WILL BEGIN NEXT SUNDAY

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES AT UNIVERSITY OF OREGON.

Thirty-one Students Will Receive Bachelor of Arts Degree—Programme for Several Days.

EUGENE, Or., June 11.—Great preparations are being made for the commencement exercises of the University of Oregon, which will be held next week. The ceremonies will begin Sunday morning, June 16, when Rev. MacH. Wallace, of the First Congregational Church of Eugene, will deliver the baccalaureate sermon to the senior class. The exercises will be held in Villard Hall and the churches of the city will close on that day.

Monday evening the closing exercises of the School of Music will be held.

Tuesday is class day, and the usual senior festivities will be indulged in. On that day the class of 1901 will dedicate a bronze plate to the memory of the late Professor Edgar McClure, who lost his life on Mount Rainier, in July, 1897. The plate will be located at the entrance of the new science hall. Miss Grace Ivorda Wold will deliver the class oration, and Miss Esther E. Johnson the class poem. At 6:30 P. M. the annual fern and flower procession will take place on the campus, after which Rev. H. W. Kellog, of Portland, will deliver the university address.

Wednesday will be alumni day, during which the various classes will hold reunions and the general alumni association its annual business meeting. The alumni banquet will be held in Villard Hall at 3 P. M., and many prominent guests are expected to be present. Among them will be Governor and Mrs. T. T. Geer. The president's reception will be held in the evening.

The graduating exercises will occur Thursday, beginning at 9:30 A. M. Twenty-two young men and nine young women will receive the bachelor's degree from the college of letters, and the degree of bachelor of laws and other degrees will be conferred upon others. The following 31 persons will receive the bachelor's degree:

Percy Paget Adams, Eugene; Susie Patterson Bannard, Brownsville; William G. Beattie, Oregon City; George Raymond Campbell, The Dalles; Fred Allen Edwards, Mayville; Claude Russell Fountain, Portland; Luke La Dore Goodrich, North Yamhill; Winnifred Bessie Hammond, Medford; Bernard Charles Jakway, Portland; Clifton Nesmith McArthur, Portland; Carleton Condon McCormack, Eugene; Albert Eugene Messerve, Portland; Esther Elizabeth Johnson, Eugene; Garwood Henry Ostrander, Union; Adele J. Pickel, Medford; Roy R. Robley, Ashland; Richard Shore Smith, Klamath Falls; Bernard Earl Spencer, Ashland; Walter V. Spencer, Thatcher, Wash.; Coleridge Edwin Stanton, Roseburg; Vestella B. Sears, Ballston; Mary Elizabeth Straub, Eugene; Hartford Sweet, Mount Aetna, Iowa; Charles E. Wagner, Ashland; David H. Wolfe, Oregon City; Harriet E. Warfield, Eugene; Walter Lincoln Whittlesey, Portland; Grace I. Wold, Eugene; Peter Irving Wold, Eugene; Winnifred Kelly Miller, Grant's Pass; Edward Strong Van Dyke, Grant's Pass.

The six members of the class who won honors in the senior tryout and will have the privilege of contesting for the Failing and Beckman prizes on commencement day are: William G. Beattie, Luke L. Goodrich, Bernard Charles Jakway, Clifton Nesmith McArthur, Richard Shore Smith and Walter Lincoln Whittlesey.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE.

Seniors Presented Farce-Comedy—Graduating Exercises Today.

CORVALLIS, June 11.—Yesterday was class day at the State Agricultural College. The class exercises were held in the afternoon on the college campus. The exercises consisted of the planting of an ivy vine, and the depositing of a 1500-pound stone over which the ivy slips are trained. The scene was a spot eastward 50 yards of the chemical laboratory, under a large silver poplar tree. Under the stone was deposited a sealed bottle containing the names of each of the class on slips of paper. Miss Lizzie Hoover delivered the opening address, and Miss Maud Hoover read the class poem. An address that set forth the enduring and evergreen character of the ivy vine was written by Miss Emma Rusk and was read by Miss Ethel Kyle.

Ivan Brown read the class history. The class prophecy was delivered by Miss Michael, and Miss Mabel Withycombe read the last will and testament, bequeathing rights, privileges and honors to the under classes and student body. The ceremony concluded with the class song and the college yell.

Last night at the Opera-House the seniors presented to a large audience the farce-comedy "A Modern Ananias." The cast of characters was: Lysander Lyon, M. D., John L. Stalker; Colonel Lyon, Ivan C. Brown; Derby Dashwood, Fred N. Stump; Francisco, E. R. Shepard; Baby, Miss Imogene Rusk; Nellie Goldengate, Miss Ivy Burton; Prudence Mayflower, Miss Blanche Holden; Kitty, Miss Flora Wilson. The performance met with a warm reception.

