TAX PENALTY IS ILLEGAL

DECISION OF JUDGE M'BRIDE AT ASTORIA.

Oregon Counties Are Not Entitled to Collect Three Per Cent From Delinquents.

ASTORIA, July 5.—Judge McBride, of the Circuit Court, today handed down some decisions in connection with tax matters that are of special interest to every county in the state. They were in the case of C. W. Shively vs. Clatsop County, a suit brought to set aside the tax on certain property on the grounds that it had been erroneously assessed. Several days ago the case was decided in favor of the defendant, the court holding that the county was not responsible for an alleged error of the Assessor, but later a rehearing was granted on certain points. Among the questions brought up at the rehearing were the constitutionality of the act under which the special tax levy for the construction of the Young's Bay bridge was made, and whether the warrants drawn in payment for the construction of this bridge should be considered in the county's limit of indebtedness as fixed by law. The court held that the act under which the levy was made was constitutional and that the limit of indebtedness did not apply to the warrants drawn on this special fund. The Judge however, modified his former decree in the case at issue by ruling that the 3 per cent penalty which the county has been collecting on delinquent taxes and the $1 50 heretofore charged for levying were illegal and could not be collected.

GOT CASH FOR ITS CANNERY.

Astoria Concern Took No Stock in Onfroy Syndicate.

ASTORIA, July 5.—Private advices received from New York indicate that the Alaska Fishermen's Packing Company, the headquarters of which are in this city, is, with the exception of the Western Fisheries Company, of Portland, the only concern which sold its salmon cannery to the Onfroy combine strictly for cash. This company was organized here about three yeart ago with a capital stock of $70,000, and the sale was made for $200,000 cash. Besides this amount the combine must pay about $130,000 for supplies which have been sent to Alaska for this season's operations. Before the deal was made the company made an offer of $150,000 cash, $100,000 in preferred stock and $50,000 in common stock. This offer was refused. The plant is located on Nushagak River, Bristol Bay, and last season packed 43,000 cases of salmon. The other company having headquarters here and whose cannery has been acquired by the combine is the Taku Packing Company. Its capital stock is $20,000 and the sale price is $60,000. How much of this is stock is not known locally.

Run of Fish Increasing.

The run of fish for the past 24 hours has continued to increase until now a normal June run, in both size and quality, is in progress. The gillnetters are doing quite well for the first time this season, as up to the first of Jul yonly about a quarter of the usual catch had been made. The seiners are also doing quite well, as are the trappers.

Fish Warden Leaves for Coast.

Master Fish Warden Van Dusen left this evening on a two weeks' trip to Oregon Coast points. He will visit Yaquina, Siuslaw, Umpqua, Coos Bay, Coquille and Rogue River. He will be accompanied by Inspectors Edwards and Fuller, who will make their annual trip along the Coast.

NORTHWEST LAND FRAUDS.

Government Will Make Investigations in Idaho and Montana.

NEW YORK, July 5.—A special to the Tribune from Washington says:

News continues to reach the Interior Department of an extensive system of land frauds in the Northwest. Thus far the revelations are confined almost wholly to Montana and Idaho. Interior Department officials are inclined to believe from the extent of the alleged frauds and the apparent system under which they have been perpetrated that they are not confined to that area. Only a few days ago Secretary Hitchcock was informed of the finding of 102 indictments by the Federal Grand Jury at Helena, Mont., against perpetrators of alleged land frauds in Montana, and he received a telegram saying the Federal grand jury in Idaho had returned 90 indictments for the same offense.

The Montana cases are connected with the transaction by which United States Senator Clark has obtained possession of about 4000 acres of the public domain and timber land in that state. It appears that Senator Clark purchased this property outright from a group of men in Montana. It is not known who is the central figure in the alleged frauds in Idaho. Secretary Hitchcock, however, has determined to institute the most searching and unsparing investigation into all these cases, as he is now doing in Montana. In order to expedite the inquiry it is probable that he will soon order an investigation made in regard to the operations of the public land offices, both in Idaho and Montana. It is intimated that he cannot understand how such extensive frauds against the Government could have been committed if the officials charged with protecting the public interests had been duly vigilant in the discharge of their duties. The result of his investigations may be a wholesale decapitation of Federal appointees.

