# STREET FAIR IS OPENED

### ASTORIA COMMENCES WEEK OF SPORTS WITH GRAND PARADE.

**King Rex Was Proclaimed the Ruler—Regatta Will Begin Thursday—Programme.**

ASTORIA, Aug. 26.— Astoria commenced a week of sports today by the opening of the street fair, which was preceded by a grand parade. This was witnessed by a large crowd of spectators and was participated in by several local organizations besides the Oriental shows.

King Rex, the unknown ruler of the gay festival, arrived just in time to take part in the opening exercses, and headed the monster parade. Following was the police force of the city, Mayor Bergman, the members of the City Council and other city officials in carriages, and the Grand Army of the Republic. The civic societies followed, the Astoria fire department coming next, while the show people, with a gorgeous display, brought up the rear. The parade, in charge of Grand Marshal Stockton, formed at 1 o'clock and moved at 1:30. After marching through the principal streets of the city, it ended at the main entrance to the fair, where King Rex was proclaimed the ruler, and the festivities were formally opened.

The afternoon attendance at the fair was very great, the crowd going there immediately upon the opening. The first block is taken up entirely with the exhibits of the merchants, who have vied with each other in preparing their displays. Visitors were loud in their praise of the enterprise of the business men. By far the best display is that of the A. Dunbar Company. The fisheries exhibit catches the eye of all the visitors, the miniature hatchery being of particular interest to those who have never seen the process of artificial propagation. Several Portland firms have prettily decorated booths. The first block of the fair is draped with festoons and hundreds of flags fluttered above the crowds which thronged the street.

The main arch is a thing of beauty. It was decorated by Artist Swope, and is of imposing appearance. On the supports are two regatta scenes handsomely painted in water-color. Lights cover the arch and at night it will present a brilliant appearance.

Before the visitor leaves the block of exhibits he encounters the king's throne, where a free concert is given throughout the day and evening. A few steps further on is the Midway with its endless attractions. All sorts of shows may be seen, including the animal show, which made such a hit at the Tacoma fair. There are nine separate theaters, to say nothing of the side exhibits. The German village is at the end of the street. A continuous performance is given here.

The street fair will continue during the balance of the week, but the regatta will not open until Thursday. The official programme of the aquatic and land sports to be held during the three days was announced by the committee today, as follows:

**Thursday August 29.**

Sunrise salute of 21 guns by United States Artillery.

1:30—Grand street parade, in which will appear the queen and maids, attended by her prime minister, admiral and staff, Governor and staff, and Mayor and Council, escorted by a detachment of United States Artillery from Fort Stevens, and bluejackets from the United States training-ship Mohican. The parade, after traversing the principal streets of the city, will proceed to the regatta grandstand, whereupon the queen, after being accorded the royal salute of 25 guns by the artillery, will be presented to her subjects by her prime minister, and after receiving a formal welcome from the Governor on behalf of the state, and by the Mayor—from whom she will receive the keys of the city—on behalf of the people of Astoria, will declare the regatta opened.

10:30—Gasoline launch race. Once around the course. First prize, silver cup, valued at $75, and $15 cash; second prize, tank of gasoline (74 gallons). Balloon ascension from barge on the river.

10:45—Single shell, coast championship; gold medal.

11:00—Four-oar barge race, Olympics vs. South Bends; tub race.

11:15—Junior outrigger skiff race; first heat.

11:30—Canoe race—Portland Rowing Club boys. Duck hunt.

11:45—Senior skiff race; first heat.

12:00—Dinner.

AFTERNOON.

1:00—Fishboat sailing race, anchor start, working sails, twice around; first prize, $75; second prize, $50; other prizes, fishermen's supplies. Greased pole exhibition.

1:15—Free-for-all sloops, flying start, twice around; first prize, $150; second prize, $75; third prize, $25. 220-yard swimming race, Nace Grant vs. H. Brewer.

1:25—30-foot sloops, once around, flying start; prizes, $60 and $30. Exhibition Fort Canby life crew.

1:35—Whitehall sailing, once around, flying start; first prize, $15; second prize, $10; third prize, $5. Punt race.

1:45—Scow schooner race, once around, flying start; first prize, $25; second, $10. High diving.

EVENING.

8:30—Grand regatta ball and coronation of the queen, Foard & Stokes' hall.

**Friday, August 30.**

9:00—Reception to the queen in her royal robes at the grandstand.

9:15—Four-oar shell; medals.

9:25—Junior outrigger skiff; second heat.

9:40—Boys' double pleasure-boat race; balloon ascension.

10:00—Four-oar barge; medals.

10:15—Single pleasure-boat; medal.

10:30—Canoe race.