Today was Military and Athletic day. At 2 o'clock in the afternoon there was a battalion drill on the campus in which 180 men went through the various evolutions incident to military tactics, including movements by the battery, comprising two field pieces and 25 men.

This evening at the Armory, Professor Patterson's classes in physical culture gave a gymnastic and athletic exhibition, which elicited favorable comment.

The graduating exercises take place tomorrow forenoon, and are to be followed in the afternoon by the business meeting of the alumni, and the alumni reunion at Cauthorn Hall in the evening.

Hon. W. W. Cotton, who is to deliver the address to the class tomorrow, arrived today, accompanied by Mrs. Cotton.

President J. T. Apperson, of the Board of Regents, is among other visitors attending the commencement exercises.

WESTON NORMAL SCHOOL.

Commencement Exercises in Progress—Eleven Students to Graduate.

WESTON, Or., June 11.—The commencement exercises of the Eastern Oregon State Normal School are in progress this week. The exercises began Sunday with the baccalaureate exercises at the M. E. Church South. Dr. J. A. Beattie, president of the school, delivered the baccalaureate sermon.

Last night a musical programme was rendered at the opera-house. Tonight a farce comedy in three acts, "The Ulster," was presented by members of the middle year class. There were 18 characters in the cast. Tomorrow evening the class exercises will be held, and Thursday morning the commencement exercises proper with an address by Rev. M. H. Marvin, of Walla Walla, presentation of diploas, and musical exercises. Thursday evening the Alumni Association will hold its annual reunion and carry out a good programme.

A class of 11 members will be graduated this year, as follows: Elmer D. Bryson, of Weston; Luella B. Craigen, of Weston; Maudora Flaugher, of Baker City; Mary Kittredge, of Lakeview; Jennette McKinnon, of Weston; Ellis E. Pinkerton, of Weston; Gertrude V. Preston, of Weston; Joseph N. Scott, of Athena; William R. Scott, of Athena; Edith M. Wilcox, of Haines; Wilbur E. Woods, of Moro.

Dallas College.

DALLAS, June 11.—The Philoethian Literary Society of Dallas College held its annual meeting at the City Hall last night. The hall was crowded to the doors, and the exercises showed careful preparation by talent of high order. "The College Song," by D. A. Poling, a student of the college, with music by C. W. Kantner, professor of music in the college, was the most striking feature of the exercises.

Officers of Alumni Association.

ASTORIA, June 11.—The High School Alumni Association at its annual meeting last evening elected the following officers:

Charles Gray, president; Miss May Utzinger, vice-president; Miss May Morgan, secretary; Frank Woodfield, treasurer.

MEETING OF REGENTS.

Prof. Clayton Again Chosen President of Ashland Normal School.

ASHLAND, Or., June 11.—The annual meeting of the Board of Regents of the Southern Oregon State Normal School was held here today. The following members of the board were present: Governor T. T. Geer; State Superintendent Ackerman (ex-officio); A. J. Sherwood, of Coquille City; Judge L. F. Willits, of Klamath Falls; H. C. Kinney; C. E. Harmon, of Grant's pass; W. I. Vawter, of Medford; F. H. Carter and R. P. Neil, of Ashland. The regents were pleased to learn that the cost of maintaining the school has been well within the means at their disposal. The report from the management to the regents was favorable as to the work and the condition of the school. The attendance of students has been large, and the academic work of an advanced order over that of previous years. The following instructors were engaged for the ensuing year, the first three being re-elected:

Professor W. M. Clayton, president of faculty; T. A. Hayes, vice-president and professor of mathematics; I. E. Vining, chair of literature and elocution; Miss Lucie E. Helen, of Oswego, N. Y., critic teacher. The selection of a teacher for the chair of science was left to the executive committee, which consists of H. C. Kinney, R. P. Neil and F. H. Carter.

MILITARY CODE OF STATE.

New and Stricter Regulations About Ready for Distribution.

SALEM, Or., June 11.—Adjutant-General C. U. Gantenbein, of the Oregon National Guard, today issued a pamphlet containing the military code of the State of Oregon, together with the rules and regulations adopted in pursuance thereof by the State Military Board. The pamphlet contains 250 pages, and will be ready for general distribution next Friday.

The new code is the result of long and careful study of the needs of the National Guard, and the regulations have been made to conform as nearly as possible to those of the regular Army of the United States. The code and rules have not only been revised, but have been rearranged so as to be more convenient. The principal features of the changes are those provisions which raise the standard of requirements for enlistment and the more efficient system of enforcing discipline. There are so many applicants for enlistment in the Oregon National Guard that it is possible to make the requirements very strict and still have the full number desired. The new regulations will govern the National Guard during this year's encampment.

Physical Requirements.

