RAISES THE BONUS

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. 8.-The people of Beattle today completed the raising of a \$100,000 hours to be paid the Moran Eros. Company, of this city, upon the launching of the new sheathed buttleship, which they have been awarded by the Navy Department. The Morans' bid of \$3,837,990 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 ocept the contract at the reduced figure. that the battle-ship contract means the expenditure of \$5,160,000 in wages on Puget Sound during the next three years.

The Moran Bros. Company has started the construction of new machine shops and power-house, to cost, when com-

CHEESE FACTORY PROPITABLE. Logun Co-operative Concern Satisfactory to Members.

pleted, over \$400,000

OREGON CITY, Jan. 8.-The stockholders of the Logan cheese factory held their annual meeting yesterday, and the re-port of business and profits proved high-ly satisfactory. The figures presented showed that during the first six months the factory was operated, ending October 2, 1900, a total of 210,014 pounds of milk was received, producing 22,548 pounds of cheese. This brought from 10 to 13 cents per pound in the market, the total sales amounting to \$251 72. The running ex-penses during this time were \$42 50, leav-ing a balance of \$3019 14, which was distributed among the farmer stockholders tributed 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 stock-holder receives pay for his milk pro rata according to the butter fat test, after all the operating expenses are paid. 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 stock-holders are already preparing facilities for keeping a larger number of cows during the coming season, and also planning to grow more clover hay and to erect more allos. O. D. Robbins was elected secretary and treasurer for the ensuing year, and the following were elected a board of directors: J. C. Sprague, resident; Fred Gerber, vice-president nd F. P. Wilson, F. Moser and A. Swales

Property at Pleasant Hill. S. M. Keiso, a farmer living in Pleasant Hill precinct, on the west side of the Willamette, said today that farmers whamete, said loosy that lariners there were unusually prosperous this season, having disposed of their hop crops at good prices. Every grower in that section had sold his hops except Lou Herron, who lives near Sherwood. He has two years' crops raised from his 10-acre yard stored in the hophouse waiting for a rise to 20 cents per pound. Mr. Her-ron refused an offer of 14 cents per pound early last Fall. William Murray, who resides near the Willamette River. In Pleasant Hill precinct, operates a creamery on a small scale with apparent profit, using a cream separator. The cream is a shipped by boat to Portland, a dis-ce of 2s miles, where it is marketed, shipments average 80 pounds per

SITKA VISITED BY FIRE. Was Saved After a

Fight-Mysterious Disappearance. PORT TOWNSEND, Wash., Jan. 9.— itka was visited by a disastrous fire on January 2, according to advices received here today. At 1 A. M. fire started in a carpenter shop. A strong wind was blow-ing, and for a time the entire business portion of the town was threatened. Burning embers were carried by the wind and dropped on other buildings three blocks distant, setting them on fire, and several times the big Greek church caught fire, in that manner. The fire department, assisted by a marine corps of 56 men in command of Captain J. H. Pendle-ton, after an all-night fight, succeeded in saving the city from destruction. Captain Pendleton was severely burned, and several members of the department were more or less injured. The loss is esti-mated at \$5000 to \$7000; no insurance.

Captain Charles A. Watson, a retired sea captain, 55 years of age, has mys-teriously disappeared from Sitka, and it is believed he has met death 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 burrels of the gun had been discharged, blowing a hole in the boat, but no trace of the body was but failed to find any trace of him. Captain Watson has relatives residing in New

WHERE ENGINEERS WORKED. Schedule Submitted to Congress for

Oregon and Washington. WASHINGTON, Jan. 5 .- The Chief of Engineers has submitted to Congress statement showing the names and resi-dence 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

James Polhemus, Portland, 10 months, 1900; Taquina and Tiliamook Bays and Columbia at easeades.

Columbia at enseades.
David B. Ogden, Portland, 12 months,
SIE: Upper Willamette and Yambill.
Robert Warrack, Portland, 3 months,
SIE: Columbia and Willamette below Port. Gerald Bagnall, Portland, 7 months, \$175;

Columbia and Willamette below Portland.
J. G. Kelley, Portland, 3 months, \$1%;
Columbia and Willamette below Portland. J. M. Clapp, Portland, 12 months, \$150; Willapa River, Gray's Harbor and Che-

Philip G. Eastwick, Scattle, Il months, Everett harbor, Swinomish Slough and Okanogan River.
Eugene Ricksecker, Seattle, Il months,
150: Swinomish Slough, Pend d'Orellie
River and Puget Sound and tributaries.

