SALARIES WERE RAISED

WORK OF AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE PROFESSORS OUTLINED.

Regents Elected J. K. Weatherford President of Board—Appreciation of Work of Capt. Apperson.

CORVALLIS, July 18.—At a meeting of the Board of Regents of the State Agricultural College, concluded late last night, there was an election of officers to serve two years, a readjustment of the salary list, a transfer of positions between Professors Horner and Berchtold, a segregation of station and college work and other changes. The members present were: President Apperson and Governor Geer, Secretary of State Dunbar, and Regents Weatherford, Irvine, Killin, Daly, Keady, Yates, Olwell, Church and Master of the State Grange Leady.

J. K. Weatherford was elected president, John D. Daly secretary, and B. F. Irvine treasurer, all by acclamation. The position of dean of the college was abolished, and Professor Berchtold, who has held the position since it was established, during the administration of H. B. Miller as president, was made professor of English, while Professor Horner, who has occupied the chair of English for a number of years, was made professor of Latin and history, duties long discharged by Professor Berchtold. A department of vocal and instrumental music was created, the salary of the instructor to be $600 per year, half to be raised by the collection of a fee for instruction. The instructor will be chosen by the president of the college and the president of the board.

In the segregation of station and college work, Professor Knisely, Professor Cordley and Professor Pernot were assigned to exclusive work in the experiment station, and Professor Lake, Professor John Fulton and Mr. McElfresh were similarly assigned in the college. In the station Professor Knisely will be chief chemist, Professor Cordley entomologist, and Professor Pernot, bacteriologist. In the college, Professor Lake will be professor of botany and horticulture, Professor Fulton at the head of the chemical department, and Mr. McElfresh instructor in entomology. The change is in order to give station men better opportunity for original investigation, and college men better opportunity to serve their classes faithfully.

In response to a request of the State Grange, and the recommendation of State Superintendent Ackerman, a committee was appointed to further the movement to secure the introduction of nature studies in the public schools of the state. The plan recommended by the State Grange is fashioned after the system in vogue in the State of New York under the direction of Cornell University. Of the special committee appointed by the board, the president of the college and the master of the State Grange are members.

Captain Aperson Honored.

The board by rising vote unanimously adopted resolutions prepared by Keady, Dunbar and Irvine, expressing appreciation of the services of Captain Apperson as president of the board for three successive terms of two years each, during which time the college enjoyed a wonderful growth. A copy of the resolutions was ordered engrossed and sent to the retiring president. President Apperson was also, by vote of the board, requested to prepare a history of the institution from its beginning to the present time. A committee was appointed to prepare suitable resolutions on the death of Professor E. B. McElroy, who was for several years a member of the faculty, and for 12 years an ex-officio member of the Board of Regents of the college.

The secretary was instructed to secure a photo of ex-Governor Pennoyer, and of Captain Apperson to be placed in the college building, both being ex-presidents of the Board of Regents. The other expresident of the board since its organization under the Morrell and Hatch acts in 1889, was the late William S. Ladd, whose picture is in the building.

The sum of $56,400 was appropriated for the payment of salaries and current expenses for the current year. The sum is based on an estimated income based on the treasurer's reports of expenditures for the past fiscal year. The estimated income is about $59,000.

By unanimous vote, the board referred the matter of inter-collegiate athletics to the president of the college and the president of the board, with power to act, provided the assent of all the leading colleges could be secured for a reform of rules that will do away with professionalism and confine games to pure inter-collegiate contests.

The president of the college reported the failure of the special committee appointed for the purpose to secure a Regular Army officer as commandant, and Major F. E. Edwards was continued in the position in addition to his duties as instructor in chemistry.

A letter from Miss Dorothea Nash, on a year's leave of absence in London, where she is pursuing musical studies, was read, in which she tendered her resignation as an instructor in the college.

Committees for the ensuing two years were selected as follows: Executive, Weatherford, Daly, Apperson, Leady and Keady; college, Irvine, Keady and Church; station, Killin, Yates and Olwell; finance, Apperson, Yates and Leady.

New Salary List.

