ATTEMPT AT REFUTATION

SEATTLE "P.-I." TAKES UP NEPOTISM OF OFFICIALS.

The More the Matter Is Stirred, the Worse It Gets—Two Fat Jobs Almost Went Begging.

OLYMPIA, May 9.—The recent expose in The Oregonian of the fact that nepotism, with a vengeance, is being practiced by the state officials in this city, has made those affected squirm. Some of the officials who have largely employed members of their families in the offices have said nothing, while others, when called upon, have attempted to justify their course. No doubt this, in a large measure, is due to the fact that the Olympia correspondent of the Post-Intelligencer, who, by the way, is a son of Land Commissioner Callvert and chief among the beneficiaries of the existing nepotism, was called upon by the paper he represents to make a good showing in the way of "refuting" The Oregonian's article as was possible.

In yesterday's Post-Intelligencer this "refutation" appears, and to say that it causes a smile in this city does not half express it. It is a refutation that hardly refutes. As a matter of fact, it makes the case a little harder against the state officials than did The Oregonian's correspondence. For example, it has been discovered that Mrs. Blackman, wife of the Labor Commissioner, is on the state's payrolls, a fact that did not exist when The Oregonian's article was written, but which nevertheless is true at this time, though the amount appropriated for clerk hire in her husband's office is insignificant and does not warrant employing a permanent stenographer. It is asserted that Miss Tuttle, mentioned as an employe of the State Superintendent's office, is not Professor Bryan's niece. In justice to the professor it should be stated that he has asked to have this correction made, and it is done in all fairness. But he does not attempt to justify employing his wife, other than to say she is a competent examiner and that he has implicit confidence in her. Incidentally there appears to be considerable method in this sentiment. Mrs. Bryan in April drew the tidy little sum of $114 30 from the state through her husband's department, an office that pays the professor $2500 a year. He has stated that if those who are kicking were in his place they would do as he is doing and he proposes to keep Mrs. Bryan employed whenever occasion requires.

Everything that was said of the Secretary of State's office is admitted in the "refutation," but it is added by the Seattle paper's correspondent that Secretary Nichols' granddaughter is a copying clerk at a small salary. The small salary is $75 a month—pretty good for a young lady not more than 18 years of age—while two other clerks in the same office got but $60 each. In connection with this same department Secretary Nichols, after he read The Oregonian's expose, made the significant remark that, "My family hasn't begun to come to Olympia yet," which might lead one to believe that he was going to have more of his relatives placed on the payroll of the state.

It is denied that Treasurer Maynard employs his daughter in his office. Considering the fact that Miss Maud Maynard drew $50 from the state as a clerk in her father's office during April and that Miss Lucy Maynard drew $39 for work in her father's office during March, the denial is a trifle suspicious, and it might be inferred that instead of employing but one daughter the State Treasurer employs two. The denial as to the employment of a daughter of the Land Commissioner is also a little thin. Miss Marcia Callivert's name is very plainly inscribed on the State Auditor's books as having drawn a per diem salary as an extra clerk in her father's office. But the really funny portion of the "refutation" is when the Post-Intelligencer's correspondent attempts to "square" his father, Land Commissioner Callvert, with the Republicans of the state by saying that the positions held by the Callvert boys would have gone begging had not they jumped into the breach. To anyone who knows anything of politics in Washington this statement is ludicrous. If there ever was a state in which the man sought the office, no matter how insignificant that office might be, the Evergreen State is at least entitled to consideration as one. Assuming that the statement of the offices going begging is true, the sons of the Commissioners should resort to the want columns of the Post-Intelligencer for good Republicans to fill their places and immmediately step down and out.

The further statement that the officials have no excuses to offer for their conduct and that they lay greater stress on proper conduct of the offices than they do on re-election four years hence, is decidedly refreshing in view of the fact that not one of those charged with nepotism has the least hope of renomination.

Here are some of the jobs that would have gone begging had not the sons of Commissioner Callvert and some other clerks in the state building come to the fore like patriotic citizens:

Secretary of the State Land Commission, held by R. G. Callvert, at $88 33 a month.

Recording clerk in the Land Commissioner's office, held by W. F. Callvert, at $88 33 a month.

Chief Clerk in the Secretary of State's office, held by W. A. Nichols, at $125 a month.

Recording clerk in the Secretary of State's office, held by Miss Jessie Nichols, at $75 a month.