FISHING ON THE CLACAKAMAS. Legislature Will Be Asked to Grant

Limited Open Season. ORBOON CITY, Jan. 2.—The local Fish-ermen's Union is making determined ef-forts with the end in view of inducing ormen's Union is making determined efforts with the end in view of inducing the Legislature to amend the existing laws by making the Chakkamas River an open stream for a couple of months dur. Ing the year. The fishermen expect to determine what changes they desire made in the fishing laws at a meeting to be

held Saturday night. They, state that it 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 16. They further assert that there would be no illegal fishing in the Chackamas 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 or Route Filed at Astoria,

ASTORIA, Jan. 3.—At the opening of the fanuary term of the County Court, this afternoon, the viewers and surveyors filed their report on the proposed route for a road from this city to the Upper Neharoad from this city to the Upper Neha-lem Valley. The route recommended by the reports extends from Williamsport to Vesper, a distance of 41% miles. The grade for more than half the distance la 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 in the route, and at points on it the in the route, and at points on it the grade is as high as 5 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 two feet of snow on the ground in the 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 Wherity filed with the County Court today shows the financial condition of Clausop County to be as follows:

Liabilities-Warrants outstanding July 1 \$83,599 72; warrants drawn since July L \$31,296 65; warrants paid \$13,881 17; was-rants outstanding at end of year, 290,-895 29; estimated interest on same, \$7000; amount claimed on state taxes of 1832. \$5900; total Habilities, \$102,885 20.

Resources — Cash in general fund, \$2505 41; in bridge fund, \$547 25; in special

road fund, \$329 47; due on deli taxes, \$39,158 20; total resources, \$49,540 34; excess of Habilities, \$60,354 35.

WORK IN ALASKA. Geological Survey Is Prepared to

Push Operations. WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—The plans for work in Alaska of the Geological Survey for the coming field season purport to make a detailed mapping and geological investigation of areas in which mining development has already begun, or valuable mineral is known to exist, and the exploration and survey of arens of which little is known. Outfits and supplies have been transported to Bergman, on the Koyukuk River, and it is thought that the vance sections of the parties operating om this point will reach Bergman by

An Arctic party will be dispatched from this point which will proceed up the Al-lankakat River to the divide from which it heads against streams flowing north-ward to the Arctic Ocean, and thence down the stream to the Arctic and along the coast southward and westward until the party shall be picked up. Another party will start from Bergman carrying geologic and exploring work westward on some as yet undetermined tributary of the Koyukuk, and down the Kowak River to the Kotzebue Sound. Another party will be delegated this

eason to continue the topographical mapping and geological investigation of the Copper River region.

The total cost of this work will be \$50,-

CHEHALIS' REFORM SCHOOL.

Seeds of Institution Investigated by Senator Hallett.

CHEHALIS, Wash., Jan. 2.—State Senator Stanley Hallett, of Spokane County, is in Chehaife visiting the Reform School and studying the needs of that institution. Senator Hallett has already visited several of the state institutions, and is posting himself by a personal in-spection, in order to be able to act more intelligently in matters of legislation concerning them.

The County Commissioners are finishing up their business this week, preparatory to going out of office, two of the present board retiring next Monday. There is little business to transact except the allowing of bills and abatement of taxes. The new Mayor, Francis Donahoe, and the City Council held their first session the City Council hold their first session Monday evening. Charles Michaelis was in their Ceclinits years." The Commandant recommends a number of two for W. D. Richardson and ber of improvements, briefly mentioned as follows: one for J. W Harnett.

brought here from Portland this morning and taken to his home in this city. The Knights of Pythias and United Workmen have charge of the burial. The funeral ment will be in the Odd Fellows' Cemetery. Karsteter was universally esteemed here, and owing to his generally sanguine temperament, the suicide was a great surprise. He had two insurance policies, one calling for \$2000, in the Workmen, and one in the Endowment rank, K. of P., for the buildings, \$1200.

It is also recommended that \$300 be appropriated for the purchase of a team of work horses; \$100 for a carriage horse; \$250 for building fences and sidewalks; \$100 for a new buggy; \$30 for a set of buggy harness.