The Secretary has instructed agents and experts in Montana to prosecute a rigid inquiry, and he will send agents from Washington to Idaho to perform a similar work. It is reported that ex-Senator Carter has telegraphed to the President a long message requesting that no further action be taken in the Montana investigation until he can be heard in behalf of the officials the Secretary of the Interior is supposed to be after.

Frauds Not Known About in Idaho.

BOISE, Idaho, July 5.—There have been no land fraud indictments returned in this state. State and Federal officials say they know nothing of any such indictments, and state no cases are in course of preparation.

CELEBRATED AT MORO.

All Sherman County Joined in Independence Day Exercises.

MORO, July 5.—The towns of Sherman County united here yesterday in a great celebration. About 2500 people were in Moro. Special trains came from Wasco, Grass Valley and Shaniko. The procession was headed by Indians on ponies, and following them came a liberty car drawn by a traction engine, with various organizations in line. It was well designed to illustrate the change from early aboriginal days to the present progressive time. The local band furnished exceptionally good music. W. H. Moore was marshal, and J. M. Parry president of the day. The day's exercises were held in a new warehouse, 60x150 feet, which had been seated for the occasion. A double quartet sang patriotic airs. The declaration of Independence was recited by Miss Lillie Martin, and Willis S. Duniway, of Portland, delivered the oration, which was along new lines and received generous applause.

In the afternoon a baby show was held, and later there were foot races, horse races, and a baseball game between Moro and Wasco nines, which was won by the latter team in an exciting finish. A grand ball in the evening, with 140 couples on the floor, ended the day's festivities.

The Tillamook Celebration.

TILLAMOOK, Or., July 5.—Fine weather yesterday brought out a large number of people to celebrate the National holiday. Miss Nevada Grayson was the Goddess of Liberty, and the orators were Hon. B. L. Eddy and T. B. Handley. A great deal of interest was taken in the ball game between Tillamook City and Nehalem, in which the home team was victorious. A comical feature of the day's festivities was a bull team drawing a number of carts to represent the arrival of the first train of the Portland, Nehalem & Tillamook Railroad, which was followed by a speech by the president of the day. The band boys and those who took part in the procession were attired as plug-uglies.

Great Celebration at Cornelius.

FOREST GROVE, July 5.—Business was suspended here yesterday and the citizens of this place and vicinity went to Cornelius and joined in one of the best celebrations ever held in Washington County. About 4000 people attended. Hon. H. V. Gates, of Hillsboro, delivered the oration. One of the main features was the ball game between Cornelius and Hillsboro, which resulted in a score of 6 to 7 in favor of Cornelius. The little ladies' brass band, of Forest Grove, furnished music.

$75,000 MINE CLEANUP.

June Output of the Bonanza, in Eastern Oregon.

BAKER CITY, July 5.—The famous Bonanza mine, the property of the Standard Oil syndicate, comes to the front with a cleanup for June said to amount to $75,000. Superintendent Thatcher came in yesterday with a number of gold bricks, which he deposited in the bank. Mr. Thatcher could not remember just what the bricks were worth, but well-informed people say $75,000 is not far wrong. They are certain the bricks are worth that much and probably more. This amount is about the regular monthly cleanup for the Bonanza.

Nugget Placer Proves a Good Mine.

The Nugget placer mine on Pine Creek is doing well this season. M. G. McEndree, who is operating the mine in a quiet way, came in yesterday with $700, which he took out last month. This mine is paying now, although when Mr. McEndree took it two years ago it was, apparently, not worth much. He spent several months working on a drift which paid little or nothing. He then started another drift, and struck pay dirt within a few feet, and it has been a good producer ever since.

Spokane Mining Stocks.

SPOKANE, July 5.—The closing quotations of mining stocks today were:

	Bid.	Ask.		Bid.	Ask.
Amer. Boy ..	6½	7¼	Morrison	3⅝	4
Blacktail	11⅝	12¼	Prin. Maud ..	1⅝	1⅞
Butte & Bos..	1⅝	1¾	Quilp	23	26
Crystal	6	6¼	Ramb. Car ...	32⅝	35
Conjecture ..	5⅝	6	Republic	5⅝	7½
Deer Trail ...	2½	2⅝	Reservation ..	2⅜	2⅝
Dewey	3½	5	Ross. Giant ..	2¼	3½
Gold Ledge ..	1⅝	1⅞	Sullivan	7⅛	7⅝
L. P. Surp...	6⅝	6¾	Tom Thumb..	14	14½
Mtn. Lion ...	30	31⅝	Waterloo	½	1
Morn. Glory..	3⅝	3⅞	Wonderful ...	4	4½

MILITIAMEN GO IN CAMP.

