MINING MEN AT WORK

CONGRESS AT BOISE DISCUSSES REFORM IN MINING LAWS.

Better Regulation of Transportation —Oregon Exhibit Attracts Much Attention.

BOISE, Idaho, July 24.—At this morning's session of the International Mining Congress the committee on credentials reported and the report was accepted. The remainder of the session was devoted to reading papers; one by Mrs. Pauline L. Holland, of Chicago, on the subject, "Should Mining Men Be Politicians?" Others were: "Outline of the Geology and Ore Deposits of Custer and Lemhi Counties, Idaho," by Robert Bell; "Geology and Mineralogy in Educational Systems," by Professor E. A. Babcock, of Grand Forks, N. D. Charles F. A. Moore, of Cripple Creek, gave a description of the formation and ore deposits of that district. Other papers were read and questions discussed of special interest to mining men.

The following resolutions, offered by President Prince, were adopted:

"Resolved, that the magnitude and importance of the mining industry, which has now reached over $1,000,000,000 of annual product, call for the establishment of a National Department of Mining, the chief officer of which shall be a member of the President's Cabinet.

"Resolved, That the Congress of the United States be respectfully requested to provide by law for the locating and working of mines of the reserved minerals—gold, silver and quicksilver—on Spanish and Mexican land grants."

Another resolution adopted was the following:

"Resolved, That in the opinion of the International Mining Congress, it is not to the best interests of mining that undeveloped mines or prospects be placed on the 'boards' or 'lists' of mining exchanges and offered for sale to the general public."

To Amend Mining Laws.

The session today was enlivened by an animated discussion aroused by the reading of a paper by Judge W. B. Heyburn on "Amendment of the Mining Law." The Judge said, in speaking of the conflicts arising over locations because of the uncertainty of the strike of the vein:

"I propose a solution—that all end lines shall be parallel. When the first locator goes to the Recorder's office to file on his claims he should give notification that he has discovered a new ledge. Then let the nearest deputy mineral surveyor go to that vein, determine its exact course and then compel all locators to make their end lines parallel with the first claim." The discussion covered the entire field of controversy.

An interesting paper on "The Geology of Minnesota" was read by Professor C. W. Hall, of Minnesota, and another paper on "The Iron Ores of Minnesota" was presented by Professor N. H. Winchells.

Oregon came to the front today with a delayed mining exhibit which attracted a great deal of attention. The exhibit from the Bohemia district, consisting of gold, copper and silver ore, was surrounded all day by mining experts. The Eastern Oregon exhibit was very attractive on account of the rare specimens shown.

There is a great deal of interest centering tonight on the result of the election tomorrow and the choice of the location of the next convention. Oregon will ask for either the convention or the presidency. The Oregon delegation is caucusing on the matter tonight. Colonel J. T. Grayson, of Baker City, is the Oregon man wanted for president in case Portland does not get the convention. John Dern, of Utah, is in the race, and J. H. Hutchison, of Idaho, is being pushed by his friends. Butte and Los Angeles are still fighting for the next convention, with Portland posing as the happy medium between them. The Oregon delegation is very influential and all are working.

A Department of Mines Is Wanted.

The delegates are practically a unit on the proposition to work for the establishment of a Department of Mines at Washington, with a secretary who shall be a member of the President's Cabinet. A committee will be appointed to visit Washington during the coming session of Congress and press the question. There was a committee appointed on legislation at the Milwaukee session last year, consisting of Hon. R. F. Montgomery, of Colorado; Professor W. P. Sayers, of California; Senator Roger Q. Mills, of Texas; Hon. P. A. Orton, of Wisconsin, and Hon. L. Bradford Prince, of New Mexico. Their efforts, however, were directed, in the main, to securing changes in the present National mining laws, which were adopted many years ago and have not bennsufficien tly amended.

To Regulate Transportation.

Another feature of the convention will be an effort to organize all the industrial forces of the country interested in the subject for an effort to control or regulate the transportation business. This was brought out in a paper read by Hon. Joseph Hutchinson, of Silver City, Idaho, entitled "In the Pavilion of the Setting Sun." He spoke mainly on the subject of transportation, after describing the natural resources of the Inland Empire. He said, among other things, that the Government ought to make a free waterway down the Snake and Columbia Rivers to the sea. He declared that there are mines of lead in Northern Idaho, with veins of ore as wide as a man can span, and yet they can not get the sampling mills to sample it, and the smelting mills refuse to buy it, whereas, if they had the means of cheap transportation to the sea they could build their own smelters and sell their product regardless of the lead combine.

