REPORT FROM ALPHA

Indications That the Purser's Bag Was Robbed.

Recover Treasure in the Spring-Health Conditions Improving at Dawson-More Gold.

VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 24.—Captain Walbran, N. G., steamer Quadra, who went up to the wreck of the Alpha, today made his report to the marine department, inclosing sworn statements of the mate and lighthouse keeper, which will be used at the investigation if one shall be decided to be necessary. Among the wreckage found was the bag in which the wreckage found was the bag in which will be wreckage found was the bag in which the wreckage found was the bag in which the wreckage found was the bag in which the wreckage found was the bag in which will be wreckage found as to their finess and was examination as to their finess and

Late Reports From Dawson.

The steamer Danube brings news that
on December 18 there had been five deaths on December 18 there had been five deaths ator is concerned, I may fairly say that I have none. It is beyond the range of on becomer is there and been are deaths in a week at Dawson from pneumonia, and the people were greatly worked up over it. The epidemic of typkold was subsiding. Smallpox had almost disap-peared, and there were but two cases in the district Five thousand vaccine points reached Dawson December 16 and com-pulsory vaccination was immediately

Creek, fell December 14 and was killed. Dawson prices went down December 14 on all commodities, lower than Summer

Robbers entered a store owned by Clark Ryan, at Dawson, December 13, held Wallace Clark and took \$169 from the The customers in the store were also held up, but not robbed. The robbers es-

Many samples assay over \$30 to the ton. None go less than \$10, and one \$86. Six automobiles have reached Dawson,

and will be used on run to the creeks. Kowdowatt, chief of the Chilkats, who gave a recent big potiatch at Kuckwan, died December 15.

THE BICYCLE TAX CASE. Points Urged Against It in the Supreme Court.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 24.—The case of J. A. Ellis, respondent, vs. William Frazier, Sheriff, appellant, from Multnomah County, was heard in the Supreme Court to-day. This is the suit brought to test the validity of the bicycle tax law. In the Supreme Court the following reasons urged against the constitutionality

First-The net violates article 4, section particularly subdivisions 7 and 10, the constitution, being a special and local law for laying, opening and working on highways, and for the assessment cond-The act violates section 1, article 9, of the constitution, because it does not provide a uniform and equal rate of assessment and taxation or prescribe regulations so as to secure just valuation for taxation of the property of same class owned by all the citizens

taxation which is not equal and uniform. Fourth—The act is question violates ar-ticle I, section 20, of the constitution, in attempting to grant to citizens and classes of citizens privileges and immunities which, upon the same terms, do not belong equally to all citizens of the state.

Fifth-The net violates article 4, section 28, of the constitution, because it origi-nated in the Sanate, being Senate bill outed in the Senate, being Senate bill No. 143, and did not originate in the The said act pretends to raise

The Supreme Court today handed down one opinion, deciding the case of Mc-Kinley Mitchell, appellant, vs. J. W. La Foliet, respondent. This was an appeal from a sudement in favor of La Follet by Judge Burnett, in the Circuit Court for Marion County. The decision of the lower court is affirmed, in an opinion written by Chief Justice Bean.

It appare that the defendant had agreed ver a quantity of potatoes to the plaintiff, the goods to be delivered on a boat on the Williamette River. Before the time for delivery the plaintiff requested the defendant to deliver the potators at Brooks Station, instead of at the river. This the defendant refused to do unless the pointoes should be paid for before they were taken out of the field. The aintiff then claimed that the defendant ad violated his contract, and brought this action for damages therefor. A number of questions regarding instructions to the jury and introduction of evidence were the jury and introduction of evidence were the heart of the city last Tuesday morn raised, but the Supreme Court finds no ing, pleaded guilty to the charge of rob error in the court below.

A large glass case was placed in the clueroom in the executive department today to receive the flags of the Oregon National Guard, and especially those carried by the Second Oregon boys in hillppines. The case is about 10 feet high by seven wide, and has glass doors that slide upward. The case has been placed upon the wall on the north side f the blueroom, where the flags will show to the best advantage. The object of this care is to preserve the flags from the wear of the elements and the tear of curiosity-seekers. Already a few small pleces have been torn from one of the flags that saw service in the Philippines.

Clatsop County today paid her scalp bounty tax to the amount of \$627 76.

The commencement of a divorce suit, the trial of a divorce suit and the issuance of six marriage licenses was the greater part of the business transacted at the Courthouse today.

LONG PASTORATE ENDED. Besignation of the Rev. Dr. Thompson, at Corvallia.

