# STATE LAND SALES

Active Demand for Available School Sections.

LOW PRICE A BIG INDUCEMENT

Prospect of More Bailroads in East. ern Oregon Also Gives Activity, Land Being Bought as a Promising Investment.

BALEM, Or., Jan. 1. - Clerk M. L. Ballem, Or., Jan. 1. — Clerk M. L. Chamberlain, of the State Land Board, reports that the receipts of his office for the month of December are larger than for any other month during his administration. The greater part of the increase in receipts is due to the great rush now being made for school land, and in this Mr. Chamberlain sees a promise that the several sections of this state will undergo wonderful development within the next few years. The land that is now being sought so eagerly is the school in the next few years. The land that is now being sought so eagerly is the school sections which sell at \$1 50 per acre, only a part payment being required in cash on issuance of a certificate of sale. By far the greater portion of the saics are of land in Eastern Oregon. That is the section of the state least developed. The State Land Board has thousands of acres of prairie and timber land east of the Cascades that has remained unsold because of the want of railroads. The land has been considered worthless, and it is has been considered worthless, and it is so, in fact, unless more convenient trans-portation factlities shall be provided, But since rallroads crossing Basters Oregon since railroads crossing Bastern Oregon in almost every direction are now almost assured, there is promise that the hand in that section will become of great value. Already large irrigation projects are on foot, and it is only a question of a few years when irrigation of the so-called arid regions will be conducted on a large-scale by the National Government. In anticipation of this development of the country, hundreds of people have made purchases of school land. The low price of \$1.25 per acre, when bordering states have fixed the price at \$16 per acre, is one of the great inducements to purchase. There has been talk of jesticaltion at the next session raising the price of

at the next seesion raising the price of school land. This may also account for the rush of investors. Thirty sales were made in one day last week, and nearly as many more on several other days. About 250 certificates of sale were issued during the month, most of them for 350 certificates are the form of the same of

acres such which is the limit of amount that may be sold to one person. It is probable that many of these sales are made to small speculators—people who have a small amount of money to invest and who will in a year or so sell the land to large capitalists. The law does not require that purchasers shall live on the land, and this is no email inducement for investments of this kind. It is to be expected that capitalists who build the railroads across the eastern part of the state will do so for their own profit in every respect. It is anticipated, there-fore, that the promoters of these enterprises will secure as much as possible of prises will secure as much as possible of the cheap land now being sold by the State Land Board. This they cannot do directly, because of the limit to the amount that may be sold to one person, but they will secure the land indirectly, and, after they have built the railroads, will sell it again at an advanced price. The increase in sales means a large in-crease in the irreducible common school

crease in the irreducible common school fund. It also means that the unoccupied otions of the state are to be sattled and the latent resources developed.

The activity is not confined to unimproved land, however, for many sales of

proved land, however, for many sales of state farms have recently been made at prices very satisfactory to the State Land board. These are farms secured through foreclosure of mortgages after the hard times. Loans had been made on farms which, through poor management and the hard times together, would not pay off the indebtedness. The state took the farms on foreclosure, and, now that better times have come, sales are being made at or above cost. The low prices at which the farms were secured makes it possible for the state to offer figures low enough to be an inducement to purchasers. The state still has about 100 improved farms and thousands of acres of unimproved land for sale. land for sale.

SNOW FREQUENT ABOUT BAKER. Feeding of Stock Necessary-Trans-

portation to Mines Now at Best. BAKER CITY, Jan. 1.-Cold weather now prevalls in the plateau country adjacent to this place. For the past two or three days there have been frequent snewstorms, especially in the districts of the Eikhorn, Lookout and Wallowa Mountain ranges. In the valleys, the snow is tain ranges. In the valleys, the snow is very light, not averaging over two or three inches. A cold wind has been blowing that drives stock to shelter. Feeding has commenced in earnest. The large hands of stock that are driven into the Snake River country for Winter range as a rule require some hay. There are some sections of that country where folder has been stored for three or four years, there being no occasion for Winter feeding. One of the results has been to make the article less valuable, and a cold Winter would not be regarded with much appre

Transportation to the mining regions is now at its best. There has besnow and freezing for excellent sielghing, and the depth does not yet interfere with work materially. Later, difficulty will be experienced in breaking roads. All the mining machinery that was tied up by soft roads is beginning to move towards its destination.

Cold Spell at Heppner,

HEPPNER, Or., Jan. 1.—Three inches of snow covers the ground here, and the thermometer this evening is at 20 above zero. The cool spell came Saturday night Stockmen have oceans of hay with which to feed, and are thoroughly prepared for a cold snap. Ed C. Ashbough, one of the grain kings, and Wfiliam Penland, one of the wool kings, both express a desire for a heavy snowfail, and say it would be a great benefit to the country.

Heavy Snowfall Expected. DALLAS, Or., Jan. 1 .- A spow storn commenced here this morning at 6 o'clock. The snow is six inches deep tonight. The wind is in the southwest, and a heavy fall of the "beautiful" is expected.