Another interesting paper was by Professor J. T. Talmadge, of the University of Utah, on the geological formation of that section. In passing, he gave a brief description of Great Salt Lake, saying that it was once many times larger than today. By the terraces on the mountain sides the old shore line can be readily traced, showing that the water once stood 1000 feet above its present level.

Oregon Delegates.

The following delegates from Oregon have been registered at headquarters this evening, about half the delegation failing to register: Colonel J. T. Grayson, Baker City; E. Melzer, Sumpter; I. Sproul, Canyon City; H. S. Bowen, Baker City; R. J. Eakman, Baker City; C. C. Basche, Sumpter; Frank S. Baillie, Columbus mine; Arthur Conklin, Grant's Pass; F. L. Evans, Medical Springs; F. V. Drake, Portland; Emmett Callahan, Baker City; Thomas Burke, Baker City; P. E. Phelps, Vale; J. D. Voss, Express; G. B. Moulton, Baker City; M. C. Haskell, Baker City; W. A. Weatherby, Baker City; William Harris, Cottage Grove; George B. Rodgers, Baker City; Ailene Case, Cornucopia.

Standing Committees.

The following is a list of the standing committees, as far as they have been recorded:

California—Credentials, F. M. Townsend; Permanent organization, J. R. McNab; order of business, E. P. Newton.

Colorado—Credentials, Fred C. Dooley, Denver; resolutions, Charles J. Moore, Cripple Creek; permanent organization, Victor G. Hills, Cripple Creek.

Georgia—Credentials, P. M. Swift; resolutions, E. S. Mumford; permanent organization, Frank Weldon.

Idaho—Credentials, F. J. French; permanent organization, W. H. Pettit; resolutions, James H. Hutchinson.

Iowa—Credentials, J. P. Reese; permanent organization, Thomas Bourke.

Indiana—Credentials, R. S. Tennant. (Will serve on all three committees.)

Massachusetts—Credentials, C. T. Drake; permanent organization, Willard White; resolutions, A. P. Chittendon.

Missouri—Credentials, C. E. Mathews; permanent organization, G. H. Berkshire; resolutions, J. W. McAnter.

Michigan—Credentials, R. L. Edwards; resolutions, Mr. Brown; permanent organization, M. L. Davies.

North Dakota—E. J. Babcock, Grand Forks, to represent on each committee for the state.

Utah—Credentials, Warren C. Bogue; permanent organization, J. T. Talmadge; resolutions, F. C. Richmond.

New Mexico—Organization, Professor J. C. Carrera; resolutions, J. Turley; credentials, C. M. Brown.

Nevada—Credentials, J. H. Marriott, Oscela; resolutions, J. H. Marriott; permanent organization, George D. Louderback.

Oregon—Credentials, W. B. Dennis; resolutions, Frank V. Drake; permanent organization, John T. Grayson.

Ohio—Credentials, E. L. Shafner, Cleveland; permanent organization, W. L. Kendall; resolutions, A. B. Roberts.

Pennsylvania—Credentials, Edwin N. Carpenter; permanent organization, Calvin F. Heckler; resolutions, Thomas B. McKaig.

Vermont—Credentials, Judson Spofford; permanent organization, S. G. Langlaid; resolutions, R. B. Wright.

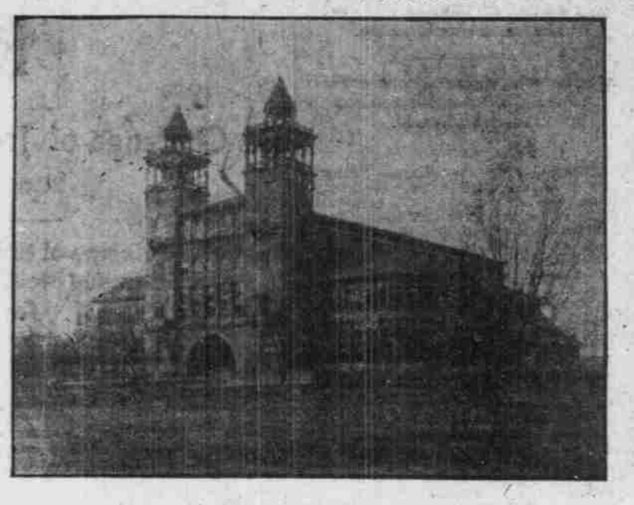
Washington—E. S. Sessions to serve on all committees.