In the readjustment of the salary list the following was the result:

Name and position.	—Salary— Old	New.
Thos. M. Gatch, pres. and director	$3000	$3000
James Withycombe, vice-director	2000	2000
F. L. Kent, instructor in dairying	1000	1080
T. H. Crawford, clerk and pur. agt.	1200	1320
G. B. Keady, printing department	1000	1000
A. L. Knisely, station chemist	1700	1700
John Fulton, ass't prof. chemistry	1200	1284
C. M. McKellips, pharmacist	900	1080
Frank E. Edwards, ass't chemist	700	780
E. R. Lake, professor botany	1500	1600
Geo. Coote, professor of agriculture	1000	1080
A. B. Cordley, entomologist	1500	1600
E. F. Pernot, bacteriologist	1200	1320
John D. Daly, secretary of board	500	600
B. F. Irvine, treasurer of board	400	500
J. P. Paterson, physical culture	...	780
F. Berchtold, professor of English	1800	1600
Ellen J. Chamberlin, German and history	1500	1200
G. V. Skelton, mathematics	1500	1600
C. L. Johnson, ass't mathematics	900	1020
G. A. Covell, prof. of mechanics	1500	1600
E. C. Hayward, elec. engineering	900	1020
D. W. Pritchard, ins. in woodwork	720	780
M. C. Phillips, ins. in ironwork	720	820
J. P. Horner, Latin and history	1500	1600
Ida B. Callahan, ins. in English	1000	1080
Margaret C. Snell, househ'd science	1500	1200
Mary Avery, ins. in dressmaking	360	500
Helen V. Crawford, elocution	1000	1000
F. M. McElfresh, ins. entomology	600	720
F. D. McLouth, drawing	600	720
Helen Holgate, stenographer	300	480

FEW WORDS ABOUT BOISE.

The City Where the International Mining Congress Is to Be Held.

BOISE CITY, Idaho, July 18.—The next, and fourth annual session of the International Mining Congress will be held at Boise, Idaho, July 23-25, and since Boise is now coming into prominence as the mining, commercial, manufacturing and financial center of one of the greatest mining regions of the world, a slight description of its resources and advantages, and those of its greater foundation, the State of Idaho, is not out of place.

Boise City is the capital and the metropolis of Idaho. It is 505 miles from Portland, at the head of deep-sea navigation. It is situated in the upper part of the valley of the Boise River, a wide and rapid stream, with a fall of 15 feet to the mile. Its location is superb. The stately mountains about it rise to an altitude of 12,500 feet.

Boise is a city of attractive homes, prosperous and up-to-date business houses, comfortable and well-appointed hotels, fine schools, beautiful public buildings, electric light plant, Opera House, theater—the finest in the Northwest—paved streets, electric street-car service, Eden Home, a sanitarium, and a water system so perfect as to leave nothing by way of improvement to be desired. Well has it been said, by James L. Onderdonk, in his description of Idaho: "The trapper's trail has been followed in this direction by the emigrant's wagon, and both have been overtaken by the modern railway, and Boise is now within easier reach of Washington City than was Boston two generations ago."

It is within the memory of man when prominent statesmen declared that no scheme could be more visionary than that of an internal commerce between the Hudson and the Columbia. It was solemnly declared in the halls of Congress that "the God of Nature had interposed obstacles to this connection which neither the enterprise nor the science of this or any other age could overcome." Scarcely two generations have passed since these utterances were made, yet enterprise and science have leveled these apparently insuperable obstacles.

For the benefit of delegates and their friends, attending the coming session of the Mining Congress in Boise, it is suggested that they bring their kodaks with them, as they will find the scenic features of the state highly attractive. In addition to the mineral display, there will be fine displays of fruits and flowers from California.

CHAUTAUQUA CLOSES.

Ashland Meeting Was a Great Success in Every Way.