Deputy State Treasurer, held by Clarence Maynard, at $125 a month.

LABORERS WALK OUT.

Olympia Brewery Refuses to Grant Demands of Bottlers.

OLYMPIA, May 9.—A labor trouble somewhat akin to the recent brewers' strike in Portland is in existence in this city. The Capital Brewing Company, whose plant is one of the largest in the Northwest, has been employing about a dozen men in its bottling department. Recently the Brewers' Union of the Pacific Coast, managed in San Francisco, attempted to put in force a scale of wages among bottlers that is not applicable here. The scale is a classified one and it is said by the brewing company that to conform to it would necessitate closing down the department entirely. The result is that all the men have left their places and will remain out until the arrival from San Francisco of the official of the union who manages its affairs. As in Portland the men out here have had no complaint to make and the relations between them and the brewery management have been and are pleasant.

M'KINLEY COMMITTEE.

Men Who Are to Welcome President to State Will Meet Next Week.

OLYMPIA, May 9.—The legislative committee to welcome President McKinley, provided for by current resolution at the last session, has been called by the Governor to meet at Tacoma May 14. The committee is composed of Governor Rogers, Lieutenant-Governor McBride, Senators Rands and Wilshire, and Speaker Albertson, and Representatives York, Rosenhaupt, Gorham and Sims. Lieutenant-Governor McBride cannot take part in the reception and he has asked Governor Rogers to name a Senator in his place. Senator J. G. Meigler, president pro tem. of the last session, has been named for the vacancy.

Chehalis Hard at Work.

CHEHALIS, May 9.—Chehalis' President's day committee is holding regular meetings now. A train will leave South Bend at 6 o'clock in the morning and remain until late in the evening. A baseball game and other field sports will take place in the afternoon. Plans are now under way for a special train from Gray's Harbor. The Hoquiam baseball nine is to play here that day and this fact adds to the interest down there. The decorations will be novel and unique.

PORTLAND FIRM GETS CONTRACT.

To Supply Government With Fresh Meat—Big Cut in Present Prices.

VANCOUVER, Wash., May 9.—Bids for furnishing fresh beef and mutton to the Government at Vancouver Barracks for the next six months were received today at the office of Major Allison, Chief Commissary. The Union Meat Company, of Portland, was the lowest bidder, and will be awarded the contract. This company has been successful in securing the Government meat contract here for several years past. Its bid of 6.15 cents per pound for both fresh beef and mutton is the lowest offered for many years. The same company is now receiving nearly 11 cents a pound for beef and mutton. Other bids were as follows:

	Beef, cents.	Mutton, cents.
Zimmerman Packing Co.	6.91	6.40
Miller & Shelton	7.74	7.74
C. A. Blurock	6.73	6.73
J. L. Golderick	6.80	6.80

Portland-Vancouver Ball Game.

Arrangements have been made for the first game of the Amateur Baseball League in this city to take place next Sunday. The Vancouver nine will play the Stephens' Addition team, of Portland. The game will be called at 2 o'clock.

Boy Accidentally Drowned.

Word was received here today of the accidental drowning in Lake River, Monday, of Walter Hurd, son of Charles Hurd, of Sara, Clark County. The body of the boy was recovered yesterday afternoon, and the funeral and burial took place from the family home today.

Young Hurd, with a brother, was rowing on the river, when the boat capsized. The brother reached shore with considerable difficulty and gave the alarm, but help arrived too late to rescue the drowning boy.

GOVERNOR WILL NOT INTERFERE.

Refuses to Grant Pardon for Man Confined in County Jail.

CHEHALIS, May 9.—Governor Rogers has refused to grant a pardon to Napoleon J. Bernier, who is confined in the Lewis County Jail for an assault on Deputy Sheriff Matson last Fall. At his trial Brenier was sentenced to six months in jail and to pay a $500 fine. He began serving out his fine March 17. The officers of the court before which he was convicted signed the pardon petition. Governor Rogers says: "I cannot find it my duty to interfere in this case."

Superintendent Westendorf, of the Reform School, received orders this week from the State Board of Control for 300 suits of men's clothing, 400 pairs of overalls and 300 pairs of men's shoes. The supplies will be made by the Reform School boys. It is the intention of the board to manufacture the clothing for the inmates of the two insane asylums and the Soldiers' Home. Last year the school turned out 300 pairs of shoes and as many suits for the state.