CORVALLIS, Or., Dec. 31.—At the morn-ing service yesterday the resignation of Dr. Thompson was tendered to the conthis city. The step was taken after he had occupied the pulpit of the church for in the City of Paris.

14 years and 4 months. It is the longest It is the longest pastorate in the history of the Presbyterian church in Oregon, save that of Dr.
Lindsay, of Portland, whose service in
the same pulpit extended over a period of
15 years. During his connection with
the local church Dr. Thompson has conducted over 1900 public services, officiated
at over 200 weddings, and conducted more
than 200 funerals. He assumed charge
of the church in September, 1886. There
were then 17 members on the church roll. were then 17 members on the church roll. There are now 200. In the first congre-gation to which he preached there were 11 members of the church and 17 others. STORY OF HEROISM SPOILED making a total attendance of 28. In later years the church has always been one of the most largely attended in the city, For the present Dr. Thompson will remain in Corvallis. Several opportunities are open to him.

> HAS NO PET MEASURES. And Senator Smith, Democrat, Has

No Senatorial Preference. BAKER CITY, Or., Dec. M -State Senator William Smith is not committed to

will be used at the investigation if one shall be decided to be necessary. Among the wreckage found was the bag in which Furser Barber had kept valuables, cut the months of the pen and apparently robbed.

Captain Walbran ridicules the idea that Captain Walbran ridicules the idea that one man made the hazardous trip to shore and held on to the rock with one hand while with the other he supported the end of the line along which the ships wheeked men came cahore. He says that the rock was quite bare when the vessel struck, and the line was passed ashore of the Legislature. An amendment to with comparative ease. A minute or two later, however, the ship swung around and there were 55 feet of boiling water between her and land. The line was submerged, and those who perished hesitated about committing themselves to its when covered with water and thought to be insecure at the other end. The first officer describes the shriers of those who perished when the rigging fell about midnight as terrible.

An amendment to the existing mining law with reference to the existing mining law with reference to the cine illowed after discovery for staking the claim would seem proper in that three days, the time fixed by statute of the ledge in many cases, and 30 days would appear to us none too short. That seems to be the general view entertained by mining men. However, I shall not hunt for subjects upon which reference to the cine illowed after discovery for staking the claim would seem proper in that three days, the time fixed by statute of the ledge in many cases, and 30 days would appear to us none too short. That seems to be the general view entertained by mining and there were incommended to the time allowed after discovery for staking the claim would seem proper in that three days, the time fixed by statute of the ledge in many cases, and 30 days would appear to us none too short. perished when the rigging fell about midnight as terrible.

Another expedition will go to Cocos
island in the Spring. It will attempt to
recover the lost treasure by means of
hydraulic machinery, having for guidance the maps and papers left by the
Nova Scotian capitain, which the schooner
Aurora expelition had last year.

Late Reports From Dawson.

probability that a man who would be controlled by concern for the interests of the general public will be elected. We may reasonably expect that this honorable position will be filled by a Republican, and all of that faith would be objectionable to me. We have many worthy jectionable to me. We have many worthy, David Moraine, a miner on Lost Chance the State of Oregon of the Democratic Dawson prices went down December 14 not name any. That time may come, and I trust it will, when the individual voters may select Oregon's United States Senatons, and in such case we may reasonably expect better records than we get

"So far as the Legislative caucus is caped.

It is reported that discoveries of rich held for purposes of counsel and general quartz mines have been made on Bonanza and elsewhere in the Klondike district. stances objectionable; quite to the con-trary. But if the caucus shall continue for the purposes for which it has existed heretofore, it prevents the operation of the principle of rule by the majority—it is a species of gag rule, under which less than one-third of the Legislative Assembly can control the action of the entire body. This feature of the caucus is obnoxious, but makes the election of United States Senator much easier, and this is about the only redeeming feature in the custom. As the custom now operates, I think the Legislative caucus detrimental to the pub-

REEDER'S NEW BILLS.

Wants to Change Time for Collect-

ing Taxes-Umatilla Salaries. PENDLETON, Or., Dec. A.-Hon. L. B. Reeder, one of Umatilia County's members of the Legislature, was asked regarding proposed legislation, and said:
"I do not wish to coment myself to any particular bill that may be introduced providing for party nominations by what is known as the primary law. Of course, we are all in favor of pure into law of certain bills would be. I understand there are going to be a number of bills introduced bearing upon this subject, and I would not care to commit myself upon any one in particular until of the state.