First Snow of Season at Salem SALEM, Jan. 1.—New Year's day wit-nessed the first snow of the season in this wicinity. A light snow that fell this forencon is still on the ground tonight, though rain is falling.

Worst Storm of Season, JUNCTION CITY, Or., Jan. 1.-The worst storm of the season occurred day. A heavy wind and snow storm has been raging all day, and still shows no sign of abatement.

Sufficient Snew for Sleighing. FOREST GROVE, Or., Jan. 1 - Six thes of snow fell here today. Many sleighs were out, which is something un

Light Snow at Oregon City, OREGON CITT. Jan 1.—About two inches of snow is lying on the ground, and cold weather for this place prevails.

Six Inches of Snow at Hillsborn. HILLSBORO, Or., Jan. 1-Snow com-

menced falling here early this morning, and by noon there was a fall of six inches. This afternoon little or no snow fell, and it is thought that the cold spell there was a fall of six is broken.

DESPERATE ATTEMPT AT SUICIDE. Idaho Man Sentenced to He Hanged Cuts His Throat From Ear to Ear.

BOISE, Idaho, Jan. 1.-Edward Bice, BOISE, Idaho, Jan. 1.—Edward Bice, convicted of the murder of Matt Malley at Wallace in November, and sent to the penitentiary under sentence of death, today made a desperate attempt at suicide. He cut his throat from ear to ear, twice severing the wind pipe. His execution December II was stayed by the allowing of an appeal. It took 2 stitches to sew the wound up. When the deed was discovered it was it o'clock. About half an hour must have elapsed since the man nour must have elapsed since the man and first cut himself.

Rice evidently out twice through the skin and flesh about his throat, and the skin and flesh about his throat, and the second time sawed about in an attempt to sever the juglar vein. On the cell wall he had written, with his fingers saturated in his own blood, the word "Nan." When discovered a pencil was handed him, with which he wrote the words "Not guilty." "Not guilty." He has at all times maintained his innocence. He was reacting outle scally less this exempter. was resting quite easily late this evening, although the physicians do not think there is much chance for his recovery. Since his incorrection Rice has never exten with or had access to an iron caseknife, yet this was the weapon he used. It was sharpened to a razor edge. The authorities believe one of the convicts handed him the knife with which to commit suicide. He prayed that nothing be done, but that he be allowed to die, and made signs asking that he be given a re-volver with which to finish the deed.

## MORROW'S TAX ROLL.

Taxable Valuation of County for 1900 Beclared to Be \$1.117,781.

	HEPPNER, Or., Jan. 1.—The t valuation of Morrow County for it just been declared to be \$1,117,781. A mary of the assessment is as follow	00 has
ļ	Acres uliable land, 52,127\$ Acres nontillable land, 283,333 Improvements on deeded or pat-	159,355 275,915
	anted lands	70,286 18,560 31,840
	ed or patented	2,150 230,500
	Rolling stock  Merchandise and stock in trade.	16,584 59,558 26,075
	Farming implements, wagons, carriages, sto. Notes and accounts Household furniture, watches,	23,135 47,115
	Horses and mules, 2515	15,298 40,676 48,596
	Sheep, 129,431	194,149
	Gross value all property\$1	73,562

Total value of taxable property as equalized by County Board of Equalization.

# SHEEP IN MORROW COUNTY.

263,535 Located There-Owners Continue to Hold for Top Prices. HEPPNER, Or., Jan. 1.—Henry Schir-singer, stock inspector of Morrow County, has just completed a thorough inspection of all the sheep in the county and found them in a generally healthy condition, with but little scab, and that only in a few isolated cases, which are being suc-cessfully treated.

Mr. Schirzinger's records show that

there are at present owned and located in Morrow County 283,525 head of sheep, classified as follows:

Breeding ewes
Mixed lambs
Yearling wethers Sheep continue to be held at top prices here, and are all in good condition. The wool market is lifeless, as it has been for some time past.

# NEW LIFE-SAVING DISTRICT. Oregon, Washington and Alaska

Embraced. SEATTLE, Jan. 1.—News of the crea-tion of a new life-saving district, to in-clude the sea waters of Alaska, Washington and Oregon, is contained in a letter received by Captain Francis Tuttle, commander of the revenue outer Bear. Captain W. H. Roberts, of San Francisco, has been appointed superintendent of the district, with headquarters at Tacoma.

The formation of a new district will greatly enhance the scope of the Service, and will result in the establishment of a station of Cape Flattery. There is at present no station north of Gray's Harbor. It is said that there wil also probably be a station established at Nome before many months.

Approves Cosmopolis' Road Plan. SOUTH BEND, Jan. 1-The South Bend Commercial Club has voted to co-operate with the Cosmopolis Club for the establishment of a state road from Cosmopolis by way of North River, Willapa, South nd and Nasel to the Columbia follow ing established roads, where practicable, Freeman Albright, A. F. Rivon, County Surveyor, and J. L. Myers have been sp. pointed to map out the route through Pacific County and confer with the county

Oregon Notes. A Pythian lodge will be formed at Law-

ton Saturday. The new depot at La Grande is ready to be painted and furnished. Burglars entered a saloon at Huntingon last Wednesday and stole \$6.