LIFE SENTENCE COMMUTED.

Washington Prisoner Will Be Released Next Year.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., May 9.—Governor Rogers has commuted the sentence of John Hearn, who is serving a life sentence in the penitentiary in this city, to 21 years, which will release him from the custody of the state March 21, 1902. Hearn and his mother, Mrs. Jane Pyle, were found guilty of the crime of murder in the first degree for burning the Aurora Hotel, in this city, in 1887, and were sentenced to be hanged. Later their sentences were commuted to life imprisonment, and they were taken to the penitentiary in September, 1888. Mrs. Pyle was pardoned last December, and has since died.

NEW CENTRALIA FACTORIES.

Three Mills Will Be Put in Operation in Near Future.

CENTRALIA, May 9.—The Centralia Shingle Company's new mill will go into operation about May 20. It is the largest plant in this section and will have a capacity of 25,000 shingles a day.

The machinery for the Chehalis River Lumber Company's new plant arrived yesterday, and will be put in position at once.

David Platt is building a new shingle mill in Salzer Valley, near the site of his old mill. The machinery will arrive in a short time and will be placed in position at once.

Northwest Pensions.

WASHINGTON, May 5.—Pensions have been granted as follows:

Oregon—Original: William H. Rawlings, Cottage Grove, $8; Joseph Lent, Cottrell, $6.

Washington—Original: Frederick Prouty, New Whatcom, $8; Nathaniel Morris, Pomeroy, $10; Robert S. Thompson, Catlin, $8. Additional: Leslie H. Pepper, New Whatcom, $8. Increase: Daniel Rose, Seattle, $10.

Idaho—Original: Amaziah Strickland, Emmett, $6.

Pollock's Body Identified.

SEATTLE, May 9.—The body of R. N. Pollock, who committed suicide in this city Wednesday morning at the Hotel York, was positively identified today by his ex-pastor and friends, Rev. R. A. George, of the Trinity Congregational Church, of Cleveland, who is in Seattle on his way to Nome. Rev. Mr. George will take charge of the body, and may possibly accompany it to Cleveland.

Preparing for McKinley's Visit.

CENTRALIA, May 9.—Extensive preparations are being made for the reception of President McKinley May 23. A large number of invitations have been sent out over Southwest Washington, and a large number of visitors are expected. The schools will be closed on that day and the children will take part in the exercises. In the afternoon there will be a baseball game between the local team and a nine from Puyallup.

Washington Notes.

Ten carloads of beef cattle were shipped from Colfax to points in Colorado last week.

The County Commissioners of Walla Walla have awarded the contract of caring for the poor for the next year to L. L. Hunt, his bid being $1860.

Word has been received from New York that the plans for Tacoma's Carnegie Library will be forwarded to Tacoma next week for approval.

The annual convention of the State Medical Society will be held at Seattle June 18-20. Dr. Eagleson, Dr. Horton, Dr. Montgomery Russell, Dr. Will Shannon and Dr. Schoenle, well-known local physicians, have been appointed to make arrangements for the occasion.

The people of Dayton will on June 4 vote upon bonding the city for $30,000 with which to purchase the electric lighting plant of A. Roth or erect a new plant. The question is being agitated strongly by both factions and the vote will be close.

The shipments from Milan for the month of April consisted of 140 carloads of lumber and 70 cars of ties. A considerable portion of this lumber consisted of high-grade manufactured lumber, and was consigned to Eastern points by the Spokane Lumber Company.

Smallpox exists at the Eastern Washington Hospital for the Insane at Medical Lake. Four of the 400 inmates have the disease. All have been vaccinated. A rigid quarantine is being maintained. The sick are isolated in one dormitory. Superintendent MacLean confirms the news.

ASKS FOR AN ACCOUNTING

GILBERT BROS. SUED BY EXECUTOR OF COSPER ESTATE.

Desires to Ascertain Truth or Falsity of Allegations of Heirs That They Have Been Cheated.

SALEM, Or., May 9.—Tilmon Ford, as executor of the estate of William Cosper, today began a suit in the Circuit Court against Gilbert Bros. for an accounting as to their transactions as agents for William Cosper, and for the appointment of a receiver for Gilbert Bros.' bank.