The last appropriation \$1006. Of this latter, owing to the suicide clause, he will get only in the neighborhood of \$180.

Hopgrowers' Association.

WOODBURN, Or., Jan. 9.—The meeting of the Hopgrowers' Association was called to order in Remington's Opera-House, in this city, this afternoon. Albut 15 deaths in one year, 6 of which though no quorum was present, yet an ebthuslastic interest was shown and President Jones assured the people that the or-ganization is again imbued with new life. Adjournment was taken until Saturday, January 19, when a large attendance is

The electric light contract between A. B. Kurtz and the City of Woodburn, whereby the city contracts for about \$900 per year in are lights for the term of two meets with general approval.

Canada Will Give Up West. OTTAWA, Ont., Jan. 9.—The Dominion government has had under consideration the case of George West, alias "Kid" West, who was brought from Walla

Walla penitentiary, where he was serving a term, to give evidence in a murder case from Dawson City. West, after being taken to Dawson, was charged with being accessory to the murder. The United States authorities held that he was obtained under false pretenses, as the arrangement was that he was to be returned after giving his evidence. The Minister of Justice has decided that as this is the case, West ought to be re-turned, and, therefore, he will be turned over to the United States to be returned to the penitentiary.

Sleighing at The Dalles.

THE DALLES, Jan. 9.—About four inches of snow now covers the ground, which is frozen on the surface, making sleighing capital on the country roads but patchy in the town and its immediate vicinity. Seven inches of snow has fallen since January 1, with a rainfall of 0.53 inches. Ranchmen are feeding their livestock, but no great inconvenience has day, as yet been experienced in this section from the weather.

Match Hunt at Corvalits.

CORVALLIS, Jan. 9.-There is in progress a new trial of the match hunt held here on New Year's day. The losing side challenged the winners

SOLD FARMS AT PROFIT

BIENNIAL REPORT OF STATE LAND AGENT GEER.

58,196 Acres of Farm Land Have Been Taken on Foreclosure of Lonns Aggregating \$350,395.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 9.—The biennial report of State Land Agent Geer to the Gov-ernor was filed today. The report shows that on April 1, 1889, the state owned 179 farms, which were secured upon foreclosare of mortgages given to secure loans from the trust funds of the state. These farms aggregated 48,814 acres, and represented loans to the amount of \$203,205. Since that date the state has secured by similar foreclosures 25 farms, with a total of 8682 acres, through loans amounting to 57,000. It thus appears that the state has owned Bit farms, aggregating 58,186 acres, which have cost in money loaned 350,356. A slight computation shows that hese farms average 272 acres each, and \$350,356. have been secured upon loans averaging

From this land 88 entire tracts have been sold for \$181.858 71. The cost of those sold 'was \$160.539 17, so it appears that an excess of \$21,359 54 over the cost was real-ized. There are now 126 farms on hand. The receipts of the office of State Land Agent were as follows:

From tracts sold From partial sales From rents 15,043 43 .\$200,783 87 State Treasurer C. S. Moore reports that money is now coming to the Treasury

Department very rapidly for the payment of interest due on money loaned from the school funds. Interest is made payable in most instances in July and January. For a number of years the bor-rowers have found it so difficult to pro-cure money with which to pay interest that they have not paid promptly, and remittances were received at all times of the year. Within the last year or so the farmers seem to have found their calling more profitable, for they now pay the in-terest when it becomes due. Thus a large number of remittances are made soon after the first of the year, and the clerks in the Treasury Department are scarcely able to keep up with the work.

State Soldiers' Home. The general report of Commandant W. J. Shipley, of the Oregon Soldier's Home, for the blennial term just closed, was received by Governor Geer today. The statistical report of the institution will be forwarded in a few days.

The report states that the discipline of the Home partnkes more of a paternal than of a military character, and good order is maintained without much appar ent effort on the part of the officers. Some of the inmates of the Home who showed themselves utterly incorrigible, and were systematic and persistent violators of the rules, were dismissed. A few of these have been readmitted, but most of them emain out.

