CHIEF OBSTACLE GONE

SALMON-CANNERS' TRUST ALMOST AN ASSURED FACT.

Much-Sought Option on Plants of Alaska Packers' Association Has Been Secured.

NEW YORK, May 1.-The Journal of Commerce says: It was learned from a reliable source last night that the Aluska Packers' Aswhich has been the chief sociation, which has been the chief ob-stacle to the proposed consolidation of the salman-campers, had given options on its various plants to the syndicate which has been seeking to effect such a com-bine. This syndicate is composed of T. B. McGovern, of Lelafield, McGovern & Co., of this city; R. Onfroy, of Farhaven, Wash., who promoted the Pacific-Ameri-can Fisheries Company and the Kelly-

wash, who promoted the Pacino-kineti-can Fisheries Company, and the Kelly-Clark Company, of Seattle, Wash. It is learned that the Alaska Packers' Association had placed a valuation of \$12,000,000 on its outfit. The indications are that the matter of consolidation will be brought to a head at once. The plants extend from Chilkoot, in Alaska, south to Seartle, 900 miles along the coast. Some of the best-known financiers in the United States are behind the deal and are un-

States are behind the deal, and are understood to be acqually pledged.

The proposed capital of the combination is said to be \$22,000,000, according to a prominent New York financial authority who is personally interested in the deal. The capital will be in common and preferred stock and debenture bonds,

SMALLPOX ON SENATOR. Steamer Was Held Up at Juneau by

Quarantine Officer. PORT TOWNSEND, May 7.-The City of Scattle, arriving from the North, re-ports that the Pacific Coast Steamship Company's steamer Senator was held up at Juneau by a United States quarantine officer on account of smallpox among the passengers upon her arrival there. The ifflicted passengers boarded the vessel at Seattle. It is reported that the steamer will be sent to the Diamond Point quar-antine station at this place.

SEATTLE, May 7.—A dispatch from Fort Townsend states that Dr. H. M. Foster, United States quarantine officer at that place received news by the steamer City of Seattle today of one case of smallpox on board the steamer Sena-tor. The case developed on the way North and the steamer was turned back at Juneau and is expected to arrive at Diamond Point quarantine station tomorrow. Dr. Foster does not know the name of the victim. He says the quarters at the station will be ample for caring for all the passengers on board.

ROYALTY REDUCED.

Miners Object to Rule That Non-Payment Means Confiscation of Dust. SEATTLE, May 7.—Dispatches from Dawson under date of April 23 state that the royalty has been officially reduced to 5 per cent, and that certificates must be presented at the boundary showing payment of royalty or suffer confiscation of dust. A vigorous protest is being made by the miners.

There has been a marked advance in the price of beef and eggs, but there is ample supply to last until navigation opens. A cold-storage plant has been ercebed by Tacoma people at a cost of

Sluicing has already commenced on some of the creeks, and conservative es-timates place the clean-up at \$25,000,000. The police have ordered all demimonds the police have evered all demimonds to move outside the city limits by May 1. The O'Brien murder case will probably come up in June or July. Witnesses will be brought from all parts of the world.

Released From Quarantine. PORT TOWNSEND, May 7 .- The British steamship Calthness was released from Diamond Point quarantine station this morning after being there 14 days. The Caithness is the vessel that arrived from Japan, and during the voyage across the Pacific two of her crew had small-pex, but were convalescent when she aretond at William Head quarantine station at Victoria. She was given a clean bill of health there and proceeded to Comox for coal and then here, but upon arriving here two cases of smallpox developed and she was sent to Diamond Point, where the second engineer was stricken. The entire crew was put ashore and the vesture their tires. sel released and towed to Port Ludlow, sea a new crew will probably

SALEM HAS A FIGHT ON HAND.

Defendant Is Surety Company on Forfeited Franchise Land.