H. B. Thielsen was already receiver of the bank under an appointment by Judge Bellinger, of the United States Court, and the commencement of this suit is evidently in anticipation that Judge Bellinger would, at the hearing of the suit before him today, hold that he had no jurisdiction, and therefore dismiss his receiver.

Aside from the formal allegations, the complaint states that plaintiff is the executor of Cosper's estate; that Gilbert Bros. conducted a banking and brokerage business as partners; that said William Cosper, since about the year 1879, did most of his business with and through Gilbert Bros.; that he deposited large sums of money with said Gilbert Bros., and loaned money through them as agents and brokers, and that at the time of his death said William Cosper had in said bank nearly all the notes and other evidences of money due him, which were kept in a notecase belonging to Cosper, and which he had furnished said Gilbert Bros. for that purpose.

It is alleged that plaintiff demanded of said Gilbert Bros. all the property in their possession belonging to Cosper; that, having received said notecase containing notes, mortgages and warrants, plaintiff made an inventory of the same and they and other property of decedent were appraised at $47,408 26; that a number of notes found in said case were payable to Gilbert Bros., and had been by them indorsed without recourse to William Cosper, which said notes were of the face value of more than $22,000, but were appraised as nearly valueless; that Gilbert Bros. allege that all their dealings with Cosper were fair and with the knowledge and approval of Cosper, but the heirs of Cosper hold that Gilbert Bros. wronged and cheated their ancestor; that plaintiff has no means of ascertaining the truth or falsity of the respective claims of said heirs, and Gilbert Bros., and desiring to fully perform his duties as executor, comes into this court of equity to secure a discovery and accounting between the Cosper estate and Gilbert Bros.

Plaintiff also alleges that said Gilbert Bros. closed the doors of their bank with deposits aggregating $100,000, and overdrafts to the amount of $70,000, but the assets of said bank, if properly managed, are about sufficient to pay said overdrafts, and deposits, and no more, and that it is necessary for the protection of the interests of depositors and heirs of Cosper that a receiver be appointed by this court during the pendency of this suit.

IN HANDS OF A RECEIVER.

Partners of a Salem Firm Were Unable to Agree.

SALEM, May 9.—D. L. Rowntree and H. Temple today brought suit against their partner, John J. Coughlin, for an accounting, and for the appointment of a receiver. These partners have been doing a harness business in this city in the State Insurance block. Judge Boise, after hearing the petition of plaintiffs, appointed H. T. Bruce receiver. The plaintiffs in their complaint allege:

That Rowntree, Temple and Coughlin formed a partnership on February 22, 1901, for the purpose of conducting a harness business in the City of Salem, under the firm name of Rowntree & Temple; that the assets of said firm consist of goods, fixtures and book accounts of the value of $1890; that the business has been conducted at a loss ever since the firm was organized, so that the liabilities are now about $1700, which sum is due creditors in Portland and Salem; that the firm is not able to pay its liabilities or continue its business; that by the terms of the partnership agreement each partner was to receive a salary for his time and labor and otherwise each partner was to share the profits and losses equally; that Coughlin now has in his possession partnership moneys which he refuses to turn over to plaintiffs or to apply to the payment of partnership debts; that Coughlin has the key to the partnership safe and refuses to permit plaintiffs to have access to the partnership books and papers; that Coughlin denies the right of plaintiffs to participate in the management of said business jointly with him; and that it is for the best interests of the creditors that a receiver be appointed.

The order made by Judge Boise appoints H. T. Bruce receiver of the firm, with power to collect all credits of the firm, bring suits, employ counsel, employ agents, and do all other things necessary. The bond is fixed at $2000. Bruce is the father-in-law of Temple.

EVIDENTLY INSANE FOR DAYS.

Wilsonville Farmer, Who Shot a Friend, Then Himself.