Third Regiment at Mulino on Its Way to Wilhoit Springs.

MULINO, July 5.—The Third Regiment, O. N. G., en route to Wilhoit Springs, camped here tonight. The camp, which has been named "Camp Geer," is on a level field on Milk Creek, and is admirably located. The nine miles from Oregon City, where the regiment left the boat, to this place, were covered in fast time in spite of the heat and dust, and while half a dozen men became fatigued and were given places in the ambulance, the command stood the march well, and came down the line into camp singing and cheering. The excellent condition of the men is largely due to Colonel Everett, who watched them carefully and timed the halts so as to conserve their strength and avoid exhaustion.

Will Select Place for Fair Today.

MEDFORD, Or., July 5.—The board of directors of the Jackson County Agricultural Fair will meet in Ashland tomorrow to determine the feasibility of holding the fair in that city next F. at the Chautauqua grounds. Should they decide to hold the fair in Ashland, the Tabernacle will be used as a pavilion. At this meeting the board will arrange the details of the fair. If Ashland is not selected as the place for the fair, some other town will be chosen at the meeting tomorrow.

Move to Get Presbyterian Academy.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., July 5.—A public meeting was held here Wednesday evening to arouse interest in the establishment of a Presbyterian academy in Klamath Falls. Committees were appointed to solicit local aid and communicate with the Presbyterian Board of Education, which has volunteered substantial help. The committees are to report at a meeting to be held next Monday evening.

Woodburn Celebration a Success.

WOODBURN, Or., July 5.—The celebration given yesterday by the Prohibitionists of Woodburn was well attended. The orators of the day were the Revs. George W. Grannis and George H. Bennett. It is estimated that 1500 people were in attendance.

New Oregon Postmaster.

WASHINGTON, July 5.—J. M. Stubblefield was today appointed Postmaster at Monument, Or., vice J. C. Cochran, resigned.

Oregon Notes.

Tillamook's City Council has imposed a license of $5 per day on all fakers.

A fruit dryer of 300 bushels daily capacity is to be put up at Riddle, Douglas County.

Sherman County is entirely out of debt, and has not a county warrant outstanding, with $12,000 in the vaults.

Thousands of army worms have appeared in the clover fields around Tillamook. Some damage is feared.

The Shaniko warehouse people have been baling 50,000 pounds of wool per day for nearly three weeks, and expect to keep it up two months longer.

The Hills Creek, Lane County, bridge gave way while George Small, of Silver Lake, was driving a band of horses over it. Six were killed and three injured.

The owners of the Gipsy Queen mine, near Browntown, Douglas County, got $2300 recently out of a seam 23 feet long and but an inch and a half wide.

There are a number of cases of smallpox scattered over the Illinois Valley in Josephine County. There have been no deaths, but quite a smallpox scare.

There are numerous cattle buyers in Grant County buying on the basis of $18 and $18 50 for yearling steers, but find many growers reluctant to sell at such prices.

George Wulff, of Marshfield, while trying to cross the Coos Bay bar, was thrown into the water by his boat turning over. He clung to the craft for three hours, being rescued just in time to escape death.

The development work on the lands controlled by the Knappa Coal Company is progressing satisfactorily. The drill is down to a depth of 50 feet and a five-foot coal vein has been reached. When the bottom formation is reached an excellent prospect will doubtless be uncovered.

J. S. Diller is at Crater Lake, making a report on some features of the country for the scientific department of the Government. He was accompanied by an assistant and Burton Cunningham, of Fort Klamath, is assisting them with the plates from his photo camera. It will take a month to do the work.

Justice Stewart Wednesday fined J. C. Cowin $20 and costs, which amounted to $41, for selling trout out of season. Cowin was tried June 28, at which time the jury disagreed. A new trial was held July 2. After being out 10 minutes, the jury returned a verdict of guilty, and recommended the prisoner to the leniency of the Court.