ASHLAND, July 18.—The ninth annual assembly of the Southern Oregon Chautauqua, which closed this evening with a grand musical and literary entertainment, was one of the most pronounced successes in the history of the association. The uniform attendance at both day and night sessions has never been exceeded, and the receipts show, after all running expenses have been paid, a profit of about $300. At the annual business meeting the following were elected as officers for the coming assembly year: President, G. F. Billings; vice-president, N. H. Clayton; secretary, T. A. Hayes; treasurer, F. H. Carter; vice-presidents, I. Sherman, of Talent; Miss Emma Coleman, Phoenix; H. C. Kinney, Grant's Pass; R. T. Lawton, Medford; Mrs. S. Whittle, Central Point; L. F. Willits, Klamath Falls; Miss Lillie Julian, Yreka.

Nine years ago, when the association was formed, a bonded debt of $2400 was contracted, and the proposition came up before a business meeting Tuesday, to try and wipe this debt out by popular subscription. The matter was put before the people, and $1800 of the amount was pledged in a short time, with the agreement that the amounts would not be paid unless the whole sum was raised. There is every probability that the entire sum will be forthcoming. The tabernacle was not large enough to accommodate the crowds the last few nights of the session. At tonight's entertainment an elaborate programme was carried out, the entertainment being rendered by Mrs. W. J. Whiteman, contralto; Mrs. E. C. Brooks, soprano; Mrs. Alice Hamill Handcock, elocutionist; Miss Mary Silsby and Miss Aleen Weber, accompanists.

MORE FISH COMING.

Indications Are This Will Not Be a Bad Season, After All.

ASTORIA, July 18.—The run of fish continues to show a slight increase over previous days, and the gillnetters are getting their just proportion. No branch of the industry engaged in the preparation of the fish for the market is blocked or could not handle more fish if they had to, but all are busy, and if the present run should continue the present season will not be considerd a bad one.

Fish Thrown Overboard.

The deep-sea fishing schooner Jessie arrived down the river this morning from Portland, and on the way threw overboard 14,000 pounds of halibut and black cod. The schooner will be thoroughly overhauled before going into commission again.

Arrested for Illegal Fishing.

John Hannon, a fisherman working for S. Schmidt & Co., was arrested this afternoon by Deputy Fish Warden Bultman while in the act of fishing without a license, and having no number on his boat. After being arraigned before a Justice he was released on bonds to appear for trial next Wednesday.

North Yakima Brevities.

NORTH YAKIMA, Wash., July 18.—A. R. Jolley, of Mineral Point, Wis., has been elected superintendent of the Yakima schools, to succeed C. W. McCurdy, resigned. Mr. Jolley has been superintendent at Mineral Point for the last 11 years.

The Modern Woodmen of Yakima County are arranging for a log-rolling at this place July 26. Delegations are expected from Zillah, Toppenish, Sunnyside, Kiona, Goldendale, Parker, Prosser, Bickleton, Ellensburg, Thorpe, Cle-Elum, Roslyn, Easton, Swauk Prairie, Wenatchee, and other points.

Orland Beck, County Fruit Inspector, has been asked to prepare an exhibit of Yakima fruit for the Elks' carnival at Tacoma next month. He promises to make the Yakima fruit display one of the features of the carnival.

Rev. Hamilton M. Bartlett, of St. Michael's Church, of this city, will go East this Fall on business for the church, and while absent he expects to interview Andrew Carnegie, on the subject of a contribution for the North Yakima library. Mr. Bartlett expects to be able to report a donation of $25,000 on his return.

The strange antics of the horses in several barns in the south part of town for several nights past, and peculiar marks upon their backs found immediately afterwards have caused considerable wonderment on the part of owners. Today the mystery was solved by the capture in a tree near one of the barns where the disturbances have occurred of two small monkeys. It is said that the animals escaped from their cages while a traveling show was here the other day.

Boat and Nets for Hatchery.

OREGON CITY, July 18.—Cyrus Crumbley, superintendent of the Upper Clackamas hatchery, left this morning with a boat and nets to be used in catching salmon at the new hatchery station now being put in at the north fork of the Clackamas River. This new hatchery is 30 miles this side of the main hatchery, and situated only three miles from the terminus of the wagon road. From that point the boat will be hauled in over the mountain trail. The hatchery will be ready for this season's catch. Fish Warden Van Dusen has prepared plans for a wagon road to be built to the lower hatchery.