OREGON CITY, May 9.—Sheriff Cooke and Coroner Strickland returned from the scene of the McClinsey-Baker murder this afternoon, and reported no new developments. E. S. McClinsey was a well-to-do farmer, living near Boone's Ferry, across the Willamette from Wilsonville, but had apparently been insane for some days past. He imagined an attempt was being made to get his name to several notes, through signatures he had affixed to some road petitions and contracts of wood sold to the Government snagboat. McClinsey's family were here yesterday inquiring as to his whereabouts, stating that he had not been at home for four days. He was wildly insane when he returned home yesterday afternoon, and Howard Baker, a close friend, who lived on the Wilsonville side of the river, volunteered to care for his friend until the officers should arrive, although advised that it would not be safe to do so. It is learned that McClinsey thought the Sheriff was coming to arrest him and had his Winchester rifle loaded awaiting his arrival, and when Baker opened the yard gate, the former fired a shot that proved fatal within an hour. McClinsey then shot himself with the same weapon, living only a few minutes. The McClinseys are old residents of that section. The deceased left a wife and four children. Howard Baker, is a well-known farmer and hopgrower, and is said to have formerly lived at Independence, Polk County. He was about 38 years old, and left a family. The Coroner's inquest did not bring out any evidence that would show any cause for the shooting, except that McClinsey was violently insane.

Oregon Teasels to Go East.

Three carloads of Molalla teasels for the New England woolen mills will be shipped from here tomorrow. Teasels are being marketed at better prices than for several years past, and there appears to be a good demand for the Clackamas County article. George H. Gregory, Jr., of Molalla, and C. E. Gregory, of Carus, are the only farmers in this section who are raising teasels.

To Arrange for McKinley's Visit.

Mayor Dimick has called a meeting of the citizens to convene at the Council Chamber tomorrow night, to arrange plans for greeting President McKinley, when he shall arrive here on the afternoon of May 22. It is expected that the President and party will make a stop here of about 15 minutes. Senator Brownell, who is a member of the Legislative committee appointed to meet the party at the state line, has given out assurances that this will be the arrangement.

County Will Build Two Bridges.

The County Board of Commissioners today decided on the site for a new bridge across the Molalla River between the towns of Canby and Barlow, which will shorten the wagon road between these two points about 1½ miles. Ed Olde was awarded the contract to build a new bridge across Sucker Creek at Oswego. He is to receive $950.

IN EFFECT MAY 25.

Acts Passed by Legislature Which Carried No Emergency Clause.

SALEM, May 9.—Inquiry has been made concerning the date upon which the acts of the last Legislature containing no emergency clauses will take effect. The constitution provides that no act shall take effect until 90 days from the close of the session unless the emergency shall be declared. It is the general opinion that the 90 days must have fully passed before the acts take effect and that they become laws on the 81st day. The Legislature adjourned on February 23, leaving five days in that month, 31 in March, 30 in April and 24 in May to complete the 90 days. According to this, the acts will be in effect on the morning of May 25.

Damage to Peaches Exaggerated.

GRANTS PASS, Or., May 9.—The reported damage to the peach crop has been exaggerated. It is not certain that there will be a good crop of all varieties, with the exception of Early Crawfords. Prunes are injured at some points, but not seriously. The general average of fruit will be good. The melon men, Cristie, Reymers, Lee and others are busy putting in their crops. Much more land will be given over to melons this year than was last season. The ground is in excellent condition and prospects are excellent for an abundant crop of melons in Southern Oregon.

Oregon Postal Orders.

WASHINGTON, May 5.—Two postoffices have been established in Oregon, one at Timber, Washington County, seven miles northwest of Buxton, and the other at Barite, Wheeler County, six miles southeast of Antone. Joseph Burgholzer and Reuben Fields are the respective postmasters.

The postoffice at Imnaha, Wallowa County, Or., has been moved two miles to the eastward, and John A. Denny appointed postmaster.

DEATH OF AN OREGON PIONEER OF 1848

MRS. ROBERT HANNA.

COLFAX, May 9.—Mrs. Robert Hanna, who died here May 4, 1901, was born in Belleville, Ill., in 1839, and crossed the plains to Oregon with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Welch, in 1848. Mr. Welch built the scaffold at Oregon City upon which the Indians concerned in the Whitman massacre were hanged. The family spent their first Winter in Chehalem Valley, going thence to Oregon City, and later to Marion County, where they located a claim in 1852. Deceased was married there in 1853 to Robert Hanna, who survives her, and now resides here. Mr. and Mrs. Hanna went to the Klickitat Valley, Washington, in 1860, later returning to Portland, where they remained until 1865. They moved to Bellapassa, Marion County, where Mr. Hanna was a merchant and Postmaster. In 1870 they went to Gervais, and to near McMinnville in 1873, residing there until 1891, when they came to Washington, locating at Pullman. Five years later they came to this place. Mrs. Hanna left a husband, two sons and a daughter, all of whom reside here. Robert Hanna, Attorneys E. K. Hanna and Robert M. Hanna and Miss Georgia Hanna.