FIRE-BUG VISITS OLYMPIA

ATTEMPTS MADE TO BURN TWO OR THREE BUILDINGS.

Structures Were Situated in the Business Part of the City.

OLYMPIA, July 5.—The three-day Fourth of July celebration in this city came to a close this evening. Besides the liveliness attendant upon the presence in the city of a large number of visitors, and the hilarity that goes with an occasion of this character, there have been no less than two and perhaps three attempts to fire buildings in the business district since Wednesday morning, and there is considerable alarm felt in consequence of the incendiary attempts. Early Wednesday morning a deliberate attempt was made to burn the old Pacific House, an untenanted building on lower Main street, but the timely discovery of the fire averted a large blaze. That evening a mysterious fire started in the rear of a saloon on Fourth street which the police allege was started by some person whose object cannot be fathomed. Last night at 10 o'clock a man was seen firing an old building used as a stable two blocks from the business center. After he had ignited some oiled waste and forced it into a hole in the side of the building, Chinese laundrymen saw him run from the scene. The fire was extinguished before any great amount of damage had been done. It will undoubtedly go hard with the firebug should he be caught.

EXPLANATION DON'T EXPLAIN.

Lawyer on Rogers' Statement About Women Commissioners to Buffalo.

VANCOUVER, Wash., July 5.—Governor Rogers has given out a statement to the press of Oregon and Washington, in which he asserts that the women commissioners to the Buffalo exposition were appointed by the director of the fair upon his recommendation; that the commissioners were never appointed by him, and with the failure of the Legislature to recognize them the matter rested. Mrs. M. L. T. Hidden, of Vancouver, was one of these commissioners, and since the Governor has given out his statement, has made public the following letter:

"Olympia, June 27.—Mrs. M. L. T. Hidden, Vancouver, Wash.—My Dear Madam: I send enclosed a short statement which my secretary has given to the Seattle Times for publication. I wish, in this connection, to assure you that nothing has emanated from the Governor's office to discredit your position in connection with the Pan-American Exposition. I had supposed, and in fact it was the general supposition throughout the state, that the Legislature would recognize your claims and make provision for yourself and Mrs. Barr by a legislative appropriation. When the Legislature refused, however, to make appropriation you were left in the lurch, not, however, with my countenance or assistance. I am sorry that matters have turned out as they have, and yet for the present there seems no remedy."

Allen Weir, who represented Mrs. Barr in the courts in the fight which she and Mrs. Hidden made for recognition by the state, gives out the following statement in the interest of his client:

"The foregoing letter, and the statement given out by the Governor, the latter saying the Legislature 'refused to recognize the ladies,' seem to be strange contributions to current literature. As a matter of fact, the Legislature did make ample provision for Mrs. Barr and Mrs. Hidden, providing in specific terms that their expenses should be paid out of the $25,000 appropriation carried in the law. This provision was the subject of litigation, and the Superior Court of Thurston County and the Supreme Court of the state both sustained the rights of the women thereunder. At the special session of the Legislature that portion of the law was repealed, apparently at the express request or demand of the Governor. The repealing act was promptly approved by the Executive a few hours after it was delivered at his office. I am reliably informed that when the repealing act was pending on final passage in the House of Representatives, Representative Merritt, who assumed to be spokesman for the Governor, asserted on the floor of the House, publicly, that the provision in the law providing for payment of the women's expenses had given the Governor more annoyance than anything else done by the Legislature at the regular session; and that the Governor especially desired that it be repealed. It has also been stated, so I am informed, by another member of the House, who voted against the repeal, that the provision was repealed because the Governor desired its repeal. If these statements are true, either the defense is lame, or else somebody assumed to represent the Executive without authority. The explanation sent out should be explained."

STEAMER FROM SKAGWAY.

Brought Eighty Passengers and $800,000 in Gold.

SEATTLE, July 5.—The steamship Dolphin arrived from Skagway today, with 80 passengers and $800,000 in gold. Of the latter, $500,000 was consigned to the Canadian Bank of Commerce, and $300,000 was divided up between about 20 Klondikers. A large shipment of gold, the second of the season by the St. Michael route, was shipped from Dawson June 29. It is to be brought from St. Michael on the Roanoke. About $1,000,000 of the amount is owned by the Northern American Trading & Transportation Company.