The physical requirements for enlistment are as follows:

"All men desiring to enlist or re-enlist will be examined in accordance with the following instructions, and will not be accepted unless they pass the physical examination. The surgeon's certificate will be entered in the enlistment papers:

"1. Less than 5 feet 4 inches will reject. (Height taken in stocking feet.)

"2. A chest measurement less than 32 inches at the termination of normal expiration will reject. (Chest measurement taken in undershirt.)

"3. A difference between expiration and inspiration of less than two inches will reject.

"4. Weight less than 110 pounds and greater than 190 pounds will reject.

"73. The examining officer is permitted to accept men desiring to re-enlist who present themselves for that purpose within three months, notwithstanding they have some physical disqualifications which would cause their rejection as recruits; provided, they have no serious defect which would probably prevent the discharge of their duties as soldiers.

"74. In passing a recruit the examining officer is to examine him stripped to see that he has free use of his limbs; that his chest is ample; that his hearing, vision and speech are normal; that he has no tumors or ulcerated or extensively cicatrized legs; no rupture or chronic cutaneous affection; that he has not received any contusion or wound of the head that may impair his faculties; that he is not a drunkard, is not subject to convulsions, and has no infectious or other disorder that may unfit him for military service. The recruit must be effective, able-bodied, sober, free from disease, and of good character and habits."

The disciplinary powers of the National Guard are increased by a provision authorizing the imprisonment of members who refuse to pay fines imposed upon them.

Inspection of Woodburn Company.

WOODBURN, June 11.—Inspector-General James Jackson, of the Oregon National Guard, conducted the annual inspection of Company D, Fourth Regiment, tonight in the Armory Hall. Captain W. E. Finzer's company is regarded by the General as one of the best drilled companies in the state. Many spectators were in attendance.

Camp Ground for Fourth Regiment.

EUGENE, Or., June 11.—Adjutant-General C. U. Gantenbein today approved the selection of the camp ground for the Fourth Regiment, O. N. G., which will go into camp June 27 and remain seven days. The ground selected in Bangs' Park, two miles northwest of Eugene, Governor Geer and the brigade commander will visit the camp some time during the encampment.

CALLED BEFORE GRAND JURY.

Attorney-General and Clerk Witnesses in School Land-Steal Case.

SALEM, Or., June 11.—District Attorney Hart today summoned Attorney-General Blackburn and M. L. Chamberlain, clerk of the State Land Board, before the grand jury to testify as to the $31,000 defalcation of George W. Davis, as clerk of the School Land Board. Their testimony was as to the condition of the books kept by Davis, and the facts as learned by the investigating clerks. It is expected that the grand jury will present an indictment against Davis, and that Judge Hamilton will be asked to pass upon the question whether from the facts stated the crime has outlawed.

In the suit of Hildebrand, Posner & Co., wholesale liquor dealers, against George L. Neal and James Maguire, to recover for liquors sold, the jury found in favor of Maguire upon the defense that he was not a partner when the goods were purchased.

Cleared by Grand Jury.

SALEM, Or., June 11.—The Marion County grand jury today returned "not a true bill" in the case of the State of Oregon against Roy D. Gilbert and H. T. Bruce, the men who were charged with committing a criminal assault upon Pearl Damon. The prosecution was based upon the ground that the girl was under the age of consent. The defendants being under bonds, Judge Hamilton ordered that they be dismissed, and that their bondsmen be exonerated.

Northwest Pensions.

WASHINGTON, June 11.—Pensions have granted as follows:

Oregon—Increase: Lyman Sylvester, Eugene, $12. Original widows: Special Acod. May 24, Elizabeth J. Nutter, McCoy, $8; Catharine R. McQueen, Lorane, $8.

Washington—Original widows, etc.: Luretta Lehman, Delphi, $12. Additional: Joseph Wright, Hayes, $12. Increase: Henry D. Straight, Almira, $17.

BATTLE OF THE GIANTS

PATRICK CLARK AND ASSOCIATES SUE TO RECOVER MINE.

Charge Charles Sweeney and Other Well-Known Operators With Swindling Them Out of Property.

MOSCOW, Idaho, June 11.—A sensational suit, which will startle the mining world of the Pacific Northwest, was filed in the United States Circuit Court here today. It is a battle of the giants. On the one side are pitted Patrick Clark, the noted mining man of Spokane, and a group of associates; on the other, Charles Sweeney, the well-known and daring Spokane operator; F. R. Culbertson, another well-known Spokane mining man, and two big corporations mining in Idaho and operating financially in New York City. Clark and associates charge Sweeney and Culbertson with swindling them out of two mining claims in the Coeur d'Alenes valued at $1,000,000. They sue for the recovery of these claims; for a receivership thereof, for an injunction restraining defendants from extracting ore from the disputed ground, and for an accounting of ore already extracted, which is valued at about $500,000. The sensational allegation is made that Sweeney's company, the Buffalo Hump, is practically insolvent, and that the Empire State-Idaho Company has little property of value beyond the disputed ground.

