CONFIDENCE IN

WASCO BANKER PURCHASES A LARGE TRACT.

He Belleves That With Irrigation It Will Be Made Valuable-Others Buying State Lands.

SATEM OF Oct 18-W. M Barnett. SALEM, Or. Oct. 12.—W. M. Barnett, the Warm binner and stockraiser, was in Salem yesterday to purchase for himself and members of his family 800 acres of school land in Crook County. The land is commonly called desert land, and has alood vacant for years because everybody considered it worthless. A ditch is new being constructed in the vicinity of the land, and it will not be long until and it will not be long until a large portion of the 800 acres will be pro-ducing as good crops of alfalfa as ever grew in the irrigated districts of the Count States. The land costs \$1.25 per

Mr. Barnett has great confidence in the future of the Crook County country, and thinks the land lying in such a position that it can be irrigated will in a few years furnish homes for a large number people. It was only a few years ago at in his own county (Sherman) land ald be bought at \$1 % per acre, but the same land is now under cultivation and will readily bring \$15 per acre. While it was still a part of the public domain st people considered it not worth havlinest people considered it not works hav-ing. As the Crook County country is set-tled up and transportation facilities be-come better one section after another will be added to the tillsble land, and 10 years hence people will look back with wonupon the progress that has been

The land which Mr. Barnett and his family have bought from the state was shown in a recent map of Crook County published by The Oregonian. It lies a few miles west of Prineville, and is crossed by Cracked River, the principal branch of the Deschutes. It is in a portion of the county which should in a very few years be traversed by a rail-they have taken out 500 pounds of rock road, and it is quite within reason to expect that railroads crossing Crook County both east and west and north and south will intersect each other in

that vicinity. Mr. Barnett says that, while he has not examined the vacant lands of Crook County, he believes there are many hundreds of acres that lie in a good position for irrigation. Many settlers are now searching for homes in that country, and irrigation enterprises are being started in various places. In many of the streams there is water sufficient to reclaim arid and each succeeding year sees more of the water used for this purpose,

Many Buyers of State Land. Mr. Barnett is only one of many who are turning to cheap land in the outlying sections as a good investment. It is not required of purchasers of state land that they make their homes upon the land for any time at all. So far as the rents of the law are co business man may buy state land a never seen, and may rell it he has never seen, and may sell it without ever having been upon it. While he is required to swear that he desires to puras it for his own use, it is not required at he use it for a home for himself or family. Under these favorable terms people are investing their savings d which can be bought at \$1.25 per only 25 cents per acre being paid at the time the application is made, night be expected. Eastern Oregon is most sought for because there larger area to select from, and probing back from the settled district. are also a number of vacant seccoast country, and these are being sought out by persons he expect them to be valuable some time Sales are being made daily he State Land Department. Some of archasers are people who have never the land they buy, but have learned general character by correspondence people who are familiar with the country. Others are people who have personally examined the land or have sent these who have been too hasty in accing land may find that they have ght property that will never be worth

Salem Notes. Homer Davenport, the carteonist, will lecture Wednesday evening in the Grand Opera-House in this city, the proceeds go to the Silverton cement-sidewalk

purchase price. The great majority, ever, will see the time when their or-

iginal cost of the land will look small

when compared with its real value.

Mrs. Z. F. Moody has presented to the estate a large number of paims, cactl and other large potted plants, to be used in decorating the interior of the State Capitol. The plants have been placed in the two legislative halls and in the rotunda. The Oregon Agricultural College made a similar gift not long ago.

Fire broke out in the engine-house of the Capital Lumbering Company at an

early hour this morning and injured the building to the amount of about \$200, fully covered by insurance,

The afternoon overland, north-bound is w running on a new schedule, by which | the price will go up to \$6. It pusses through Salem at 4:34 o'clock instead of 4:58 ag heretofore. The change in time will make but little difference to residents of Salem. Most of the travel to Partiand is by the morning train. Those who go on the afternoon train will find the new schedule a little more cont, as the train will reach Portland 20 minutes carlier,

WILL MAKE FASTER TIME.

New Schedule on Oregon City Line Goes Into Effect Today.

OREGON CITY, Oct. 12.-The Pertland City & Oregon Railway Company will in-augurate a new schedule tomorrow, leaving Or gon City and Portland at half-hour intervals from 7 A. M. to 11:30 P. M. A late car from Portland will be a great con venience to Oregon City people. The cars will make faster time than formerly, cut-ting io minutes from the time and making

the through trip in one hour.

