THE MORNING OREGONIAN WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14, 1901.

The sample for the Benton County dis-

MORE SCHOOL CHILDREN water. If there is any fishing done after the closed season begins it will be by people who want to sait fish for home consumption. sreen feed at the rate of 22 tons per acre, and the second at the rate of 14 tons per acre, also green. The third crop is now 18 inches high. The success attending the growth of the grass has led Dr. Withy-combe to sow a small field of 1t, from, which the first crops will be taken next year. MIGHT DOUBLE PRICES HOPS NOT A BUMPER CROP Other Notes. STATISTICS SHOW GAIN OF 2637 IN STATE SAID TO BE LOSING MONEY YEAR ENDING MARCH 4. GERVAIS GROWERS EXPECT ONE-

Losses in the Northwestern Counties Are More Than Offset by Inorease in South and East.

SALEM, Or., Aug. 13 .- School statistics upon which the recent apportionment of school funds was made show a loss in school population in Northwestern Oregon, but gains in Eastern and Southern Ore-gon. Benton, Clackamas, Lincoln, Linn, Folk, Tiliamook, Washington and Yamhill show the losses, while the other northwestern counties show scarcely any more gain than should be expected from the increase of population by births. Not one of the southern counties shows a de-crease, and Lake County shows the only loss in Eastern Oregon. The loss in this case is only 2 out of 578. The state as a whole shows a gain of 2637, of which 2117 is made east of the Cascade Mountains,

and 520 in the western counties. The school population comprises all per-sons between the ages of 4 and 20 years, and the statistics given were complied to the first Monday in March of 1900 and 1901. The following table shows the population of all the counties in the state for two

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YEARS!

Taking the Cascade Mountains as a dividing line and grouping the counties for the purpose of a closer comparison, it is found that Western Oregon counties returned their enumerations of pupils for the two years as follows:

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Lane	7,282
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Marion	9,775
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Tillamook	1.729
Yamhill	4,882
Totals	9,405

Gain, 520. The gain in all the counties of Western Oregon is therefore a little over 1/2 of 1 pe rcent. The returns from Eastern Oreshow an increase of 6.4 per cent, as will be seen by the following comparativ

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Master Fish Warden Van Dusen left this evening on a two weeks' trip of in-spection to the headwaters of the Co-lumbla to see the results of the work done by his deputies in establishing batchery sites hatchery sites.

Lindenberger's cold-storage plant is again in operation and a few barrels of the largest and best salmon are being put up. Yesterday several fish with manked tails were found, and at the Trescott plant some have been noticed nearly every day during the past week.

Walter Harder, a 12-year-old boy, whose home is on the Lewis and Clark River, was brought to the hospital here last night for treatment of injuries received by being thrown from a horse. It is be-lieved that he is suffering from concussion of the brain and his condition is considered critical.

Bids were opened this afternoon for making some improvement to the Olney school building. Two bids were received as follows, C. G. Falmberg, \$1620; Fergu-son & Houston, \$87. It is not expected that either of these bids will be accepted, as they are considered too high.

POPULAR LOAN ORDERED.

Salem Will Refund Issue of Bonds Due October 1.

SALEM, Aug. 13 .- The City Council to night adopted resolutions directing the issuance of \$30,000 in 4 per cent 15-year bonds for the purpose of refunding that amount of 5 per cent bridge bonds, due October 1. The bonds will be subject to payment at any time, and will be issued in amounts to suit small investors. Suban another to gent among investors. Sub-scription books will be opened September 1, and the small subscriptions will be given the preference. It was moved that the bonds be sold in a lump to the high-est bidder, but the motion was not sec-onded.

The Council ordered the cleaning of the The Council ordered the cleaning of the alley back of the Moores block, and the removal of old buildings back of the Adolph and Burroughs block. The fee for an auctioneer's license was fixed at \$250 per year, with a \$3 a day fee for special license for the sale of household. goods.

Supreme Court Orders. In the Supreme Court today the follow-

In the supreme Court today the follow-ing orders were made: S. Spencer, respondent, vs. V. C. Peter-son, appellant, appellant's time to serve brief extended to September 1, 1901. H. G. Wright, respondent, vs. Mary A. Ramp, appellant, respondent given until October 1 to file reply brief.

Payment for Convict Labor.