The Home is full, and is constantly kept full, and many have been turned away during the past two years for lack of room to accommodate them. There are now eight applicants awaiting their turn for admission, and there is no prospect of admitting some of them for many months to come. Many men go from this state and eventually gain admission to the homes of other states, while a larger number go to the National Soldiers' Home

The report says: "The most distressing cases are those men who come from remote parts of the state-often many hundred miles-and present themselves to the authorities, indifferently clad, in poor health, out of money, without information of the condition prevailing at the Home, expecting to be cared for upon their arrival here, and who have to be turned away for lack of room. There are many such. To them the Soldiers' Home is a mockery. There can be no good reason why the state should support a part of its ex-soldiers in a comfortable home, while it leaves a larger and constantly increasing number to the cold charities of the almshouse These men wrought well in the days of their activity, and such of them as need it are entitled to the comforts of a home

Additional barracks, so that a much Remsins Taken to Hillsboro.

HILLSBORO, Or., Jan. 2.—The remains of John W. Karsteter, who committed suicide in Portland Monday night, were tions, etc., and equipment, 16000; a cnapel or assembly-room, where the immates may gather for exercises lectures, etc., and a steam laundry, with furnishing and equipment, \$550; repairing and painting the buildings, \$1300.

is recommended that a general appropria-tion of \$24,000 be made, together with the deficit and amounts for improvements above mentioned, the whole aggregating \$46,056 71,

The annual report of Health Officer were from consumption, 4 from old age, from membranous croup, I from Bright's disease, I from asthma, I from mara-mus, and I from dropsy. The report says "On the whole it may be said that disease-producing bacteria find conditions here unsuitable for growth. On account of the large area of marsh land adjacent to Coos Bay, malarial fevers would seem quite frequent. Some cases of malarial fever have developed in this violation. maiarai treer have accepted in this vi-cinity during the past year, but it is known that a few of these cases have been exposed to other localities which have decided malarial history."

The quarterly report of Coos Bay port shows that during the three months end-

ing December 31, 26 domestic vessels en-tered, 55 departed, one foreign vessel en-tered and departed, and that all health at the Imperial.

onditions were good. To Collect Road Tax in Cash. A special meeting of the Salem City Council was held today for the purpose of hearing a proposition from the County Court to the effect that road taxes be collected in cash and expended on the county roads, a portion of the city money to be expended outside the city limits. The Council decided that it had no autherity to spend its money outside the city limits, but voted to concur in the movement for the collection of road taxes in cash. It is quite generally agreed that

this method. Regents of the Agricultural College,
Irvin McQuarry, a printer, aged personal a resident of Milton, Umatilia
County, was received at the asylum to
ay.

NEW YORK, Jan. 8.—H. L. Guenther, of Portland, is registered at the Grand Union, D. E. Tesh, of North Yakima, is at the Continental, W. M. Kowley, of Seattle, is at the Plaza, and S. M. Irwin at the Holland.

far greater results can be obtained by

EUGENE'S NEW CREAMERY. Will Diversify Farming When in Successful Operation.

EUGENE, Jan. 5.-Farmers near

cannot be a sudden one, for the reason that there are not sufficient dairy cows to supply the demand, and they will have to be produced by grading up from range cattle, which will take several years. The to be produced by grading up from range cattle, which will take several years. The creamery is hastening work on its plant as rapidly as possible, and will be able to operate before the last of next month. The system to be followed will be that which har been found successful elsewhere, and extends the greatest advantages to the farmer as well as the buttermaker. Hand-separators will be sold to the dairymen, and they will separate their own milk. Teams will go from the creamery daily and gather the cream from the various farms, bringing it to the station for working. The cream will be tested as it is received, and the price paid will be determined by the percentage of butter fat the cream contains. This will make it an object to the dairyman to keep only the best cows, which will be determined by the quality of milk more than by the quantity. In order to have green feed for the oows at all times, many silos will be built, which will be filled in Summer. The principal crops to be raised for ensilage will be corn, clover and veich, according to the character of the soil in various localities. The poor wheat crop of the past two years is a great stimulus to the dairy industry, and the prospects are that a few years will work almost a complete change in local methods of farming.

UNITED STATES MARSHAL AT NOME C. L. Vawter Has Resigned, and F. H.

Richards Is Recommended. WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—C. L. Vawter, United States Marshal at Nome. Alaska, has sent his resignation to the President, He is from Montana. F. H. Richarda, of Washington, was recommended for the

pointed United States Marshal at Nome.
Is a citizen of Whatcom County. He is
an ex-State Senator, and has seen service in Alaska under Collector of Customs

SECOND ANNUAL GOAT SHOW. To Be Held at Dallas, Polk County,

February 14. DALLAS, Or., Jan. 5.—The second an-nual goat show for the State of Oregon will be held in this city February 14, 1901, under the auspices of the Polk County Mohair Association. Appropriate medals will be given to all prize winners.
There will be two grades of goats eligible for entry: Thoroughbreds in one class and all others in another class. Twentysix prizes will be awarded in the ther-oughbred class, and the same number in the other class.