The complaint is an intensely interesting story of alleged intrigue, falsehood and misrepresentation, by which, it is alleged, the injured owners of the disputed ground were induced to part with property valued at $1,000,000 for a consideration of $4000. The disputed claims adjoin the Tiger-Poorman mine at Burke, Idaho. Clark and the other complainants allege that Sweeney and Culbertson unlawfully explored the disputed ground by means of diamond drills, operated at a depth of 1600 feet; that they located a great ore shoot; broke into it, extracted ore, and paid dividends, and then bought the claims for $4000 on the alleged false representation that the ground was no good. They wanted it only for the surface rights it was claimed.

The title of the bill is Patrick Clark, Benjamin C. Kingsbury, James Clark and James P. Harvey, complainants, vs. the Buffalo Hump Mining Company, a corporation organized under the laws of the State of New York, and the Empire State-Idaho Mining & Development Company, a corporation organized under the laws of the State of New York, defendants.

News Created Sensation in Spokane.

SPOKANE, Wash., June 11.—News of the suit was rumored over the city today, and created a sensation. Neither of the leading figures is in Spokane. Patrick Clark is at the Raleigh Hotel, New York, but will start for home next Thursday. Charles Sweeney and F. R. Culbertson are in Arizona examining a big copper mine they are thinking of buying. The stock of the Empire State-Idaho Company is selling in New York for a premium, and passes as gilt-edge collateral on Wall street. Patrick Clark is the controlling owner of the Traders' National Bank, of Spokane. Charles Sweeney is the controlling owner of the Exchange National. These are the leading banks of the city.

Killed in a Runaway.

ST. ANTHONY, Idaho, June 11.—Miss Lilla Pratt, of Edmonds, Idaho, was killed, and Miss Lucas, daughter of Bishop Lucas, seriously injured in a runaway accident, which occurred last night while the two young women and Bishop Lucas were returning from a drive to Exburg. In crossing a ditch, from which the culvert had been removed, the horses became frightened and ran. The occupants of the buggy were thrown out, Miss Pratt being instantly killed and Miss Lucas' leg was broken.

Mineral Land Decision.

WASHINGTON, June 11.—The Secretary of the Interior has affirmed the decision of the general land office dismissing the protest of the Empire State-Idaho Mining and Development Company against the mineral entry made by the Bunker Hill and Sullivan Mining and Concentrating Company, for the King Lode claim in the Coeur de'Alene land district, Idaho. The protest was held to be without merit.

New Idaho Postmasters.

WASHINGTON, June 11.—Andrew Olson has been appointed postmaster at Bridge, Idaho, vice L. F. Des Portes, removed.

A postoffice has been established at Sanders, Kootenai County, Idaho, on the route from Emida to Desmet. Jacob Sanders has been appointed postmaster.

SURRENDERED TO SHERIFF.

Old Man Acknowledges That He Shot at Two Men.

BAKER CITY, June 11.—William M. Pierce, an aged farmer in the Pleasant Valley district, surrendered himself to the Sheriff Saturday, saying he had shot at two young men, and did not know whether he had hit one or both. The Deputy Sheriff was not disposed to place the old man under arrest, in the absence of a formal complaint. No one appeared to complain against Pierce up to today, but the Assistant District Attorney filed a complaint charging him with an assault with a deadly weapon. Mr. Pierce appeared before the County Judge and was bound over in the sum of $500.

Mr. Pierce, after considerable questioning, stated that Jake Hooker and Ed Munn had come to his house, and, calling him out, proceeded to beat and ill-treat him, when he secured a gun and the shooting occurrred. Further than this he refused to make any statement regarding the case, simply saying he will be on hand to defend his side of the case when the other fellows appear.

What appears to be a sequel to the shooting developed today, when Dr. Snow, of this city, was called to the home of Munn, at Pleasant Valley, and amputated the young man's leg. The wound was so severe that the operation proved to be quite serious, and there are grave fears that Munn will not live through it.

Bound Over for Robbery.

John W. Scott was up before the County Judge yesterday on the charge of robbing William Reynolds of $13 Saturday night. Scott was bound over to the Circuit Court in the sum of $500.

NEW SALEM LIGHT COMPANY.

Will Also Operate Street-Cars—Portland to be Headquarters.

SALEM, Or., June 11.—The Salem Light, Power & Traction Company was incorporated today, to operate a street-car system and lighting plant in this city. W. A. McRae, F. H. Page, Rufus and Mallory are the incorporators. Portland is the headquarters of the company. The capital stock is fixed at $130,000.