Northwest Pensions.

WASHINGTON, July 14.—Pensions have been granted as follows:

Oregon—Original—Samuel P. McKee, Portland, $6; John Storan, Portland, $6. Increase—Clark T. Ryckman, Clackamas, $17. Original widows, etc.—Frederica D. Fry, Mount Vernon, $8.

Washington—Original—Frank P. Connele, Tekoa, $6; Harvey J. Burkett, White Salmon, $6; William W. French, Seattle, $12. Additional—Cyrus S. Bondurant, Orting, $10. Increase—William Fannin, Steilacoom, $10.

Idaho—Increase—Jesse Rice, Blackfoot, $8.

Good Yield of Barley.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., July 18.—Fred Stine, who owns a fine ranch over in Umatilla County, near the state line, reports that he has finished harvesting 56 acres of barley, with a combined harvester, and that the product was 4692 1-3 bushels, or an average of 83 bushels and 38 pounds an acre.

Capital City Brevities.

SALEM, July 18.—The County Court today let a contract to J. E. McCoy at $1126 for building a bridge across Pudding River between Howell and Mount Angel.

James Gill, of Portland, is negotiating for the purchase of the Salem Iron Works.

WHAT HOPS SHOULD BRING

CHOICE OREGON PRODUCT WORTH AT LEAST 15 CENTS.

Prominent Buyer Says Supply of Brewers and Dealers Was Never So Short as Now.

SALEM, July 18.—"Fifteen cents was paid for hops in Oregon last year, and this year higher prices should prevail." This is the opinion expressed by H. J. Ottenheimer, representative of Lilienthal Bros., who has recently returned from a trip to New York and other Eastern points. Mr. Ottenheimer bases his opinion upon the fact that the supply of hops in the hands of dealers and brewers was never so light as at present, and that the consumption of beer is steadily increasing. His observation, while in the East, was that brewers have on hand only enough hops to carry them until the 1901 crop is available, and but few have any reserve stock.

"Notwithstanding the light stock on hand," continued Mr. Ottenheimer, "some dealers have already sold hops to brewers for future delivery at a price that is far below what they can be bought for from growers on the Coast; and at a price that does not seem to be justified by existing conditions.

"It is perfectly legitimate for dealers to sell the crop short, but it is equally legitimate for the growers to obtain all they can for their product, and if they will remain firm this year, there is no question but what they will get more for their hops than last year, in which event it is certain that some dealers who have sold short will get badly pinched.

"The stock of hops in growers' and dealers' hands on the Pacific Coast is entirely exhausted, with the exception of about 500 bales, whereas a year ago there was fully 10,000 bales of hops in Oregon alone, and most of these were of an inferior quality and impossible to sell at over 3 cents a pound, yet before the new crop was fairly in bale, they sold at 10 cents freely, until there was not a bale left.

Few Hops on Hand.

"A year ago on the first day of July there was 13,500 bales of hops on the Coast, while today there is less than 500 bales in the same territory. Assuming that the coming crop in the United States will be 20,000 bales more than last year, this increase is offset by the light carryover stocks; in fact, if the proportion is the same in the East, which it undoubtedly is, then the amount of available hops for the coming season is much less than last year.

"Fifteen cents was freely paid last year in Oregon, and with less hops this year, higher prices should prevail, especially when we take into consideration the important fact that the consumption of beer is continually on the increase.

"The production of beer in the United States for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1900, was 39,330,000 barrels, which was an increase of 2,765,000 barrels over the year previous, and in the same ratio the output for the fiscal year just ended was 42,000,000 barrels, and for the coming fiscal year, with the same increase, the production of beer should equal almost 45,000,000 barrels.