10:45—Gig race, Manzanita vs. Columbine; tub race.

11:10—Senior outrigger skiff; second heat. Boys' swimming race.

11:30—Cutter race, U. S. S. Mohican; four boats to enter.

12:00—Dinner.

AFTERNOON.

1:00—Fishing-boat sailing, working sails, flying start; first prize, $75; second prize, $50; other prizes fishermen's supplies. Greased pole exhibition.

1:15—Free-for-all sloops, twice around, flying start; first prize, $150; second prize, $75; third prize, $50. 100-yard swimming race, Nace Grant, H. Brewer, Thomas Ross, E. Parker.

1:30—30-foot sloops, once around, flying start; first prize, $60; second, prize, $30. Exhibition by Point Adams life-saving crew.

1:35—Whitehall sailing, once around, flying start; first prize, $15; second prize, $10; third prize, $5. Punt race.

1:45—Scow schooners, once around; first prize, $25; second prize, $10. High diving.

EVENING.

8:30—Grand athletic evening and ladies' night entertainment. An evening of highest-class of athletic features, including tumbling, flying rings, boxing, juggling, club-swinging, baton-swinging and Coast championship wrestling match between Mr. Kahn, of the Multnomah Club, and Mr. McKensie, of the Olympic Club, of San Francisco.

**Saturday, August 31.**

9:00—Single shell consolation; medal. Duck hunt.

9:15—Double pleasure-boat; medals; novelty race.

9:30—Four-oar barge; medals. Tub race.

9:45—Boys' single pleasure-boat; balloon ascension.

10:10—Outrigger skiff; final heat; medal.

10:30—Cuter race, U. S. S. Mohican; four boats to enter. High diving.

10:50—Senior skiff; final heat; medal. Diving under water feats.

11:15—Canoe race. Greased pole exhibition.

AFTERNOON.

1:00—Athletic carnival and field day on athletic grounds, in which teams from the Olympic Club, Multnomah Club, Portland Y. M. C. A., Seattle Athletic Club, University of Oregon, Pacific University and Astoria will compete. The following are the list of events: 100-yard run, 220-yard run, 440-yard run, 880-yard run, one mile run, 120-yard hurdle, 220-yard hurdle, high jump, broad jump, pole vault, team relay race, four men, quarter of a mile each. Prizes in each event are gold and silver medals. The prize in the relay race is a handsome silver cup.

**Gasoline Launch Damaged.**

ST. HELENS, Aug. 26.—Last evening the gasoline launch belonging to Ed and James Peck, of Ridgefield, came near being destroyed by fire. While attempting to light a lantern some of the gasoline, which was escaping unobserved from a pipe, ignited and the flames spread quickly over the entire boat, burning the seats and curtains, and blistering the paint on the inside of the boat. The fire company was called out, and directed a stream of water on the tank to prevent an explosion. The launch was sunk in the river and thus the fire quenched. The damage to the launch is about $75, but it will be several days idle before the needed repairs can be made. The owners of the launch have a contract with the Washington & Oregon Railway Company for transporting provisions to the different camps of workmen employed in the construction of the railroad.

### BAKER CITY CARNIVAL.

**Space Enlarged and Many Exhibits Are Now Being Prepared.**

BAKER CITY, Aug. 26.—The executive committee of the carnival has met and opened the bids for concessions for the street fair. A number of concessions were awarded and several were held over until Tuesday, in order to give some of the bidders more time. The most important concession let was the German village, which was awarded to C. A. Hosler & Co. The German village will be located in the Courthouse yard in the shade of the big trees. The attractions for the village will be supplied by the Jabour shows. Most of the fencing is up and all the space except a few feet has been taken and as the enclosure was made considerably larger than at first contemplated the amount of exhibit space taken is a great deal more extensive than the original plans called for. The mineral exhibit will also be much more elaborate. The mineowners, realizing the importance of such an exhibition, have joined heartily in the collection and preparation of a very fine display.

It is expected that the leading wholesale merchants of Portland will take advantage of the special rate secured over the O. R. & N. to come to Baker City, and join in the celebration. The committee on accommodations is receiving numerous letters of inquiry for rooms, and they expect to be able to care for all who come. The people of the city are throwing open their homes and the hotels and restaurants are all arranging for extra help and procuring large supplies of provisions, so that the crowds will be housed and fed.

The work of decorating the interior of the grounds and the main entrance will commence Monday. The programme committee will announce the special features for each day on the first of the week. Several popular attractions have been arranged for. The great event of the fair, in a social way, will be the red mask ball, which will take place on the last night.