New York—Permanent organization, J. T. Gard; order of business, W. J. Johnson.

Wisconsin—Permanent organization, M. J. Regan on all committees.

Illinois—Credentials, J. A. Edge; resolutions, L. P. Boyle; permanent organization, L. M. Bradley.

PROMINENT BUILDINGS OF BOISE, IDAHO



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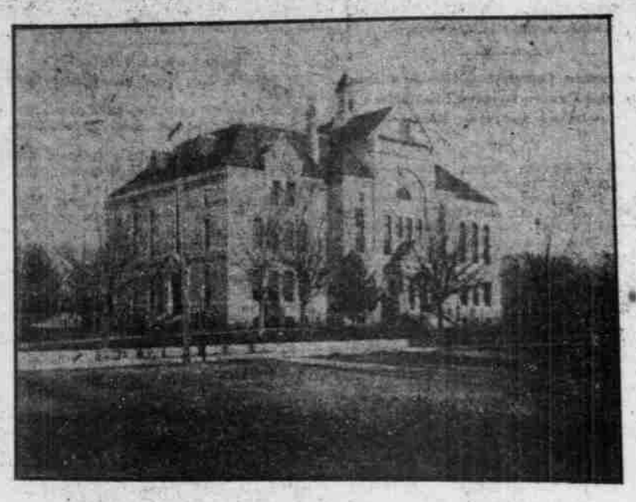

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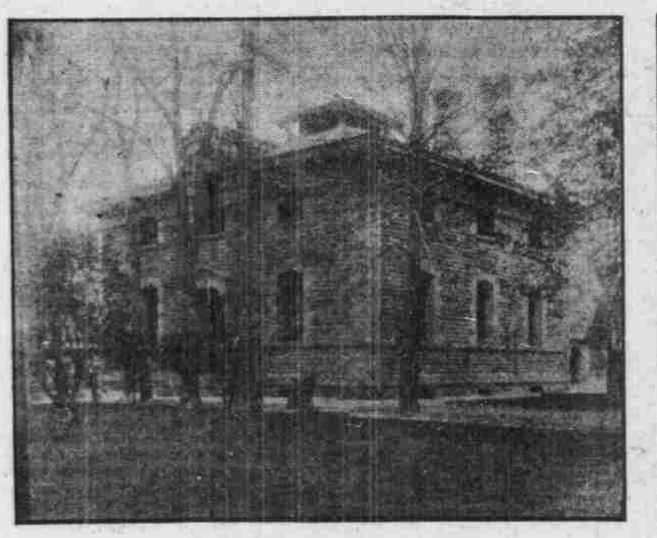

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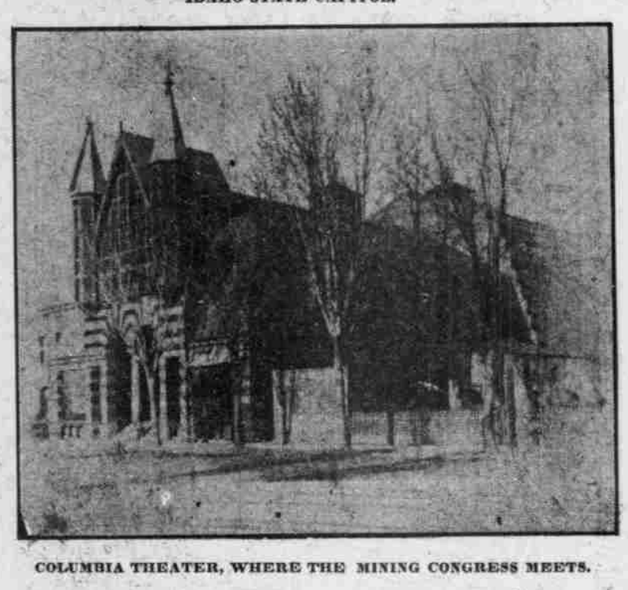

COLUMBIA THEATER, WHERE THE MINING CONGRESS MEETS.