The Dolphin brings news of several drownings in the Yukon River. Al Rickstead and Dave Valentine were drowned by the overturning of their canoe a week ago Sunday. Last Monday an unknown San Francisco man and Phil Jordan met death below Lake Lebarge. Their canoe upset during a squall. The accident was witnessed by several persons, but they could make no efforts at rescue. They afterward notified the mounted police, and a search was instituted for the bodies, without success.

DISASTROUS FIRE AT WILBUR.

Caused by Explosion of Oil in Store —Loss $115,000.

WILBUR, Wash., July 5.—One of the most disastrous fire that ever occurred in Wilbur broke out in the basement of Hays' general merchandise store about 6 o'clock. The cause of the fire was an explosion of oil in the basement. The smoke was so dense that the firemen could not enter the building, the only fire protection being a bucket brigade and the water tank of M. E. & E. T. Hay. There was no loss of life, although several were injured. Two blocks have been destroyed and the fire still continues. The principal losses are as follows:

M. E. & E. T. Hay, $100,000, fully insured; J. H. Robertson, blacksmith, $4500, no insurance, and C. M. Carpenter's saloon and hotel, $6000, insurance $4000.

The Fourth at Kalama.

KALAMA, Wash., July 5.—The most interesting and successful celebration in the history of Kalama was held yesterday, July 4. Fully 2000 people were present. A large pavilion had been constructed in the flat near the Northern Pacific depot, and covered with fir boughs. The ball games, races, etc., were held in front of the pavilion. Judge J. C. Moreland, of Portland, delivered the oration. A large chorus of local singers rendered two National hymns, and the Kelso concert band furnished music.

The winners in the afternoon races were as follows:

Horse race, won by W. H. Poland's bay horse.

Bicycle race, first prize, Henry Stickel; second prize, Joseph Nelson.

Foot race, first prize, Harvey Taylor; second prize, Harry Summers.

In the ball game Catlin beat Kalama by a score of 14 to 6.

Soldier Injured by a Rocket.

VANCOUVER, Wash., July 5.—As a result of the careless firing of a skyrocket last evening a soldier of the Twenty-eighth Infantry was injured. The rocket was fired from the street curbing, and instead of taking an upward course it shot straight across Main street into a crowd gathered to watch the illuminations. The rocket grazed the arm of a woman, who fainted, and then it embedded its sharp point in the leg of a soldier, causing a painful wound.

To Superintend Lighthouse Work.

WASHINGTON, July 5.—The Secretary of the Treasury today appointed three superintendents of construction for the Thirteenth Lighthouse District, as follows: Lars Bergsvik, $175 per month; Josiah Peeper, $150 per month; Edward G. Worth, $150 per month. The superintendents will be employed in connection with the work on new lighthouses in Alaska.

Military Orders.

VANCOUVER BARRACKS, July 5.—Captain John S. Grisard, Seventh Infantry, who has been recruiting officer at Evansville, Ind., will be relieved July 15 and join his regiment at Vancouver Barracks. Major Frank F. Eastman, who is in the Philippines, has been assigned to the Twenty-eighth Infantry and is expected to arrive here shortly.

NEW INSTRUCTORS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF OREGON

W. L. Whittlesey.

E. D. RESSLER.

EUGENE, July 5.—Professor E. D. Ressler, who has just been elected as assistant professor in the department of philosophy and education at the University of Oregon, is a graduate of Otterbein College, Ohio, and has done special work in the Ohio State University. For the past four years he has ably filled the position at the University of Oregon, is a graduate When Professor Ressler began his work here there was no city high school, but he has succeeded in building up one, whose curriculum is second to none in the state. He will prove a valuable addition to the teaching corps of the university.

W. L. Whittlesey, a member of this year's graduating class at the university, will return next year to accept a position as tutor in the department of economics. Mr. Whittlesey was a member of the 'varsity debating team for four years. He was also closely identified with numerous other student enterprises, and his many friends are pleased to learn of his election. Mr. Whittlesey is 23 years old, and resides in Portland.

CAPTAIN WILLIS HONORED

APPOINTED LIEUTENANT IN THE REGULAR ARMY.