Marshfield defeated Coquille at foot-ball, Friday, by a score of 16 to 0. Leonard Lingren lost three fingers at Mineral last week in a shotgun accident. The Bison group of mines, near Quartz-burg, Grant County, has been sold to a California syndicate.

Constance Duffy is held in \$100 bonds to await the next term of court, for having assaulted John Tolen at Athena. Two Marshfield youngsters had a quel with airguns last week. One was shot in the finger and the other in the forehead. Paul Ronco killed a cougar near Bald Mountain, Polk County, last Tuesday, for which he received \$30 bounty from the

Livestock Association Joe Peters, about 90 years old, who lived about three miles south of Lostine, Wallowa County, was found dead near his cabin, several days ago.

The Oregon State Journal, published at Eugene, has begun the Sih year of its existence. H. R. Kincald, who started the paper, is still owner and editor. The Grass Valley Journal says that Mr. Fairchild, while digging a well on his property, west of the depot, struck some rock that contained a good specimen of

John Colter, allas "Scotty," has been held in \$1000 to answer at the next court on the charge of robbing Thomas L Ed-wards, of Milton, of \$100. Colter snatched a purse from Edwards at Pendieton. Sidewalks nearly two miles long leading to the church are contemplated at St. Louis. For this and other improvements

on the church property the parish expects to use about 100,000 feet of lumber. The Crowell ranch of 200 acres, near Jacksonville, has been sold to O. J. Knips, of Grant's Pass, for \$3000. It consists of of Grant's Pass, for \$8000. It consists of 20 acres in apples, 30 acres in prunes, 10 acres in aifalfa, 40 neres in new-sown wheat. The purchasers are recently from

Iowa. James Ealinger and Henry Lawrence have uncovered a 20-foot ledge on the Brown Bear, an extension of the Indiana. on the east fork of Dixis Creek, Grant County. The are contains chalcopyrites, horseflesh and peacock copper, and sam-ples as high as \$60 in gold and copper.

Perry Davis' Pain-Killer. ernally for outs, sprains and bruises.

# **BIG MINING DEAL CLOSED**

FINAL PAYMENT HADE ON BALD MOUNTAIN GROUP.

Total Consideration Was \$50,000-New Owners Men of Means, and Work on Big Scale Is Likely.

BAKER CITY, Or., Jan. 1.—Transfer of the Haid Mountain group of mining claims to the Baid Mountain Gold Mining Com-pany has been completed by the filing for record of the deed, heretofore held in es-crow. R. C. Haywood and wife, of Den-yer, and George W. Newman and wife, of Peoria Kan sign the deed, which is

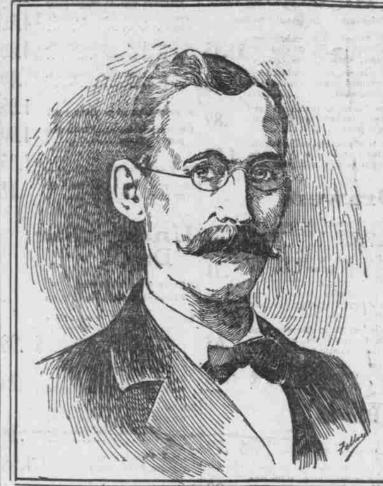
width is also revealed by the development work, that ranges considerably higher in values. The ore is free-milling. The in-corporators of the company expect to start up work in the Spring with a suff-REFORM LAW DEFECTIVE cient force to make a good showing early

ELECTRICAL MINE MACHINERY. Last Lot for Big Cornucopia Plant Is Now En Route to Destination.

BAKER CITY, Jan. 1.—Two more carloads of machinery for the Cornucopla electric power plant arrived here last week and were at once started for the mines. This now completes the plant. A large quantity was taken out two weeks ago, and after much difficulty was transported through the canyon from Carson to Cornucopla. It is already in position. As soon as this last lot arrives the plant will be ready for work. It is now estimated it will start up early next week. ver, and George W. Newman and wife, of Peoria, Kan. sign the deed, which is in favor of H. S. McCallum, manager of the Bald Mountain Company. While the instrument names Mr. McCallum as the purchaser, other papers exist showing that the sale is to the company, of which he is a stockholder and the manager. The consideration is \$6,000. Three claims are included in the group—the Bald Mountain, Fairview and East Fairview. Both the Fairview and East Fairview. Both the Fairview and East Fairview Both the Fairview and East Fairview is about a mile and a half from the mill most at right angles to the Bald Mountain, and abut against its northwestern line. Each is a full claim in size.

The deed is dated October 9, 1829. It has been held in escrew by the First National been held in escrow by the First National | ing connections. A flume has been con-

GALLERY OF NEW MEMBERS OF OREGON LEGISLATURE.



W. H. WEHRUNG, SENATOR FROM WASHINGTON COUNTY.

HILLSBORO, Or., Jan. 1 .- W. H. Wehrung, Senator from Washington County, was born in Hillsboro in 1881. His father, H. Wehrung, crossed the plains in the year 1852, and was one of the early settlers of Washington County. The subject of this sketch assisted his father in the furniture and undertaking business for a number of years. He then became a member of the general mercantile firm of H. Wehrung & Son. Shortly afterward Gus Wehrung purchased an interest in the business, which is now conducted by H. Wehrung

& Sons, and is one of the largest mercantile houses in Washington County.

