were on trial and were found guilty last week at Everett have received their sentences. Dunn, who was found guilty of obtain-ing money under false pretenses, received the minimum sentence of six months in the County Jail. Marshall, the forger, and John Burnside, the murderer of Mc-

one year in the penitentlary at Walla Walla. Walla.

An accident occurred Friday at Lowell which nearly resulted in a tragedy. In the Christmas exercises of the school children, Hugh McMillan, one of the schoolboys, was taking the part of St. Nicholas in distributing the presents among the children. His large coat, trimmed heavily with cotton, touched one of the wax tapers. The cotton ignited. and in a flash the flames passed over the boy's whole body. His father wrapped a large coat around the young man, and the flames were soon smothered. The

boy's face and neck were badly burned. James J. Hill and the Great Northern Railroad Company has commenced an action against he Seattle & Lake Washington Waterway Company which affects the title of many acres of tide-flat prop-erty at Scattle. The action is brought to obtain a perpetual restraining order di-rected against the waterway company, and instructing it to refrain from at-tempting to fill, bulkhead or dredge any portion of the lands covered by its origportion of the lands covered by its orig-inal contracts with the State of Wash-ington. The plaintiffs allege that, should this work be allowed, the railway com-pany will be damaged to the extent of more than \$50,000

Judge John B. Davidson, at North Yakima, Friday gave seven criminals long periods in the State Pententiary. Carey Harlow pleaded gullty to high-way robbery at Proseer when W. W. Scott was killed. He was sentenced to seven years' imprisonment. John Moore pleaded guilty to stealing a horse from his employer, George Hull, in Selah Val-

The Gray's Harbor Boom Company is the defendant in a suit brought in the United States Court by J. P. O. Lownsdale and Sarah R. Lownsdale. The defendant is charged with constructing a log boom against the banks of the Hump-tulips River, in Chehalis County, in 1892, which obstructed the plaintiff's land so as to make it inaccessible by water. It is also charged that the boom was so con-structed that the current along the east side of the river was turned from its natural course and washed & large quan-tity of the plaintiffs' land away and formed sand and gravel bars. The plaint-iffs ask \$500 as rental for the use of the property, and \$3500 damages for the destruction of the property.

Rossland Ore Shipments.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Dec. 21,-The ship ment of ore from Rossland for the year aggregated 220,000 tons. This quantity was practically shipped by three mines, the Le Roi output being 160,000 tons, the Center Star shipping 40,000 tons, and th War Eagle 10,000 tons,

Prince Oscar Improved. STOCKHOLM, Dec. 23.—The condition of Prince Oscar, Duke of Scanic, eldest son of the Crown Prince of Sweden and Norway, who has been seriously III, is now much improved.

ance for several years, of subscribing to the Irish Parliamentary fund." He en-closes a check for £1e and congratulates Mr. Redmond upon "grappling with exemplary success with the difficulties of your position.

Railroad Rumors Confirmed.

mail service near Harrington, as the necessary 100 families cannot be found.

The State University library now contains 12,075 bound volumes, making a
gain of 206 volumes during the past two
years.

The regents of the State University have
recommended that the Legislature appropriate money for a geological survey of
the state.

Halfroad Rumors Confirmed.

SALT LAKE, Utah. Dec. 23.—Director
Thomas Kearns, of the San Pedro, Los
Angeles & Sait Lake Railroad, returned
from New York tonight. He has been
there to meet Senator Clark, R. C. Kerens
and others. He states that there is not
the slightest doubt that the road will
be built, and work will commence in
Utah early in the new year.

The Michigan Box Factory, with a cap-ital of \$10,000, has incorporated, to do business at Tacoma.

temperature, 48; minimum temperature, river reading at 11 A. M., 13.0 feet; change

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Pocatello			10	SE	
Red Bluff			10.0	SE	Cloudy
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Sacramento				25	Cloudy
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San Francisco			-	NW	Pt. cloudy
Spokane			1:0	13530	Cloudy
Seattle			1 11	62	Raining

\*Light, \*\*Trace.

WEATHER CONDITIONS. A disturbance of apparently moderate inten-A disturbance of apparently moderate inter-sity is approaching the Northwest Washington Coast. It will cause rain Monday in Oregon, Washington and Northern Idaho, and continued mild temperatures. The winds will be south-erly and they likely will increase to high along

These rains will prevent a fall in the Wilamette River, which will continue slowly rising and may reach the danger line of 15 feet Ing and hay reach by Tuesday.

Full river reports will be received Monday morning, when a special bulletin will be issued abould the conditions warrant it.

WEATHER FORECASTS. Made at Portland for the 28 hours ending at nidnight Monday, Dec. 24: Portland and vicinity-Rain: brisk southerly Winds.

Oregon, Washington and Northern Idaho-Rain; fresh to brisk southerly winds, becoming high along the Coast.

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erts' stock of jewelry, watches, rings, pins, etc.; also a lot of fine pictures and picture frames; a lot of fancy vases and other chinaware; also a miscellaneous lot of heliday goods.

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