DROPPED DEAD AFTER BOXING. Exercise and Blows Received Probably Caused It.

SPOKANE, Wash, Jan. 8.— George Dow, aged 22. dropped dead in the street tonight. He had participated in the open-ing of a new symnasium of the North-western Business College, and was a principal in an amateur boxing bout with Chester Glashy, a friend, and the exercise, together with blows received, is believed to have brought on heart disease. The Coroner will hold an inquest tomorrow. No arrest was made.

TACOMA FOR STATE CAPITAL. Such a Bill Will Be Introduced in Washington Legislature.

TACOMA, Wash., Jan. 9.—Measures are being taken to introduce a bill in the Legislature to submit to a vote of the people an amendment to the constitution designating Tacoma as the state capital instead of Olympia.

Funeral of Andrew J. Welch. ASTORIA, Jun. 2.—The funeral of the late Andrew John Weich was held this morning, from Grace Episcopal Church, the services being conducted by the rector, Rev. William Seymour Short. It was attended by many of the deceased's friends, and the members of the Pioneer and Historical Society were present in a The Interment was in the family plat, in Ocean View cemetery.

Two Chinese Burned to Death BOISE, Jan. 9. — In a fire at Namps this morning in a wash-house two Chinese were burned to death. There were seven Chinese in the place, and the others were rescued with difficulty, one being badly burned. The body of one of the victims was recovered, but the other was incinerated, nothing being left but bits of bones. The Chinese had consider the building. One fellow had \$5000 buried beneath, which he expects to recover.

New Idaho Judge.

BOISE, Idaho, Jan. 3.-Governor Hunt has appointed K. L. Perky, of Mountain Home, as Judge of the District Court of the Fourth District, to succeed C. O. Stockslager, who has been elected to a place on the Supreme bench. Mr. Parky is chairman of the Democratic State Com-

Corvallis Regents in Session. CORVALLIS, Or., Jan. 2.—The regents of the Agricultural College have been in session here this afternoon. The memsession here this afternoon. The members present are: Apperson, Kendy, Olwell, Daly, Yates, Leady, Church, Killin, Ir. vine, Weatherford and Ackerman.

Charles King, Tacoma Contractor. TACOMA, Wash., Jan. 8.—Charles King, aged 46, a prominent railroad contractor, is dead from heart failure, following a severe attack of tonsilltis.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Judge T. A. McHride, of Oregon City, is registered at the Imperial. State Senator W. H. Wehrung, of Washington County, is registered at the Per-kins from Hillsboro.

G. A. Waggoner, formerly State Rail-road Commissioner, is registered at the Imperial from White Pass, Alaska, L. Samuel, manager of the Equitable Life, goes to New York today on his annual visit to the home office of his com-

T. B. Brown, of San Francisco, superin tendent of construction of the Pucific States Telephone Company, is registered

George K. Wentworth, after a week's visit with friends in Portland, left last night for Dunsmuir, where he is forcenan of the Southern Pacific Railroad

A. Meier, of the Meier & Frank Com pany, left for New York City last evening to make Spring purchases. He was ac-companied by Mrs. Meler, and will be gone about two months.

A. F. Ely, a San Francisco commercial traveler, who was hurt by a fall in Tillamook County, several days ago, was taken to St. Vincent's Hospital from the Imperial yesterday, his injuries having taken a serious turn.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—Mrs. Foster, wife of the Washington Senator, gave one of the largest and handsomest receptions of the season yesterday afternoon, at the Cairo. Mrs. Foster was assisted by Mrs. George C. Wagner, Mrs. Hugh Waitace and Miss Origes, of Tacorna, and a number of leaders in Washington society. More than 500 guests were welcomed. Wimen Femo-Lones, replace cod live oil, liquid tonics, nervines, iron pills, et They make rich blood and build up th weak parts of the body. All druggists, bo

Van Camp's Soups, 10c.

REDUCTION OF TRANSCONTINENT-ALS TO THREE-CENT BASIS.