The property of the Salem Light & Traction Company, comprising the street-car lines and electric light plant, were recently sold under foreclosure of a mortgage held by the London & San Francisco Bank, and was bid in by McRae, who is a director of the bank. Page held a second mortgage on the property, and also owned all, or nearly all, the stock of the Salem Light & Traction Company. The property has never been a paying investment until Page took the management, 18 months ago, since which time it is understood the plant has yielded what would be a profit on the actual value of the plant, though perhaps not on what has been invested in it. Under Page's management the service has been improved, and it is understood that the new company, of which he is a member, will make other important improvements. It was announced at the time of the sale that there would be no change in the management.

CONDITION OF BANKS OF OREGON AND WASHINGTON.

WASHINGTON, June 11.—For reference and comparison, the following statement of the condition of the four National banks of Portland, the 23 other banks of Oregon, and the 31 banks of the State of Washington on February 5 and April 24 may prove of interest:

City of Portland.

	Feb. 5.	April 24.
Loans and discounts	$ 3,463,232	$ 3,606,777
Gold reserve in bank	1,366,247	1,016,815
Total specie reserve	1,428,932	1,066,705
Lawful money reserve in bank	1,449,293	1,087,064
Total resources	10,810,926	10,902,261
Outstanding National bank notes issues	603,570	585,770
Individual deposits	6,178,501	6,323,285
Average reserve held, per cent	30.89	27.42

State of Oregon.

Loans and discounts	$ 4,337,088	$ 4,423,897
Gold reserve in bank	674,530	618,777
Total specie reserve	783,747	719,469
Lawful money reserve in bank	840,990	762,927
Total resources	8,513,245	8,690,258
Outstanding National bank notes issued	326,307	409,200
Individual deposits	6,105,829	6,233,139
Average reserve held, per cent	31.12	31.35

State of Washington.

Loans and discounts	$13,587,371	$13,896,621
Gold reserve in bank	2,468,939	2,427,122
Total specie reserve	2,558,105	2,807,901
Lawful money reserve in bank	3,028,337	2,979,217
Total resources	29,061,869	31,247,110
Outstanding National bank notes issued	983,817	1,011,082
Individual deposits	20,401,120	22,473,251
Average reserve held	30.22	32.64

COUNTY COURT HAS NO SAY.

As to Whether Tax Can Be Collected on the Elk Creek Road.

ASTORIA, June 11.—Some time ago several patrons of the Elk Creek toll road, which extends from Seaside to Cannon Beach, made a protest to the County Court regarding the authority of the owners to charge a toll on the road. The matter was referred by the court to District Attorney Allen, and he submitted his opinion today. Mr. Allen holds that the right to charge toll depends on whether or not the road has been legally established by the company, which was incorporated for that purpose; that the company acquired certain portions of the road by conveyances made by some of the owners of property along the line, and if the company has not acquired a right of way either by condemnation or grant over certain other tracts of land traversed by the road, it cannot charge toll over the whole road, unless it has acquired the right of way over those portions by adverse use for a period of 10 years. Mr. Allen suggests that it will require a judicial determination of the rights of the contending parties to decide the matter, a thing with which the County Court has nothing to do.

BETTER RUN OF SALMON.

Reported by Fishermen All Along the Columbia River.

ASTORIA, June 11.—Reports from all parts of the river today are to the effect that the run of fish is much better, and with every reasonable right to believe that it will continue to increase, as the river is falling and getting clearer.

A letter was received today at the master fish warden's office from Special Deputy E. C. Greenman, who is out on a tour in search of desirable sites for salmon hatcheries and eyeing stations. The letter is written from Lewiston, Idaho, and states that he has made a careful examination of the Powder, Touchet and Deadman's Rivers and found that none of these are suitable for the purpose. He states that he has received information of a number of streams in that locality in which salmon are said to run during certain times of the year and that he would make an examination of them before returning.

DATES FOR REGATTA.

Annual Astoria Event Will Be Held August 15-17.

ASTORIA, June 11.—August 15, 16 and 17 have been decided upon as the dates for holding the eighth annual regatta. Chairmen of the various sub-committees were appointed today as follows:

Finance, W. T. Shutter; shells and barges, J. C. McCue; sailing and launch races, H. D. Thing; music and grand stand, C. A. Coolidge; coronation and ball, R. G. Prael; water specialties, Ed. Hallock.

Mr. McCue will leave for San Francisco in the near future to make arrangements with the California oarsmen and athletes to compete in the regatta events.

Charged With Larceny.

OREGON CITY, Or., June 11.—A cripple, whose warrant of arrest gives his name as John Doe, true name unknown, was arrested at Oswego today, charged with the larceny of a horse from Young's livery stable. The man hired the horse last Saturday, with the announced intention of riding to Highland. Subsequently it was learned that he was seen on the west side of the river. The man says that he came from Nebraska, and was on his way home with the horse when arrested. He refuses to give his name.