The Loewenberg-Going Company has made a payment of \$1041 95 for convict is-bor in the penitentiary stove foundry for the month of June. The company also made its quarterly payment of rent, \$500.

Other Notes. A. B. Kutrz, W. M. Kurtz, and C. W. Miller, of Woodburn, today filed articles of incorporation in the County Clerk's of-fice, incorporating the Union Light & Power Company. The purpose of the company is to conduct an electric light, water and heating plant at Woodburn or other places in Marion and Clack-amas Counties. The capital stock is \$50,-000.

090. Marion, Folk, Lane and Douglas Coun-ties has been attached, and under the ex-ecution just issued this property will be

chanic's lien for \$71 upon a water plant creeted upon the farm of John H. Wil-son. The farm is occupied by Hong, a Chinese, who is the lien debtor.

and Light Wines.

HILLSBORO, Aug. 12-There is consid. Finilization of the second sec property in controversy has prohibited the sale of this particular kind of liquor

ON SCHOOL AND LIEU LANDS.

Large Surplus in Irreducible School Fund, and Lands Might Be Held for Rise in Prices.

SALEM, Aug. 12.-Money is now com-ing into the State Land Office at the rate of \$1000 per day. While this is higher than the average receipts for several months past, the collections have reached nearly the same amount before. The money referred to is received upon the sale of school land, both school sections and lice land. At present the sales of lice land are predominating, but a few months ago the greater demand was for

year.

ACCUSED OF ROBBING SAN FRANCISCO MINT.

play at the fair was grown on the farm of Major Bruce, 10 miles south of Cor-valits. It is an eight-acre field, on black, sandy loam soil, with a strata of gravel not far below the surface. The first crop reached a height of nearly four feet, and the second more than two feet. The third Dry Spell Is Said to Be Responsible for Decrease. the second more than two feet. The third crop, cut a day or two ago, was 18 or 20 inches. Major Bruce is of the opinion that under conditions similar to those in GERVAIS, Or., Aug. 13 .- The hoppick-

ing season is less than four weeks off, and there is little chance for any im-provement in the status of the important Crop. Present his field, alfalfa will thrive and be a profitable crop in the Willamette Valley. provement in the status of the important crop. Present conditions do not warrant the assertions heraiding a "bumper" crop in excess of that of 1900. It is a question Baker City May Have Street Fair. BAKER CITY, Or., Aug. 11.-A street fair and carnival is being considered by the merchanis and business men of Baker and lieu land are predominating, but a few months ago the greater demand was for school sections. The payments now be-ing made are either partial payments upon applications for land or deferred payments on land sold in past years. The receipts of the State Land Office are suf-ficient to make full payment for over 500 acres of land per day, over half of that amount being lieu land at \$2.50 per acre if the Oregon crop will exceed 70,000 bales, and it may fail as low as 65,006. The hot weather has caused this marked change, as dealers who visited the hop districts

THIRD LESS THAN LAST YEAR.

Cold Weather Succeeded by Long

of this than any other crop grown. The ground was not up to its proper tilth, so that when the hot spell that has so steadily prevailed since July 28, came on, the vine was not prepared to withstand it. Again, the ground is unusually dry, and there has been an almost entire ab-sence of the customary dew-fall during the morning. This, together with the added fact that no rain has fallen since July 20, and then only a slight shower, explains why the soil is so devoid of moisture. The vine follage, too, has been so light that the sun has had an extra chance to burn the ground and crop as well. The ends of the arms that drop from the trellis are in almost every in-stance dried up and the bloom thereon

killed. As a rule, these arms produce largely, and this loss will be considerable. The vine was in bloom when this hot spell arrived. Had it delayed two weeks longer little damage would have resulted to the crop and vine, and there would have been a heavier foliage to protect the bloom. The crop is what is termed a "top crop"; that is, the hops are all on top the trellis or pole, and few are to be found underneath. That the burr is small is easily noticed, and that it is ripening rapidly is plainly told by the present yellow lustre. The burr, in ad-dition to being small, is not filling out on the extreme points as it usually does but is soft and flabby. Small growers also contend that the vine was later than usual in coming out of the ground. This con-tention is borne out by facts. Mr. Nicholas Gooding, of St. Paul, a

prominent grower connected with the Hopgrowers' Association, says: "The crop will be short. It was caused by the hot weather since July 28. My observa-tions extend over a district of 300 acres and 22 growers, Butteyille, Aurora, Cham-poeg and many other nearby homorra posg and many other nearby hop-pro-ducing sections. Up to July 25 the weather was too cold, then it turned off too hot, was too cold, then it turned off too hot, and the ground being dry, there being no rains or early morning dews, it burned the hop roots. We must have cool weather and dews that will do some good. Some loss is sure. Pickers will get 40c per box, and perhaps more, if they are scarce,