Third—The act violates article I, section
It has been brought up and made a matter of record in the Legislature. Then there can be no question as to how I

> sonally interested, I have but little to say. I have a number of measures which I will introduce and hope to see become the law of the state; but it is a trifle early yet to make them public. I have not worked them out fully yet, and some changes may be made in the text before I introduce them.

> "One measure, however, in which all are interested is a law which will provide for a system of collecting taxes that will ce the expense and be an improvement in other ways. I have been that subject some attention and prepared to introduce and urge the passage of a bill that will carry out the in-tention as expressed in the planks adopted by the Umatilla County Republican on last March. Those two planks

> We favor the making of the County ? urer the collector of taxes, and paying him a salary commensurate with his duties, We favor such legislation as will secure an taxes delinquent on October 1 of each year, instead of April 1.

TWO CRIMINALS SENTENCED. Robber Gets Six Years and Safe-

Blower Eight Years. SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 24.—Tom Mur-phy, the desperado who held up six men and robbed the Warwick gambling hall in today and was sentenced by Judge Richardson to six years in the Walla Walla Penitentiary. J. J. Adams, the last of the gang of safe-blowers recently cap-tured, was sentenced to eight years in the Penitentiary.

Notes of Albany.

ALBANY, Dec. 24.—The annual Christ-mas festivities were held by the Sunday schools of the city tonight. The trees were well laden, and there was joy su-preme. Favored by splendid weather, the merchants have done a fine business, reorting an excellent holiday trade. Arrangements for the entertainment of the State Teachers' Association to begin

Wednesday evening, have been completed. It is expected that at least 300 will be present from outside of Albany, and that the institute will be one of the most successful in the history of the association.

Paid \$30 for His Fun.

INDEPENDENCE, Or., Dec. 24.ter Stumberg was arraigned this after-noon for killing Mongolian pheasants out of season, pleaded guilty and was fined 130 by Justice Irvine. Deputy Game Warden MacAuley handled the case. It is believed that this action will have a deterrent effect upon hunters who have heretofore made their boasts of killing.

of the Prechysterian Church, in
The step was taken after he
There are today 4000 fashionable lapdog

A NEW COUNTY WANTED

SPIRIT THAT ANIMATES PART OF EASTERN OREGON.

Parts of Union, Baker and Malheur May Fuse if They Can Agree on County Sent.

BAKER CITY, Dec. 24.-Division of counties is a sentiment that seems to be spreading in Eastern Oregon. Whether due to the vastness of territory embodied in counties east of the Cascades, or lack of the cohesion that grows from long es-tablished boundaries, the spirit of unrest is apparent. An organized effort is being made to form an independent county or parts of Union, Baker and Maiheur. Meetparts of Union, Baker and Malheur, Meetings have been held in Unon County and one in Huntington looking to this enc. Friday svening a committee from Huntington met representatives from the Panhandle of Union County in Pine Valley.

The week previous Editor Strayer, of the Eagle Valley, News, and Captain Craig, an old-time resident of Eagle Valley, viscing United Hunting Strayers of the Cartes Strayers, Design Carl L. Thompson, Erick Sjolseth, Olof Boren, Charles Editor Thomas F. ited Huntington as representatives of the Grissen, Joseph A. Britts, Thomas E.

servance of the festal occasion. There were no turkey dinners, but venison and bear meat were pientiful. The provisional government, or its legislative department, was in session, and adjourned for Christmas day. The Legislature then held its session in the Methodist Church, which is now used as an undertaking entablish-ment. During this session of that legis-lative body, Samuel K. Barlow was grant-ed a five-year charter to build a toll wagon road over the Barlow Pass. The road was built in the early Spring and Summon of 1865, and the Barlow party was enabled of 1845, and the Barlow party was anabled to bring its wagons and bousehold supplies over the new road. William Barlow thinks that he drove the first wagon that passed over the summit, although he is not absolutely certain, as several other teams came over at the same time. The toli rate was \$5 per wagon. As soon as enough money was collected to make good the expense involved in building the road, Mr. Barlow forfeited his franchise, but inter a charter was granted by the

THE DALLES' NEW POSTMASTER



J. M. PATTERSON.

THE DALLES, Or., Dec. 24.—J. M. Patterson, who was appointed Postmaster at The Dalles, December 18, is a native of Guernsey County, Ohio, having been born in that county November 26, 1845. At the outbreak of the war in 1861 he enlisted in the Union Army from his home town, New Concord, O., serving through the Rebellion until May, 1866, and afterward removing to Des Moines, Ia., from which city he started West in 1869. Mr. Patterson's first Oregon residence was in Salem, where he acted as assistant Postmaster from 1860 to 1871, also holding other positions of trust until 1885, when he removed with his family to The Dalles. For several years he was bookkeeper for the general merchandise firm of A. M. Williams & Co., afterward being elected mashier of the First National Bank, of this city. Mr. Patterson has always been a loyal Republican, and, as such, has participated in onign during his residence in Oregon, figuring prominently in Wasco County's pol-

Panhandle to sound the southern section | Dwier, Sadie J. Dwier, formerly Sadie P. of Baker County. At the same time the extreme northern end of Malheur was considered as a possible addition to the disaffected territory asking for independ.

ence.