SALEM, Or., May 7.—The Salem City Council and the Fidelity & Deposit Company, of Maryland, severed friendly relations tonight and will proceed to engage in a war of litigation. The company was surety on the \$5000 bond given by F. R. Anson to be forfeited if he should fall to have an acceptance. pany was surety on the \$5000 bond given by F. R. Anson to be forfeited if he should fail to have an electric light plant in operation in this city by April 1. Anson having made default, the city made the stages between the demand upon the surety company for payment, as specified in the bond, with the
result that George G. Bingham, attorney
for the company, notified the Council
that he understands the terms of the
pasture near the mouth of Willow Creek, agreement to be that the company will pay all damages the city may suffer by reason of Anson's default. Mr. Bingham Council as to the amount of the damages that have been sustained, if any. In reply the city has informed Mr. Bingham that all future negotiations in the matter must be conducted with W. H. Holmes, who will act as attorney for the city in a suit to collect the amount of

The outcome of the suit is of great importance to the present city administration for two reasons: It needs the money and does not wish to be caught taking "gold bricks." The Council has all the "gold bricks." The time been assured that if Anson falled to take advantage of the franchise given him the city would get \$500. As no damages have been sustained, it would appear that the city will get the whole amount of the bond or practically nothing at all. Cities that are in the habit of granting franchises may learn something from the result of Salem's suit on this

GRANTED STATE LIFE DIPLOMAS. Several Graduates of State Schools Profit by New Law.

SALEM, May 7.—The State Board or Education today granted state life diplomas to Clsa Hirons, a graduate of Sadawille Academy; Edith Kirns, state University; Charence Clement, Drain Normal, and Lillian C. Fay, St. Mary's Acad. uty District Attorne from Each of these persons received state. emy. Each of these persons received state diplomas under the old law, by virtue of their graduation, and have received their life diplomas under the same law, as authorized by the act of the last Legislature. Josephine Crocker was granted a state diploma under the old law, she having graduated from the Ashland Normal prior to the repeal of the act granting diplomas to such graduates. At the time of her she was too young to receive

Those teachers who seek to secure life diplomas now by virtue of their gradua-tion are required to show conclusively that they have compiled with the provis-ions of the law. Teaching experience of not less than 45 months was required in order that a holder of a state diploma might receive a life diploma. Recently a teacher sent her application to the board with the statement that she had taught the required & months. Superintendent

Ackerman sent her a blank to fill with the names of the schools in which she had taught, the length of time taught in each, and the year in which she taught. When required to give the information in this ner the teacher was unable to show that she had taught more than 30 months In view of this discrepancy in her state-ments there was some doubt as to her being qualified to give the wholesome moral instruction required by law. She was denied a life diploma.

NEW SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT. President J. A. Payton Takes Charge

of Office in Baker County. BAKER CITY, May 7 .- Professor J. A Payton, who was recently appointed school superintendent of Baker County to school superintendent of Baker County to fill the vacancy caused by the death of W. B. Privett, took charge of the office yesterday. He at once appointed Miss Lilia Privett as his chief clerk. Miss Privett held this position under her father's administration and just previous to his death had complete charge of the to his death had complete charge of the

Raid on Chinatown.

A crowd of boys came down from South Baker Sunday night and made a raid on Chinatown. They were looking for trouble and they found plenty of it. The entire police force was called out and for a time it looked as though the riot call would have to be sounded. One of the rioters drew a gun and the Chief of Police was obliged to use his club. The club argument was effective and five of the ringleaders were landed in jail. To-day they were all fined from \$15 to \$100

WILL CLOSE MAY 28.

Oregon School for Deaf Mutes-Exer-

cises for Last Day. SALEM, May 7.-Superintendent Wentz, of the Oregon School for Deaf Mutes, an nounces that the year's work in his in-stitution will close on May 28, when all the pupils will return to their homes. It has been the custom to hold closing exer-cises on the last day of the school year, but as preparation for the exercises interferes with the final examinations, the nunils will give their final entertainment earlier this year-May 11. Since the chil-dren cannot speak, the entertainment will consist almost entirely of pantomimes. The pupils will be given a picnic May 2, the day of President McKinley's visit to Salem. They will witness the reception of the President in the forenoon, and in the afternoon will engage in athletic con-tests at the fair grounds. A picnic lunch will be served to them at noon.