'In this district there are less than 50 acres not under contract, all the rest (250 acres) is contracted at 10 to 11% per pound. The reason was the splendid out-

look last Spring." Mr. Gooding claims his yield will be one-third less than last senson. He esti-mates the district at 20 per cent less than in 1900. His opinion is corroborated by Mr. Stephen Merton, who has two yards in the same district A long the South

in the same district. Along the South-ern Pacific Rallroad, between Gervais and Portland, there are many yards, and each tells the same story of a shortage over

crease, restoration, reissue, etc.-George Dealers, where their attention is called to this exhibition of poor yield, invari-ably say: "You will find things entirely different in Yamhili, Polk and Washington Countles and elsewhere." Information gathered in the hop sections of Clacka-mas County is of the same import and general feeling. Clackamas County growfarm, nine miles north of Corvanis, yes terday afternoon. A straw stack at the fear of the machine caught fire from the stump of a cigarette thrown near. An eye-witness describes the column of fiame that went up from the stack under a heavy wind as 100 feet high. The flames is claimed that between 6000 and 7000 bales were communicated to the stubble, and a are under contract in Oregon at this time. fence, before the flames subsided. The crew emptied sacks of wheat and used the sacks in preventing a spread of the fire, while the engineer backed his engine up to the separator, coupled on to it, ami got the outfit out of harm's way. each. The present indications are that the crop will be 20 per cent less than last year. Under most favorable conditions Oregon can produce 100,000 bales with this

nerous moves of the attorneys for the de fense in the Nordstrom case has failed of its intended effect, that of securing an-other delay in the execution of the sentence of death which has been nro against the prisoner. Judge Emory this morning, after a brief argument of the petition from counsel for defense for the appointment of a commission to examine into the sanity of the convicted murderer, declined to sign the order for a commis-sion. His action was, however, not final, as the decision was made without preju-dice. Ex-Congressman James H. Lewis who is Nordstrom's attorney, announced in court that he would thereupon proceed Bell's court and endeavor there to secure the action which was denied him by Judge Emory.

BIDS FOR "SEATTLE DITCH." Smyth & Howard, of Portland, Are

the Lowest Bidders. SEATTLE, Wash., Aug. 13 -- Major Mil-

lis, the United States engineer, opened bids for excavation of the second section of the Lake Washington Canal. Six bids were submitted, as follows: Puget Sound Bridge & Dredging Com-

pany, 33 conts per cubic yard. Scattle Bridge Company, 35, cents per uble yard

Smyth & Howard, 27 cents per cubic vard. J. Erickson, 31 cents per cubic yard,

C. J. Erickson, 31 cents per cubic yard, Rydstrom & Goerig, 34 cents per cubic bray

Hennington & Foriner, 28 cents per cubic yard. Smyth & Howard, well-known Portland

ontractors, are the lowest bidders. As the estimated amount of excavation is 96,000 cubic yards, the contract, if swardd them, will amount to \$25,920.

The excavation in question is between Lake Union and Salmon Bay. The cu must be 19 feet wide at the bottom and The cui work must be finished in four months, Major Millis will forward the bids to Washington at once.

LIBRARY TROUBLE ADJUSTED.

Part of Olympia Order Paid For and Balance Canceled.

OLYMPIA, Aug. 13 .- The State Library Board, at its session today, ordered paid a bill of \$504 for books ordered by Lib-rarian Callison, without the authority of the board. This makes about \$1000 we which the board will sign vouchers for, out of over \$2000 purchased. The agent who took the order had succeeded 1 celling the balance and the board only allowed this amount today because it was proved to their satisfaction that many of the books had been ordered and shipped from abroad, and unless the state paid them the firms receiving the order would be at considerable financial loss, through no fault of their own.