"It is generally conceded that brewers use a pound of hops to the barrel, yet at their last convention, held at Buffalo in the early part of June, the brewers admitted a consumption of 1 1-10 pounds of hops to the barrel. A committee appointed for the purpose of ascertaining the amount of hops used to the barrel reported that out of 39,330,000 barrels of beer produced in the year ending June 30, 1900, their compilation accounted for 21,480,517 barrels of malt liquors, in the manufacture of which the brewers used 22,998,476 pounds of hops. Furthermore, their figures were obtained from the larger brewers. The small brewers, as a rule, do not belong to the association, and they are the ones who use more hops to the barrel, so that if the report could be obtained from all the brewers, it would show a larger consumption of hops than 1 1-10 pounds to the barrel. However, for the sake of argument, we will admit a consumption of only one pound of hops; then the brewers of the United States will require 45,000,000 pounds of hops to brew their beer for the coming year. At 185 pounds net weight to the bale, this means a consumption of 240,000 bales of hops; but, assuming there is no increase in the production of beer, at 42,000,000 barrels, the consumption will be in the neighborhood of 225,00 bales.

Shortage Is Probable.

"Last year 210,000 bales of hops were produced in the United States, and assuming that 20,000 bales more will be produced, this season, there will be 230,000 bales of hops. England always takes from 70,000 to 90,000 bales, and if it only takes 70,000 bales, it will leave 160,000 bales for consumption in the United States, as against requirements of at least 225,000 bales. A shortage of 65,000 bales is therefore staring this country in the face, and yet some people are talking 10 cents per pound, when from a statistical point of view hops should be double that figure. In the meantime, should anything happen to growing crops either in America, England or the Continent, growers should not be surprised to see prices go skyward.

"Oregon produced the best hops that were grown in America last year, and present indications point to a crop equally as good if not better, and if the Oregon grower will spray industriously when necessary, and exercise care in the curing of his hops, he will certainly get better prices than last year. There is a demand for choice Oregon hops, both at home and in England, and no matter what others sell their hops at, choice Oregon hops will command the top market price. This year all that the grower has to do is to remain reasonably firm, and not rush his hops on the market.

"Last year our confidence in the outcome of the hop crop was so great that we offered to finance the Oregon Hopgrowers' Association if a pool of hops could be formed. This year our confidence in the Oregon hop is such that we would be willing to finance individual growers so that they need not contract hops at any stipulated price. Heretofore growers have found difficulty in securing money with which to harvest their hops. With the more advantageous conditions this year, there is no reason why growers should not obtain considerably more for their hops than they did last year."

Farmers Deem Rates Too High.

BAKER CITY, July 18.—Trouble is brewing between the farmers and threshing-machine owners in Baker County. The threshing-machine owners have decided to increase the charge for threshing grain. The charge for oats or barley will be three cents per bushel, and four cents for wheat. The farmers consider this too high in face of the fact that the yield does not promise to be as good as usual. The farmers threaten to purchase threshers and engage in the business themselves.

Banner Hay Crop in Linn.

ALBANY, July 18.—Linn County's largest crop this year is hay. It is the largest in the history of the county, and the farmers have been taxed to secure sufficient help to save it. The immense crop has lowered the price, and the best quality is selling for from $3 to $3 50 loose delivered.

Sale of Damaged Wheat.

MEDFORD, July 18.—Between 7000 and 8000 bushels of wheat, which sold from 25 to 45 cents, were saved from the fire which destroyed the Cox & Perry warehouse here a few days ago. The warehouse would be rebuilt in time to house this year's wheat crop, but the material cannot be secured.

Hopyard Sold.

SALEM, July 18.—The Beardsley hopyard, at Eola, comprising 47 acres, was sold to H. P. McNary and J. W. Hodson today for $5500. The property belonged to the firm of Williams & England, and was sold by the receiver, W. T. Slater. It is considered one of the best hopyards in Polk County.

CELEBRATION FUND STARTED.

Salem Has $37 Left Over From Battle-Ship Oregon Flag Event.

SALEM, July 18.—The committee having in charge the raising of money with which to defray the expenses of the presentation of the colors of the battle-ship Oregon to the State of Oregon made a report today showing a balance of $37 on hand. The finance committee was composed of H. D. Patton, Jefferson Myers and Frank Davey. Their success, as evidenced by the balance on hand, receives much favorable comment. The citizens of Salem paid the transportation expenses of the four sailors who brought the Oregon's colors to Salem, and all the expenses of an elaborate entertainment for the state's honored guests. While this was an event of statewide interest, the expenses were cheerfully borne by the citizens of Salem.