### ASSESSMENT OF COOS COUNTY.

**Value of Taxable Property for 1901 Is $2,766,535.**

COQUILLE, Or., Aug. 26.—The total value of the taxable property of Coos County for the year 1901 is $2,766,535, an increase over last year of $107,632. Assessor Lawrence has just finished writing up the rolls, a summary of which follows:

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| Acres of tillable lands, 18,990 | $ 261,936 |
| Acres of nontillable lands, 523,944 | 1,110,631 |
| Improvements on deeded or patented lands | 226,417 |
| Town and city lots | 289,038 |
| Improvements on town and city lots | 224,616 |
| Improvements on lands not deeded or patented | 5,835 |
| Miles of railroad bed, 44¾ | 59,800 |
| Miles of telegraph and telephone lines, 355½ | 6,678 |
| Rolling stock | 14,500 |
| Steamboats, sailboats, stationary engines and manufacturing machinery | 180,530 |
| Merchandise and stock in trade | 143,840 |
| Farming implements, wagons, carriages, etc | 22,544 |
| Notes and accounts | 198,112 |
| Dogs, 9 | 335 |
| Household furniture, watches, jewelry, etc | 79,400 |
| Horses and mules, 2048 | 23,051 |
| Cattle, 12,175 | 144,820 |
| Sheep and goats, 9163 | 11,613 |
| Swine, 2835 | 5,589 |
| Gross value of all property | $3,029,285 |
| Exemptions | 262,750 |
| Total value of taxable property | $2,766,535 |

**Mines Near St. Helens.**

ST. HELENS, Aug. 26.—A delegation of officers and directors of the Ophir Mining Company, of Portland, consisting of L. Hansen, H. D. Stahley, W. L. Blackwell, J. S. Clanaghen, H. White and Sol Stomberg, visited their mines in this county yesterday. The company is incorporated for $1,000,000, and has secured 320 acres of land in section 13, township four, range three west. A meeting of the officers and board of directors will be held in Portland Tuesday, after which development work will be pushed as rapidly as possible. The company not only expects to develop the coal mines, but also to put in a sawmill and do general mining and lumber business. They have a six-foot vein of lignite coal, which has been traced seven miles, and there is but little doubt that it is the eight-foot veir which crops out in section 23, of the next township, west.

In connection with the coal question a large gang of men are doing development work on the Cliff and Dalton mines on section 18. They have taken out four tons of coal from their tunnel, and a thorough test of it for steamboat use will be made at once.

**Left Money for Aged Minister.**

HILLSBORO, Aug. 26.—The last will and testament of Charlotte Hornbuckle, who recently died at Beaverton, was filed here in probate today. The instrument names W. B. Thomas as legatee and executor without bonds. The estate is valued at $7100, all of which goes to Thomas except $400, which is to be deposited in the Bank of the Security Savings & Trust Company, of Portland, perpetual, the annual interest to be devoted to the care of superannuated Methodist Episcopal ministers. Thomas is a young man about 30 years of age, and was adopted by his benefactress and her husband, the late George Hornbuckle, some 21 years ago.

**Telephone to Cornucopia.**

BAKER CITY, Aug. 26.—The Pacific Coast Telephone & Telegraph Company will build a telephone line from Baker City to Cornucopia, thus connecting the "Panhandle" with Baker County. The new line will be built just as soon as the wire can be procured. There is a line by way of Union to the Cornucopia mine, but it is in bad condition, so it has been decided to build a line from here to Keating and from there the old line will be rebuilt.

**Thunder Showers at Hood River.**

HOOD RIVER, Aug. 26.—A thunder shower here Sunday night laid the dust and put out forest fires along the Columbia. During the progress of the storm lightning struck the wires and burned out the fuse block of the Hood River electric light plant. At Mount Hood the storm was quite heavy and the guests at Cloud Cap Inn were treated to a brilliant electrical display.

**Amity Crop Notes.**

AMITY, Aug. 26.—A heavy rain fell here last night and today threshing is suspended. Crops were not damaged.

Men are very scarce around Amity this year, and threshers have great difficulty in securing crews.

The potato crop for this season will be light in this section, and a good price will be realized.

**Heavy Electric and Rain Storm.**

DAYTON, Aug. 26.—Last evening an electric storm visited this section. It was accompanied by a heavy rain, which continued the greater part of the night. Threshing for the day is abandoned. The rain will be of much benefit to growing crops.

# WANTS THE NOMINATION

### A. J. FALKNOR, OF OLYMPIA, ASPIRES TO SUCCEED CUSHMAN.

**Unless Situation Changes He Will Be a Candidate Before the Next State Convention.**

OLYMPIA, Wash., Aug. 26.—A. J. Falknor, of this city, will be a candidate for Representative in Congress before the next Republican state convention. Mr. Falknor has as yet made no formal announcement of his candidacy, but he freely admits that unless the situation changes materially within the next few months he will be an active aspirant for the seat now held by Representative Cushman.