Served as Major in the Second Oregon Volunteers in the Philippines.

SALEM, Or., July 5.—Governor Geer today received notice from Acting Adjutant-General Thomas Ward that President McKinley has appointed Captain Percy Willis, of Salem, a Lieutenant in the regular Army. Orders have been issued to Captain Willis to appear for examination. Captain Willis, after serving seven years in the National Guard, served as Major of the Second Battalion, Second Oregon Volunteers, in the Philippines. Upon the return of the regiment he was appointed Captain of the Forty-fifth Infantry, serving with marked distinction in the Philippines until June 1, when the regiment returned to San Francisco to be mustered out. He was dismissed from the volunteer service a few weeks ago.

The appointment of Captain Willis to the regular Army is received with pleasure by all classes of citizens here. He was a merchant before going to the Philippines at the outbreak of the Spanish-American War. He is a nephew of the wife of Senator Morgan, of Alabama.

PLANS OF RAISIN ASSOCIATION.

President Kearney Discusses Them—Outlook for the Crop.

NEW YORK, July 5.—The Journal of Commerce says:

Theodore M. Kearney, president of the California Raisin-Growers' Association, sailed on the French line steamer La Champagne today for Europe to seek the benefits of the baths at Homburg. He expects to return about the middle of August. Before sailing he gave the following information regarding the plans of his association, the supply of raisins and the prospective demand:

"We had a large crop of raisins last year, and did not succeed in selling the whole of the crop. When the holiday trade was over, we had 1500 carloads unsold of the 4000 carloads raised. This year there is, of all sorts, about 300 cars for the trade to take over. To sum it up, the carry-over will be cleaned up before the new crop comes in.

"There has been some talk about the Raisin Association and Prune Association not being legally strong. Several suits were brought by the Prune Association people and the courts decided against them. There has been none brought by the Raisin-Growers' Association that we have lost, because we understand the contract better than the prune people and have therefore conducted our legal affairs in a more successful manner. But the idea has gone abroad that the growers are not bound by the arrangement, the Prune Association contract being the same as the raisin contract, and we have determined to get up a new arrangement and we are now asking our growers to sign leases. Every grower must lease his property to the association. The papers have been prepared, and we have incorporated under the laws of New Jersey instead of under the laws of California, and within the next 60 days I expect to have the crop secured by lease. In fact, under the new arrangement, the association will be the producer and the grower will simply be an employe. The association will be the owner of the crop. We are making a canvass for signatures to these papers, and by September 1 I believe all will have signed.

"Last year there was an exceptionally large crop, owing to the unusually dry weather. The season was so favorable that nearly every grower cured his crop instead of selling any to the wineries. I do not look for another such crop again for many years. The winery people are short of muscat wine, and as they could get no grapes to make muscat brandy, the price of that brandy has doubled in the last three months. They have been running on stocks of previous years as we have turned all our grapes into raisins instead of selling a portion to the wineries for brandy and wine purposes. This year, however, there is a great shortage in the wine crop of the state, owing to frosts. The result will be that few Bultana or Thompson seedless grapes will be turned into raisins, as the crop can be used for wine purposes. I expect liberal offers for some of our muscat crop of grapes from the wineries. This will also reduce the quantity that can be made into raisins the coming season. I think, therefore, that there will be only a moderate crop of raisins to be made this year. This year's crop has been considerably hurt by frosts, so the yield will not be any more than an average one this season."

GRANT'S PASS CELEBRATION ENDS.

Ball Games, Run by Hose Team and Horse Races Principal Features.

GRANT'S PASS, Or., July 5.—The second day of the celebration was as fine as yesterday, and the attendance undiminished. The first morning event was an exhibition wet-test run by the Eugene hose team, which made the excellent time of 0:54⅘. The ball game between Ashland and Grant's Pass for a $100 purse was very much one-sided, Grant's Pass won with a score of 9 to 0. Pitcher Martin repeated his good work of the day before, striking out 16 men, and not giving a base on balls in the two games. The early afternoon was taken up with horse races, the half-mile dash being won by Harry Lewis' bay horse Pergernot, from Hot Stuff, Bessie and Louis P. The quarter-mile dash was won by George Turpin's gray, Midget. Clipper and Manila also ran. The 300-yard dash for ponies ridden by boys was won by Bert Williams' bay pony. Ashland and Eugene played a seven-inning ball game at 2:30, with a score of 3 to 2 in favor of Ashland. All three of the ball games were good exhibitions, and were thoroughly enjoyed by the large crowds that attended. The town was generally decorated with evergreens and bunting. The whole celebration was a complete success.