Idaho Weekly Crop Bulletin.

BOISE, Idaho, July 24.—The temperature averaged considerably above the normal in all parts of the state during the week, the maximum reaching 100 degrees in many places. No precipitation occurred in any section, and the drouth conditions are becoming more serious in the eastern counties. Hot winds continue to prevail in Bannock and Bingham Counties. The Upper Snake River is reported as running very low, and springs that have been constant for years have now failed.

In most sections the weather has been ideal for haying, and, where plenty of water is available for irrigation, has been favorable to crop growth.

Harvest of timothy and wild hay made rapid progress in the northern sections, and the crop is above the average. In the southwestern districts the second crop of alfalfa is being harvested, and, except in some localities where water is failing, is better than the first cutting.

Spring grain has ripened rapidly under the influence of warm weather. Owing to continued drouth and hot winds the outlook for "dry farm" grain is less promising than ever, and some of the crop will not be harvested.

In all parts of the state the ranges are drying, and in some extreme eastern localities stock is being fed. In other sections there is still sufficient feed for present needs, and, as a rule, stock is in excellent condition.

Supreme Court Orders.

SALEM, Or., July 24.—In the Supreme Court the following orders have been entered on record:

H. M. Milliorus, et al., respondents, vs. Caroline Clow, et al., apellants; ordered on motion that appellants' time to file the transcript of the cause be extended 20 days from July 25.

Henry Thiessen, respondent, vs. T. R. Worthington, et al., appellants; ordered on stipulation that appellants have 60 days from July 23 to serve and file their brief.

Thomas J. Hammer, respondent, vs. F. O. Downing, et al., appellants; ordered on stipulation that the pending motion of respondent to amend the judgment as to costs and disbursements be set for hearing on Monday, July 29, at 12 M.

Two cases were argued and submitted in the Supreme Court today, as follows: G. Wingate et al., vs. City of Astoria, and Henry Watson vs. City of Astoria. These cases were brought to resist assessment levied on property to defray costs and expenses of establishing streets.

Emma Nail, aged 48 years, was received at the Asylum today from Josephine County.

Hay Crop and Teachers' Institute.

TILLAMOOK, Or., July 24.—County Superintendent G. B. Lamb has completed the program for the annual teachers' institute to be held here Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday next week. A number of well-known instructors will be present, including David Torbet, professor of science and mathematics at Albany College; L. H. Baker, principal of Park School, Salem; S. S. Duncan, principal of McMinnville schools, and B. O. Snuffer, principal of Tillamook city schools. State Superintendent J. H. Ackerman will give a public lecture in the evening, as will also Professors Torbett and Duncan.

Rain on Sunday and Monday interfered with haymaking, there being considerable grass cut at the time. The weather turned right today, relieving the farmers of much anxiety, for there is only one-third of the hay crop harvested at present. The grass and clover crops are heavy this year and there will be an abundance of hay for Winter use.

RECORD RUN OF SALMON

COME CANNERIES HAD TO ORDER FISHING STOPPED FOR 48 HOURS.

Many Marked Fish Caught—Value of Hatcheries Shown—May Exceed Runs of '80 and '84.

ASTORIA, July 24.—The run of fish last night exceeded that of the previous day, and was the greatest since the famous big runs of 1880 and 1884. From some estimates, it even exceeded these. It is impossible to tell how many fish were caught, but everything is blocked, and while in the past boats have sometimes been limited in the number of fish to be taken, it remained for this year to establish a new precedent. Many cannerymen have ordered all fishing stopped for the next 48 hours, and all gear to be kept out of the water for that time. By then they expect to clean up the catch of last night and this morning. The scarcity of labor prevents the starting up of any of the combine's canneries that are now idle.

The catch was not partial to any kind of gear, except that the gillnetters made big drifts, some getting 100 fish each in a single drift. A number of boats got a ton or over, the high boat having 3600 pounds. One man on the north side of the river is reported to have loaded his boat so heavily that it sank, and he lost fish, boat, and net. The salmon show a few of the July run, but the average in size and quality remains the same. The price up to the time of the blockade was steady at the figures that have ruled during the past two days. The seines up the river, which have only been doing moderately well, began to scoop the fish in by the ton last evening and this morning.