The County Board of Equalization will convent tomorrow and remain in session tintil Saturday afternoon. The board is and of the County Judge, sor and County Glerk, and will publiely examine the assessment roll for the year 1991 and correct all errors in valua-tion, description or qualities of lands, lots

Reports from Borings, this county, show S577 bushels of wheat, and 52 acres of oats that averaged 65 bushels to the acre. D. Henderman threshed four and one-half Hemorram threshed four and one-man acres of osts that went My bushels to the acre, machine measure, and 1384 bush-els per acre by weight. He got 10 sucks of peculoes from one-fourth of an acre.

Umatilla County has 163 schools and meanly 3x0 school children, Stockmen will meet at Bonanga October 26 to organize a protection league,

A Hubbard correspondent says the Pud-ding River bridge will be rebuilt. The slope is now down over 1200 feet at

The Monument School Board has decided . monts on the grounds.

E. C. Liwurds' big log drive of 3,500,000 feet for the Harrisburg saw mill has

reached its destination,
The Empire Gold Mining Company, of Portland, will station a \$75,000 gold dredger on the John Day River.

Merritt, Applegate & Leev in the ESR Creek district,

started last Monday to drive 250 feet of tunnel on the Comstock group of claims,

one mile from Lawton.

Arrangements have been perfected for a local teachers' institute at Dusty, on Oct-ober 18 and 19. There is to be an evening and a day session, Through the kindness of Charles Martin, the citizens of Hubbard have access to over 1500 books, which he has the room over the postoffice. which he has placed in

William Allen had the largest potatoes of the season on exhibition last week, says the Lostine Leader. Among them were three that averaged three pounds and six ounces each.

A. Doolittle brought to the Cottage Grove Nugget office last week some corn on the stalk that stands over 10 feet, sent by Tom Gardner, from his Coast Fork home, on the Oakland road.

The flax company at Scio has nearly all its fiber flax retted and stored. It is now putting in a steam drier, and as soon as new machinery arrives from the East will commence work with a full crew,

Whenever a dance is held at Aurora a gang of smartles from outside-sometimes from Hubbard and its vicinity-come to raise a row and cut up all kinds of ca-pers, says the Borealis. This will not be tolerated in the future.

The oil fields above Vale are creating an excitement next to the famous Big Bend gold fever a few weeks ago. More than 12,000 acres are now located and a half dozen surveying parties are in the field. The hotels at Vale are crowded. W. W. Austen, of Hamilton; Frank P. Wellman, of Cottonwood, and W. O. Harryman, of Monument, have arranged to hold a series of educational meetings in each of their respective districts. Their

Michael Primeau, a miner employed at the Red Boy mine, was injured last week by the explosion of a cap that was pisced on the wrong end of the fuse, says a Lawton correspondent. A small piece of copper imbedded itself in his right thigh and necessitated his going to the

first meeting will be held at Hamilton,

W. H. Butler brought in a sample of ore from the Daniel Boone claim in Quartz Guich that will assay \$2000 to the ton, that is as rich as this sample, and that the ledge from which this was taken pans out rich from the very grass roots. So far this season steelhead salmon have not made their appearance in the streams of the Lostine country. Heretofore at this time of year they were very plentiful in both the South Fork and Waiowa Rivers. It is said that a dam has been placed at the mouth of Salmon River which prevents them from going up into those streams.

The superintendent of the Badger mine, of Busanville, has laid off a large number of the hands that have been em-ployed during the past season. This is done pending arrangements soon to be made by the Badger company for the fu-ture operation of the mine. It is likely that a larger force than ever will soon be put to work on the property.

Thomas McEwen has received a tele-

gram from Milwaukee capitalists stating that a representative will arrive soon to negotiate with the incorporators of the projected electric raliway between Sump-ter and Bourne, says a Sumpter paper, The incorporators of the proposed road are Thomas McEwen, B. L. McLain, Arthus Philbrick and J. H. Clark.