Mauser Bullet Extracted. VANCOUVER, Aug. 13 -- During one of the engagements of the Second Oregon, Mr. Bown, of this city, received a Mauser builtet in the right thigh. The physi-clans were unable to locate and extract the ball. In the meantime the wound healed and Bown came home. For sev-eral months must the wounded has has

eral months past the wounded leg has been giving him considerable trouble. It was more painful than usual last even-ing, and Bowns friends prevailed upon him to undergo an operation, which he did today at the post hospital. The bul-let was successfully extracted, being

Northwest Pensions.

found next the bone near the knee joint. The physicians say Brown is fortunnte, for, if he had allowed it to go unattended the bullet might have worked its into the knee joint, causing permanent lameness.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 13.-Pensions have been granted as follows: Oregon-Original-Abel B. Leonard, Sil-

verton, \$6; Bentley T. George, Ningara, \$6; James L. Hembree, Sheridan, \$6, Inlast year.

A. Clark, Elgin, \$12. Original widows-Martha J. Barney, Troutdale, \$8. Washington-Original-Thomas R. Grif. fith, Sol Hume, Orting, S: Alexander M. Holman, Oysterville, \$3: Phineas Foster, Tacoma, \$6. Increase, restoration, reissue, etc.-Joseph A. Bailey, Spokane, \$; Con-verse Townsend, Roy, \$10; Richard H. Massey, Mount Vernon, \$8, Original widows-Elizabeth Wright, Seattle, \$12, War with Spain, original-Herman 8, Page Badwood 55

Women Must Sleen.

Avoid Nervous Prostration.

If you are dangerously sick what is the first duty of your physician? He quiets the vervous system, he deadens the pain, and you sleep well.

You ought to know that when you ceased to be regular in your courses, grow irritable without cause, and pass sleepless nights, there is serious



MRS. HARTLEY.

trouble somewhere, and nervous prostration is sure to follow

You ought to know that indigestion, exhaustion, womb displacements, fainting, dizziness, headache, and backache send the nerves wild with affright, and you cannot sleep.

Mrs. Hartley, of 221 W. Congress St., Chicago, Jil., whose portrait we publish, suffered all these agonies, and was entirely cured by Lydia E. Pink-Vegetable Compound ; her case ham's should be a warning to others, and her cure carry conviction to the minds of every suffering woman of the un-failing efficiency of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

lumbia a bar of gold weighing 6700 onners and valued at \$110,000 and which will be deposited in the assay office

Quotations of Mining Stocks.

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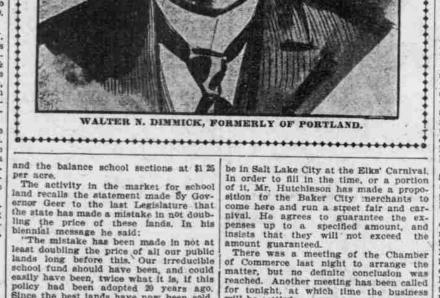
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easily have been, twice what it is, if this policy had been adopted 20 years ago. Since the best lands have now been sold, It is too late to retrieve any part of the loss by increasing their price. It seems a poor policy, however, to continue add-ing to the irreducible school fund if a sacrifice is made for that purpose, when

for tonight, at which time the business will be settled.

Harvest Fire Near Corvallis. CORVAILLIS, Aug. 13.—The threshing outfit of Richard Morris narrowly es-caped destruction by fire on the Krochell farm, nine miles north of Corvallis, yes-

An execution was today issued in the case of Petruella Durham vs. Wilson H. Stubbings on a judgment in favor of the plaintiff for \$171,965 25. Real property in

Burroughs & Fraser today filed a me-

LIQUOR AT FOREST GROVE.

Discussion as to Legal Sale of Beer

money having been increased during the last two years by over \$150,000. There is no necessity for adding to this sum until some provision is made for its invest-

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LOG RAFT STUCK ON BAR.

Could Not Be Towed Out of Westport Slough-River Falling.

ASTORIA, Aug. 13.-The Robertson log aft, which was recently built at Westport, is stuck fast on the bar leading from the slough to the river channel. The tugs Tatoosh and Richard Holyoke went up yesterday afternoon to bring the raft down on the evening tide, which was nine feet. There is plenty of water the slough and it was thought that the bar at high tide would have sufficient water to float the raft, but it proved Persons who have seen the raft state that she is in a bad position and with the river falling it will be imssible to get her out without dredging.