SORTHWEST DEAD Mrs. George Pickett.

BROWNSVILLE, Or., May 7. — Mrs. George Pickett, who died here May 1, at the home of her aunt, Mrs. J. H. Stephens, was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ogle, of Portland. She was born in Clackamas County, Oregon, May 12, 1889, and was married to George Pickette. ett at Vancouver, Wash., April 5, 1899. Her death occurred after an illness of six weeks. She left a husband, father, mother and four brothers to mourn her loss, as well as a large circle of friends in Al-bany and Portland, where she had form-

Mrs. Kate Hastings Painter.

ASTORIA, Or., May 7.-Mrs. Kate Has-tings Painter, wife of William B. Painter, died in this city last evening from con Mrs. Painter was the daughter of George W. Cook, an Oregon plo neesr. She was born in Astoria, July 4, 1861, A husband and three children sur vive her. The funeral will be held from the family residence tomorrow afternoon

Robert Bell, of Aberdeen. ABERDEEN May 7. - Robert ormerly of South Shields, England, this afternoon, aged 58 years. Mr. Bell had many friends all over the state, He.

Oregon Notes.

was a brother of Postmaster Bell

The rock crusher which Athena re-Strong indications of natural oil and gas have been found near Milton. Lakeview baseball players have re-ceived uniforms and a complete outfit, Lester Horner will build a hotel at En-

terprise if citizens will give a bonus of

Contract for building a schoolhouse at John Day has been let to H. M. Basford Baker City wheelmen are having trou- foot level. At this time they are very

All but 8 or 10 men employed at the

Mineral City smelter have been dis-charged and work has been suspended for a time, George Boner lately disposed of his two years' clip of wool for 10 cents per pound

says a dispatch from Hurricane Creek. Wallowa County. Wallowa County,
C. W. Myers, of Oklahoma, has pur-chased the J. M. Davis place, eight miles northeast of Eugene, on the McKenzle River, containing 290 acres, for \$300.

Ed Bartholomew, while riding in the pasture near the mouth of Willow Creek, Morrow County, recently, was attacked by a big stallion. The victous beast bit reason of Anson's default. Mr. Bingham him on the leg, at the same time pulling says he is ready to confer with the him off the gelding he was riding. The

him off the gelding he was riding. The man managed to escape.

Raliroad work is active near Oakland just now. A Southern Pacific engineer is making a survey of the roadbed, preparatory to ballasting and leveling the track, and at Rice Hill a 1900-foot siding is being made. A repairing crew is also have reading various improvements all. busy making various improvements all

other towns in the county and to report as to the feasibility of securing co-operation.

Mrs. William Stewart, of Old Town suffered a distressing accident Friday, says the La Grande Chronicie. She was riding in from the country on the rear end of a hay rack, to which a horse was tied. In some manner she permitted the rope, a small one, to become wrapped around her gloved hand. The horse stopped suddenly and drew the coils of the rope so tightly about the hand that it cut off all four fingers. They were cut in such a manner and the cords so drawn that it was necessary to amputate them

Sheriff Cramer and A. C. Smith, Deputy District Attorney, were called to Joseph Wednesday to intercede in the controversy between the Farmers' Ditch Company and Michael Heavern, says the Company and Michael Heavern, says the Enterprise Chieftain. The ditch company having compiled with the law and furnished a sufficient bond for damages for going through Heavern's field, began work Wednesday morning and were met by Heavern armed with a Winches, ter, who informed the men that he would shoot the first one that began work on the ditch. Two dogs preceded the men and did so at the cost of their lives. The men for the ditch company then remen for the ditch company then re-treated and sent for the Sheriff.

"WEBFOOT" HARD WHEAT FLOUR

Wins friends wherever it is tried, for bread making. After a trial one ne feels like going back to soft flour,

WELL OF BOILING WATER

WITH ANOTHER AT VALE, IS SEC-OND IN STATE.