Corvallis Brevities.

CORVALLIS, Or., June 11.—At a meeting of the City Council last night James Flett, late Chief of Police, was elected nightwatchman for a term of one year. W. E. Yates was re-elected City Attorney.

An excursion train of nine coaches and carrying over 500 people ran to Yaquina Bay and return today. The excursion was given by Albany and Corvallis Maccabees. Two hundred of the excursionists went from Corvallis, and the remainder from Albany and Philomath.

No Trace of Alleged Murderer.

ROSEBURG, June 11.—Sheriff Gallier, of Coos County, is in the city with Fred Hare, aged 33, whose home is in Curry County, and who has been wandering around the country in a demented condition for some days. The unfortunate man will be taken to Salem to the asylum. Sheriff Gallier states that no trace of Landis, the alleged murderer of Eudaly at Coquille City, has been found, but he is generally believed to be in hiding at the home of some of his friends or relatives.

RICH MINERAL STRIKE

MADE NEAR LA GRANDE BY TWO STOCKMEN.

Gold Ore Assays $60 to the Ton—Find Was Kept Secret for Some Time.

LA GRANDE, June 11.—The discovery near this place of what may prove to be an important gold mine became known here today. On the upper waters of Ladd Creek, near a common fishing ground, James McClure and William Santon, two farmers and stockmen, have discovered a ledge of gold quartz which assays $60 on the surface. The ledge is 50 feet in width by four in depth. It is on the mountain side and will admit of tunnneling. At the end of a 30-foot tunnel the quartz continues to improve and gives signs of being a bonanza. Float has been discovered in this vicinity once or twice before, but no leads were ever found. The ledge is thought to be in the gold belt which connects the Camp Carson group of mines above La Grande, on the Grande Ronde River, with the recently developed gold and copper mines at North Powder. Old miners of this city have faith in the new discovery, and since it is only 12 miles from La Grande, on what can easily be made a good road, it can be developed, no matter what the nature of the ore proves to be. The owners of the mine kept their find a secret until they were discovered at work by passers-by. Since the existence of high-grade ore is known others will attempt to locate paying claims in the vicinity.

The North Powder Group.

The North Powder group, of which the find is a continuation, is showing up well. The ore there is of three kinds, but it has not yet been determined which ore predominates. Each kind requires a different milling process. Gold and coppper are mixed in varying amounts, but the camp will probably become known for its copper merely.

The Buckeye, the chief mine of the group, in which work has been suspended temporarily on account of water, is making a fine showing. The limits of the ledges are not known. A shaft has been sunk 100 feet and a drift extended 100 feet from the bottom of this without striking the wall of the ledge. The management intends sinking to a depth of 300 feet, in the hope of securing ore of a prevailing type. The mine is not for sale under any conditions.

Moody Will Do All He Can.

BAKER CITY, June 10.—Congressman Moody has informed representative citizens of this place that he will make every effort possible to secure the passage of his bill establishing a Government assay office in this city. Mr. Moody has asked the Chamber of Commerce to join him in his effort to collect reliable mining statistics in support of the measure, which will come up again at the coming session of Congress.

Quotations of Mining Stocks.

SPOKANE, June 11.—The closing quotations for mining stocks today were:

	Bid.	Ask.		Bid.	Ask.
Amer. Boy	7½	8¼	Morrison	3½	3¾
Blacktail	8½	8¾	Prin. Maud	1¼	1½
Butte & Bos.	1	1¼	Quilp	18	22½
Crystal	4¾	5½	Ramb. Car	30¼	30½
Conjecture	5	5¼	Republic	10	12
Deer Trail	2¼	2¾	Reservation	2¾	3½
Dewey	2½	3½	Ross. Giant	3	3¾
Gold Ledge	1½	1¾	Sullivan	6¾	7
Iron Mask	30	35	Tom Thumb	10½	11½
L. P. Surp.	5½	6½	Waterloo	¾	1¼
Min. Lion	20½	22	Wonderful	2¼	2¾
Morn. Glory	3¼	3¾			

SAN FRANCISCO, June 11.—Official closing quotations of mining stocks today were:

Andes	$0 05	Occidental Con	$0 03
Belcher	6	Ophir	98
Best & Belcher	20	Overman	16
Caledonia	45	Potosi	10
Challenge Con	11	Savage	9
Chollar	5	Seg. Belcher	1
Confidence	66	Sierra Nevada	24
Con. Cal. & Va.	2 30	Silver Hill	29
Crown Point	8	Standard	3 60
Gould & Curry	7	Union Con	18
Hale & Norcross	24	Utah Con	3
Justice	7	Yellow Jacket	13
Mexican	14		

NEW YORK, June 11.—Mining stocks today closed as follows:

Adams Con	$0 20	Leadville Con	$0 05
Alice	40	Little Chief	12
Breece	1 55	Ontario	8 00
Brunswick Con	16	Ophir	90
Comstock Tunnel	5	Potosi	11
Con. Cal. & Va.	2 20	Savage	5
Deadwood Terra	50	Sierra Nevada	15
Horn Silver	1 15	Small Hopes	45
Iron Silver	58	Standard	3 50

BOSTON, June 11.—Closing quotations:

Adventure	[illegible]	Humboldt	$ 50 00
Bing. Min. Co.	[illegible]	Oneola	86 50
Amal. Copper	122 00	Parrott	53 50
Atlantic	32 25	Quincy	170 00
Boston & Mont.	442 00	Santa Fe Cop.	7 00
Butte & Boston	114 00	Tamarack	330 00
Cal. & Hecla	680 00	Utah Mining	30 25
Centennial	23 00	Winona	2 50
Franklin	16 50	Wolverines	56 50

TRIED IN THE SUPREME COURT.

Action to Oust County Commissioner Steele From Office.

SALEM, Or., June 11.—The famous County Commissioners' case, brought to test the act of the last Legislature which ousted W. B. Steele from office in Multnomah County, was tried in the Supreme Court this afternoon. Prior to 1898 the county business in Multnomah County had been conducted by the County Judge and two Commissioners. The Legislature of that year created a separate Board of Commissioners, composed of three men, whose duty was to transact the county business, leaving the County Judge with only probate work. The Commissioners were Messrs. Mack, Showers and Steele. The act of 1901 repealed the act of 1898, and provided that Mack and Showers should be the two Commissioners, and with the County Judge should transact county business. Steele refused to go out of office, and this proceeding was brought to oust him. The case was tried before Judges Frazer, George, Sears and Cleland, sitting in banc, and a decision was rendered in favor of County Judge Cake, declaring that he is legally a member of the County Board, and that Steele is not. From this decision Steele appealed. The argument of the case occupied the greater part of the afternoon.

The trial of the McDaniel murder case was concluded in the Supreme Court today.

ACCIDENTALLY KILLED HIMSELF.

Farmer Met Instant Death While Trying to Load a Gopher Gun.

HILLSBORO, Or., June 11.—Stephen A. Holcomb, a Washington County pioneer of 1845, was today instantly killed by the explosion of a gopher gun which he was endeavoring to load near his home in West Union, about seven miles northeast of here. The accident occurred this afternoon. The charge took effect in the left temple. Deceased was born in Ohio in 1822. In 1850 he married Amanda Lee, of this county, who came to Oregon in 1847. Mr. Holcomb was one of the first School Directors of Washington County, and was instrumental in building the first frame school building in the state. He was in the Cayuse War of 1857, and was as far up the Columbia as the Palouse country. He was a man of rigid honesty. His wife and six sons and one daughter, all grown, survive him.

It was Mr. Holcomb's proud boast that he was never in court but once, and that was for caning a man in the early days. The party in question had circulated a report that Mr. Holcomb had been removed from a Postmastership. The caning followed, and Mr. Holcomb was acquitted.

Coroner W. P. Via and Dr. C. L. Large are en route from Forest Grove to hold an inquest. The funeral will take place at West Union.

Sailor Crushed to Death.

MARSHFIELD, Or., June 11.—A sailor named Murphy was instantly killed today by being caught under a slingload of lumber which was being lowered into the hold of the schooner Alumna. The load dropped before expected. The Alumna is being loaded with lumber for Cape Town.

Three-Year-Old Boy Drowned.

ASTORIA, June 11.—Louis Schuddings, Jr., the 3-year-old son of Louis Schuddings, who lives in a scow at Swensen's landing, was drowned this morning by falling into the river while no one was watching him. His body was recovered in half an hour, but it was lifeless.

GRAZING PERMITS.

Recommendation That 38,350 Sheep Be Allowed in Cascade Reserve.

WASHINGTON, June 11.—The Commissioner of the General Land Office today recommended the issuance of 12 permits for grazing 38,350 sheep in the Cascade reserve, in Oregon, in addition to those previously approved. They are:

John Flanagan, Sherar's Bridge	1200
F. N. Jones, Sherar's Bridge	5000
W. E. Hunt, Sherar's Bridge	1500
C. P. Uren, Ridgeway	2000
Tygh Valley Land & Livestock Company, Tygh Valley	3200
E. H. Sparks, Emery	6000
H. Farghn, Nansene	1950
C. W. Carry, Prineville	1200
P. A. Champagne, Oak Creek	1000
Roscoe Knox, Post	2500
H. & E. McGreer, Antelope	4400
A. J. F. Taylor, Lamont	4000

POSTMASTER WILL NOT SAY.

Whether Fraud Order Against Ballet Applies at Baker City.