In 1808 Mr. Wehrung was appointed by Governor Geer a member of the State Board of Agriculture for a term of three years, and was elected its president for the ensuing term. Agriculture for a term of three years, and was elected to succeed himself, a deserved recogni-tion of "the right man in the right place," for under his administration the State Fair has been a greater success than ever before. Mr. Wehrung is a life-long Democrat, and at the last state election was elected upon a "Union Ticket" by an overwhelming majority, notwithstanding the county is normally Republican from 200 to 300.

was due January 1, 1901, and \$5000 July 1. The company could have continued its operations with all possible security until that date by making the payments as they became due, but as in the case of the Red Fox and Belle of Baker, the

money was paid before maturity of the bond. The remaining Stocoo due on the Bald Mountain group was deposited here by Mr. McCallum a few days ago, and yesterday the bank was wired from New York to deliver the deed to Attorney C. A. Johns, that it might be recorded. When thig had been done the fact was com-municated to the members of the company, who were so easter to take po sion that they sacrificed the use of \$5000 for a period of six months.

A 30-stamp mill has been erected on

the Bald Mountain group by the company and a 10-stamp mill on the Mammoth group, which it also owns. Preparations have been made for extensive operations. There seems to be no limit to the capital back of the concern, as payments have been anticipated and improvements of a costly nature put up in a businesslike manner. Most of the stockholders reside in Lowell, Mass. The Bald Mountain is on the same ledge as the Belle of Baker, Red Fox and Manimuth, in the former of which the rich strikes reported a few weeks ago was made. All the property of that district has been enhanced ma-terially in value by the strike, and re-sults revealed by the work of the com-pany operating on the two groups.

Last Chance Mine Sold. The Last Chance mining property, in the Cable Cove district, has been sold to the Baby McKee Gold Mining Company. The deal was consummated two or three days ago, but was not made known. J. C. Young and Edward Rawson were the former owners, and made a deed to the property, which was placed in escrow property, which was placed in escrow pending final payments. A. H. Sprague represented the Baby McKee Company, as Colonel J. T. Grayson, in charge of the company's interests here, is at present in New York. The consideration was about \$4000. Part of the money was paid down, and the remainder will be within the next two or three months.

The other property of the Baby McKee Company Hes well down on the John

Company lies well down on the John Day side of the ridge dividing Cable Cove. The tunnel being driven would have to be extended considerably before tapping the Last Chance vein. On the latter there has been about 200 feet of development work, which reveals a ledge that gives promise of good results when proper work is done. Mining men fa-millar with the claim believe the value paid is low, as it was commonly rated

New Mining Corporation. Articles of incorporation for the Leo Gold Mining & Milling Company have been filed here by H. J. Withey, J. W. Daly and B. H. Withey. The capital stock is piaced at \$1,000,000, divided into 1,000,000

shares. The principal office and place of business is Baker City.

Five claims are included in the prop-erty of the new corporation. They are known as the Leo No. 1, Leo No. 2, Chesknown as the Leo No. 1, Leo No. 2, Chester, Carrie B., and Laura D. The group is situated in the Alamo district, about two miles from the Red Boy mine. In the Leo No. 1, 1% feet of tunnel has been driven, which taps the ledge at 115 feet. In addition to this there are several open cuts on the surface. On the other claims, the amount of work done is merely that necessary to hold the property. A dyke 30 feet in width has been cut by the tunnel, which is reported to assay about \$5.50 a ton. Another vein four feet in

Bank of Baker, pending full payment of the sum of \$50.000. Of this total amount \$20,000 was paid five months ago. \$25,000 Transfer of the big pipe to be used in

ducting the water from the flume down to the mill has been a work of great difficulty. Roads are frozen up now, and for most of the distance there is excellent snow for sleds, so that the hauling problem has been made less difficult. Rich Ore From Carroll B. Mine.

W. L. Vinson, who has the bond on the Carroll B. mine, in Pleasant Valley district, brought to Baker City yesterday some new samples of the rich strike day some new samples or the fron surface made in the drift on that property. The ore shown by Mr. Vinson is marvelously rich. It is of the same general character as that found in other good properties of the Virtue district, being crystalized and not evenly distributed. The pieces exhibited here have lumps of gold of conductable weight. A ledge ranging and not evenly distributed. The pieces exhibited here have lumps of gold of considerable weight. A ledge ranging from to to 14 feat is reported along the drift. Mr. Vinson says that the pay streak bearing the rich rock is about eight inches wide and down near the

work in the Carroli B. is progressing rapidly. Since the new shaft was con-nected with the old workings, develop-ment work along the ledge has been pressed. The new shaft sunk is a double compartment, intended for permanent operations. The cross-cut was begun at about the depth of 30 feet. It is the purpose of the management to continue sinking immediately, until the 200-foot level is reached. The double-compariment is reached. The double-compartment shaft will be used at that depth. It is understood that a triple-compartment shaft is one of the plans for future

Washington's 1900 Lumber Shipment SEATTLE, Jan. 1.—The total shipments of lumber for 1960 from Washington amounted to 727.566.381 feet, as compared with 625,238,262 feet in 1889. The total shipments of shingles for 11 months were 3.339/37.350, an increase of cover 1889. The total cargoes of la the same period were 57,220,615. of laths for

Oregon Industries. The Saginaw mill closed down this

week for repairs. The new smelter at Mineral began operation last Wednesday. A four-ton boller has arrived at Lake-view for the city electric plant, Ed Zeigler shipped a carload of hogs rom Gervals to Portland last week.