There is not the slightest doubt that the fish now entering the river are those turned out of the hatchery in 1895, when Commissioner McGuire's marked salmon were given their liberty. Scores of those marked fish have been caught, and it is interesting to note that all are large of size, as are the unmarked fish which are being taken. Never before in the history of the industry have the salmon been so large, few falling below 25 pounds in weight. The quality is unsurpassed, and the season's pack will be an exceptionally fine one. Many of the gillnetters have heretofore regarded hatchery work as a useless expenditure of money, but all are now convinced of its value to the industry.

Can Factory Starts Up.

The factory of the American Can Company stared up again today to its full capacity on a large order for salmon cans. The present run of fish will probably keep this factory busy until the close of the season.

Tried to Jump Train.

A Mr. Buckingham, of Seaside, tried to jump the Seaside train today as it was passing through the city. He missed his hold, was thrown against the street railing with sufficient force to break it down, and went into the bay. He was rescued badly bruised, but is not thought to be dangerously injured.

Boat for Quarantine Service.

Quarantine Officer Earle received today, from the department at Washington, the contract with Captain W. W. Babbidge for furnishing a boat for the use of the Columbia River quarantine service during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1902, at the rate of $180 per month. Captain Babbidge is required to furnish a bond in the sum of $500 that he will fulfill his portion of the contract.

HURN'S SENTENCE LENGTHENED.

Credit Only From Time of Commutation of Life Term.

OLYMPIA, July 24.—An opinion given yesterday by Attorney-General Stratton will make the sentence of John Hurn about eight years longer than was expected. In May, 1888, Hurn was sentenced to be hanged in Walla Walla for murder. In September of the same year the Territorial Governor commuted the sentence to imprisonment for life. In May of the present year Governor Rogers commuted the life sentence to 21 years, and this sentence was supposed to expire, with the last commutation, about December next. But a difference of opinion arose in the Board of Control as to the interpretation of the convict "good time law," whereby certain deductions from the length of a sentence are allowed prisoners. The Attorney-General was called on for an opinion and he decided yesterday that up to the time Hurn's sentence was commuted to 21 years he was not entitled to any credit whatever. It was held by some of the members of the board that Hurn should have been allowed certain time off from the date of his commitment, but the Attorney-General holds that a live prisoner's sentence cannot be shortened except by commutation or pardon. Hurn, with his mother, set fire to a hotel in Walla Walla in 1888, in which a lodger was burned to death. The crime was committed to get the insurance on the building.

COUNTY SERVICE PROPOSED.

Rural Free Delivery Not Satisfactory to Authorities.

WASHINGTON, July 19.—Although rural free delivery in its present form is a very satisfactory service in the respective communities, it is not an ideal in the eyes of the department, as the manner of its establishment is causing some annoyance and concern.

Up to the present time rural free delivery has been established mostly on what are known as isolated routes. To obviate difficulties now experienced, the department desires to adopt what is known as county service, whereby an entire county will be examined at one time to determine its adaptability for rural service, and as a result of that investigation all warranted routes will be inaugurated at one time, thereby enabling the arrangement of a system which will work harmoniously, and yet reach all sections of the county.

Naturally county service is much more expensive than isolated routes, but it accomplishes at one stroke what is now being accomplished by many. It is impossible, however, with the funds available, to effect a general establishment of county service, for the funds would not suffice for all the states, and no state is willing to go without routes for the sake of allowing another to have a complete free delivery system. It is doubtful if the county service will become a possibility for many years to come.

Already there has been a falling off in the demands for rural free delivery, due largely to the fact that districts that are now sufficiently populated to warrant the establishment of the service are becoming supplied and the more sparsely settled districts are not making vain appeals.

Quotations of Mining Stocks.