The meetings being held at these dif-ferent place have in view the formulation of plans for a union of forces. The Pan-handle of Union County began the aglis-tion. It declared for independence or an-nexation to some other county two or three works are at a max meeting held tion. It declared for independence or an-nexation to some other county two or three weeks ago, at a mass meeting held in Eagle Valley. Committees were then appointed to take up various parts of the work. The southern end of Baker was regarded as more directly tributary to a regarded as more directly tributary to a center formed by the independent Panhandle and a portion of Burnt River Valley than to Baker City. It occurred to the Union County men that perhaps that portion of Baker County could be interested in an independent movement, and the committee was sent over to Huntington. What reception they received at Huntington is not widely published. The business ton is not wisely published. The consequence of that town were not inclined to do anything unless there was some apparent benefit. Changing their county seat from Baker City to Eagle or Pine Valley was a question fraught with uncertainties. Ea-gle Valley is slightly closer than Baker City, but there is no railroad connection, between Eagle and Buntington. The wagon road leads down the Snake River from the mouth of Powder. Not all of it at present is in first-class condition, but the expenditure of a moderate sum of vey would put it in fair share difference of a few miles in Eagle's favor might not be compensated by taking the county seat from the railroad. Huntington, therefore, was only lukewarm in the project, and is not likely to give any sup-port unless it shall get the county seat. If this be promised, it is likely that the movement for an independent county will cordial support of all that on of Baker lying to the extreme

How Eagle and Pine Valleys, Corns pia and Sparin will view this disposition of the county weat question has not been made known. It has been announced that the desire for division from Union was based on the distance to the county seat. Eagle Valley would improve its condition by a few miles by changing to Hunting-ton, while Pine would suffer a slight loss. and Cornucopia more. Separation of the Panhandle has always been contemplated. with the prospect of establishing the county seat about its center. Now that the co-operation of Southern Baker is possible only on the basis of giving Huntington the county seat, it remains to be seen how Union. Pine. Cornucopia and Sparta will take to a pooling of issues with por-

tions of other countles. Nothing definite or formal has been done regarding the northern portion of Mal-heur. In casting about for contiguous territory sufficient for a good county and joining communities into geographica iolning communities into geographical unities, this extreme portion of Malheur has been considered. It consists largely of Willow Creek basin, which is commer-cially tributary to Huntington. By taking strip off that part of Malheur, a side and corner off Baker and the Panhandle of Union, a county something like a pa-allelogram would be formed, with the Snake as the eastern boundary. It would embrace much barren country or land used only for grazing purposes, but would have rich tracts at both the northern and southern ends. Considerable mining interests would also be included in the new

FIFTY-FIVE YEARS AGO TODAY. How William Barlow Found Things

on his Arrival in Oregon. OREGON CITY, Dec. 24.—William Bar-low, of Barlow, who was here today, ar-rived in Oregon City on Christmas eve, 55 years ago. Mr. Barlow, who was 23 years old at that time, accompanied his father, Samuel K. Barlow, and there were six or Samuel K. Barlow, and there were six or seven other families in the company. The immigrant train was eight months and 25 days in making the trip from Fulton County, III., to Oregon City. The party left their wagons and made a cache of their supplies four miles on the other side of the summit of what is now known as the Barlow road, bringing their horses and invested on through On Christman. and livestock on through. On Christmas and empty into the north fork of Hoope day, religidus services were held in the Catholic and Methodist Episcopal churches, but otherwise there was no ob-

Dwier, Sadie J. Dwier, formerly Sadie F.
Seaver, Angus McGillivary, William R.
Johnstone, George H. Altenbury, Oren S.
Dwier, Eric Johnson, John S. Wright,
Flora B. Fletcher, Gerard M. Stewart,
Daniel E. Attenburg, Archie T. Kellogg,
Benjamin F. Weddle, Abel W. Severanco,
Charles H. Wheeler, Ostrom P. Merritt,
William S. Jones, DeWitt Clinton, Rebecn Troxell