Inspected Chinook Hatchery.

Fish Commissioner A. C. Little rerned to Tacoma this morning after arned to Tacoma this morning state saking a trip of inspection to the state satchery at Chinook. He found everyut in a new flume 2400 fest long to fur-ish an additional supply of fresh water. This hatchery is one of the oldest on the river and turns out about 2,000,000 young salmon yearly. As salmon do not ater the Chinook River the fish for awning purposes are caught in the aker's Bay traps. Baker's

Acquitted of Illegal Fishing.

The trial of Dan Abo on a charge of tahing without an individual license up before Justice Brower this ing. The evidence showed that the was a resident of the State of stalast ashington shington and had an individual nee from that state last year, and er the decision of the Attorney-Genal of that state one second law of ind will last a lifetime. As the law of of that state one license of this con takes into recognition the valid-of the laws of a sister state there was oothing to be done except dismiss the barge against Aho.

End of Fishing Season.

The run of fish was even slacker last than on the day previous and the a is practically over. Many of the iters and sevners have quit and by eason is practically over. Many of the D. illnetters and sciners have quit and by fauriday all the gear will be out of the son,

tion now is whether or not this can be made to apply to beer and wines, The text generally gives "ardent spir-

its" as distilled liquors, and prominent at-torneys here think that this will not cover eer or light wines. It is stated that those of Forest Grove who are in favor of a saloon will make their next fight for establishment of an open and regularly conducted beer hall. The gist of the question, then, seems to be whether the

ourts hold there is a distinction between ardent spirits and fermented liquors.

Big Wheat Harvest in Old Yambill.

M'MINNVILLE, Aug. 13 .- The recent es-

timates as to the probable yield of grain in Yamhili County by several conserva-tive farmers and buyers have fallen short. Fall wheat, especially, is turning out finely. On the Baker place, north of here, on land that has been farmed for 40 years, the yield all through on 200 acres of land was 26 bushels to the acre. fixed. In the vicinity of North Yamhill, wheat was threshed Monday that went 50 bushwas incensed adonday that went 50 bush-els to the acre. It is so all over the county, the yield, approximately speaking, being about 24 bushels to the acre. This unprecedented yield is having its effect on labor. Men started in to work for \$1.25 per day. Saturday, it is understood, a meeting will be held for the nurness of

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Cordwood for Portland.

OREGON CITY, Aug. 18.-A Portland, woodyard proprietor has had 1500 cords of body fir, wood cut 10 miles up the Clackamasi River, and has awarded the contract to Himler Bros. to float the loose sticks to the mouth of that stream, where it amounts into the Willamette for 15 cents it empties into the Willamette, for 15 cents per cord. The wood has been sawed into four-foot lengths, split into the usual size, and will be caught by a boom at the mouth of the river, where it will be loaded on scows and transported to Portland. This is a new and novel plan of getting cordwood from mountain streams.

Work of Upper Clackamas Hatchery.

OREGON CITY, Aug. 13 .- Two hundred and fifty million chinook salmon eggs hatched is the latest report received from the Upper Clackamas hatchery, and the number is increasing at the rate of 120,000 per day. This promises to be the biggest season's work since the hatchery was established. A great many eggs are being taken at the Oak Grove branch, and the management is beginning to take eggs at the new hatchery recently established at the north fork. price

Melons at Medford.

MEDFORD, Aug. 13 .- The first of the

home-grown watermelons were brought to market today by 1. Merriman, who annually raises several hundred dollars' worth of them. The rain and warm weather helped the melons in this vicinity considerably. The size and flavor are very good, and at present they command from 20 to 30 cents. The crop promises to be large, and a great many meions will be shipped from here this season,

Forest Grove Crop Notes.

FOREST GROVE, Aug. 13.-Hon. Ira Purdin, a prominent farmer here, said today that his grain crop was yielding better than anticipated. A field of wheat

which he has just finished threshing went

Whether these lands could now be sold at double the present price is a question that could be determined only by trial. According to common report, scrip and forest reserve base are worth \$4 25 per acre. That is, timber land buyers are willing to pay \$4 25 per acre for base which they can transfer to the Government in exchange for timber land. It would seem, then, that lieu land should be worth at least \$4 25 per acre, less the cost of procuring mineral base \$1 per acre, leaving the lieu land worth \$3 25 per acre, instead

of \$2 50, as it is now sold.