MINT OFFICIALS SUSPENDED.

No Arrests, However, Have Been Made for Shortage of $30,000.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 5.—No arrests have been made in connection with the shortage of $30,000 in the mint, and speculation as to the real culprit is of a varied sort. So far, the Government officials who are working on the case have not divulged their theories, and if their suspicions have centered on any one man, they are not as yet prepared to place him under arrest. Cashier Cole and Chief Clerk Dimmick, of the mint, however, were suspended from duty today, pending the outcome of the investigation into the mysterious disappearance of $30,000 in gold coin from the cashier's working vault.

CARNEGIE MAKES AN OFFER.

$750,000 for Library Building at San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 5.—Mayor Phelan is in receipt of a letter from Andrew Carnegie, offering to give $750,000 to the City of San Francisco for a library building, providing the city furnishes a suitable site and appropriates $75,000 a year for maintenance. It may be, should the offer be accepted, that a number of branch libraries will be constructed in addition to a main building.

ROSSLAND MINERS STILL WORKING

Miners' Union Will Not Make Known Vote on Strike Proposition.

ROSSLAND, B. C., July 5.—All mines in Rossland camp are working today, with the exception of the Lerol, which will start Monday unless something unforeseen arises. The resumption has created a better feeling among business men, who feared a strike by the Miners' Union. The result of the vote of the union on the strike proposition is still known only to the executives of the union, who absolutely refuse to divulge the facts, even to old and tried members of the union. The feeling is general among miners that the strike has been voted down, and the continued reticence of union officials is said to confirm this opinion. Many miners say they are satisfied with conditions, and want steady work, as all are making good wages.

Fruit Crop Will Be Above Average.

MEDFORD, Or., July 5.—Fruit-growers who have made a careful examination of the orchards in this section report that there will be more than an average crop of apples, pears, peaches and plums, and that they will be fully up to the standard in both quantity and quality. The shipments of these fruits will begin about the latter part of August. A quantity of fruit will be dried here this season, and the fruit driers are being made ready for a large business. The principal shipments will consist of apples and pears.

Rogue River apples find a ready market, at top prices, in all the principal cities of the United States and Europe. Apples from Oiwell Bros.' orchard two and one-half miles from Medford, near Central Point, commanded the highest price paid for that fruit in the world last season.

Remedy for Black Spot.

State Horticultural Commissioner A. von Holderbek has demonstrated after a series of experiments in Thurston County that the dreaded black spot, one of the most disastrous of fruit pests in this state, can be effectively eradicated. The remedy is so simple that it seems almost absurd that the farmers have permitted their orchards to be ruined for nearly 10 years by the pest. The means by which the pest may be killed is to sprinkle lime on the soil, which in the localities where black spot is prevalent does not contain a sufficient percentage of potash. The contact of the lime with the soil produces a chemical result that establishes a nourishment which has heretofore been lacking.

Payment on Option for Light Plant.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 5.—It is stated on reliable authority that an Eastern syndicate has made a first payment of $20,000 on an option for the properties of the Equitable Gaslight and the Central Light & Power Companies of this city, which are closely allied corporations. The deal may involve more than $1,000,000. The syndicate is represented by William G. Payne, president of the Newport News, Va., Gas Company. He is quoted as saying that the buyers of the Central and Equitable are prepared to enlarge the plants and extend the territory, and, if necessary, to carry on a prolonged fight to obtain complete control of the local light and power situation.

Gray's Harbor Logging Situation.

ABERDEEN, Wash., July 5.—A. F. Coats, a well-known lumberman, says of the logging situation on Gray's Harbor:

"The price of logs at present is as low as it has always been at this season, but in 60 days everything will be all right, all of the camps will be running again, and the price will be satisfactory. Last year about this time I had 10,000,000 feet, and I sold them all within six weeks. The Wishkah Boom Company will start soon after the Fourth to build a series of dams on the Wishkah, which have been greatly needed to move the crop of logs tied up for want of water."