Coming as he does from the southwest, Mr. Falknor's candidacy is certain to conflict with Mr. Cushman's well-known ambition to succeed himself. Although Washington will have three representatives in the future instead of two as heretofore, political conditions are such that both Tacoma and the southwest cannot get a Representative. Mr. Cushman lives in Tacoma, and it is generally believed that the friends of Senator Foster, secretly, if not openly, will oppose his return to Congress, on the ground that his return to the lower house would seriously embarrass Senator Foster when that gentleman comes up for re-election to the Senate.

HE WANTS MR. CUSHMAN'S SEAT IN CONGRESS.

A. J. FALKNOR, OF OLYMPIA.

Mr. Falknor is one of the ablest young men in Washington. He has served in the lower house of the state Legislature two terms, and both times a great share of Olympia's capitol fight has fallen upon his shoulders. He has succeeded in passing the bill through two Legislatures, with the aid of home politicians. In 1899 the Governor vetoed the bill, but at the last session the measure which Mr. Falknor advocated received executive approval, and the capitol is now being constructed.

Although Mr. Falknor is by no means entitled to all the credit for having passed this bill, he was its champion in the House, and the people of this, his home city give him high credit for the masterly fight which he made in its behalf. Mr. Falknor was appointed by Speaker Albertson, himself one of the leading lawyers of the state, as chairman of the judiciary committee of the house, a high compliment, coming from the source it did, to his legal ability. Mr. Falknor acquitted himself creditably in that position. He was also one of the best orators in the House, and is a pleasing stump speaker. He is one of Olympia's leading lawyers.

There is little question that Mr. Falknor will receive the unanimous indorsement of Thurston County, and that its delegation will go to the state convention enthusiastically determined to bring about his nomination. An effort will be made to line up the famous southwest combination in his behalf.

Mr. Falknor has been fairly successful in keeping himself free from the factional embroilments which have been the chief feature of Republican politics in tis state for several years past. In the Legislature of 1899 he voted for John L. Wilson for United States Senator until A. G. Foster received the Republican caucus nomination, when he joined with his fellow-Republicans in making the latter's election unanimous. Last year Mr. Falknor refused to support Senator Wilson's Gubernatorial candidate, although he had supported that gentleman himself for Senator. He was active in the candidacy of J. O'B. Scobey for Governor, and made a diligent effort to consolidate the anti-Wilson forces in the state convention in Mr. Scobey's interest. Failing in this he gave Mr. Frink, who received the nomination, a hearty support in the campaign which followed. Thurston County is recognized as one of the anti-Wilson strongholds of the state, and it is said by Mr. Falknor's friends that he has long since deferred to the wishes of his home organization relative to Mr. Wilson and his aspirations.

There is a general belief that Representative Cushman is booked for slaughter. Opinion is not entirely unanimous that Mr. Falknor will be selected to succeed him, but that Cushman will be placed on the retired list is the general impression. It is fair to say that Cushself does not share in the belief that he is a political corpse. He is making an active fight for renomination, but the strong undercurrent of opposition on tre part of Senator Foster's friends in his own county is telling against him seriously. Cushman has shown a disposition to sympathize with Senator Wilson in the latter's fight with Senator Foster over the distribution of the Federal patronage, and that has still further alienated from him the support of many men in Tacoma. With the majority of Tacoma politicians Foster is first, and Cushman but a secondary consideration.

Cushman's spectacular opposition to the river and harbor bill in Congress last Winter hurt him immeasurably. Many prominent business men of the state believe that his sensational attacks upon the members of the river and harbor committee injured the prospects of the state in getting National aid for its rivers and harbors. Chairman Burton and his associates, on the occasion of their recent visit to the state, referred to Mr. Cushman with great sarcasm several times, and in the unhappy Representative's presence at that.

It is probable that out of courtesy Cushman will be indorsed by Pierce County next year, but the dominant element in the politics of the county, which will control the delegation, even though it be instructed for him, will not strain themselves working for him. His defeat seems probable that Mr. Falknor's friends believe this fact to be the Olympia man's great opportunity.

**Will Rush Construction.**

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Aug. 26.—It is promised by the management of the proposed electric railway system which is to connect Umatilla County, Oregon, with this city, that work on construction will begin within a few weeks and that not later than two months from now a large force of men will be engaged in the work. At present it would be impossible to get men from the harvest fields, and until the crop is all in the warehouses and the Fall farm work caught up, farmers will not give up their help for anything. It is expected to begin work as soon as men can be had readily, and the construction will be carried on all Winter.