Temperature of Water as It Comes From Ground Is 212 Begrees-Contains Curative Qualities.

VALE, Or., May 1.—In an artesian well bored by Hope Brothers at this place a strong flow of boiling hot water has been obtained. The new well is not far from the one that has been in operation for several years, but being on higher ground. can be put to better use. These two hot wells are the only ones of the kind in the state. The water is highly mineral, and a chemical analysis of it proves that it contains curative qualities. Its temperature as it comes from the ground is 212 degrees Fahrenheit. When the weather is frosty the steam forms a dense white cloud that can be seen for a long dis-tance. The water shoots to a height of nearly 40 feet sometimes.

OREGON-WASHINGTON PIONEER. The Late Samuel P. Soule-South

Bend on Land He Took Up. SOUTH BEND, May 7.-Samuel P. Soule, who died at his home near here May 3, was well known as a pioneer of Oregon and Washington. With his family



Samuel P. Sonle.

he came to Oregon in 1854, settling at Foster, Clackamas County. He resided there until December 1, 1860, when he moved to this place and took up a home-stead on the Willapa River, which is now known as Eklund Park, and is a portion City of South Bend, Mr. Soule was born in Maine in 1825 and was nearly 76 years of age at the time of his death

MINE TO RESUME WORK.

St. Louis Capitalists Become Interested in E. & E. Property.

BAKER CITY, May 7.—E. P. Cowen, a large owner in the E. & E. Gold Minning Company, owning valuable property in the Bourne district, has just returned the Bourne district, has just returned to Baker City from St. Louis, where be closed a deal whereby work will be resumed at once at the E. & E. The syndicate back of the transaction is composed of St. Louis capitalists, who are very prominent in Eastern financial cir-

The E. & E. is one of the noted mines of Eastern Oregon. It has produced heav-ily in times past. It has recently been experted by representatives of the St. Louis capitalists, and the fact that they have decided to expend a very large sum of money in opening up new ground has awakened general interest in the mines of that neighborhood.

Good Indications of Oil.

OREGON CITY, May 7 .-- M. Huerth and W. H. Faubian, of Parkplace, who have been boring for oll at different periods for the past two years on the hillside near the Clackamas River railroad bridge, have reached a depth of 215 feet at the point of their last venture. They report good indications of oil, having gone through 15 feet of sandstone, since reaching a 200. much encouraged over the favorable in dications, and a Portland man who is in-terested in boring for oil near Salem pronounced this the most favorable location he had seen.

Talent for Chautaugua Assembly. OREGON CITY, May 7 .- Secretary H. D. Wilcox, of the Willamette Valley Chautauqua Association, reports that Pope Miller and the Parke sisters, of New York City, are among the talent secured for the July session of the assembly at Gladstone Park. A strong effort is being made to have Senator Dolliver address the

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BOSTON, May 7.-Closing quotations

GOVERNMENT ASKS FOR BIDS.

On Improvements to Be Made at Fort Stevens-One Contract Let. ASTORIA, Or., May 7.—Captain Downs, constructing Quartermaster, has been instructed by the War Department to ad-vertise for bids for the construction, plumbing and electric wiring of a detached lavatory at the Fort Stevens barracks. The bids will be opened on June

1. He has also received word from the
department that the contract for constructing a stable for the use of the Engineering Department at Fort Stevens had
been awarded to John Uric. The price
to style the style in the sty

Captain Downs opened blds this after-noon for the construction of a 6000-gallon brick and cement underground cistern at the Fort Stevens barracks hospital. The bids were as follows: John H. Uric, \$85; the Fort Stevens barracks hospital. The bids were as follows: John H. Uric, 2025; In all parts of the world,—Chicago Record-J. W. Surprenant, 2076; C. G. Palmberg.

670 40. Captain Downs has forwarded the bids to Washington, with the recommen-dation that the contract be awarded to John H. Uric, the lowest bidder.

HOME FROM MANILA.