Homestead patents have been received for the following: Delmer Springer, Isaac M. Donkel, St-mon P. Donkel, Edith Clapshaw, William B. Robertson, Nelson L. Knighton, Eu-ward Patsch, Frank J. Morrison, Andrew Kosturi, Frank Petbilka, John L. Hunt,

Bernhard A. Johnansen. The holiday trade Saturday and today surpassed the expectations of the local merchants, and it is believed that the volume of business in Christmas articles far exceeds that of any previous season

Boise River Lenks. W. C. Annet, promoter of the New York canal, claims to have discovered the cause of the low gauge of Boise River at certain seasons of the year. His theory is that there is a loss of water through un-derground channels at a point somewhere above the headgates of the New York This loss in the dry season causes a scarcity of water as a consequence That such a leakage is going on he in fers from the fact that the snowsheds of the Boise are sufficiently high to secure a satisfactory and even a super-abundance of water, and it followed that as all this water does not come down to the gates it must escape by some hidder channel. In country of a lava forma-tion such subterranean outlets are com-mon. Mr. Annet thinks that the outlet is in the canyon not far from the gates of the New York, as when blasting is going on in that district the smoke iss

This loss of water will be remedied by onstructing headgates for the ditch above the underground outlet. With this water secured it will be possible to water the lands in the vicinity of Roswell and the lands in the vicinity of Kuna.

Two Christmas Inquests.

SEATTLE, Dec. 24.—Inquests on two cases will be held tomorrow at Black Diamond. One is that of Angelo Devere, an Italian miner who was caught in a cave-in of a coal mine. The other is that of Gemer Davis, who was found dead near a railroad track, evidently killed by

Idaho Notes.

The Brodbeck brewery, at Boise, was sold last week to Butte buyers. The new system of numbering house at Boise will be effective on the first day

The Boise Common Council is considering the advisability of a compulsory vacstion ordinance The big new vault for the Capital State

Bank has arrived at Boise. It made a full carload, weighing 18,000 pounds. The South African quartz claim, a mile above Idaho City, on Elk Creek, owned by Barney McCall, has been taken hold of by the Cripple Creek & Idaho Exploration Company, which will begin work in

about a month sinking a shaft.

A. B. Williams, general manager of the construction of the Dewey Hotel, at Nampa, has left for New York. He states he will return in March, and that he will bring with him a complete outfit for establishment of a box factory. J. S. Hickey, a capitalist of Anaconds,

and a former resident of Nampa, has promised to place at the disposal of the city a tract of land lying in the neighbor-hood of the B., N. & O. Railroad yards. to be used as a city park. This land comprises four blocks, containing 16 acres,

and is admirable for the purpose.

A company has been organized in Gentile Valley to construct an irrigating ditch which will bring 5000 or 7000 acres under cultivation in that section. It will be known as the Thatcher Canal & Power Company, and is capitalized at \$20,000. It is the intention to take a canal out of the Bear River on the west side about stx miles above Cove, and it will run thence along the foothills a distance of 22 miles

TO NORTHWEST INDIANS

ABOUT \$700,000 PROVIDED FOR THEM IN THREE STATES.

For Support and Civilization of Tribes at Various Agencies, and for Educational Advantages.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.-The Indian appropriation bill, aside from the more important provisions heretofore out-lined, this year carries a number of appropriations which are a mere continu-ance of former provisions in preceding bills. These are the appropriations nec-essary for maintaining the various schools and agencies, and embrace the following ifems:

For the support and education of 500 pupils at the Chemawa School, \$83,500, to which is added \$1800 for the superintendent's salary, \$2500 for the erection of a brick laundry, and \$500 for repairs and improvements, making in all a total appropriation of \$2,500 for Chemawa.

The following amounts are in each case

set down for the support and civiliza-tion of the tribes at the respective agen-cies for the coming fiscal year: cles for the coming fiscal year:
Federated tribes of Middle Oregon. \$5,000
Walla Walla and Cayuse. Umatilia. 5,000
Klamaths and Modocs, of Klamath. 5,000
Elements and Schools of Klamath. 5,000
Shoshones and Schools, Ft. Hall. 5,000
Same. with Sheepeaters, Lembi.
Idabo. 12,000
Makahs, of Washington. 3,000
Nes Perces, Idaho. 3,000
For purchase of agricultural implements and support and civilization of Joseph's band of Nes Perces. 4,000
The sum of \$16,000 is recommended for

The sum of \$10,000 is recommended for general and incidental expenses of the Indian service in Oregon and for the support of the Indians of Grand Ronde and Siletz, Oregon, and \$17,000 for the corresponding objects in Washington, including the support of the Colville and Puyallup Indians of that state, while Idaho

allup Indians of that state, while Idaho gets 1000 for general expenses.