### BOARD OF EQUALIZATION.

**Session of Washington Officials to Begin September 20.**

OLYMPIA, Aug. 26.—The state board of equalization, composed of State Auditor, Secretary of State and the Land Commissioner, will hold its initial session on September 3 next, the session to last, as provided by law, for 20 days. The board has agreed on the following dates for hearings during September: 6th, Lewis, Chehalis, Pacific, Cowlitz, Clark and Wahkiakum Counties; 7, Pierce, Mason and Thurston Counties; 9, railroads; 10, King, Kitsap, Jefferson, Island, and Clallam Counties; 11, Snohomish, Skagit, Whatcom and San Juan Counties; 12, Franklin, Adams, Asotin, Garfield, Kittitas, Walla Walla, Klickitat, Skamania and Columbia Counties; 13, Spokane and Stevens Counties; 14, Douglas, Ferry, Chelan, Okanogan, Lincoln, Whitman and Yakima Counties.

The appropriation made by the last Legislature for the next two years is only $400, while the law prescribes that not more than $500 shall be expended at any one session of 20 days. The amount expended in 1900 by this board was less than $200, the clerk of the board receiving only $88.

### RETURNED TO THE GOVERNMENT.

**Uncondemned Property Purchased by a Vancouver Dealer.**

VANCOUVER, Wash., Aug. 26.—W. S. Wood, who was arrested last Saturday on a warrant sworn out by Lieutenant Gottlieb, Twenty-eighth Infantry, for having in his possession goods alleged to have been stolen from the United States Government, was given a hearing today before Justice Haine. The state failed to establish a case against Wood so far as any criminal intent was concerned, he having shown by receipts and other competent evidence that he obtained possession of the property by purchase from discharged volunteers and other sources which he deemed legitimate. As a result, the criminal charge was withdrawn but Wood was unable to show bills of sale from the proper authorities or to show that the property purchased had first been condemned, consequently it was turned over to Lieutenant Gottlieb as the authorized agent of the Government, under the provisions of the United States revised statutes prohibiting the sale of Government property or stores.

The property confiscated consisted of a quantity of Army blankets and various articles of soldiers' clothing and was valued by Wood at about $30.

### PARENTS SHOULD BE CENSURED.

**Coroner's Jury Cleared Boy Who Accidentally Shot Child.**

VANCOUVER, Wash., Aug. 26.—Fred Heifner, the boy who fired the shot which resulted in the death of little Jocelyn Canby last Saturday, was exonerated of intentional blame by the Coroner's jury which held an inquest on the body yesterday. A verdict was returned that the boy met his death accidentally, from the effects of a shot from a 22-caliber rifle in the hands of Fred Heifner. The parents of young Heifner and his companion, Wilbur Caskey, were declared by the jury to be deserving of severe censure for permitting boys of their age the unrestricted use of firearms.

### CHARGES AGAINST CHURCHMEN.

**Pastor and Presiding Elder Accused of Maladministration.**

SPOKANE, Aug. 26.—Formal notice has been served of charges of maladministration preferred against Dr. Henry Brown, presiding elder, and Dr. P. A. Cool, pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal Church, of this city, and Rev. T. G. Hodgson, pastor of the church at Coeur d'Alene. Additional charges of fraud and deceit are made against Dr. Cool. These are the result of the recent trials and expulsion of five members from the First Methodist Episcopal Church. The charges will be investigated by the conference, which will meet at Walla Walla September 4.

### KILLED IN A SALOON BRAWL.

**William Murphy Kicked in Groin and Fatally Injured.**

SEATTLE, Aug. 26.—Another man lies cringing in a prison cell in Seattle charged with murder in the first degree, for the killing of William Murphy, last night, while both were in the Board of Trade saloon drinking. Charles Hughes kicked his victim in the groin, and the latter died this morning at 10 o'clock. Hughes was arrested immediately charged with the crime. Both men worked for a street-grade contractor here, and what caused the quarrel is not known.

**Forest Fires Sweep Island.**

EVERETT, Wash., Aug. 26.—Camano Island, Port Gardner Bay, is swept by forest fires. Cavalero's logging camp has been destroyed and others are in danger. Lumbermen say the loss will be heavy if rains do not come soon.

**Bonds Bought for School Fund.**

OLYMPIA, Aug. 26.—The State Auditor today issued a warrant in favor of Yakima County for $2000, for the purchase by the permanent school fund of four $500 school bonds of Yakima County.