SPOKANE, July 24.—The closing quotations of mining stocks today were:

	Bid.	Ask.		Bid.	Ask.
Amer. Boy	4¾	5	Morrison	3	3½
Blacktail	10½	10¾	Prin. Maud	1¾	1¾
Butte & Bos.	¾	1¼	Quilp	25	26
Crystal	5¾	5¾	Ramb. Car	39	39½
Conjecture	4½	6	Republic	3⅞	4½
Deer Trail	2¾	2¾	Reservation	1¾	1½
Dekoy	2½	4	Ross. Giant	3	3¾
Gold Ledge	1¾	1½	Sullivan	7½	8¼
L. P. Surp.	5¾	5¾	Tom Thumb	13¾	13¾
Min. Lion	24¼	24¾	Wonderful	3½	4¼
Morn. Glory	3¼	3¼			

SAN FRANCISCO, July 24.—Official closing quotations of mining stocks:

Alta	$0 04	Ophir	$0 74
Andes	8	Overman	16
Belcher	11	Potosi	9
Best & Belcher	19	Savage	9
Caledonia	39	Scorpion	10
Challenge Con	3	Seg. Belcher	2
Confidence	1 30	Sierra Nevada	18
Crown Point	11	Silver Hill	30
Gould & Curry	15	Standard	3 35
Hale & Norcross	20	Union Con	14
Justice	9	Utah Con	2
Mexican	17	Yellow Jacket	28
Occidental Con	5		

NEW YORK, July 24.—Mining stocks today closed as follows:

Adams Con	$0 22	Little Chief	$0 12
Alice	40	Ontario	9 75
Breece	1 85	Ophir	60
Brunswick Con	13	Phoenix	10
Comstock Tunnel	6	Potosi	5
Con. Cal. & Va.	1 00	Savage	5
Deadwood Terra	55	Sierra Nevada	12
Horn Silver	1 40	Small Hopes	50
Iron Silver	55	Standard	3 00
Leadville Con	5		

BOSTON, July 24.—Closing quotations:

Adventure	$ 25 50	Osceola	$ 92 50
Bing. Min. Co.	21 00	Parrott	51 25
Amal. Copper	111 25	Quincy	171 00
Atlantic	36 00	Santa Fe Cop.†	6 50
Cal. & Hecla*	770 00	Tamarack	43 00
Centennial	27 00	Utah Mining	29 00
Franklin	17 00	Winona	2 50
Humboldt	25 00	Wolverines	59 50

*Asked. †Bid.

Military Notes From Vancouver.

VANCOUVER BARRACKS, July 24.—Captain William B. Schofield, Paymaster, who is on temporary duty in San Francisco, has been ordered to Portland, and will relieve Major James B. Houston. Major Houston will leave for Manila and report to the Commanding General for duty.

Lieutenant William C. Fitzpatrick, who has been assigned to the Seventh Infantry, has been ordered to the Department of Texas for temporary duty, and when he has completed it will join his regiment at Vancouver Barracks.

Ralph H. Leavitt, Thirty-ninth Company Coast Artillery; Hugh A. Parker, Thirty-fourth Company Coast Artillery; Charles W. Harris, Sergeant, Forty-eighth Company Coast Artillery, and Samuel H. Fisher, are appointed to the rank of Second Lieutenant and assigned to the Twenty-eighth Infantry. They have been ordered to join their regiment, with the exception of Lieutenant Parker, who will first go to San Francisco for a detachment of recruits and return with them to Vancouver Barracks.

Lieutenant Edward K. Massee, Seventh Infantry, who is now on temporary duty in the Department of Dakota, has been ordered to Vancouver Barracks upon the completion of his duty.

Major Edwin F. Glenn, who is now in the Philippines, has been assigned to the Fifth Infantry.

The order taking Major Charles A. Booth to Alaska has been revoked. He has also been relieved from duty at Seattle and ordered to Vancouver Barracks.

Harry H. Noble, of Company B, Twenty-eighth Infantry, has been tried by general court-martial, found guilty of selling clothing in violation of orders, and, having been convicted before, he was sentenced to be dishonorably discharged, forfeiting all pay and allowances and to be confined for one year at Alcatraz Island.

Lieutenant John McManus, who is serving with the Thirty-third Company Coast Artillery, upon its arrival at Fort Canby will join his company, the Thirty-fourth, at Fort Stevens.

Alleged to Have Stolen Horses.

OREGON CITY, July 24.—David McGalvey, who arrived at Damascus yesterday afternoon with a drove of 32 horses from Eastern Oregon, was arrested by Constable Jackson, of The Dalles, and taken to Wasco County on a warrant charging him with the larceny of eight horses. Constable Moody, who assisted The Dalles officer in locating McGalvey last night, stated that none of the horses in the band was identified as those alleged to have been stolen.