Fifteen hundred dollars each is appropriated for the portable sawmills at the Klamath and Nex Perces agencies, while a general appropriation of \$100,000 is set aside for the construction of ditches and reservoirs for irrigating purposes and for securing water rights on Indian reservations of the securing water rights on Indian reserva-

tions, etc.

The general bill also provides for carrying out the provisions of treaties heretofore executed with various bands of
Indians, among them the Fort Hall Indians of Idaho. For carrying out this
latter agreement of June 5 a total of \$125.000 is set aside in the bill, with \$6000 additional to be placed to the credit of
the Secretary of the Interior for these
Indians.

pended in the removal of the Spokane Indians to the Coeur d'Alene reservation, in crecting suitable houses, in assisting them in breaking the lands, furnishing them with cattle, agricultural implements, saw and grist mills, threshing machines, mowers, and in other ways taking care of them, their sick and infirm, and in schooling and otherwise afnereafter appropriated for this object, it or approximately 11.466.000 bushels; oats, is provided, shall be expended in defraying the expenses of the removal of such members of the tribe as have already removed or shall remove to the Colville, Spokane or Jocko reservations of Wash. fording educational facilities, the sum of

The sum of \$1000 each is appropriated for a blacksmith and a carpenter to do necessary work in instructing these Indians in these two trades—a total of \$2900. The ninth and tenth installments which are due Chiefs Louis and Enoch are cared for in an appropriation of \$200. making in all a total appropriation of

Added to the above appropriations con-tained in the bill are the following for current and contingent expenses:

\$1200 each for Tulalip, Siletz and Neah Bay were dropped by the commit-

One Solution of Problem.

Milton Eagle, If the State of Oregon is ever divided what will we call the segregated state? Where will be located the state capital? Call it Tum-a-lum and give Milton the capital, Weston the university, Athena the

insane asylum, Pendieton the pen, Helix the reform school, Adams the blind school, Usnatilla the deaf and dumb school, Uklah the soldiers' home, and Freewater the orphans' home. Echo. Pilot Rock and Vansycle can pay the taxes. Let's have a state for each county. The way to reform the United States Senate is to make Senatorships so numerous that to will not be considered an honor to be will not be considered an honor to be chosen to represent states. Then wicken wealthy men will not be tempted to seduce the Legislatures of states with corrupting gold, and purity undefiled will reign! There are so many glorious possi-bilities in division that we haven't time to enumerate them all,

Lane County Mine Claims

The following have filed proof of labor n mining claims at Eugene on mining claims at Eugene:

B. A. Washburne and J. L. Clark, on Grubstake claim, Blue River district.

Henry Helcomb, B. A. Washburne, J. L. Clark and J. C. Brattain on Sun mining claim, Riue River district.

John Vanduyn, E. P. Coleman, William Vanduyn, James Kennerly, Thomas Vanduyn, on Glen of the Mountains claim.

Blue River district. Blue River district.

John Vanduyn, on Silver Queen and
Lulu Girl claims, Blue River district.

James Duval, on Webfoot, Hiland, Columbia, Forsaken, Surprise, Snowside,
Blue Bird, Oversight, Ruth, Ida May,
Champion, Excelsior, West Annie, Bertha,
Mahaia and Goodhope claims, Bohemia
district

Quotations of Mining Stocks. SPOKANE, Dec. 24.—The closing quotations or mining stocks today were;

	Ask. Bid. Ask.
Blacktall 9	1% Ramb Car. 2414 2514
Crystal 4%	5% Republic 59 (034)
D. T. No. 2 15	2 Reservation 3% 4 8 Hove. Glant., 2% 3
Gold Ledge I	1% Sullivan 1374 14%
I. X. L 18%	21 Tom Thumb 10 12
Iron Mask 27	30 Waterloo , 25 2%
L. P. Surp 6% Min. Lion 20	74 Dewey 2 3
Morn, Glory., 74	The Consecture 4th 4th
Prin. Maud 14	316 Miller Creek. 2 2%
Frin. Made 156	1% Bitter Root 4 6

Militon Eagle.
We do not hardly know what Grover Cleveland means by his declaration this week that the Democratic party has be "wandering after strange gods." That party seems to have had but one god since Mr. Bryan came on the scene. Just why Grover should use the plural in this instance is very singular, indeed. Surely, none of the Democratic party has been chasing after him, too, these past few venzsi

Oregon Notes. Milton has 427 school pupils.