# INSPECTED ARID LANDS

### GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS SEE SOUTHEASTERN OREGON.

**Irrigation Alone, They Think, Is Required to Develop a Rich Hay and Stock Country.**

BAKER CITY, Or., Aug. 26.—F. H. Newell, chief hydrographer of the Interior Department, and Gifford Pinchot, chief forester of the Agricultural Department, who have been touring the arid southeastern district of this state, arrived in Baker City yesterday, in company with Hon. Malcolm A. Moody, with whom they have been traveling for the past three or four weeks. Mr. Newell said that last Winter he was called before one of the irrigation committees of Congress, and among other things he was asked about the arid land region of Southeastern Oregon, and he replied that less was known of that section of the country than any other part of the United States from an irrigation standpoint. Mr. Moody heard of this statement, and the result was that he was invited to make this trip in company with Mr. Pinchot.

Mr. Newell said it had been as hard and profitable a journey as he had ever made in the discharge of his official duty. Mr. Moody managed to keep them moving from 4 o'clock in the morning until late at night. They slept on the ground, in haystacks, or any other convenient place they could find. The drives each day covered from 60 to 70 miles, and in addition, they tramped over acres and acres of mountain forests where a wagon could not go. The trip was over 500 miles long, starting at The Dalles, and ending at Ontario. Every facility was afforded them to see the country and examine the conditions. Mr. Newell was, of course, interested in the reclamation of the arid lands, and Mr. Pinchot was looking out for the forests.

The necessity of forest preservation was very apparent to Mr. Newell on this trip, as he said, owing to the steepness of the mountains, it was absolutely necessary to preserve the forest in the section of the state just visited or else all hope of reclamation of the arid lands and the preservation of the agricultural industry would have to be abandoned. To preserve the moisture the forest must be kept alive, else when the forest is destroyed the soil would be swept from the mountain sides, owing to the fact that they are so steep, and it would require ages to replace the forest. With nothing to hold the moisture the streams would dry up, and the possibility of reclaiming the arid lands would be very remote, indeed.

Starting out from The Dalles, the party followed up the Deschutes and Crooked Rivers, along the banks of both of which they found thousands of acres of land capable of a high state of cultivation, if it was only supplied with water. The water is there in abundance, but it will cost a great deal of money to get it on the land, especially from the Deschutes, since the river flows through a lava bed, and it is a considerable distance from the level of the plain down to the water. It is not an impossible problem, by any means, and when once the water is taken out it can be carried for a long distance and bring many thousands of acres of the very finest hay lands under cultivation. Mr. Newell thinks that this part of the state is especially well adapted to stock-raising, because the Summer range is exceptionally good, and the hay lands, that can be brought under cultivation will furnish an abundance of Winter feed.

Over in the Malheur Basin the party found numerous sites for reservoirs. Some of them are so situated that the water that comes down from the mountains in the early Spring could be stored up and held during the Summer. Some of the streams dry up in the Summer, because they have their source in the high mountains on the western slope, and when the snow is all melted off the streams run dry. This water can be stored in many places, and what is now a perpetual arid region can be made tillable land.

In other places perpetual streams are found that are sufficient to irrigate small farms, if the water was properly distributed. Some of these small streams, Mr. Newell noted, have a tremendous fall, as they come down from the high hills, and even at this season of the year they carry quite a heavy volume of water. They are favorably located for the development of water power, but flow through the plain between high, steep banks, and could not be carried out over the land for irrigation, except at great expense. Mr. Newell suggests that many of these streams could be used to develop electric power, which could be transmitted to pumping stations, and thousands of acres of land thus irrigated at comparatively small expense. He has observed in Southern California the use of electric power developed in this way for irrigation purposes, which, he says, is not only cheap but very effective. Down in the Malheur Lake Basin Mr. Newell found many places where he is satisfied artesian wells could be bored and a fine supply of water obtained.

Over on the Malheur and Snake Rivers, in the vicinity of Ontario, the land and climate are just right for fruit raising, and the water supply is ample for all practical purposes. In the opinion of Mr. Newell this entire section of Oregon, if supplied with water, and the water can be had at comparatively small expense, is capable of supporting a population equal to the present population of the state. He believes in irrigation as the most profitable method of cultivating the soil. Small holdings and high cultivation, in his opinion, bring the best results, and this is only possible in what is termed the arid region of the United States. Mr. Newell does not think that it is a detriment to a section of country to be classed as arid land if there is water available with which to cultivate it. A large section of the State of Oregon is arid land, but in time it will sustain the densest population, in proportion to area, and will outstrip any other part of the state in wealth. He draws this conclusion by reason of the fact that it is rich, both in agricultural and mineral resources, neither one of which has been developed.