The report of this balance on hand is made the occasion for the establishment of a new rule regarding such funds. The balance on hand is to be placed in a bank, subject to the check of the chairman of the next committee appointed to arrange for a public function. It is impracticable to return the money pro rata to the donors, and by this means it will be ultimately used for a purpose similar to that for which it was given.

Irrigation Canal to Be Extended.

NORTH YAKIMA, July 18.—Manager Walter M. Granger, of the Washington Irrigation Company, says the company has begun the survey for an extension of the Sunnyside irrigation canal toward Prosser, and that construction work will commence in a short time. Mr. Granger refused to say whether it is the intention of the company to continue the canal into the lower valley for any great distance, either now or in the future.

Move to Get "Panhandle" Records.

BAKER CITY, July 18.—Judge Ellis has notified District Attorney Sam White to prepare a writ of mandate to be directed to the County Clerk of Union County, requiring him to at once prepare the transcript of the county records, showing the amount of taxes collected in the "Panhandle" district for the year 1900, and to prepare other records necessary for the complete transfer of the territory to Baker County.

Bold Work of Thieves.

CENTRALIA, July 18.—Thieves entered the jewelry store of Henderson Bros. yesterday, between 12 and 1 o'clock, noon, and took about $500 worth of jewelry. Beyond the fact that two strange men were seen boarding an outgoing freight, no clue has been found. The police have been notified in both directions.

Hay Crop About All In.

CENTRALIA, July 18.—The hay crop has been large here this season, and is pretty well all harvested. The weather has been as favorable as could be desired. Prices are good.

THE NEW PRIOR OF THE BENEDICTINE FATHERS.

REV. THOMAS MEIENHOFER.

MT. ANGEL, July 17.—At an election, held under the presidency of Right Rev. Abbot Frowin, of Conception, Mo., Rev. Thomas Meienhofer, O. S. B., was elected prior of the Benedictine Fathers at Mt. Angel. Father Thomas has been connected with the Benedictines of Mt. Angel for the last 13 years, but is still in the prime of life. He is one of the most brilliant professors of Mt. Angel College, and taught, during the last year, the graduating class in Latin, biology and astronomy. He also enjoys a great reputation as an orator. He makes hosts of friends wherever he goes. His great learning, together with his inborn tact of governing men, bespeak an era of great luster and prosperity for Mt. Angel College.

LOST IN THE WILDERNESS

BOY WHO STARTED TO MAKE ASCENT OF MOUNT ST. HELENS.

Left Companions to Come Down Last Sunday—Searching Party Leaves Vancouver.

VANCOUVER, Wash., July 18.—Abe Goldstein, the 17-year-old son of I. Goldstein, of this place, is lost in the wilderness at the base of Mount St. Helens. A searching party has gone from this place. It consists of I. Goldstein, the lost boy's father, S. P. White, Joseph Swartz and Ira Biesecker. White and Biesecker are familiar with the country near the mountain, White having prospected in that section for a number of years, and Biesecker having acted as guide for tourists to the summit of the mountain many times.

At the time young Goldstein disappeared from the camping party Sunday, he had in his possession a can of beef and a small quantity of bread. According to the story of J. Pritchard and James Rice, the members of the camping party, who covered the distance of 60 miles from their camp to this city on foot to secure assistance, young Goldstein started out Sunday morning with two members of the camping party, James Rice and Sutton, to make a partial ascent of the mountain. When they had gone about one and a half miles, young Goldstein, who was in poor health, complained of feeling badly and started back to camp. In the meantime the other members of the party, James Waggoner, J. W. Rice and Stafford, had left the camp in another direction. As none of the party returned to camp until Sunday evening, Goldstein's absence was not noticed until all had arrived, each party supposing he was with the other.

The Goldsteins are comparative strangers in Vancouver, having come here in July from Portland when Mr. Goldstein went into business.

S. F. Murray, who lives on the Spillei, and who was in Portland yesterday, received a telephone message from his wife, who had ridden out to Woodland, on Lewis River, requesting him to come home at once, and join in the search for young Goldstein. She said he had been tracked to a glacier, and it was supposed he had fallen into a crevice or gone over the edge of the glacier. Mr. Murray left for home yesterday afternoon. He is well acquainted with the country around Mount St. Helens.