But it is quite possible that mineral base regulates the price of reserve base to some extent, and that if the price of lieu land had been advanced to \$5 per acre by the last Legislature, the sales new land had been advanced to so per acre by the last Legislature, the sales would have gone on. Though this would have been a doubtful experiment, it seems clear that lieu land would now sell at \$3 25 per acre if that price had been

There is no reason why the price of the chool sections should not be doubled In the case of lieu land the state, must offer prices upon which lieu land will be taken, or the Northern Pacific and other corporations that secured gifts of Oregon timber lands would take all the valuable timber land and leave the state with nothing upon which mineral base could immediately be used. But the school sec-tions are secured to the state, and they will be no less marketable 20 years hence than they are now. There is no reason why the state should sell these lands, for

there is already in the treasury nearly \$600,000 which cannot be loaned. The lands will never be worth less than they are today, and it is reasonable to pre-sume that they will become more valuable in the future. By doubling the price the state would receive twice as much for lands sold, and though there might be a heavy falling off in sales, the state would still have more money in the irreducible school fund than it would know what to do with.

Governor Geer's message to the Legis lature also contains the statement that the irreducible school fund could have been twice what it is if the price of state lands had been doubled 29 years ago. It is now thought by many that the remain-

Is now thought by many that the remain-ing lands would not sell at double the present price. Perhaps the same opinion prevailed 30 years ago. But the lands have been selling, and it is probable that at the end of the next 30 years men will review the history of the state land busi-ness and wonder that the Legislature of 1950 did not double so even the the the 1901 did not double or oven treble the price. The state has everything to gain and nothing to lose by advancing the

It may be said that to raise the price of the lands would be to retard the de-velopment of the thinly settled regions, This is not true, for the greater part of the school sections, as well as the lieu lands, has been going into the hands of

speculators, who do not intend to reside upon the lands nor make improvements thereon. Homescekers will take up Government land as rapidly as conditions warrant the development of the country, and an advance in the price of two sections out of every 36 would not retard development in the least. It might also he said that if private individuals can afford to use their idle money in specu-lating on school land, the state can afford to hold the lands for the same purpose.

Benton Alfalfa for State Fair. CORVALLIS, Aug. 13 .- Benton County ill have fine samples of alfalfa on exhi-

were communicated to the studde, and a stream of the offest at the limit wide strip a quarter of a mile long was burned, along with several panels of fence, before the flames subsided. The position to know. Last year, with 16,500 to the separator, coupled on to it, and got the outfit out of harm's way.

Baker City Notes.

BAKER CITY, Or., Aug. 13.-Labor day will be observed in Baker City by all the labor unions. As at present arranged there will be a parade in the morning, a picnic in the afternoon and a grand ball in the evening. Representatives of Grant and Baker

counties and the Baby McKee and Free Colnage mines met yesterday and de-ided to build a wagon road, which will extend from the Free Coinage mine to the Baby McKee, thence via the California to Cable Cove, and from there it will run via John Day Divide down the middle fork of the John Day River, connecting with one of the main county roads. The total cost will be \$4000, one-half of which will be paid by the mines and the other half by Baker and Grant Counties,

Gervais Harvest Notes.

GERVAIS, Or., Aug. 13.-Webb Smith, who lives on Howell Prairie, recently threshed a 30-acre field of wheat that propickers and many new ones. duced 52 bushels, machine measure. He also threshed outs that made 90 bushels per acre. Mr. Smith is a native son of Oregon

Oregon. Amedy Laschapelle, of this place, threshed an average of 33 bushels of wheat off a 13-acre piece of land. This land was white land, and he averaged 39 bushels of white oats off each acre of a field threshed.

To Teach Farming in Idaho.

CORVALLIS, Aug. 13.—Marion F. Wood, who has for several years filled the posi-tion of foreman on the Oregon Agricul-tural College farm, was recently elected to a similar position in the Idaho Agricul-tural College, where he is to serve also as adjunct professor of agriculture, with an increased salary. Mr. Wood, who is expected to take charge of his new positioz on the 20th, is a graduate of the Oregon Agricultural College.

Dryness May Affect Petatoes.