Mr. Peck, in charge of the party surveying a line for the Northern Pacific from Scappoose to Tillamook, has informed the Scappoose to Tiliamook, has informed the Tiliamook Herald that he will probably reach Tiliamook October 20. The route is a rough one, but a railroad can be constructed cheaply. The summit will be tunneled for a distance of 700 feet, and the crossing of the South Fork of the Nehalem will be made at Vine Maple post-office. The party is now just beyond Foundation. The party is now just beyond Foley postoffice

In the past two weeks business has been active at Canvon City and John Day. The roads leading from Baker City and Hepp-ner have been Thed with freight teams bringing Winter supplies from the rail-road and machinery for the mines, and every team and wagon not in use has been fitted out to haul lumber from the saw mills to the design. mills to the dredging company and the Prairie Diggings mine. All the saw mills gations everywhere were large and included many members of other denominations. At the Church of the Advent,

J. D. French, of Upper Butter Creek, de-livered 54 head of beef cattle in Pendieton by Right Rev. F. W. Taylor, bishop colivered 54 head of beef cattle in Pendieton Monday, which were shipped to Scattle, October 15 he will deliver 54 head more. He receives 3 cents for cows delivered and weighed in Pendleton, 3% cents for heifers, and 3% cents for steers. The cows delivered Monday weighed 1261 pounds, heifers 1080, and steers 1040. The average price of the cows was \$26.03; helfers, \$35.20, and steers, \$39. He delivered 10 cows, 17 helfers and 27 steers. The total

amount received was \$2050 40. The lower river logging camps are preparing to suspend operations for the Winter, says the Astorian, and within a short time several of the largest camps will be closed down. The loggers are not satisfied either with the prevailing price of logs, or with the new system of scaling recently adopted by the millmen. Log-gers are holding their logs, though those

D. E. Morris, superintendent of construction on the Fish Lake ditch, reports that work on the ditch has been re-tarded by frequent rains, says a Medford paper. It has been necessary to in-vest in additional machinery, and a new eight-horse plow and an Austin grader were taken from Medford to the camp last week. The plows and graders have broken ground to a point near Ed Mills' opposite Brownsboro With good weather for 30 days he hopes to reach the drop at Mr. Bradshaw's place. The two miles of unfinished ditch has been left open during the rains will now be finished.

In destroying the germs in the Lilly orses, five barrels of lime were used, says the Corvailis Times. The bodies of the five animals had been buried and had to be exhumed. Some of the lime was put inside the carcasses. Then the en-tire body of each horse was completely covered with lime and enough water was thrown on to slack the latter thoroughly. Lime was also spread over the ground, in the graves and on other spots that had come in contact with the carcasses. After 24 hours the lime-covered bodies were covered with a thick coating of sand to prevent the lime from blowing away. The work was done under direction of Profes-sor Pernot, bacteriologist at the college.

George Lea has finished his contract with the City of Cottage Grove for the that Velsch Bros, have the largest crop laying of the mains of the new water ever threshed in that section, totaling system. He has put down and connected 214 miles of pipe, 2500 feet of six- and fiveoh, and 10,000 feet of four-inch. This has ill been tested with a 25-foot pressure head from the reservoir on the hill back of town, and accepted by the Council. On Wail street four hydrants have placed. The two-inch pipesthat was taken up is now being laid on Third street, of the McFarland Addition, and will have four hydrants. Over 1200 feet will be used in this new improvement. The town how has an ample supply of water for all

purposes. Ciarence Miller, of Aurora, met with a scrious accident Saturday that came ver near being fatal. He was working at accident Saturday that came very the Beaver Hill mine, says the Marshfield steam wood saw. Someone threw a stick News. break in two and fly off the mandrel. One with the mandrel. One with the mandrel of the chest and made a turn upward, the teeth cutting through the clothing and for the Harrisburg saw mill has not its destination.

Empire Gold Mining Company, of the chest and made a turn upward, the teeth cutting through the clothing and deep into the flesh, inflicting a dozen blow was spent directly against the chest and made a total hold and the country of the blow was spent directly against the chest and made a total hold and a total had a total ha The Empire Gold Mining Company, of forfinna, will station a \$75,000 gold dredger on the John Day River.

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EMPLOYER AND EMPLOYE

EPISCOPAL CONVENTION TO TAKE UP THE LABOR QUESTION.

Pulpits of San Francisco and Oakland Were Yesterday Filled by Prominent Delegates.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 13.—An important resolution to be presented to the General Convention of the Episcopal Church will be one drawn up by the committee on the state of the church rela-

is given of the discovery of gravel paying from \$300 to \$400 to the man per day. L. L. Bales, mailcarrier, and E. W. Hogg, who returned from a trip from St Michael, through the Kuskokwim district

report that the Indians are dying off very fast. A report, which could not be verified was brought from Dutch Harbor that three British sealers had been seized.