VANCOUVER IS PROSPEROUS.

Number of Large Improvements Being Made Thereabout.

VANCOUVER, Wash., July 18.—With one railroad building and the contract let for another; with two large fruit-packing houses, a new wharf and dock, and a dozen or more neat dwellings under course of construction, the ordinarily quiet town of Vancouver is at present showing decided signs of prosperity and advancement. In addition to the two packing houses being erected by the Porter Brothers Company, and L. B. Clough, the prospects of a large prune crop have made it necessary for prune-growers to provide greatly increased facilities for drying their fruit. As a consequence, a large number of new fruit dryers are being erected throughout the county. One conservative fruit man, who is well informed in regard to the prune industry, estimated the present number of dryers in the county to be about 80. That number, he estimated, would not furnish capacity sufficient to handle more than half of this year's crop. From the best information obtainable, upwards of 40 or 50 orchardists will build new dryers. A. Quarnburg, of Fruit Valley, who has secured a patent for a dryer, states that he has secured contracts for 25 dryers in Clark County. Fifty thousand dollars is considered a conservative estimate of the amount of capital which will be invested in the building of fruit dryers in Clark County within the next 60 days.

The Swiss Company, which recently secured concession from citizens here for a condensed milk factory, to be operated in the property on Eighth street, known as the Force Park Packing House, is installing the machinery for the new plant, and expects to begin operations in a short time.

BERTHOLF HEARD FROM.

Lieutenant in Siberia to Get Reindeer for Alaska.

WASHINGTON, July 18.—The Interior Department has received a long letter from Lieutenant E. P. Bertholf, the revenue cutter officer detailed to go to Siberia to purchase reindeer for Alaska. The letter is dated Okholsk, Siberia, April 21, and Lieutenant Bertholf tells of his journey through snow-bound regions to that place. There has been some talk of the possibility of Lieutenant Bertholf being destitute, and the letter from him was a relief to official minds.

The Lieutenant says his plan at that time was to buy what reindeer he could and go to Vladivostock, where he would charter a steamer to take him to Port Clarence, on the Alaska Coast. There, it is presumed, the Interior Department will advise him what to do with his reindeer. Bertholf writes that a Russian with whom he talked is willing to make a contract to furnish this Government 500 or 1000 reindeer to be delivered from a point in Siberia in 1902. Mr. Bertholf thinks this would be the best way to secure any large number of animals.

When Lieutenant Bertholf left here the understanding with him was the revenue cutter Bear would meet him at a point on the Siberian coast if possible, and that if the vessel did not reach there, Lieutenant Bertholf was to find the way out the best way possible. The Bear left Seattle only a few days ago for Behring Sea, and will not be able owing to the late start, to go to the Siberian coast at all.

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$1. All druggists. J. C. AYER CO., Lowell, Mass.

RICH COPPER STRIKE.

Prospect Near Sparta May Turn Out to Be a Great Mine.

BAKER CITY, July 18.—John Stack, a sheepherder, found a piece of rock which showed strong copper stains, 10 miles north of Sparta, about a week ago. He brought the specimen to this city and showed it to Val Bildner, who became interested in the find and went out with Stack to the place where he found the sample, which is about 50 miles from Baker City. The outcrop of the ledge from which the specimen came was found without difficulty. A prospect hole was sunk down on the ledge for nine feet, and a well-defined vein of pretty copper ore was uncovered. The ore goes from 20 to 30 per cent copper. Some specimens brought in and exhibited today contain peacock ore, which is exceedingly rich. The vein is about two feet wide at the point where the men left off digging, but it is not all so rich as the best samples selected, and it is not known if there is any great quantity of the ore to be found. In order to test the matter, some men will be put to work at once sinking a shaft on the ledge. If it proves to be one-fourth as rich as the samples found, and there is a large quantity of ore to be had, it will be the richest thing in copper in all of Eastern Oregon.

Quotations of Mining Stocks.

