

MAY TERM IS OPENED

STATE CIRCUIT COURT NEEDS NO JURY TILL JUNE.

District Attorney Chamberlain Asked That No Grand Jury Be Chosen—Cases Set For Trial.

The May term of the State Circuit Court was opened yesterday morning. There was a large attendance of lawyers, and considerable business was transacted.

The four judges occupied their bench when court convened, Judge Fraser presiding.

District Attorney Chamberlain did not make a request for a grand jury. The only crime of importance is that of Dr. Von Gruening, charged with manslaughter in having killed Fred Beresford.

BACK FROM LUZON.

Spokane Man Thinks Little of Island as a Mining Camp.

Among the returning members of the Thirty-Eighth United States Volunteers is Corporal Martin Markson, of Spokane, who left Portland as a private for Manila, October 4, 1898.

Markson had previously served seven years in the United States Army. He was not a stranger to military life. He found an agreeable change in Uncle Sam's service, he said yesterday, as the discipline was not so severe under the czar.

The Thirty-fifth began active service the week it landed in Luzon, the Corporal said, and his discharge, which came in the month of March, was the result of two night engagements at Caramo, the capture of San Miguel, skirmishes at Burros Parabacab, Balabon III, Mount Coronado, and elsewhere.

Although enlisting as a private, Martin Markson was possessed of considerable business ability. He was a successful mining company. He was careful to make his will before departing with his regiment, leaving his estate partly to his wife and partly to his sister, Mrs. William N. Robinson.

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TELLS OF NOME STORM

JESSE C. MORGAN WRITES OF BLIZZARD OF JANUARY 19.

November Election News Does Not Reach Nome Until February 6—Other News Items.

Two letters have recently been received from Jesse C. Morgan, a well-known young man of this city, who is now in Nome. The letters were received by the family.

One of the letters, which bears date of January 26, describes the fearful blizzard which wrought such havoc at Nome on January 19. Among other things the letter says:

"The last blizzard was quite a number of people, and they are being brought in by the military. They are being sent to different places where parties are badly frozen and without grub.

One party left this morning for the head of Nome River, where 10 people are gathered in one igloo, all of whom are too badly frozen to travel, and several are still further on at St. Mary's igloo.

An igloo, it should be explained, is a native or Eskimau hut.

Mr. Morgan's second letter is dated February 6, and contains the news of the election of McKinley and Roosevelt which he received the night before.

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WEST SIDE MATTERS.

Petition to County Court for East Burnside Street Extension.

A petition will be presented to the County Court on the 10th of the month, asking for the opening and extension of Burnside Street from its present limits to a connection of Edison Avenue at the intersection of Davidson Avenue.

This petition has been circulated in Center Street and the district involved, receiving a considerable number of signatures. Still the extension will not have clear sailing, as some who property there are not in favor of the project.

However, the benefits will be very great should the street be opened, as it will be sooner or later.

The extension of the street to the Burnside bridge and the Sub-Board of Trade for that place is working for this purpose.

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MINISTERS ASSIGNED.

Conference of Evangelical Association Fishes Its Work.

The Oregon conference of the Evangelical Association closed its work yesterday afternoon at First Church, East Sixth Street, when the following assignment of ministers was read by Bishop S. C. Breyer:

Portland district—J. E. Smith, presiding elder.

First Lutheran Church—F. T. Harder, Emmanuel and Milwaukee—E. D. Hornschuch.

First English Church—G. W. Plummer. Memorial—J. J. Green, North—J. J. Green, Oregon City—A. Engelbart, Canby—J. R. Ehret.

Salem, Liberty Street—S. Copley. Memorial—J. J. Green, Oregon City—A. Engelbart, Canby—J. R. Ehret.

Little Falls and Houlton—F. M. Fisher and one supplied.

Seattle—H. E. Hornschuch. Tacoma—Whitcomb, E. Maurer, Salem district—W. Shupp, presiding elder.

Chemeketa Street—W. Shupp and S. A. Selwert.

Jefferson—F. B. Culver, Albany—R. Pierce, Sweet Home—T. R. Hornschuch, Santa Ann—V. G. Hoag.

Roseburg—J. J. Green.

Following changes in boundaries were made: North Portland is now North Portland mission; Tigardville mission changed to Tigardville circuit; Newburg mission will be held in connection with Tigardville circuit and will be supplied with two men; Emmanuel and Milwaukee Churches were placed together; Woodstock added to circuit of First English Church; Carus added to Oregon City; McCoy added to Monmouth; Ballston and Mill Creek made new appointments and served with McCoy.

The conference missionary collection was \$128. The current is always running from three to eight miles an hour, and if a boat stops her wheel she begins to go down stream at once.

In such a hot journey it is impossible to remember all the channels, snags, bars, etc., and a captain has to note down all such things, and he has also to learn to read the water.

The trip up the river is a very tiresome one. There are about 20 places to stop at on the trip, and a great deal of time is taken in going to and from the boats.

Some of the larger boats burn 75 cords of wood per day, and it takes about half the time to get this on board the boats. Last season the boats burned 1,200 tons of coal on the river. In supplying water to the boilers, great care has to be taken to prevent sand from getting in. Seven boilers were burned out on the trip last fall on account of sand and mud. Last season there were 35 steamers running on the Yukon, aggregating a capacity of not less than 1,200 tons of coal.

There were 32 barges, having a capacity of 12,000 tons. This was owing to the Nome excitement. This year Captain Gray says there will not be more than 10 boats on the Yukon. The season for boating there is short, lasting from about July 20 to September 1.

While in Washington Mr. Colvig met Consul-General Baupre, residing at Bogota, the capital of the republic, who informed him that Barranquilla is a pleasant and beautiful place to live in, and possesses quite an important commerce.

Mr. Colvig will be accompanied by his wife and child. He expects to reach Barranquilla in a steamer, and will then proceed to the port of Barranquilla, Colombia, which is situated at the mouth of the Rio Magdalena, which empties into the Caribbean Sea. Its latitude is 13 degrees north of the equator, and being thus within the tropics, Mr. Colvig expects to find the weather somewhat warmer than that of Oregon.

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