Volunteers-Talks of Country. BAKER CITY, Or., May 7.-C. A. Sa Baker City boy, who enlisted in Co a Baker City boy, who enlisted in Company D, Thirty-fifth United States Vol pany D, Thirty-fifth United States Vol-unteers, August, 1899, has just returned from Manila. Mr. Sack did not tell his friends where he was going when he left Baker City two years ago, and it was generally supposed he had gone to join his brother in the customs office at Ma-nila. Mr. Sack says the war is over. When he left Funston was just organiz-ing his expedition to capture Aguinaldo, Speaking of the islands, Mr. Sack says there is no doubt about their being rich in natural resources. The hemp industry alone will, in his opinion, be a source of immone wealth, not to say anything immense wealth, not to say anything about the coal, mineral, timber and agricultural products. Notwithstanding all this, Mr. Sack said he, like thousands of others, would rather live one month in the United States than to spend a year in the Philippines, no matter how profit-able it might be. The natives are a poor lot, as a whole, in his opinion, and not to be desired as friends and neighbors, and certainly not as citizens of the United States

TAKEN UNDER ADVISEMENT. Oregon Asked to Operate Washing

ton Salmon Hatchery. SALEM, May 7.—Fish Commissioner A.
C. Little, of the State of Washington, attended a meeting of the Oregon Board of Fish Commissioners today for the purpose of proposing that Oregon undertake the operation of the Wenatchee salmon hatchery for two years. Washington has eight hatcheries on the tributaries of the hatchery for two years. Washington has eight hatcheries on the tributaries of the Columbia, and this year has an appropriation sufficient to maintain only seven. The Wenatchee hatchery is the best of the eight and cost about \$7000. It has a capacity of 10,000,000 fish a year. The cost of maintenance would be about \$3500 per year. As the Oregon board has under consideration the building of a hatchery in Idaho, the proposal of Commissioner Little was taken under advisement. The board will probably reach a decision in a few days. board will ; a few days.

Said to Have Smuggled in Japanese SALT LAKE, May 7.—As a result of a hearing before United States Commissionrearing before United States Commission-er Twomey today, Trakachie Ogashara, a Japanese, was beld by the Federal au-thorities, under \$2500 bonds, to appear be-fore the United States District Court of the State of Washington at the June sesthe State of Washington at the June ses-sion and answer to the charge of having bought Japanese women, is Japan and smuggled them into the United States for immoral purposes. The offense is punish-able by a maximum term in prison of five years and a fine of \$5000. The arrest of Ogashara resulted from an investiga-tion which had been made by Chinese and Immigrant Inspector Fisher of the Puget Sound district, and which has cov ered a period of several weeks

Sentenced to Penitentiary.

ASTORIA. Or., May 7.-Charles Wilson who was yesterday convicted in the Cir-cuit Court of larceny from dwellings at Seaside, was sentenced by Judge McBride today to six years in the penitentiary. This is within one year of the limit allowed under the charge. Wilson was taken to Salem this evening.

State Wood Contracts.

SALEM, May 7.—The board of trustees of the Bilad School today accepted bids for furnishing 23 cords of oak wood at \$3.49; 70 cords of second growth fir at \$2 25; 100 cords at \$2 34, and 30 cords at

Catch of British Columbia Scalers VICTORIA, B. C., May 7.—The scaling catch of the British Columbia Coast for 28 schooners will be about 6000 skins, an average of 214 skins to each schooner. Fourteen branded skins were taken.

Portland Man Gets Contract. SEASIDE, May 7,-J. B. Slemmons, of Portland, has been awarded the contract to construct a system of sewers in Her-mosa Park, near Seaside. He will recelve \$870.

WASHINGTON, May 7.—The following revenue cutters have been ordered to comprise the Behring Sea fleet: Thetis,

Manning, Rush and Grant.

Oregon Attorney Admitted. WASHINGTON, May 7.—Ira Jones, of Oregon City, has been admitted to prac-tice as attorney before the Interior De-

Will Get a Creamery.