SPOKANE, July 18.—The closing quotations of mining stocks today were:

	Bid.	Ask.		Bid.	Ask.
Amer. Boy	6½	6¾	Morrison	3⅜	3½
Blacktail	10½	10¾	Prin. Maud	1½	1¾
Butte & Bos.	1	1¼	Quilp	20½	26
Crystal	5¼	6¼	Ramb. Car	38¼	39¼
Conjecture	4½	5¼	Republic	3½	5½
Deer Trail	2⅝	2¾	Reservation	2	2¾
Dewey	2½	...	Ross. Giant	2½	3⅝
Gold Ledge	1⅝	1¾	Sullivan	1	3
L. P. Surp.	5¼	6¼	Tom Thumb	12½	13¾
Morn. Glory	3⅝	3⅞	Wonderful	3½	4

SAN FRANCISCO, July 18.—Official closing quotations of mining stocks:

Alta	$0 04	Mexican	$0 15
Andes	3	Occidental Con	3
Belcher*	7	Ophir	66
Best & Belcher	18	Overman	15
Caledonia	36	Potosi	5
Challenge Con	22	Savage	6
Chollar	6	Sierra Nevada	16
Confidence	87	Silver Hill	25
Con. Cal. & Va.	2 00	Standard	3 50
Crown Point	8	Union Con	14
Gould & Curry	12	Utah Con	1
Hale & Norcross	20	Yellow Jacket	15

NEW YORK, July 18.—Mining stocks today closed as follows:

Adams Con	$0 20	Little Chief	$0 13
Alice	44	Ontario	9 50
Breece	1 45	Ophir	58
Brunswick Con	13	Phoenix	10
Comstock Tunnel	6	Potosi	3
Con. Cal. & Va.	1 90	Savage	4
Deadwood Terra	50	Sierra Nevada	15
Horn Silver	35	Small Hopes	45
Iron Silver	60	Standard	3 25
Leadville Con	5		

BOSTON, July 18.—Closing quotations:

Adventure	$ 27 50	Osceola	$ 90 00
Bing. Min. Co.	25 00	Parrott	52 50
Amal. Copper	117 37	Quincy	175 00
Atlantic	37 00	Santa Fe	6 50
Cal. & Hecla	780 00	Tamarack	347 00
Centennial	27 75	Utah Mining	30 00
Franklin	117 50	Winona	2 50
Humboldt	25 00	Wolverines	59 00

TRADE WITH ORIENT CHECKED.

Effect of American-Russian Dispute, Says Samuel Hill.

SEATTLE, July 18.—Samuel Hill, third vice-president of the Great Northern Railroad, arrived here yesterday from the Orient, after completing a trip around the world. He traveled from Moscow, Russia, across the trans-Siberian Railroad to Vladivostock, and later visited Nagasaki, Yokohama and other Oriental ports. He declared he found the products of Washington, Oregon, California and Alaska 1000 miles in the interior of Siberia. American trade relations, he asserts, have been seriously crippled with Russia, owing to the action of the American Government, although, he added, that the general disposition of Russians is to welcome American products.

The primary object of the journey was the creation of trade connections in the Orient by which the Great Northern might become the beneficiary, this being one of the favorite enterprises of the railway in question through its Japanese steamship connections. Mr. Hill asserts that there is an ever-growing and thriving trade between the Pacific Coast and the Orient, which has received a check owing to the action of our Government with Russia, but which is replete with incalculable opportunities if properly taken advantage of.

Mr. Hill was accompanied to Seattle by Robert Lebaudy, of Paris; Gaston Stiegler, of Le Matin, and General von Ketteler, of the German Army.

Logger Met a Terrible Death.

OLYMPIA, July 18.—Taylor Hall, a well-known Puget Sound logger, met a terrible death in the woods at Mud Bay, Thurston County, yesterday afternoon. While engaged in felling a tree it fell upon him, pinning him to the earth and crushing in his chest. The united efforts of 10 men were necessary to extricate the unfortunate man, and it was 10 minutes before the log could be removed from his body. Notwithstanding his injuries he lived several hours, dying here last evening.

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