Takes \$10 of the First-Class Thirty-Day Tickets From St. Paul to the Pacific Coast.

ST. PAUL, Minn. Jan. s.—Through rates from the Twin Cities to the Pacific Coast have been reduced. At a meeting held here today there were present the passenger officials of the Northern Pa-cific, "Boo" Pacific, and Great Northern. cific, "Soo" Pacific, and Great Northern The North Coast rate on 30-day trans portation was reduced from \$60 to \$50; be tween Eastern terminals and Spokane II was reduced from \$50 to \$42.50. The first class rate from the Twin Cities to Helena and Butte was reduced from \$40 to \$22 50. and Butte was reduced from see to an ex-This means that the previous limited first-class rates of \$50 to the Coast of \$45 to Spokans and \$35 to Helena will be dropped. The only change in west or east-bound ascond-class business between the Twin Cities. Helena and Butte a reduction of the \$30 rate to \$27 50.

by the adoption of the 3-cent schedule by the Great Northern and Northern Pa-cific. There is a 30-day first-class rate of \$50 and a closely limited first-class rate of \$50 between St. Paul and the Coast. The close limit will now be taken out and the 20-day limit applied to the \$50 and the 30-day limit applied to the 530 ticket. Under the new schedule the first-claw rate from Portland to Butte and Helena will be reduced from \$25 to \$27 %; between Portland and Orden the price is dropped from \$31 85 to \$25 20; between Portdropped from \$31 85 to \$2; 20; between Fortland and Salt Lake City, from \$33 35 to \$19 70 It is deemed probable that the Union Pacific will put in from the Missouri River the same rates that the Northern lines quote from St. Paul. The Northern Pacific has concluded not to meet the O. R. & N. & Portland-Lewiston rate, which involves a material sacrifice in the Palouse country. The new rates will not go into effect until February 1.)

U. P. AND NORTHWESTERN. Vanderbilt's Plan of Consolidation

About to Be Carried Out. NEW YORK, Jan. 9,-The Mail and Ex-

ress says: W. E. Vanderbilt's plan for the welding together of the Union Pacific and the Chicago & Northwestern Railroads, which he conceived more than a year ago, is now about to be carried out. When it is completed it will be found that the Vanderbilts have a through transcontinental line of their own from the Atlantic to the Pacific. The original scheme was to lease the Union Pacific to the Northrestern, but it is not certain whether this will be done or not. The control of the former is to be acquired through the purhase of a majority of Union Pacific stock, and this is being done in the open narket, which accounts for the big jump in price during the last two days. The Vanderbilts already have representation in the Union Pacific directory, Marvin Hughitt, Roswell Miller, Horace G. Burt, E. H. Harriman and James Stillman be-ing regarded as friendly to William K. Vanderbilt. The assumption is that con-trol will be brought about by the naming of a majority, which is expected to take place at an early date. The Union Pa-cific stock acquired by the Northwestern will be treated in much the same way as the majority of Jersey Central stock, which was bought by J. P. Morgan & Co. for the Reading. A collateral trust bond may be issued, but this is not yet certain. Some favor a lease of the Union Pacific to the Chicago & Northwestern.

This deal was hastened by the discovery that the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy was anxious to secure the Union Pacific, or, at any rate, to make a close traffic deal with the latter. This com-pelled the Northwestern people to hurry their negotiations. It is still possible that the interests of the Burlington will be considered and the three great systems will be brought into close harmony, but the control of the Union Pacific will rest with the Vanderbilts. A large block of Union Pacific stock was bought by Burwill be brought into close harmony, but the control of the Union Pacific will rest with the Vanderbilts. A large block of Union Pacific stock was bought by Burlington holders in this city, with a view of uniting with the former. It was reported in Wall street today that the new Union Pacific alliance would be still further enlarged by the addition of railroads in the Central West, including the Alton and Rook Island. For several years the Northwestern has sent most of its west, bound traffic over the Union Pacific, and und traffic over the Union Pacific, and the latter has reciprocated on eastbound business.