S. D. Evans and Jeuss Sharabrook, of Oakland, shipped a carload of prunes to Missouri Saturday. A. Whiteley and H. C. Elms of Iron-side, shipped 100 horses last week from Huntington to Arkansus and Texas.

Washington Industries. A first-class wagon factory is to be established at Everett.

Edward P. Burch, the promoter of the lew electric railway at Everett, has de-posited \$1000 as a forfelt in the event that

posited \$1600 as a forfeit in the event that he or his assigns shall fall to comply with the conditions of the franchise.

Gray & Gray, who owned the steam fleuring mill at Palouse which burned two months ago, have decided not to rebuild. They have bought the large steam mills at Oakesdaie, which will be refitted and some new machinery added. The Cakesdaie mill is one of the largest and best in the Palouse country, but has been idle for a number of years, except in the Fall of the year, owing te the fact that it was owned by an estate and was in litigation.

CLERKSHIP ABUSE IN LEGISLA-TURE HAS NOT BEEN REMEDIED.

Opinion of Ex-Representative Flags -Permits False Economy-Gives Chief Clerks Too Much Power.

SALEM, Jan. 1-E. H. Flagg, who was one of Marion County's Representatives in the last Legislature, and who served as chairman of the committee on enrolled bills at the regular session, says that the bills at the regular session, says that the law regulating the employment of clerks is defective as a reform measure. He questioned the sufficiency of the bill in this respect before it was passed, but voted for it because it was popularly considered a reform measure, and the people seemed to approve it.

seemed to aprove it.

The first objection Mr. Flagg has to the law is that it requires the appointment of the full force of clerks immediately after the organization of the Legislature. With the exception of the clerks who serve the House or Senate as a body, that is, the chief clerk reading elect, calendar clerk. chief clerk, reading clerk, calendar clerk, etc., there is no need of more than a yery few clerks until bills are advanced to the third reading. The first 10 days of the session there is scarcely any need for committee cierks, but during the last 10 days of the session there may be need for a greater number than the law provides for. At the beginning of the session in 1899, Mr. Flagg's committee has four cierks, with nothing for them to do. Near the close of the session is were employed, and these were not enough. Mr. Flagg would not have cierks employed

until they are needed.

The second objection Mr. Flagg has to the law is that it places too much power in the hands of the chief clerks of the two houses. If the provisions of the clerk-ship law should be followed atrictly. Ms. Fings says the chief clerks would have greater power over legislation than the president of the Senate or the speaker of

the House.

The law provides that the clerks and stenographers shall be under the supervision of the chief clerks of the two branches of the Legislature; to be assigned by them to duty on such commit tees as may make application for clerks. The assignments of clerks are to be made in the order of the applications filed. Mr. Flagg thinks that since the number of clerks is limited, the chief clerk could, by conniving with designing legislators, defeat measures which should pass. Clerks could be kept busy where not needed in order to deprive other committees of their services. Chairmen of commit-tees could avoid the responsibility for de-laying measures by saying that they could not obtain clerks enough.

While Mr. Flags believes in economy in employment of cierks, he thinks there is danger of running the economy to extremes, with the result that important legislation may be hindered in order to save a few dollars. He mays that there is conveniently to the convenient of the convenients. ortunity for greater saving by reform in other directions.

# DAIRYMEN'S CONVENTION.

State Association to Meet at Hillsboro Thursday-Programme. HILLSBORO, Or., Jan. 1.-The State

HILLSBORO, Or., Jan. 1.—The State Dairymen's Association's annual convention will begin here next Thursday and continue two days. It is confidently expected that the meeting will be better attended than any heretofore held. Many matters of importance will come up. It is expected that one or more laws for introduction at the coming session of the Legislature will be framed as a result of the meeting.

Hillsboro has made great preparations.

thus insuring a pleasant as well as n profitable session.

Thursday. 

Paper - "Goods Roads and Modern
Dairring" ...... R. Scott, Milwaukie
Discussion

Afternoon—
Address — "Dairy Products From the Commission Man's Standpoint"

J. H. Chapin, Portland

Address—"What I Know About a Silo"
George W. Wecks, Salem Disussicon
Paper—"What to Feed"...... .. Alex Chalmers, Centerville Evening-

Address-"Dairying, Grainraising and the Fertility of the Soil"... Professor A. L. Kingsley, Corvallis Discussion

Recitation

Address - 'Oregon Creameries and Cheese Factories'

Professor F L. Kent, Corvallis Paper - 'Buttermaking From Hand Separator' Ad Skyles Astoria

husic ..... Friday.