BAKER CITY, Or., June 11.—Postmaster Potter, of this city, refuses to state whether the fraud order issued against Letson Ballet receiving mail at the San Francisco Postoffice had been made applicable here. The Postmaster says he is not at liberty to make any statement regarding such orders.

Committee Named.

President Palmer, of the Chamber of Commerce, today appointed a committee to join with a like committee from the Chambers of Commerce of Portland, Lewiston, Pendleton and Spokane, June 20, and escort the river and harbor committee of Congress down the Columbia to inspect the work to be done on the river, also on the Snake River.

Two Days' Celebration at Eugene.

EUGENE, Or., June 11.—The Fourth of July committee has decided to have a celebration lasting two days, July 3 and 4. July 3 a sham battle will occur in the morning. In the afternoon there will be a shooting match, baseball game, etc., and in the evening a grand ball. On the morning of the Fourth there will be a grand parade, followed by literary exercises in the plaza, horse races, sports of various kinds, and a grand mimic parade, which promises to make fun for everybody. There will be a fireworks display in the evening, and another grand ball will be held in the Armory.

Mrs. D. J. Riley, of Dallas.

DALLAS, Or., June 11.—Mrs. D. J. Riley, of this place, died at Westport, Or., last night. She was born near Dallas in 1849. Her father, Judge Thomas J. Lovelady, was a pioneer, and one of the founders of Dallas. She was married some 19 years ago to D. J. Riley, who survives her. The body will be brought here for burial.

Committed Suicide.

TACOMA, Wash., June 11.—A. W. Bauer, aged 50, formerly employed by a Seattle firm, committed suicide in his room in the Harmony House, Tacoma, today, by cutting his throat.

New Washington Postmaster.

WASHINGTON, June 11.—W. L. Moore was today appointed Postmaster at Machias, Wash.

Salem Strawberry Shipments.

SALEM, Or., June 11.—Salem growers are shipping strawberries to Portland and Seattle at the rate of about 100 crates per day. Berries are retailing in Salem at $1 per crate. The cannery will probably begin operations in a few days.

Received at the Asylum.

SALEM, Or., June 11.—Fred Hare, of Hare, Curry County, was received at the asylum today on a commitment from Coos County. He is 33 years old, and is suffering from an injury to his head.

Washington Notes.

The trustees of the normal school at Whatcom have decided to employ a professional librarian.

A company headed by R. H. Malone has been granted a 50-year franchise for the manufacture and sale of gas in Seattle. The ordinance fixes the price of gas at $1 50 per 1000 feet for illuminating gas, and $1 25 per 1000 for fuel gas.

The Board of School Directors for Ilwaco have elected the following teachers for the coming year: J. F. Moran, principal (re-elected); Miss Grace Long, of Halsey, Or., grammar grade; Miss Agnes Norby, of Ellensburg, intermediate department; Miss Anna Belknap, primary department re-elected).

The shirt waists ordered by the Seattle mailcarriers have arrived. They are of Chambray gingham, blue in color, and harmonize well with the uniform trousers. Although in other cities a collar of the same material as the waist is worn, the Seattle carriers have decided to wear either a standing or turn-over white collar. As soon as the weather becomes pleasant the entire force, with the exception of two or three, will appear in shirt waists.

O. M. Moore is no longer executive commissioner from the State of Washington to the Pan-American exposition at Buffalo. By unanimous vote, the commission, at a meeting in Seattle Monday, formally removed Mr. Moore from the position which he has held since the organization of the commission at Tacoma last Spring. Elmer E. Johnston, of Everett, who served in the Legislature of 1899 as a member from Snohomish County, was elected to succeed Mr. Moore. He will at once take charge.

After having spent Sunday driving about through the wheat fields and the fruit farms of the Walla Walla Valley and carefully inspecting the Oregon Railroad & Navigation Company's experimental farm at Whitman Station, E. S. Holmes, of the United States Department of Agriculture, stated that he had never seen anything more pleasing to the eye or which gave greater promise of a bounteous yield than the country about Walla Walla. He also stated that the experimental farm of the Oregon Railroad & Navigation Company near Walla Walla far excelled anything along the same line that he had seen in the West.

Reports from all parts of Whitman County east and north of Colfax show that considerable damage has been done by the late frosts. Gardens suffered badly, and in some localities considerable damage was done to cherries and prunes, but it is the consensus of opinion that other fruits are uninjured, although it will require some time to ascertain just how the fruit crop has been affected. West and southwest of Colfax farmers report no damage to gardens or other vegetation, but further east toward the foothills of the Coeur d'Alene Mountains much damage was done. The cold wave at this season of the year is almost unprecedented.

Settled Out of Court.

NEW YORK, June 11.—The announcement has been made in Jersey City that the proceedings to secure