CANADIAN NOT IN IT. No Connection With Hill's Trans-

continental Deal. MONTREAL, Jan. 2.—T. G. Shaughnes-sy, president of the Canadian Pacific Railmy, president of the Canadian Pacific Hair-road, who has just returned from a trip to Milwaukse, denied that the Canadian Pacific Railroad is interested in James J. Hill's consolidation of the Northern Pa-cific and the Chicago, Milwaukse & St. Paul and other roads, to secure a new transcontinental line. The story that individual directors or stockholders of the company have put up large amounts of money, he said, to insure the success of Mr. Hill's supposed scheme, came to the whose names were mentioned, as a

have known for some time past," I have known for some time pass, said Mr. Shaughnessy, "that negotiations were going on between the Crow's Nest Coal Company and James Hill, the President of the Great Northern. No doubt the statement made by Mr. Rogers, the managing director of the coal bompany. that the negotiations have merely result-el in a contract under which the Great Northern is to take 800 tons of coal a

day is correct. "But in view of the fact that the coal company is unable now to meet anything like the requirements of the railway com-panies, the smelters and other coal-consuming industries of British Columbia, a proposition to divert such a large addi-tional tonnage causes a considerable de-gree of apprehension. It is hoped that if the coal company has made any such contract for the shipment of coal to the United States, it will not take effect until the output of the company's mines is sufficient to supply Canadian wants."

CHEHALIS-ALPHA RAILROAD. Citizens' Club Discusses Line Tap-

ping Rich Conl Fields. CHEHALIS, Wash., Jan. 2.—The mat-ter of the Alpha coal fields and a line of raliroad from Chehalis to Alpha was con-sidered by the Citizens' Club last night. Prospecting and development of coal prospects has been going on at Alpha, 15 miles east of Chehalls, for several months, and the results of the work have been so favorable that, in addition to the money spent in prospecting, Mr. L. Gerlinger, the Portland capitalist, who is at the back of the enterprise, has recently the back of the enterprise, has recently purchased from a number of farmers the coal-mining privilege on their lands. It is believed by those who have seen the specimens and who are qualified to judge that a very extensive field of high-grade coal is about to be uncovered at Alpha. A branch failroad could be built from Chehalls to the mines over an easier grade, and the distance would be shorter than from anywhere else on the line.

Asks Reduction of Taxes. VANCOUVER, Wash. Jan. 9. — J. C. Fairchild, tax agent of the Northern Pacific Railroad Company, appeared before the commissioners today and asked for a reduction of about 75 per cent of the taxes assessed against the company in this county. The company's taxes have been delinquent since 1892, and amount in round numbers to 80,000. Mr. Fairchild today offered the commissioners the sum of \$226 M as full settlement. The offer

will undoubtedly be rejected. The con-tention of the company is that the greater portion of its lands upon which taxes are levied in the county are in litigation, and have been, since 1882. It offers the amount due upon patented lands since 1885, the date patents were issued ex-clusive of penalty and interest.

May Reduce Rates on Iron CHICAGO, Jan. A. Freight traffic offi-cials of Eastern roads met today and considered the advissbility of reducing west-bound rates en manufactured iron, or what is known to the trade as finished material. It is the purpose to reduce the rates on plates, bars and structural shapes, including steel rails. It is understood that rates on billets and pig iron

Pennsylvania System Improvements. PHILADELPHIA, Jan 8 -- Improvements to cost more than \$5,000,000 will be mad this year by the Pennsylvania Railros Company on its main line and on the Philadelphia, Wilmington & Baltimore, Baltimore & Ohio, and the United Rail-road Companies, of New Jersey divisions.

Independence-Falls City Route.

INDEPENDENCE, Or., Jan. 8.—The third survey for the proposed railway line between Independence and Falls City has been completed, and now the promoters are figuring up the cost of the line by each route to see which will be the most advantageous. Northern Pacific Dividend.

NEW YORK, Jan. 9.-The Northern Pacific Company has declared a regular quarterly dividend of 1 per cent on its preferred stock, psyable March 4.

F. W. Gomph, who has been chief clerk in the Portland office of the Union Pacific, goes into the general freight office of the O. R. \pm N. C. L. Darling, who was traveling freight agent of the Oregon Short Line in this

territory, takes the same position with the O. R. & N. at Seattle. The traffic department of the O. R. & The trains department of the O. R. & N. has issued a circular announcing the 3-cent passenger rate on all its rail lines and withdrawing round-trip rates.
William Kelly, who has been traveling freight agent of the Union Pacific with headquarters in Portland, will go to Senttle in a similar capacity for the O. R. & N.