The rails on the Gladstone branch track of the old East Side Railway Company's line are being torn up and shipped down the Columbia River to be used in the construction of a logging railway. This half-mile of trackage was owned by the Gladstone Real Estate Association, and an arrangement was in effect with the old trolley company whereby a special car was run between Oregon City and Gladstone Park.

Pendleton Brevities.

PENDLETON, July 24.—A case of smallpox is quarantined on Alta street. The victim is John Brinkley, an agent for the Chicago Portrait Company.

A Summer Bible School is in session at Meacham, and will continue until August 4. The attendance is good, many people from Pendleton and Walla Walla being present. The school is led by F. L. Forbes, of the Pendleton Academy.

Oscar L. Cox, Assistant State Secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association, is in the city from Portland. He will endeavor to put in a branch of the order here, and will push the proposition of erecting a building. Some $4000 has already been subscribed toward the fund.

Elevator Accident.

VANCOUVER, B. C., July 24.—An elevator dropped this afternoon in a new building and seven workmen were precipitated 27 feet. None were killed, but all were seriously injured. J. G. Bell had his left leg and right arm broken, and James Paul sustained a compound fracture of both legs.

Sockeye Run on at Fairhaven.

FAIRHAVEN, Wash., July 24.—The run of sockeye salmon, which has been delayed 14 days, made its appearance this morning. Reports from the fishing grounds say the water is fairly alive with them, and that the run, though late, will be exceedingly large.

Washington Notes.

The Seattle police force has challenged the Tacoma "cops" to meet them in baseball.

Five people in Everett were badly poisoned by eating some canned sardines. The doctor arrived in time to save their lives.

The ladies of the Snohomish Library Association have presented the city with a public library, grounds and building, all paid for.

A 25,000-gallon tank reservoir has been set up at Clyde, in Eastern Washington. Water will be hauled there from Riverside and sold at $1 50 per 1000 gallons.

A crazy sharpshooter has been terrorizing the people of Bothell, King County. He is supposed to be the "wild man" who recently did a lot of miscellaneous shoting in Snohomish County. The authorities are after him.

The Red Mountain passenger train ran into two horses about a mile from town on the heavy grade which approaches the bridge over the Columbia. The engine was derailed and the horses were both killed, but no one was injured.

A three-stamp mill is to be set up on the Wild Rose claim, near Pierce City. It is estimated that there is over $50,000 worth of ore in sight.

MINER MAY FOLLOW DIP

NEVADA JUDGE RENDERS A DECISION OF GREAT INTEREST.

Lode May Be Followed Into Adjoining Patented Lands—Case May Be Appealed.

RENO, Nev., July 24.—The mining case of Wedekind vs. Bell was decided by Judge Talbott today in favor of the plaintiff. This suit was brought to test the rights of the locator of a lode to follow its dip under land covered by a United States agricultural patent, and is of great interest to mine owners all over the Pacific Coast. Judge Talbott held that when the top or apex of a lode is within the exterior lines of a valid mining location the locator has a right to follow its dip into adjoining patented land, mineral or agricultural.

This decision gives the Wedekind location and also the Bell location to John Sparks, who recently bought the interest of George Wedekind in the Reno Star. A few weeks ago Judge Curler denied Wedekind an injunction to restrain Bell from taking out ore on his claim adjoining the Reno Star on land upon which Bell held a United States patent. The decision was followed by the present suit and in the interim Bell put up steam hoisting works and worked his claim to the limit, taking out many thousands of dollars' worth of ore.

The present suit was hotly contested and it is believed that the case will be appealed until it reaches the United States Supreme oCurt.

MINES AT NOME PROSPERING.

Nome City Brings News of Large Clean-Ups and Rich Strikes.

PORT TOWNSEND, Wash., July 24.—The steamer Nome City arrived tonight at 11 o'clock from Nome, bringing 23 passengers, among whom was J. Wilson, manager of the North American Transportation & Trading Company. The passengers report marvelously rich strikes in the Fairhaven district, 90 miles north of Nome, and that a stampede has occurred. The Bluestone district is still frozen, and it will be some weeks before miners will be able to commence sluicing. The Kougarok district is also backward, and 1500 men are in Teller City waiting for the season to open. There are some few claims being worked. Sunset Gulch, across the harbor, prospects well. A strike is reported on Drase Creek, and a stampede is on. Over $500,000 has been sluiced from Winter dumps near Nome, and the prospects for the future of that country were never better than at present.