Baker City will improve its City Hall. A burgiar has been annoying Milton intely. A Commercial Club will organize at

The Albany Council granted five saloon About 3000 logs were mosted from the middle fork of the Coquille River on the recent freshet

The Sunset Telephone Company is pre-

At the new town or Nibley, recently laid out on the Conley tract, north of Union, arrangements are being perfected

will prepare an amendment to the muni-cipal charter whereby liens may be en-forced.

A. M. Erhart, who owns a fine ranch in the Scott Canyon country, has recently erected a \$120 residence on the farm, says the Arlington Independent.

A petition is being circulated in Cook County which will be presented to the County Court at the January term, asking for an appropriation of \$500 to be applied for the betterment of the Middle Fork road.

Fork road.

J. W. Shaney is sinking a well on Robert Spencer's ranch, on Rock Creek, says the Condon Globe. The well has been sunk to a depth of 102 feet without striking water. Water is expected at a depth

ing water. Water is expected at a depth of 130 or 150 feet.

The store and postoffice building at Parkersburg, Coos County, was burned last Tuesday. A heavy wind was blowing, and it is thought a sawdust fire a few hundred feet from the store was the cause of the blase. The papers and books of both the Coquille Mill & Tug Company and the postoffice department were saved, together with most of the merchandise in the store. dise in the store.

John A. McMorris is providing Condon John A. McMorris is providing Comion and vicinity with telephonic communication. He recently replaced the small phones which have been in use on the Matney-Flat barb-wire line with others of a better class. It is nis intention, should be secure the necessary local support, to put in a local system to include Matney Flat, Lost Valley, Perry Canyon with its discovery and other receiving the samost at Portiand's doors. The writer only a few days ago went to Kalama, Wash. While there he was urged by a friend to go and see a gold mine on the hill, in Kalama, and did so. Dr. J. C. Darnell, W. F. Teck and H. M. Stevens are its owners, and they with its discovery and other received. should be secure the necessary local sup-port, to put in a local system to include Matney Fint, Lost Valley, Ferry Canyon and Condon neighborhoods.

Washington Industries.

O. W. Davis, of North Dakota, is seek-ing a site at Aberdeen for a saw mill, and W. Johnson, of Southern California, for a tannery.

J. S. Pearson and W. S. Wooten, of Starbuck, made up a carload of fruit and shipped it to St. Paul. After paying the freight, which amounted to \$15, and ai-lowing the commission men the price asked for handling the fruit, they had nothing left nothing left. It is reported that machinery for a saw

mill at Curlew has arrived at Grand Forks and that as soon as the roads are in a passable condition the machinery will be hauled to Curlew and put in position. The mill will have a capacity of cutting 30,000 feet of lumber per day. F. G. Crisp disposed of 8000 bushels of wheat at Harrington Friday for 43 cents per bushel, it is the general belief among farmers that as soon as grain is threshed it should be brought to market and sold. The cost of insurance, storage, etc., eats up all profits accruing on grain unless it rises more than a cents per bushel. For several years past the custom has been to hold grain for a better market, but in the majority of cases a loss has been sustained by so do-

State Grain Inspector George P. Wright State Grain Inspector George F. Wright has compiled the statistics for his bicannial report to Governor Rogera, covering the period beginning September 1, 1888, and ending August 1, 1990. For the
year beginning September 1, 1889, and
ending August 31, 1990, the total number
of carloads of wheat inspected at the of carloads of wheat inspected at the

assistance to the flockmasters of Wash assistance to the flockmasters of Wash-ington in their effort to keep the Chinese sheepmen from the grazing lands of this section, and if necessary they say they are ready to bear their part of the ex-pense, says the Tacoma Ledger. This strange proposition reveals a peculiar condition of things in the grazing regions of the mountain state where it is said of the mountain state where it is said of the mountain state, where it is said the white sheepmen for the past two years have been fighting the Chinese. The war is being waged not because the owners are Chinese, but for the reason that up to the present time the white woolgrowers have been unable to make any agreement with the Chinese as to where the'r flocks should graze that the latter have not broken, and for this rea-son there is a war on between the two son there is a war on between the two classes; and it is mainly on this account that the Chinese have sought an entrance to the grazing lands of Washington.

Oregon Mine Notes.