Morning—Problems in Feeding ...... Address—Problems Withycombe, Corvallis

Discussion.
Address Veterinary Obstetrics'
State Veterinarian William McLean,
Portland.
Discussion
Afternoon ess meeting ...... 

Music
Address—'How a Creamery Would
Benefit Hillsboro and Vicinity'
Hon, W. N. Barrett, Hillsboro

### IN HANDS OF BONDSMEN. Mail Contincts Taken at Loss Turned Over to Them.

BAKER CITY, Or., Jan. 1.-Sparta and

the Sparta-Carson stage lines have gone into the hands of the bondsmen for the mail contractors. An effort was being made by Fostmaster Potter, of this place, and residents of Engle Valley to have the stage running out of Baker City go through in one day to Eagle Valley, so as to give that section daily mail service. It was hoped that the Postal Department would permit such a change to be made, as it would greatly accommodate the resi-Gents of Eagle Valley and not inconvent-ence those of the Sparta district in any manner. Now that the lines are in the ence those of the sparta district in any manner. Now that the lines are in the hands of the bondsmen, and are not paying running expenses, it seems unlikely that any change will be possible until the next contract is let a year hence. At that time it is almost certain that a showing will be made which will be the means of giving Bagle Valley mail from Baker City in one day.

NEW YEAR'S DAY AT SALEM. State and County Officials Worked While Town Took Holiday.

SALEM, Or., Jun. 1.—New Tear's day was generally observed by the closing of business houses, but public officials at both the Courchouse and Capitol were at rork nearly all day, closing up last year's business.

At Astoria.

AF RIA, Jan. 1.—New Year's was observed today by a general consuiton of business. Watch meetings were held in all the churches of the city last night. At Hillsboro,

HILLSBORO, Or., Jan, 1.-Watchnight services were generally observed in this city last evening. Rev. Mr. Oberg and

Rev. Mr. Hartmann held services in the Methodist Episcopal Church, and at midnight all church bells in the city were tolled for the parting cantury. After Touise rang the year out for the 17th con-

At Oregon City. OREGON CITY, Jan. 1-New Year's day was observed by a general closing of business houses during the latter part of the day. The United States land office, and Courthouse also were closed during the

At Vancouver.

day.

VANOOUVER, Wash, Jan. 1.—New Year's day was observed here as a Na-tional holiday by the closing of atores and the suspension of all business.

BESTED BY PORTLAND ELEVEN. All-Seattle Team Defeated by Score of 11 to 0.

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SEATTLE, Jan. 1.—The second Multnumah Athletic Club football eleven, of
Portland, defeated the All-Seattle team
here today at the Athletic Park by a
score of 11 to 0. No score was made in
the first half, but in the second the visitors crossed the Seattle line twice. Multsomah won by good teamwork. The game was played in four inches of snow. Weston Normal Lost to Pendleton.

PENDLETON, Jan. 1.—The football game here this afternoon between the Weston Normal School and Pendleton Academy teams resulted in a victory for the latter by a score of II to 6. Hill. captain of the home team, was knocked capiain of the home team, was knocked out by being butted on the head by Lasater, of Weston, after having made a touch-down back of the goal near the close of the game. Hill is resting easy tonight. The doctor says he will be well in a few days.

The Dalles Won From Portland. THE DALLES, Jan. 1.—in the presence of a large crowd of spectators, The Dalles football team scored a victory of 17 to 0 over the Portland football team this af-ternoon. The game was called in a show storm, and payed on freen ground, cov-ered with about two inches of snow.

INSANE MAN JUMPED FROM TRAIN. Act of C. Anderson, of Multnomah

County-Brutsed About Head. SALEM; Or., Jan. 1.—Charles Anderson, a young man who was yesterday commit-ed to the asylum from Multnoman Counted to the asylum from Multnomah County, jumped from the train while being brought to Saiem last night. It seems that the patient was given considerable freedom in the car, and easily made his way to the plotform while the train was going at a good rate of speed.

While Anderson is severely bruised about the head, the asylum physicians expect him to recover. The patient was in the custody of Colonel R. M. Thompson, of the Custom-house at Portland.

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To Be Mailed to Legislators. perintendent of Public Instruction H. Ackerman will send to each member of the Legislature a copy of the proposed new common school library law, together with copies of the papers read on that subject at the State Teachers' Association at Albany last week.

Date for Decision of Lawsuit. In the case of the City of Colville vs. John U. Hofstetter, M. Oppenheimer and others, which was tried in the Superior Court last month and taken under advise-ment by the court, Judge Richardson has

notified the attorneys that he will render judgment January 3.

This is the case in which a portion of Janet street was claimed by the city under a claim of unage for a number of years. Mr. Hofstetter did not view it that way, but claimed the title covering a strip the meeting.

Hillsboro has made great preparations of land 60 feet wide on the street, and a suit of a storm which has been in prognous time ago he leased it for a term of ress during the past 26 bours and still thus insuring a pleasant as well as a profitable session.