WILL TAKE BAKER BONDS AT PAR.

Local Men Offer to Buy Issue Refused by Chicago Bankers.

BAKER CITY, July 24.—Yesterday's information that a Chicago firm had refused the $45,000 water bonds issue of Baker City on a technicality aroused the pride of local capitalists, and today a syndicate headed by Albert Geiser, president of the Citizens' Bank, offered to take the entire issue at par.

The action of the Eastern company in rejecting the bond issue on an alleged legal technicality, is not supported by the facts in the case, and it is the opinion of several of the best lawyers in this city that the issue is legal and valid in every respect. It has been suggested by several members of the City Council that the bonds were refused on account of certain influences which took an active part in the recent municipal election.

DAWSON-SEATTLE TELEGRAPH.

Construction Work Will Be Completed by August 1.

SEATTLE, July 24.—After 18 months of continuous work, it is announced that construction work on the telegraph line to Dawson will be entirely completed August 1. J. B. Charleson, the government superintendent at Dawson, received a dispatch from the Ashcroft end of the line on the 15th, stating that away up at the point of construction men were putting a trail through the woods to make a way for the poles and to enable them to push the supplies along. They complained that they were somewhat handicapped on account of the snow which still exists in considerable quantities in places. The heavy timber and general roughness of the country contributed to make their progress rather slow.

WILL NOT GUARANTEE BONDS.

Trust Company of America Is Not Behind Irondale Issues.

NEW YORK, July 24.—Mr. Fitch, president of the Trust Company of America of this city, said today:

"The statement from Port Townsend, Wash., to the effect that the Trust Company of America will guarantee certain bonds to be issued by the Pacific Steel Company of Irondale is erroneous. The Trust Company of America will not guarantee these bonds, and the statement that they propose to do so is without any foundation whatever."

La Grande Notes

LA GRANDE, Or., July 24.—Thomas Fitzgerald, referee in bankruptcy, yesterday held bankrupt court here to adjust the cases of Ernest Thorson and Adam Crossman, bankrupts. William Grant was appointed trustee by the creditors, whose bills, as presented yesterday, amount to about $2000.

The last of the cherry crop was prepared for shipment here today. The crop has been only three-fourth of that of last year, but as last year's yield was unusually plentiful, a lighter crop was expected. The fruit was not as large as common, but otherwise there was no damage from the June frosts.

The La Grande baseball team returned this morning from a trip into Idaho which was in the nature of a triumphal tour. At Boise, which has the champion team of the state, La Grande won three easy victories. Other games were declared off on account of their evident superiority.

Davenport Fair and Harvest Notes.

DAVENPORT, Wash., July 24.—The third annual Lincoln County Fair will be held in Davenport September 25 to 28. A large display of fruits, vegetables, ores and livestock is being gathered by Manager J. M. Harris.

The late weather has been very favorable for wheat-growing throughout the entire Big Bend country. The yield per acre will be large, in many places as high as 40 bushels. Lincoln County is expected to produce over 700,000 bushels of wheat. Haying has begun and many headers will be started before August 1. Labor is comparatively scarce and wages are good. Many harvesters are coming here from the Middle West and California.

Oregon Notes.

Threshing will begin soon in Lane County. Crops, as a whole, are the largest for years.

Burns, Harney County, is meditating an enlargement of its facilities for fire protection.

The Newport Summer school is getting out a little daily paper entitled the Yaquina Bay Daily News.

Benton County is estimated to have produced some 300,000 pounds of wool this season, which sold for an average price of 13 cents per pound.

A La Grande merchant named Klepper slipped and fell upon his desk, a paper file striking him in the abdomen and inflicting a painful wound.

A hugh blackfish, 30 feet long and weighing about 15 tons, became entangled in an 8-40 web salmon net, belonging to one of the Wadhams cannery boats at Astoria, and was drowned without breaking a single mesh. The fishermen worked all night getting loose from the monster, had the cannery steamer tow it ashore and secured over six barrels of oil from its liver alone.

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