Rate Clerk Coman, of the O. R. & N passenger department, left yesterday to attend a meeting in St. Paul to settle va-rious intermediate rates affected by the new 3-cent rate in Montana and Idaho.

DR. HILL DEFENDED.

Spirited Answer to the Attack Made by the Astoria Herald.

PORTLAND, Or., Jan. &-(To the Edi tor.)—The Astorian, who purports to be the author of the article copied in your paper of the 8th attacking Dr. E. P. Hill, of this city, will no doubt have his wishes regarding his future place of abode abundantly grailfied. Evidently he got his information regarding both Dr. Hill and the blue laws of "Connecticut" from the the blue laws of "Connecticut" from the same unreliable and muddy source-his own mind, While temporarily employed on a big

Eastern daily I learned to regard Th Oregonian as a reliable, dignified, standard newspaper; hence my astonishmen was great when I read the malicious and scurrilous attempt to be witty at the expense of a Christian gentleman, who confers honor on your city by dwelling therein, in its columns. My astonishment was not diminished when I reflected that one of the "crowd of political ward sirikers" belonging to Dr. Hill's church was the same ex-Senator Corbett so ably and seal-ously defended and upheld in all he door or leaves undone by your paper, whose columns have been closed entirely to his detractors.

So zealous have you been that, had

your readers depended solely on The Oregonian for news, they would have been much puzzled at reading a few months ago that gentleman's answer and chal-denge to a complainant and an indict.

gets, and more than generous to those who please him.

I do know Dr. Hill: know that when a stranger in a strange land, stranded, without money or work, discouraged and almost despairing, he generously helped me from his private purse, and with words of encouragement, to keep my little family together until I got the work he accured the city to obtain for me; using the time he could have spent more profitably and certainly more pleasantly for himself, to help an utter stranger, without any possibility of reward, and for very scanty thanks. I do know that he is a man who "gently scans his brother man," and does not accuse without what he regards as great cause, and that he has one attribute that never belonged to a small mind even his villifier admits:

The ability to see his own mistaken and the courage to acknowledge them. Even The ability to see his own mistakes and the courage to acknowledge them. Even you must admit it is far easier to see your neighbor's mistakes and comparatively a pleasure to acknowledge them. I have been reliably informed by friends in the East, where Dr. Hill is well and favorably known, that he has recently refused the pastorate of a wealthler church in a large Eastern city, because he wished to continue the much-needed work in Portland. I should be apt to think, after reading your paper a few times, that he had made a great mistake in refusing it, did I not reflect that the

in refusing it, did I not reflect that the teacher's place is where the people do not know, and the prophet's where they neither understand nor believe. (MRS.) ANTOINETTE WHEELER.

The complaint against Mr. Corbett was printed in The Oregonian the day after it was filed; and his "detractors" in the Senatorial campaign are not denied access to these columns, as their frequent letters and interviews attest. Again, The Oregonian is an independent newspaper. through whose news columns are reflected all sorts of opinions. It prints much that it does not approve, but feels bound to let its readers know what people are doing and saying, in the country round about it. Towards Dr. Hill it has not the least animosity. But in this country there is no recognition of "sacred majesty," either in King or clergy.

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DALLAS, Or., Jan. 2.—Consternation was spread among the dealers in fruit by the notification of the State Board of Horticulture that the law in reference to the sale of infected fruit would be enforced. It has caused a great overhauling of apples in storage, and a rise in price to double what it was before. The opinion prevails that the effect will be to compel the growers to spray, for they can neither sell nor give away infected fruit. The condition of orchards here is con

sidered very favorable for a full crop the coming season. The weather has not been cold enough to damage the trees, and it is cool enough to prevent the fruit buds from starting too early. Fruit buds are abundant, and in very fine condition on all varieties of fruit.

Mrs. T. Dolan, of fadrid, Perkins Co., Neb., writes: "I was cured of painful periods by the use of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription, and his 'Compound Extract of Smart-Weed,' I think Dr. the best in the world." Mrs. Carrie B. Donner, of Dayton, Green Co., Wis., writes: "I can highierce's Favorite

months previous to confinement. I suffered scarcely any compared with what I had at other times."
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i team unless he has the written school team unless he has the written consent of his parents and is able to stand a thorough physical examination. Mr. Cooley said that only men who knew every detail of the game and were perfect gentlemen should be selected for coaches. He favored paying salaries if necessary.

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