Mr. Newell believes in Government aid in the development of the arid lands of the United States. It is estimated that each adult citizen is worth $10 per year to the General Government in the amount of revenue he contributes to its support, and anything which will aid in the building up of the country by adding to the population is a good investment for the Government. Where today the arid lands will sustain one person, it is well known that irrigation ditches, reservoirs and artesian wells will make it capable of sustaining 10 times as many, and supply them with all the necessities and many of the luxuries of life.

Mr. Newell was glad of the opportunity which Mr. Moody had afforded him to visit the arid land section of Oregon, because it gave him a splendid chance to study the problem of the reclamation of the desert lands of the United States. This problem has been a life study on the part of Mr. Newell, and while he has visited every section of the arid land region of the United States, he has never had a better chance to study the needs of any particular locality than he had that of Southeastern Oregon during the past three weeks. Mr. Moody's efforts ought to bear fruit at the next session of Congress, as it is almost a settled fact that Congress will make an appropriation for a series of experiments to be made under the direction of Mr. Newell and his assistants, in which event Southeastern Oregon will certainly not be forgotten.

### GOT LONG-TIME FRANCHISE.

**Astoria Offers Telephone Company a Contract for Thirty-five Years.**

ASTORIA, Aug. 26.—Mayor Bergman today signed the ordinance passed at the last meeting of the council, granting a 35-year franchise to the Pacific States Telephone & Telegraph Company for operating telegraph and telephone lines. Under the terms of the ordinance its provisions must be accepted within 30 days by the company, which, in addition, must pay $500 to the city. The company is further required to pay the city $350 during each January for the next 15 years, and $400 during each January for the following 20 years. These sums are in lieu of all license fees. Six telephones are to be furnished the city offices and engine-houses free of charge.

**Street Improvements Delayed.**

It is now settled that the proposed improvement of three blocks on Seventeenth street will not be made at least at present. Sometime ago bids were asked for on this improvement, but later the City Attorney discovered that there was some irregularity regarding the establishment of the grades at the crossings, which might be sufficient to annul the assessments. To avoid this a petition was prepared, asking the Council to make the improvement on the existing grades and relinquishing all rights to remonstrate, but this petition the property-owners refused to sign, and the chairman of the street committee stated this morning that at the meeting of the committee tomorrow the bids will be rejected.

**Training-Ship Mohican at Astoria.**

The United States training-ship Mohican, which is in port to attend the regatta, has 360 people on board, a great majority of whom are young apprentices. She has been out from San Francisco for five months on a cruise, visiting San Diego, Honolulu and Puget Sound ports. For the past few days she has been near Port Angeles, engaged in target practice, during which some excellent scores were made with four-inch, six-pounders and one-pound automatic guns.

**Government Vessels at Regatta.**

The lighthouse tender Columbine has received orders from the inspector to remain here during the regatta and participate in the festivities. Thus the Mohican and Manzanita will make three Government vessels in the harbor during the week.

**Dredger Makes No Progress.**

Reports from Westport this afternoon state that the dredge is making no progress in its attempt to dig out the Robertson log raft from the mud at the entrance to Westport Slough. There is now talk of securing the services of a diver to assist in the work.

### DIED OF HEART DISEASE.

**Conrad Schulmerich, a Prominent Citizen of Hillsboro.**

HILLSBORO, Or., Aug. 26.—Conrad Schulmerich, one of the most widely known, wealthy and respected German citizens of this county, died at his home in this city at 1:30 this morning, the result of a severe attack of heart trouble. For some time his ailment had prevented him from reclining in a horizontal position, and he slept in a chair. A few minutes before death he complained of great pain, and went from his chair to the bed, where he expired a moment after.

Deceased was born in Manheim, Hesse d'Armstadt, Germany, December 27, 1827, and emigrated to New York City in 1850. In 1856 he married Miss Margaret Schnetzger, and together they went to California, arriving at San Francisco via Panama, late that Fall. He first settled at Placerville, where he mined for a number of years. In 1875 the family moved to Oregon and settled six miles south of this city, where they lived until a few years ago, since that time residing in Hillsboro.

His wife died in February, 1900. The following children survive: Herman, manager of the Oregon Placer & Power Company, Sumpter; William, Farmington; Edward and George W., Hillsboro, merchants; Joseph, of Greenville; Mrs. Daniel Burkhalter, Farmington, and the Misses Margaret, Josephine and Etta, residing at home.

**The Death of a Stranger.**

NORTH YAKIMA, Aug. 26.—The death of Louis Clements, a familiar figure on the streets of North Yakima for 10 years, occurred yesterday. Clements was an assumed name. It is said by a man who was familiar with his family history that he was a Spaniard, and the son of a titled family. He had had trouble with his father, and left home on that account. He had a knack of caring for the sick, and during his stay here he nursed a number of sick men back to health, seldom accepting pay for his services. He died without money or property, and some of those who felt indebted to him paid his funeral expenses.