QUARANTINE DECLARED

ALL VESSELS FROM ALASKA PORTS MUST BE INSPECTED.

United States Officer Orders Them to Call at Port Townsend—Safeguard Against Smallpox.

PORT TOWNSEND, Wash., May 9.—The United States Quarantine Officer, Dr. M. H. Foster, today officially declared a quarantine against all Alaska ports, and all vessels arriving from the north must call here for inspection. Official reports from various sections of Alaska are to the effect that smallpox exists, and is rapidly spreading, making such a step necessary.

No new cases of smallpox have broken out among the passengers of the quarantined steamship Senator since her arrival at Diamond Point station, and the cabin passengers will be released in a short time. They have been quartered on shore, and as soon as the steamship has been thoroughly fumigated she will be released.

SEASIDE WATER SYSTEM.

Construction Will Probably Commence Next Week.

ASTORIA, May 9.—It is expected that construction of the Seaside Water Company's proposed system will commence Monday. The survey has been completed and the site for the reservoir selected and is about one and one-half miles from Seaside. It will be supplied by a mountain stream that empties into the Ohana River and has sufficient volume to supply a city many times as large as Seaside.

Probably a Suicide.

A journeyman shoemaker by the name of H. Weeks, who worked in this city for a few months, mysteriously disappeared three weeks ago and it is believed by the few who were acquainted with him that he has taken his own life. His employer, F. O. Walters, states that there was no reason why he should go away, as he left his tools and personal belongings behind. Mr. Walters is of the opinion that Weeks committed suicide, as he was often sullen and morose.

Paper Company Buys Spruce Timber.

Agreements were filed for record today whereby L. R. Abercrombie, J. W. Bitterling, M. Sharp and Mrs. Eliza J. Hustler sell to the Willamette Pulp & Paper Company the spruce timber on their Lewis and Clark property and also logging and tramway rights for $3537.

No News of Cannery Combine.

The officers of the Alaska Fishermen's Packing Company and the Taku Inlet Packing Company, who have given options on their Alaska canneries to the Onffroy syndicate, have not as yet received any notice that the deal has been consummated. The option given does not expire for some weeks yet.

COURT AT VANCOUVER.

Two Juries Return Verdicts—Assault Case Is Being Heard Now.

VANCOUVER, Wash., May 9.—In the Superior Court today the case of the State against C. N. Gordon, for assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill, was called, and is now on trial. Gordon, it is alleged, assaulted William Kruger, proprietor of the Riverside Hotel here, one evening last March, cutting Kruger severely about the head and face. Gordon is a Southerner, and admits having killed the Marshal of an Arkansas town some years ago, but says he did it in self-defense and was acquitted. He was a hostler in the employ of the Quartermaster's Department at Vancouver Barracks at the time of the assault upon Kruger, with whom he entered into a dispute as to the value of certain rations allowed Gordon by the Government, and which he turned into Kruger from time to time on his board bill.

The jury in the case of A. Crotan vs. O. McKinney, which was heard today, rendered a verdict for the plaintiff. This was a dispute over certain tools belonging to Crotan, possession of which, it was alleged, was wrongfully held by McKinney. The jury fixed the value of the property at $125.

In the case of the State vs. William Wagner, for assault with a deadly weapon with intent to inflict bodily injury, the jury returned a verdict against the defendant for assault and battery.

WANTS SUNDAY MAIL SERVICE.

Forest Grove Is Anxious for a Train on That Day.

FOREST GROVE, May 8.—The citizens of this place are anxious for the Southern Pacific Company to run a Sunday mail train between Portland and Corvallis, via Forest Grove. The population along this route during the past few years has so increased that a Sunday mail service is due this section. If the company would consider this proposition favorably provided a majority of the residents along the line desire it, a petition could easily be drawn up with signatures showing that the residents want such a service.

WANT CITY LIMITS REDUCED.

In This Event Baker City May Not Lose Large Sawmill.

BAKER CITY, Or., May 9.—The Oregon Lumber Company will probably make an effort to have the city limits reduced so as not to include South Baker City. Should it not meet with success, its large mill may be moved to Whitney. South Baker was annexed to Baker City by the recent Legislature, without the knowledge of the lumber company, it appears.