MONROE, May 7.—Citizens of this place have decided to form a stock company

and establish a creamery here. Much Wool Coming. MONROE, May 7.-Wool is now pouring into the local market. Thirteen cents is

the prevailing price. CONTROL OF FOREST RESERVES. California Judge Decides That Gov-

ernment Has Entire Authority.
FRESNO, Cal., May 7.-Judge Olin
Welborn, sitting in the Northern division
of the United States District Court for Southern California, today, in overruling a demurrer made by sheepowners to com-plaints against them for trespassing on forest reserves, gave an important opin-ion regarding the jurisdiction of the United States Executive authority over the forest reserves. He held first that the state law would uphold the entire jurisdiction of the Federal Executives over the forest reserves, just as that of any private owner; second, that even if this were the case, it could not be ques-tioned that the United States had entire authority over its public lands; third, that the right enjoyed by graziers of running their stock on the public do-main is derived from the sufferance of

Dunham Suspect Still Held.

SAN JOSE, Cal., May 7.—Charles F.
Crill, the Dunham suspect who was
brought here from Kansas on April 30,
is still held in custody. Handwriting
Expert D. T. Ames has been employed
to make comparisons between his writing and that of Dunham, but says he has not yet reached a conclusion. Crill, whose wife is said to be at the point of death. In Kansas, is very indignant at his de-tention, and asserts that his identity has been fully established.

Executive powers of the National Gov-ernment, and not from any authorization

Chinese in California.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 7.—Ho Yow, Chinese Consul-General at this port, replying to inquiries by H. H. North, United States Commissioner of Immigration, estimates that there are \$5,000 Chinese in California, in San Francisco, 15,000; engloyed in laurable besters in California.

ployed in laundry business in California, 6000; in San Francisco, 1000.

Fifty Carloads of Peanuts. Richmond, Va.—The Southern Peanuf Company was chartered in Norfelk, Sat-urday with a capital of \$100,600. This is the concern which has to some extent cor-nered the market for No. 1 Spanish pea-nuts, of which they have bought a large nuts, of which they have bought a large quantity of late. They will operate 40,000 nickel-in-the-slot machines, which will dispense the nuts roasted, boiled in coccanut oil and salted. A solid train of 50 cars of nuts left Norfolk Saturday for Chicago via the New York, Philadelphia & Norfolk Railroad. This shipment marks the beginning of the big enterprise. It

VICTORY FOR DEMOCRATS

DR. P. S. BYRNE ELECTED MAYOR Baker City Boy Who Served With OF SPOKANE.

> With the Exception of Three Coun cilmen, All of the Ticket Was Successful.

SPOKANE, Wash. May 7.—In the city election here today the Democrats elected the Mayor, Controller, Treasurer and seven of the 19 Councilmen. Dr. P. E. Byrne, Democrat, for Mayor, defeated Dr. O. G. Browne, Republican, by 125 to 200 plurality. Anderson, who was nomi-nated by the Prohibitionists and indorsed by a strong citizens' movement, polled more than 1000 votes. Though nominated by the Prohibition party, prohibition was not an issue in any sense, the Anderson supporters merely standing for stricter control of the saloon element. The election was remarkably quiet and orderly. The total vote was about 5000.

OLYMPIA COMPROMISES SUIT.

Water Company Will Receive About One-Half What It Did Heretofore. OLYMPIA, Wash., May 7.-At last night's meeting of the City Council a longtanding suit against the city was settled to the satisfaction of all concerned, and there is a feeling of relief among taxpayers here generally. The Olympia Water Company for four years past has been endeavoring to force the city to live up to a contract for furnishing water for municipal purposes at a price represelly considerate. nicipal purposes at a price generally con-sidered exorbitant, and under a contract thought to be illegal. The charge for furnishing fire hydrant water service for a term of years was, according to the con-tract, \$3512 annually. Four years ago the city asked for a reduction, setting up that the contract price was too high by far and the further fact that the contract would not hold in court. Since then the city has refused to pay a dollar for the service, and litigation has been in prog-ress. About four months ago an endeavor was made to effect a compromise, and a settlement was reached last night. The terms of the settlement are that the city is to pay arrearanges to the total amount of \$3500 for four years, and the future charge, until the termination of the con-tract in 1965, is to be at the rate of \$1500 annually. The suit against the city will at once be withdrawn. The result of the settlement will be to place the city's finances in much better condition.