Idaho Telephone Line.

BOISE, Idaho, July 5.—The Gold Belt line, being constructed by the Rocky Mountain Bell Telephone Company, which is to connect Boise with Hailey, Pocatello, Butte, Salt Lake and the main system of the company, has been completed as far as Corral. This line is being built entirely of No. 8 copper wire, being one of the finest in the United States. The branch to be built into the Huston and Salmon City country will give this city communication with sections where there is great activity.

Extradition Ordered.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 5.—United States Court Commissioner Heacock has ordered the extradition of Harry Vollars and Eugene Strombough, the first of whom is under indictment of a Federal grand jury of Juneau, Alaska, for counterfeiting, and the second of whom has been indicted for murdering Mike Marshall in Indian Territory. Vollars will be taken to Juneau for trial, and Strombough to McAlester, I. T.

Quarters for Text-Book Commission.

SALEM, Or., July 5.—The Oregon Text-Book Commission will meet here next Monday to select text-books to be used in the public schools for the next six years. The Commissioners will hold their sessions in the two rooms in the southeast corner of the Capitol, on the first floor. Secretary of State Dunbar had the rooms fitted up today, and they will be as pleasant and cool as any in the building. The commission will be in session not to exceed 15 days. It is expected that about 15 agents of text-book publishing houses will be present to urge the merits of their books.

Delinquent Tax Returns.

ASTORIA, July 5.—The Sheriff of Clatsop County has filed with the County Court his return on the 1900 delinquent tax roll. The full amount of the roll was $24,169 52, and the credits on same are as follows: Collected in cash, $10,561 64; collected in warrants, $4251 80; collected by sales, $706 33; overcharges, $589 52; errors and double assessments, $583 37; sold to county, $1311 95; still delinquent, $225 21.

Secret Service Officer Sent to Mint.

WASHINGTON, July 5.—Chief of the Secret Service Wilkie today detailed an officer of that service to assist in investigating the theft of money at the San Francisco mint. This action was taken upon the telegraphic request of Director of the Mint Roberts, who is at present in San Francisco.

Salem Talent Puts on Play.

SALEM, Or., July 5.—The play "Lost in New York," given by home talent at the Temple Grand Opera-House in this city to-night, was a success. The play was given for the purpose of raising funds with which to purchase uniforms for the Salem Military Band. Miss Margaret Lewis, of Chicago, drilled the players.

Reserve Agents of Washington Bank

WASHINGTON, July 5.—The Controller of the Currency today designated the Continental National Bank of Chicago and the San Francisco National Bank, of California, as reserve agents of the Citizens' National Bank, of Fairhaven, Wash.

"Rex Imperator."

SOUTH BEND, Wash., July 5.—(To the Editor.) Will you please inform me, through your valuable paper, the meaning of the two letters, "R. I.," under King Edward VIII's signature? R. G.

Washington Notes.

Ferndale has decided to refuse the granting of saloon licenses.

Tacoma will have 10 months of school next year, with two weeks' vacation at Christmas holidays and one week at Easter.

Nearly all the Chinamen who are to work in the canneries at Fairhaven this season have arrived. The number will not reach two-thirds of that of last year.

Four combined harvesters have been unloaded at Waitsburg in the last few days. They go to Price Brothers, Fred Aldrich, Walt Woods and Bud Fine. The machines cost about $2000 each.

Next Monday will be an important day in Walla Walla's history, as the result of that day's election may be the first step in bringing necessary and desirable municipal reforms, or it may be the introduction to a "wide-open" policy.

The report of the customs office at Port Townsend for the month of June shows that 79 Chinese sought to gain entrance to the United States through that port. Of these, 38 were turned back, 41 being allowed to enter. This is the largest number ever rejected, in proportion to the applications, by the Puget Sound district.

Cornelius Lyman, Commissioner of Columbia County, resigned Tuesday, owing to a difference of opinion with the remaining Commissioners, R. A. Jackson and Alex Duffy. A bill was presented by a man named Huntley, of Waitsburg, for $150 for road supervising. Lyman held out against paying it until checked up. The other Commissioners thought it should be paid. Mr. Lyman's resignation came next day.

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