OREGON CITY, Aug. 12 .- It is a prevaent opinion among farmers of vario sections of Clackamas County that the continued dry weather is seriously affecting the potato crop. While the yield of other staples is large, fully meeting ex-pectations, the hot, dry weather is killing the potato vines in many fields, stop-ping the growth of the tubers. Earlier in season the potato crop gave encourag. ing promise.

Probably Fatally Injured.

Probably Fatally Injured. PENDLETON, Aug. 13.-Frederick Wil-lar, aged 72, wha has been at work in Knoit & Patton's sawmill near Pilot Rock, was brought here today with ter-rible injuries caused by Willar drawing the cutoff saw on to his body while at work in the mill. His left leg has been amputated, and little hope is entertained of his recovery. of his recovery.

Forest Fire in Dead Timber.

FOREST GROVE, Aug. 13.-There is a big fire raging north of this place, about 14 miles, which is filling the atmosphere here with smoke, but it is so far confined will have the samples of animal of each of the samples of the origin of the samples of animal of the samples of out from it this year. The first yielded timber.

acreage. The crop last year was a large one, and the tendency of hop vines, in many sec-tions, is to take a rest alternate years, Especially is this so with yards that have produced an unusual quantity any one year. This is an observation all grow-ers make and use in explaining irregular crops. There are exceptions, however, to this rule, as often yards are found that produce with regularity, but these ex-

ceptions are rare. The hoppicking will commence about the first week in September from the 5th to the 5th. Indications point to an early

opening. Pickers will receive not less than 40 cents a box, and there does not seem to be any danger of a shortage 01 hands, as growers are receiving letters asking for work from nearly all their old

LEWIS IS STILL AT IT.

Working for a Stay of Execution for Murderer Nordstrom.

SEATTLE, Aug. 13 .- Another of the nu-

eed Redmond 35.

Forest Fires in Clark County.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Aug. 13.-During the past week the atmosphere in the vicinity of this city has become heavily charged with smoke. Dense columns of smoke can be seen rising to the north and east, indicating the prevalence of forest fires at no great distance, though no very serious fires have yet been reported here. Last night a big brush fire was reported along the Portland, Vancouver & Yakima Rallway, five or six miles distant, and this morning fire was said to be running through the brush and dead tim ber just north of town. If the present dry weather continues, some damaging fires may be anticipated in different parts

Reserve Agents Appointed.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 13 .- The Controller of the Currency today designated the First National Bank of New York as re-serve agent for the Puget Sound National Bank of Seattle and the National Bank of Commerce of St. Louis as reserve agent for the Old National Bank of Spo-kane.

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of Clark County.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12-A postoffice has been established at Woodville, Bingham County, Idaho, with Alma Gifford as postmaster. Lizzie Hoddoer has been

they are wonderfully rich. The mines be-long to estate of John R. Searles, the New Northwest Postoffice. York sugar king, which is hadly involved, and the property is being worked by a re-ceiver under the direction of a New York court. General Manager Jones reports that the vein, which at the start was only II inches wide, has widened out to 12 feet, and is growing richer as greater depth is

postmaster at South Prairie, Wash.

Gold From British Columbia.

of concentrates per week are being shipped at a reduction of 15 to 1. At the NEW YORK, Aug. 13 .-- The Bank of Montreal has received from British Copresent rate this mine alone will pay the debts of the estate in a few months,

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For advice and literature, address, giving symptoms, "The Ladies' Advisory Department," The Chattanooga Madicine Company, Chattanooga, Tenn.

Long Distance Requisition.

ALBANY, Or., Aug. 12.-Speriff Mc-Hargue went to Salem this afternoon to secure a requisition for R. B. Moore, ar-rested at Cutting, N. Y., upon a warrant issued out of the Justice Court at Lebanon, Or., on the charge of raising an \$8 order to \$59. Moore is a young man, 18 years of age, and became so homesick that he committed the act to get money to go home, going from Lebanon directly to the home of his parents at Cutting, N. Y., where the order for his arreshad preceded him by telegraph. Th matter has raised considerable discussion whether in a case of this character the parents should not have been permitted to make good the amount secured, without arrest, and the county saved the large expense of bringing the young man so

Cornucopia Is a Rich Mine.

BAKER CITY, Aug. 13.-Recent develop

ments at the Cornucopla mines show that

attained. At the present time 90,000 pounds