

## RAISES THE BINS

## Seattle Subscribes for Battle-Ship Contract.

## THEY GET \$103,000 IN A WEEK

## This Will Enable the Local Contractors to Build the Ship Within the Authorized Sum-Larger Shops Building.

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 9.—The people of Seattle today completed the raising of a \$100,000 bonus to be paid the Moran Bros. Company, of this city, upon the launching of the new assault battle-ship, which they have been awarded by the Navy Department. The Moran bid of \$2,577,000 must be scaled down \$100,000 to bring it within the limit fixed by Congress. The business men volunteered to furnish this amount if the company would accept the contract at the reduced figure. The entire sum was raised in a week, being over-subscribed \$30,000. It is estimated that the battle-ship contract means the expenditure of \$2,500,000 in wages on Puget Sound during the next three years.

## Logan Co-operative Concern Satisfactory to Members.

## OREGON CITY, Jan. 9.—The stockholders of the Logan cheese factory held their annual meeting yesterday, and the report of business and profits proved highly satisfactory. The figures presented showed that during the first six months of the year the factory had produced 1,100,000 pounds of cheese, a total of 2,000,000 pounds of milk was received, producing 2,500,000 pounds of cheese. This brought from 10 to 12 cents per pound in the market, the total sales amounting to \$250,000. The factory's expenses during this time were \$200,000, leaving a balance of \$50,000, which was distributed among the farmer stockholders for milk. The average price received by the farmers for their milk was \$1 per 100 pounds. The Logan cheese factory is a co-operative concern, and each stockholder receives a share of the profit according to the amount of milk he has sold. The best test, however, of the success of the enterprise is the universal satisfaction expressed by the stockholders as to the workings of the concern, who assert that it pays better than making butter for market by the imperfect methods in vogue on the farm. Many of the stockholders are also providing facilities for keeping a larger number of cows during the coming season, and also planning to grow more clover hay and to erect more silos.

## Property at Pleasant Hill.

## SITKA VISITED BY FIRE.

## Town Was Saved After a Night's Fight—Mysterious Disappearance.

PORT TOWNSEND, Wash., Jan. 9.—Sitka was visited by a disastrous fire on January 2, according to accounts received here today. At 1 A. M. a fire started in a carpenter shop. A strong wind was blowing, and for a time the fire threatened the town. Burning embers were carried by the wind and dropped on other buildings three blocks distant, setting them on fire, and several times the fire threatened the town. In that manner, the fire department, assisted by a marine corps of 50 men in command of Captain J. H. Pendleton, after an all-night fight, either by drowning or from gunshot. He started from Sitka in a boat on a hunting trip, and on January 1 an Indian found the boat and gun. Both barrels of the gun had been discharged, and the boat was found. A searching party was sent out among the numerous islands in Sitka Bay, but failed to find any trace of him. Captain Watson has relative residing in New Zealand.

## WHERE ENGINEERS WORKED.

## Schedule Submitted to Congress for Oregon and Washington.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—The Chief of Engineers has submitted to Congress a statement showing the names and residence of a number of civilian engineers who were employed on the various river and harbor improvements during the past fiscal year, together with a statement of the length of time employed, and the rate of monthly compensation. The list of Oregon and Washington engineers is as follows:

James Polhemus, Portland, 10 months, \$200; Teasdale, Portland, 10 months, \$200; Columbia and Cascade.

David B. Ogden, Portland, 10 months, \$175; Upper Willamette and Yamhill.

Robert W. Watson, Portland, 10 months, \$175; Columbia and Willamette below Portland.

J. M. Clapp, Portland, 10 months, \$175; Willapa River, Gray's Harbor and Chehalis.

Philip G. Eastwick, Seattle, 10 months, \$175; Keweenaw harbor, Swinomish Slough and Okanogan River.

Eugene Kuckecker, Seattle, 10 months, \$175; Swinomish Slough, Ford d'Orelli River and Puget Sound and tributaries.

## FISHING ON THE CLACKAMAS.

## Legislature Will Be Asked to Grant Limited Open Season.

OREGON CITY, Jan. 9.—The local fishermen's union is making determined efforts with the end in view of inducing the Legislature to amend the existing laws by making the Clackamas River an open stream for a couple of months during the year. The fishermen expect to determine what changes they desire make in the fishing laws at a meeting to be held Saturday night. They state that it would be but just to their interests to give them the privilege of fishing in the Clackamas River for a couple of months in the spring season, beginning April 10. They further assert that there would be no illegal fishing in the Clackamas were they permitted to have the legal right to cast their nets in that stream for a limited period.

## UPPER NEHALEM WAGON ROAD.

## Surveyors' and Viewers' Report on Route Filed at Astoria.

ASTORIA, Jan. 9.—At the opening of the January term of the County Court, this afternoon, the viewers and surveyors filed their report on the proposed route for the new wagon road from city to the Upper Nehalem Valley. The route recommended by the reports extends from Willamette to Vesper, a distance of 41½ miles. The route for more than half the distance is less than 2 per cent, and on the line as originally laid there was at no place more than a 7 per cent grade. Some changes, however, have since been made. The route, as laid out at points on the grade is as high as 9 per cent. No action has yet been taken by the court on the report.

A rancher who arrived in from Nehalem Valley this morning reports that there is a foot of snow on the ground in this valley, and five feet at the summit. It was found necessary to break a trail with horses in order to get through.

The report of County Clerk Wherry filed with the County Court today shows the financial condition of Clatsop County to be as follows:

From taxes sold.....\$10,253.71  
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From rents.....\$1,253.71  
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