SCHOOL PUND APPORTIONMENT. Will Be Delayed a Short Time in

Interest of Districts.
OLYMPIA, Wash., May 7.—The amount of money in the State Treasury to the credit of the current school fund is \$318,-851 19, and ordinarily at this time this sum would be apportioned to the various counties of the state, to aid in supporting the schools of all the districts. Superintendent Bryan, however, will not make the apportionment until after May 15, for the reason that by that time the current school fund will be approximately \$100,000 greater. The State Auditor says for the reason that by that time the current school fund will be approximately \$100,000 greater. The State Auditor says the various County Treasurers should remit to the state between the 1st and Short Line and Pacific & Idaho North-

kane County in the case of John E. Bingham, respondent, vs. Howard E. Keylor, appellant, an action for an accounting and for dissolution of copartnership and the appointment of a receiver. The purties to the suit are physicians of Walla Walla, and the troubles of the firm have become quite notorious in that city in the past few years.

Fork.

The reports that have been published to the effect that oil has been discovered in the Willow Creek district are erroneous, says the Weiser Signal. J. S. Dedman made a trip into that district, and says that there was absolutely nothing in the report. Mr. Dedman says that when the well that was bored reached a respondent, vs. Howard E. Keylor,

SUPERIOR COURT CONVENES.

Damage Suit of ex-Prisoner Against Sheriff Comes Up. VANCOUVER, Wash., May 7.-Superior

Court convened here this morning. Most of the time today was taken up by the case of the State vs. William Wagner. Wagner is charged with beating Joseph Livingstone with a club, March 19. Nine

damages for injuries alleged to have been sustained about a year ago while he was a good indian and had a prisoner in the County Jail. Luchs alleges among other things that the Sheriff neglected and refused to supply him with ters the indian values very highly, and petitive designs have been sent in.

proper hed clothing at night; that he allowed the jall to be imperfectly heated, and kept him locked in a cell of the jall, which gave him no opportunity to exer-cise. by reason of which acts he con-tracted lumbago and other diseases.

Soldiers Bound Over. William A. James and Henry J. Thatch. er, the noldiers arrested yesterday for holding up Alfred Du Puis, Saturday evening, have been bound over to the Superior Court under 1900 bonds. They were given a preliminary hearing last night, and, being unable to furnish ball, were committed to jail.

WILL BUILD COPPER SMELTER. Michigan Man Selects Vancouver

Island as Location. TACOMA, May 7.-E. T. Merritt; of Duluth, Minn., was interviewed here to-day by a number of Victoria business men and announced that he will build a copper smeller on Vancouver Island, the location of which is not definitely settled.

Ordered to Fort Walla Walla. WASHINGTON, May 2 - Sergeant Peter Kelly, Company K, and Private Thomas Hussey, Company 1, Twenty-first Infan-try, now in Washington City, on special duty, having completed same, are or-dered to rejoin their command at Fort Walla Walla, Wash.

Washington Notes. It is settled that Everett is to have a

gas plant. Work on it will begin about The Great Northern is building stock-yards at Ephrata. It is said that thou-sands of sheep, cattle and horses will be shipped East from that point this season, and that it is quite likely a town will be built there this Summer. F. D. Gelwick, deputy Marshal of Pull-man, has on exhibition a paranip measuring four feet seven and one-half inches in length. Mr. Gelwick recently dug his

parsnips, which have remained in the ground all Winter, and found 18 which measured a total length of 70 feet. The farmers of the Wenas. Ahtanum and Cowiche Creeks have in circulation a petition to the Secretary of the Interior, asking that the Rainler forest reserve be closed to sheep-grazing. The petitions are eing generally signed by farmers, se tlers, property-owners and voters of the districts most affected by the destruction of the watersheds of the reserve.