President Eccles said yesterday that it had always been the policy of his company to place its mills outside of incorporated towns. For this reason it had been careful to locate its mills and lumber yards outside of Baker City, and he did not think the company had been treated fairly, when, without its knowledge or consent, South Baker had been annexed to Baker City. It is thought that with the consent of the City Council the town of South Baker can be disincorporated from Baker City.

Street-Car in Operation.

The Baker City street-car line is again in operation. It may not be generally known that Baker City has a street railroad, because the track is buried until about this time each year, when it is dug up and the electric car with a mule motor is brought out of the car barn, and once each day for the period of 30 days the car makes one round trip. This method of procedure is necessary in order that the franchise shall not lapse, pending the day when a street railroad shall be necessary to the comfort and convenience of the inhabitants of the city.

Will Issue Water Bonds First.

The City Council has decided that, in pursuance of the authority granted by the people at the special election last month to issue bonds, it will first issue those for the water works. Bids for the bonds and construction of the distributing system for the water works will be called for at the same time. To wait until the bonds are sold before calling for bids for the water system would delay that important work 30 days or more. The electric light bonds will not be issued until after the water-works bonds are sold.

RICH STRIKE ON POWDER RIVER.

This Is a New Eastern Oregon District Which Promises Well.

BAKER CITY, May 9.—A rich strike was made this week by William Miles, on Powder River, one mile from Mile's bridge on Big Creek, towards Medicine Springs. He has located two claims on a 12-foot ledge, which, on the surface, shows an assay value of 5 per cent copper, $10 in gold, and several ounces in silver. This is a new district, and while nothing in the way of development has been done, Mr. Miles is confident he has struck it rich.

Syndicate Secures Placer Mines.

J. C. Armstrong, George H. Tribe and B. H. Goddard, of Ogden, Utah; J. B. Perrin, of Blue Lake, Idaho, and N. L. Raber, of Corvallis, Or., comprise the principal members of a syndicate that has just taken an option on the Sparta placer mines, which are considered among the richest placer diggings in Eastern Oregon. The members of the syndicate have been here for several days looking over the ground.

The property is owned by F. W. Talmage and associates, of this city. The price which the owners place on the mine could not be learned last night, but it is known to be quite large. The Utah gentlemen left for home last evening, and they will send up a good-sized check in a day or two to bind the bargain.

Quotations of Mining Stocks.

SPOKANE, May 9.—The closing quotations for mining stocks today were:

	Bid.	Ask.		Bid.	Ask.
Amer. Boy	5½	6⅝	Morn. Glory	4⅝	4⅝
Blacktail	....	9½	Prin. Maud	1⅞	1⅞
Butte & Bos.	....	⅞	Quilp	24½	27½
Crystal	3	4	Ramb. Car	26½	27
Conjecture	4⅝	4⅞	Republic	17½	23
Deer Trail	1⅞	2⅝	Reservation	2⅝	3½
Dewey	2	3	Ross. Giant	3½	3⅝
Gold Ledge	1⅝	1⅞	Sullivan	6½	7
Iron Mask	....	36	Tom Thumb	11½	11½
L. P. Surp.	6	7	Waterloo	1¼	1⅞
Mtn. Lion	18	21⅝			

SAN FRANCISCO, May 9.—Official closing quotations for mining stocks:

Alta	$0 02	Justice	$0 06
Alpha Con	2	Mexican	17
Andes	6	Occidental Con	3
Belcher	10	Ophir	83
Best & Belcher	23	Overman	11
Bullion	2	Potosi	4
Challenge Con	10	Savage	12
Chollar	5	Sierra Nevada	17
Confidence	55	Silver Hill	35
Con. Cal. & Va	2 25	Standard	4 00
Crown Point	14	Union Con	19
Gould & Curry	15	Utah Con	1
Hale & Norcross	19	Yellow Jacket	17

NEW YORK, May 9.—Mining stocks today closed as follows:

Adams Con	$0 22	Little Chief	$0 15
Alice	45	Ontario	8 50
Breece	1 00	Ophir	90
Brunswick Con	19	Phoenix	22
Comstock Tunnel	5	Potosi	7
Con. Cal. & Va	2 30	Savage	12
Deadwood Terra	55	Sierra Nevada	23
Horn Silver	1 10	Small Hopes	50
Iron Silver	60	Standard	3 05
Leadville Con	3		

BOSTON, May 9.—Closing quotations:

Adventure	$ 14 50	Franklin	$ 16 00
Bing. Min. Co.	22 00	Osceola	80 00
Amal. Copper	105 50	Parrott	49 00
Atlantic	30 00	Quincy	165 00
Boston & Mont.	4 00	Santa Fe Cop.	17 50
Butte & Boston	98 00	Utah Mining	28 00
Cal. & Hecla	820 00	Winona	3 50
Centennial	26 00	Wolverines	52 00

FRANCHISE EXTENDED.