Way, but claimed the title covering a said suit of a storm which has been in prognous time ago he leased it for a term of ress during the past 26 bours and still pears to M. Oppenheimer, formerly a suit of a storm which has been in prognous time ago he continues. The storm is local, no snew-profitable session. be no trouble until Oppenheimer began the erection of a large mercantile establishment. The city immediately made application to the Superior Court for a re-

straining order.

Arm Fractured by Fall. ASTURIA, Or., Jan. 1.—Rev. Leopold Dielman, paster of St. Mary's Catholic Church, fell while walking on the street last evening, and sustained a severe frac-ture of the right arm below the elbow. His right hip was also badly bruised, but

he was not dangerously injured. Idaho Notes.

Scarcity of ice at Boise continues. Authorities at Wardner have stopped The militia of the state consists of sta-

companies and 426 men.
The State Poultry and Pat Stock Show will be held at Bolse, February 5 to 7. The Kettenbach Grain Company Friday purchased 1999 sacks of wheat from E. A. Leachman, of Tammany.

The teachers' meeting which was to have been held at Genesee this month has been inde nitely postponed.

A committee of Lewiston citizens is preparing amendments to the city charter for presentation to the Legislature.

Colonel Dewey has lately purchased a tract of 550 acres of land adjoining Nampa on the north. He will use it for pas-turing stock. A plan is being discussed by which the greater part of Canyon Hill will be sus-ceptible to irrigation. A ditch will be dug

The Evergreen-Eureka Gold Mining Company has bonded its property at Camp Dewey to a Salt Lake company. The company agrees to pay \$125,000 for the

from the Caldwell canal to the top of the

property, which includes the Evergreen. Eureka and McArthur claims. Thirty-three carloads of apples have been shipped from Kendrick this year. Grain men estimate that 250,000 bushels of grain were marketed there, 90 per cent of which has been sold. On this basis, the cereal crop of the Poliatch was 400,000 bushels. About 20 cars of oats and barley have been shipped, besides a quantity of

Fred R. Reed has secured the Libe group of mines in the Halley gold beit, about 28 miles northwest of Halley, from William Sweet and others. The purchase has been made for a syndicate of New York people, who have decided to develop It on a large scale. A force of 30 miners will be put to work as soon as practica-ble.

It is reported that Dan Trullinger has made a rich strike on his Columbia No. 2 quartz claim, in the Dixle district. The body of ore is 23 feet wide, and is separated by a taid seam from another veln 39 feet wide. An assay made from aves-age ore gave returns of \$135 to the ton in gold. It is said that he has bonded the property for \$150,000 to Sait Lake parties.

The attorneys for the company which was to purchase the bonds voted by Wet. was to purchase the bonds voted by Welser for building a water works and electric light system, have discovered that
the ordinance providing for the issuing of
the honds was not legal, and have refused to accept them. The City Council
will call for another election in April. It
is likely that the issue will be increased
to \$50,650, as the preliminary servery
made have demonstrated that \$45,000 is
not enough. not enough. The Supreme Court has decided an Ada

The Supreme Court has decided an Ada County case of general interest throughout the state. The Ada Commissioners arranged for an issue of \$15,000 of bonds to build a bridge. The proposition was submitted to a vote of the people and carried. The board then called for bids, but permitted the bidders to submit their own plans, the board making a selection. The courte finds that the action of the board was literal. The Supreme Court finds that the solion of the board was likegal. The court finds that in such a case the board must advertise for bids before submitting the bond question to the people so as to be able to detien to the people so as to be able to de-termine exactly the amount needed.

PERRY WILL SEARCH FOR COLUM-BIA-BOUND VESSELS.

The Revenue Cutter Will Sail From Astoria Today-Most Auxiety for Andruda.

ASTORIA, Or., Jan. 1.-The revenue cut-ASTORIA, Or., Jan. 1.—The revenue cutter Commodore Perry is expected to leave out tomorrow morning in search of the vessels now overdue at this port, and from the information received here similar instructions have been given to the two revenue cutters now at San Francisco. Captain Kilgore, of the Commodore Perry, has a "roving" commission, and will leave out tomorrow if the conditions do not prevent. Captain Cann, one of the bar pliots, will accompany the revenue cutter. The vessel most looked for is the British four-masted bark Andrada, on which is Captain Cordiner, the bar pliot, who Captain Cordiner, the bar pilot, who went on board of her on the morning of December 11. A few days later she was spoken by the steamship Baint Beds off Cape Flattery, with "all well" on board. The Commodore Perry has taken on extra provisions, sufficient to supply five ves-sels for one month, and enough coal to keep her putside for several weeks. Cap-tain Kilgore stated that he would follow the natural currents prevalent at this time of the year, taking into consideration the direction of the recent gales, and search for the missing vessels.

Violation of Sailor Contract Alleged. The Dutch bark Pax has a deputy Unit-ed States Marshal on board, as the result of a libel suit, and her master has gone to Portland to settle the matter with the shipowner's agents. From the informa-tion received here, he applied to the sailor boarding-house masters and stated that he wanted seven men, and they were furnished the vessel. Later the captain shipped two more men, contrary to the agreement, and the libel is based on this alleged breach of contract.