The Alexander & Bent mine on Galice Creek is operating three giants since the recent heavy rains. The Columbia mine, in Baker County, has received the largest

ever brought into the Eastern Oregon country. The Baisley-Elkhorn mill, in Bake County, which has been undergoing need ed repairs for the past two or three weeks, will resume operations this week. It is reported that the Brazos mine, not

far from the Carroll B., in Baker County, is likely to pass into the hands of a wealthy syndicate for a price said to be \$350,000 The big tramway at the North Pole mine in the Baker City country will be in operation by the first of the new year. The capacity of the tramway is

10 tons every hour.

A. W. Sileby is developing a quartz property on Powell's Creek, South-ern Oregon. There are two tunnels on the vein, one 169 and the other 275 feet in length, which expose a large ore body.

Word comes from the Victor, Jr., mine at Placer that two new veins of ore have been discovered, one that yields about \$8 a ton, and the other about \$2009 a ton, says the Grant's Pass Journal. It is reported that rich telluride ore has been struck at the Tammany group on a parallel vein with the North Pole. The stock of the Tammany company has been bonded to an English syndicate for

Vigorous development work is going or at the Rialto mine, three miles west of Granite. Over eight feet of the ledge has already been penetrated and the surface over runs from \$13.40 to \$15.60 per tou. Arrangements are being made to run a second crosscut tunnel, which will give a depth of 75 feet,

\$100,000.

A good report is given of development operations on the properties of the Gold King Mining Company, consisting of the Golden Charlot, Little Emma and Trade Dollar claims, the first named property is situated on Quarts Creek and the two latter on Mill Creek, in the Red Boy district of Eastern Oregon. A tunnel 40 feet in length has been finished on the Little Emma. The ledge is the full width of the tunnel and the ore pans free gold. The Golden Charlot is developed by a shaft and 40 feet of tunnel. The ledge is six feet wide in the shaft and only one wall has been exposed. The average ore goes \$14.40 per ton, but samples have gone as high as £05 70 per ton.

Oregon Industries. The proposed starch factory at Sum-nerville will cost \$10,000 to \$12,000.

C. M. Elspass was at Eugene last week surveying the advantages offered there for a creamery.

Wednesday, disposed of 25,000 bushels of

wheat at 44 cents. A company is being organized at Union for the purpose of manufacturing farm rollers. The roller is a combination of three rollers so arranged to adapt itself to the surface of the ground, no matter

General A. J. Goodbrod last week made is free, so is medical advice it you write is another shipment of apples to Chicago. Tousdway and 25th St. New York.

to start and build up the town. Bids are now being asked for the construction of a public meeting-house and a number of cottages for the place.

City Attorney Weatherford, of Albany,

There is considerable agitation in some sections of the Valley for enactment of a drainage law, says the McMinnville Redraining aw, says the attainment of porter. At present farmers who have land that should be tiled are often prevented from draining and enhancing the productiveness of their lands by a contrary neighbor. A general law allowing one farmer bor. A general law allowing one larmer to run his drainage through another's land would make the saytem a success and improve the condition of many acress in every county in the Willamette Valley.

GOLD MINE AT KALAMA. Rich Ore Now Being Taken From the Hillside.

PORTLAND, Or., Dec. 21.-(To the Editor.)—Long articles have appeared and much has been said within a few months past of gold mines and of gold being found in sections of country more or less remote from Portland, but if present indications are any criterion as to the facts, the time is not far distant when gold will be mined in considerable quantitles almost at Portland's doors. with its discovery and other particulars

A shaft had been sunk to a depth of about 155 feet at the time I was there. The first gold worth mentioning was found at a depth of about % feet and from there the rock continued, increas-ing in richness until the depth of 145 feet was reached, when a stratum of very nard rock was encountered which was not quite as rich in gold, but gold existed all the way to the depth attained. The workmon thought from appearances that they were about through the stratum of very hard rock.

in order that the public may have a better idea of the actual richness of the ore I will give you the following figures which I copied from the reports of the different assayers, to whom samples of

different assayers, to whom samples of the rock had been sent: Oct. 4. 1.80 ounces, gold per ton, \$250; Oct. 9. 1.16 ounces, gold and silver per ton, \$252.25. At the depth of 145 feet the rock assayed \$578.80 per ton, but I am not certain as to the date of the assay. Nov. 15, two assays were made, as fol-lows: Assay No. 1, 2.60 ounces, gold \$52,

and No. 2, 1.68 ounces, gold \$33 60 per ton of rock.

Whatever anyone may think or say. as to the correctness of the several as-says, one thing is certain and that is that the gold is there as it can be seen in the rock, and I have samples of the ore at my office, wherein minute specks of the yellow metal can be seen with out the use of a magnifying glass of any kind. Yours, etc., S. H. GRUBER.

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