Hillsboro Grants Light and Water Company Five-Year Privilege.

HILLSBORO, Or., May 9.—The City Council has extended the franchise of the Water & Light Company for five years from July 1. The city has an interest of $10,000 in the plant, conditioned on purchase of the system. Rather than buy now it was deemed best to extend the franchise five years, the city retaining its option of purchase. The new agreement binds the city to pay $100 per month for lights.

Much Rock Will Be Put on Roads.

The rock crusher at Cedar Mill, in Eastern Washington County, is ready to begin operations. The mill was purchased at an expense of $1200, and the farmers of the Cedar Mill district expect to place rock on the roads, which connect with the Cornell road leading into Portland. Hundreds of farmers travel over this road every week. It has always been in poor shape in the Fall, owing to heavy travel and mud.

SALEM BEGINS SUIT.

Will Try to Collect Bond of Men Who Forfeited Franchise.

SALEM, May 9.—The City of Salem today began a suit in the Circuit Court to recover $5000 alleged to be due from F. R. Anson and the Fidelity & Deposit Company of Maryland on the bond given by Anson when he was granted a electric light franchise by the city.

The complaint recites the fact that the city granted Anson a franchise for the operation of an electric plant, with the provision that he or his successors pay the city 2 per cent of the gross earnings of the plant, and that at any time the city might purchase the plant at a price to be fixed by three appraisers. This franchise was accepted by Anson, with these terms, and also with the condition that he furnish a bond as required by the conditions of the grant. The bond given promises to pay the city $5000. The condition of the bond was that, whereas Anson was granted the franchise, and agreed to install his plant before April 1, 1901, if he should perform his agreement, then the bond should be void, otherwise to remain in full force and effect. It is alleged that by the failure of Anson or his assigns to install the plant, the bond became forfeited and the defendants indebted to the City of Salem in the sum of $5000. W. H. Holmes and Webster Holmes are attorneys for the city.

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Railway Engineers' Picnic.

SALEM, May 9.—The annual railway engineers' picnic will be held in Salem this year on the second Sunday in June, which will be June 9. Representatives of the engineers' association were in Salem today making arrangements for special street-car service.

Oregon Notes.

The new Caldwell administration was sworn in Monday.

The telephone line being extended from Springfield to Walterville is completed to Thurston.

An ordinance to prohibit gambling in Burns was defeated at the last meeting of the Council.

The annual round-up of horses on the ranges between Arlington and Umatilla is about to take place.

The machinery of the Summerville creamery has been received and will be in place within a few days.

Early Tuesday morning O. M. Vaughn, of Pendleton, took a shot at a burglar without effect. The burglar escaped.

Henry Steers last week sold 80 acres of land within the limits of the town of Fossil for $4000. The purchaser is T. J. Smith, proprietor of the Fossil flouring mill.

The Baldwin Opera-House at The Dalles, ordered sold on a decree of foreclosure, was bought in by the mortgagee, Henry E. Parmenter, for the sum of his claim, which amounted to $5116 83.

Emile Strasser, who owns a farm on the creek below the Floyd ranch, has been bound over to the Circuit Court in the sum of $100, for putting poison out for the destruction of domestic animals, says The Dalles Chronicle. Strasser admitted having put out strychnine inside the fence on his own land, insisting that he had a right to do as he pleased in that regard on his own premises. The court did not see it that way.

George Cleveland, living near Coburg, was arrested Wednesday on the charge of assault with intent to kill. Cleveland and Edgar Spores had trouble over the paying of rents. Spores went to Cleveland's place and entered the house with a gun. Cleveland is reported to have shot at Spores, whereupon Spores proceeded to give Cleveland, who is 70 years old, a severe beating. Spores swore out a warrant for the arrest of Cleveland on the charge of assault with intent to kill.

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