Ideho Notes. It is reported" that Cobban Bros. &

Casey have completed a deal for a new saw mill at Emmett, and that they have also taken over valuable mining erty in that district and a quarts m Work on the Payette plant has begun. Work is being prosecuted on several mining prospects in the Imnaha district. About 100 men will be at work all Summer. The greatest amount of work now being done is on the Eureka claim. The showings made so far are satisfactory. The contract for machinery for Colonel Dewey's Thunder Mountain mining prop-erty has been let to a Chicago firm. The contract requires that the machinery ar-rive at Nampa not later than June 2). All arrangements have been made to transport the machinery to the property. It is announced that work will begin ern Railroads will contribute \$4000 and \$2000, respectively, for the work.

McLean Bros., tle contractors on the

the 10th of the first month of the quarter; but they are always slow, and in many instances must be drawn on. There is yet due to the state for school purposes the \$100,000 referred to, and when this is in and the apportionment made it will be about the largest in the state's history.

Walla Walla Sait Decided.

The Supreme Court today affirmed the fuddement of the Superior Court of Spounding to the Superior Court of Spounding to the State of Spounding to the Superior Court of Spounding to the Superio venient points between Orofino and North

Fork. when the well that was bored reached a depth of 300 feet the water presented an oily appearance, but as the depth increased, only an excellent flow of water was had. The stream flowing from this well now fills a 4-inch pipe. Mr. Dedman also says that as a result of reports all the available land for miles around has been taken up.

Two Bannock Delians from the Fort

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has quite a collection, given him by prominent people, among which is one from General Howard.

COULDN'T CALL HIM CRAZY.

Just a Newspaper Headliner Mumbling Frem Force of Habit.

Chicago Chronicle. The young man with the haggard look cat in the rear car of an elevated train staring and staring at one of the afver-

"English beauty shoes," he mumbled to a companion. "That's what it says." "Yes," said the other, "but that's too

"Hm, hm," the haggard man replied. Beautiful shoes from England-"
"That won't fit; it's long," was the curt

Well then Penutiful English shoes-"That's only three words. You've got have four, you know." That's so, that's sc-ah, I have it." he orted so loud that all the other passengers in the car gave a jump. "English shots of beauty"—Twenty-toree leters and spaces—at last, at last."

A compassionate old man looked up A compassionate old man looked up from his newspaper. "What's the matter with your friend?" he saited. "Is the chap suffering from delirium trameas?" "Oh, no," the man addressed repiled, assuringly. "Tou see, he's just gotten through with his night's work on a morn-ing newspaper. He's a headline writer, you know and after a fellow has scribbled of headline of a letter and access for off headlines of 23 letters and spaces for about eight hours steady he contracts that habit and can't get over if. Every advertisement, every script of paper he sees for several hours afterward until his the letters and spaces and turn the word-ing into a headline that will fit. It isn't exactly delirium tremens: it's something orse-the headlines of 23 letters and analoes."

Dumb Grann at Rockefeller Wedling The great pipe organ in St. Bartholo-mew Church collapsed suddenly the other afternoon, just before the Rockefel. ler-Stillman wedding ceremony. The church was crowded with invited guests, and Charles Warren, organist, was in the tenderest passages of the Grieg wedding symphony when the music suddenly ceased Mr. Warren pressed buttons and pulled stops until his fingers were tired, of the time today was taken up by the case of the State vs. William Wagner. Wagner is charged with beating Joseph Livingstone with a club, March 19. Nine witnesses testified that the assault was unprovoked by Livingstone. Wagner alleged self-defense, stating that Livingstone struck him first with a hammer. He was supported by II witnesses. The case was submitted to the jury at the close of the session this evening.

Tomorrow the case of Henry Luchs va. John L. Marsh, Sheriff of Clark County, will be heard. Luchs seeks to recover \$5000 damages for injuries alleged to have been sustained about a year ago while he was a prisoner in the County Jail. Luchs alleged was the contempolating new portion of the state of t but the organ remained mute.



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