**Cause of Death Unknown.**

NORTH YAKIMA, Aug. 26.—The body of Honnewasie, a well-to-do reservation Indian, who disappeared two weeks ago, was found half a mile from town today. His friends have insisted that he was murdered, but the body is so badly decomposed that the cause of death cannot be asertained.

**Killed by Gas in Tunnel.**

WALLACE, Idaho, Aug. 26.—Andrew Morgan, a miner of this town, was asphyxiated by gas in the Bell tunnel, early this morning.

**Died After Operation.**

NORTH YAKIMA, Aug. 26.—Mrs. A. H. Strubin died at the hospital here last night as the result of an operation. She left three small children, who are fatherless as well as motherless. The father committed suicide about three months ago while temporarily insane.

**Mining Stock Quotations.**

SPOKANE, Aug. 26.—The closing bids for mining stocks today were as follows:

| | Bid. | Ask. | | Bid. | Ask. |
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| American Boy | 7⅝ | 10 | Morning Glory | 2⅝ | 3 |
| Black Tail | 10 | 10⅝ | Morrison | 2 | 2⅝ |
| Butte & B. | 1 | 1½ | Princ. Maud | 1⅝ | 1⅞ |
| Crystal | 4⅝ | 5½ | Quilp | 20 | 26 |
| Conjecture | 2½ | 3⅛ | Ram.-Car. | 46½ | 48½ |
| Deer Trail | 2½ | 2⅝ | Republic | 3½ | 4½ |
| El Caliph | 2½ | 3½ | Reservation | 6⅝ | 7⅛ |
| Gold Ledge | 1 | 1½ | Ross. Giant | 2 | 3½ |
| L. P.-Surp. | 5 | 5½ | Sullivan | 9⅝ | 10⅛ |
| Mtn. Lion | 28 | 29 | Tom Thumb | 12½ | 13½ |

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 26.—The official closing quotations for mining stocks today were as follows:

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| Alta | $0 03 | Mexican | $0 12 |
| Belcher | 04 | Occidental Con | 02 |
| Best & Belcher | 09 | Ophir | 77 |
| Bullion | 01 | Overman | 08 |
| Caledonia | 19 | Potosi | 03 |
| Challenge Con | 24 | Savage | 05 |
| Chollar | 04 | Sierra Nevada | 16 |
| Confidence | 86 | Silver Hill | 30 |
| Con. Cal. & Va. | 1 80 | Standard | 3 20 |
| Crown Point | 05 | Union Con | 10 |
| Gold & Curry | 06 | Utah Con | 04 |
| Hale & Norcross | 22 | Yellow Jacket | 23 |
| Justice | 04 | | |

NEW YORK, Aug. 26.—The closing quotations:

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| Adams Con | $0 25 | Little Chief | $0 12 |
| Alice | 45 | Ontario | 9 25 |
| Breece | 1 40 | Ophir | 70 |
| Brunswick Con | 08 | Phoenix | 08 |
| Comstock Tun. | 06 | Potosi | 02 |
| Con. Cal. & Va. | 1 70 | Savage | 03 |
| Deadwood Terra | 50 | Sierra Nevada | 09 |
| Horn Silver | 1 75 | Small Hopes | 30 |
| Iron Silver | 55 | Standard | 3 00 |
| Leadville Con. | 06 | | |

BOSTON, Aug. 26.—The closing quotations:

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| Adventure | $ 27 50 | Osceola | $100 50 |
| B. Mining Co. | 43 00 | Parrot | 52 50 |
| Amal. Copper | 121 25 | Quincy | 174 00 |
| Atlantic | 37 00 | Santa Fe Copper | 7 50 |
| Cal. & Hecla | 740 00 | Tamarack | 348 00 |
| Centennial | 20 00 | Utah Mining | 50 00 |
| Franklin | 18 50 | Winona | 4 37 |
| Humboldt | 25 00 | Wolverines | 85 00 |

**Land Decision Reversed.**

WASHINGTON, Aug. 22.—The Secretary of the Interior has reversed the decision of the General Land Office rejecting the application of Thomas M. Morgan to make homestead entry of a quarter section tract in the Walla Walla land district, Washington. It seems that Morgan has made several homestead entries in the past, but before completing final proof, in each case relinquished his rights. The Secretary construes the law governing the case to mean that any party who has made a former homestead entry, but relinquishes it, is entitled to the benefits of the homestead law, as if such former entry or entries had not been made.

**Lightning at Forest Grove.**

FOREST GROVE, Aug. 26.—There was a general rainfall in this section last night, and the thunder and lightning was so severe that the electric light plant shut down until the storm was over.


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