Attempt to Kidnap a Boy.

A case of attempted kidnaping occurred at Cathlamet Wednesday night, but was discovered in time to prevent its consummation. Glenn Johns, a boy about it years old, whose home for the past two years has been with A. D. Birnie, was taken on board a Portland-bound steamer just as the boat was leaving the wharf. The bor was seen in time to have the boat held while Mr. Birnie went on board in search of the boy, whom he found se-creted in a closet. The abductor is supposed to be a brother of Gienn.

Vancouver Masquerade Ball.

VANCOUVER, Wash, Jan. L-The Highbinders' Club gave its annual mas-querade ball at the Auditorium in this querade ball at the Auditorium in this
city yeaterday evening. A large crowd was
in attendance. The following prises were
awarded by the Judges, George Norton,
Charles McCarty and John Millen: Bestdressed lady character, Miss Jennis Dupuis, representing Columbia, prize gold
watch; best sustained lady character,
Miss Mamie Lavoy, respresenting a Dago
woman, prize ladies' watch chain; bestdressed gentleman; Spanish noble, Edward
Winterborg, prize briar pione; best sus-Winterberg, prize briar pipe; best sus-tained gentleman character, Thomas Cor-lias, representing local character, John Cleary, prize gold cuff buttons; best group, Perry Jackson, William Pancoant and Jack Rissell, representing Epsom Galts, prize \$\frac{1}{2}\$ cash.

Snowfall of Pifteen Inches. VANCOUVER, B. C., Jan. 1.-Fifteen

Drunken Man Stabbed Another. DALLAS, Or., Jan. 1.—Last night, in a drunken brawl, an old man named Ald-rich stabbed Henry Zumwalt severely sev-

eral times in the back and shoulders. The wounds are not considered dangerous.

Washington Notes. Seattle is considering plans for a new City Jail. Free delivery at Everett has been postponed to February 1.

The Seattle Police Court collected \$53,-549 06 in fines in 1900. Yakima County physicians have organ-ized a medical society.

Eastern Washington Baptists will meet at Tekos February 5. Seattle has granted to J. S. McGrearity and George C. Blanker a 25-year telephone franchise.

During the month of December 130 mestead entries were filed in the Walla Walla land office. Everett Colby, of New York, will build

three-story stone and brick business block at Everett.

Comencing today, the pay of several of the deputies in the Puget Sound customs district will be increased. The big water-wheel for the Walla Walla Electric Light & Gas Company has arrived. Its weight is over 10 tons.

Five hundred and sixty birds have been entered for the seventh annual exhibi of the Tacoma Poultry Association, which begins today and closes Saturday. The labor troubles at Leary mine have

come to an end. The former union, which is said to have violated its constitution, has discarded its charter, and a new organization has been formed. William P. Flint, of Port Townsend, has been given \$25 for injuries sustained

has been given \$25 for injuries sustained by falling into an open hatch on the steamer Discovery, some months ago, while employed as a watchman.

Monday, W. G. Pugsley, Eugene and Albert Riddell, James Barry, Will Smith and Henry and Edgar Parsell were taken from South Bend to Seattle to be tried under a new indictment of perjury in testimony given by them in the final proof made by Eugene Riddell on his proof made by Eugene Riddell on his

Olympia newspapers were the victims of a fake story a few days ago. A young-ster who was playing hooky fell into the bay. In order to escape punishment at home he told a story about saving an-other little boy from drowning. The newspapers lauded him as a little hero, and published the yarn with details.

Edward Scarborough and A. S. Doug-lass of Cathiamet, between whom there has been a disputed account, met in a meat shop Wednesday evening. Scarborugh drew a pistol on Douglass and com elled him to sign a note for \$1750, which

peiled him to sign a note for \$1750, which amount Douglass claims he does not owe & Carborough. Fred Foster, proprietor of the meat shop, was also forced to sign the note with Douglass. Scarborough was arrested Friday and bound over in the sum of \$200.

It is reported from White Bluffs, in Yakima County, that an extensive frigation scheme is planned, A series of artesian wells is to be sunk along the Columbia River to furnish water for irrigating a tract of 600 acres. If the wells do not prove successful a canal will be do not prove successful a canal will be taken from the Columbia. A deal has been consummated by which the promot-ers—C. B. Waring and C. B. Livermore, of Seattle—secure title to 600 acres, of Northern Pacific railroad lands,

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At the annual meeting of the Spring
Valley Water Company, held at Port
Townsend last Priday, the following board
of directors was elected for the ensuing
year: Captain James Carroll, John J.
Carroll, Captain L. B. Hastings, John Lillie, J. A. Kuhn, Robert C. Hill and H. L.
Tibbais, Je It is the intention of the water company to make extensive im-provements during the coming year, and for that purpose it will sell \$250.00 in bonds. The improvements will consist of laying a new system of pips, bringing the water in from Leland Valley, a dis-tance of nearly 15 miles.