A BURIED FOREST. Strange Discovery in the Kongarok

District, Near Nome. PORT TOWNSEND, Oct. 13.—According to a letter received here today from a miner in the Kongarok district, near Nome, evidences have been unearthed which indicate that in remote ages that tive to the agreements between employ-ers and employes. After a brief preamble stating that it is the divine mission of the church to be a mediator, the resolu-of a mile and a half. Trees more than

SUPPORTOFHIGHSCHOOLS

CANNOT DRAW UPON COMMON

Washington That May Have a Far-Reaching Effect.

ition continues:

"Resolved, the house of bishops concurring, That a joint commission of both houses, to consist of three bishops, three presbyters and three laymen he appendix. houses, to consist of three bishops, three covered, it was thought to be coal, but manded it, and teaching her would take presbyters and three laymen be appoint-further investigation revealed that it was up considerable of the teacher's time

who was in this city recently, said to The SCHOOL FUNDS.

Opinion of the Attorney-General of

OLYMPIA, Oct. 12.-Some days ago a girl attending the Tenino school in this county was refused by the directors of that district instruction in 10th grade work, and her parents appealed to the County Superintendent for redress. Tenth grade, or high school, instruction, the



Zera Snow.

P. F. du Flon.

P. B. Gifford.

trators, should their services be desired between the men and their employers, with a view to bringing about mutual con-

the Prince of Peace.

"Resolved, That the said commission shall make report of its proceedings to the general convention.

"Resolved, That it is desirable that the above named commission should be con-

tinued by reappointment every three

Sermons by Delegates. As on last Sunday, the pulpits of all the Episcopal churches in this city and adjacent places were today filled by emi-nent divines who are here as delegates adjutor of Quincy, Ill., who wore the pontifical vestments, mitre and chasuble of cloth-of-gold. The sermon was preached by Rev. Samuel Hart, D. D., of Connecticut, secretary of the house of bishops. His subject was, "The Church— The Body of Christ," his text being taken from Corinthians xii:12. He urged the importance of recognizing the fact that all members of the church are members of one body, each having its own proper function. In order to do the best work for Christ there should be perfect unity and harmony of action. Tonight Bishop Gallor, of Tennessee, preached at the Church of the Advent, the celebrant being R. H. Weller, bishop coadjutor of

Fond du Lac.
At Trinity Church, the morning sergers are holding their logs, though those gers are holding their logs, though those who are unable to follow this rule will be compelled to sell what they now have on hand. It is hoped that there will be a addresses arging the necessity of a closer union of the Christian world wege made the part of the christian world wege weget where the christian world wege weget where the christian world weget weget where we were the christian world weget where the christian world we mon was preached by Bishop Satterlee, of Washington. In the afternoon there was Church, Boston; Rev. R. H. McKim, of the Church of the Epiphany, Wash-ington; Rev. Samuel D. McConnel, of the Church of the Holy Trinity, Brooklyn, and Rev. Charles S. Oimstead, of Pennsylvania. At the evening service Rev. Alexander Mackay Smith, of St. Johns Church, Washington, preached the ser-

> At Grace Church the morning sermor was preached by Right Rev. W. C. Donne, bishop of Albany, the evening sermon being by Right Rev. W. N. McVicker, bishop coadjutor of Rhode Island.

> A sermon in behalf of the Brotherhood St. Andrew was preached at St. John's hurch in the morning by Bishop Hall, of Vermont. In the evening an interesting missionary service was conducted there, speakers being Bishop Leonard, of Utah Wells, of Spokane, and Funston

> Bishop Holly, of Hayti, preached in the First African Methodist Episcopal This afternoon there was a largely attended meeting in St. Paul's Church, Oak-land. Business sessions of the convention

RICH FINDS ON CANDLE CREEK. Men Earning From Two to Three Hundred Dollars a Day.

will be resumed tomorrow.

VICTORIA, B. C., Oct. 13.—The steamer danauense arrived today from Cape Nome. She had 56 passengers from Cap Nome, St. Michael and points along the Yukon and from the Kotzebue and Ruskokwim countries. News was brought of rich finds on Candle Creek, where miners are taking out from 10 cents to \$2 60 to the Two men rocked out 21 ounces in five hours. C. D. Lane, who investigated the new find, said on his return home that many were earning from \$200 to \$300 per day. There are about 100 men in Keewalik district. Candle Creek flows into the Keewalik. The death by drowning of Dave Patterson, discoverer of the Candle Creek diggings, is reported. He went out with two Indians to board the schooner Barbara Nernster in Kotzebue

dians were saved. Many miners came on the Manauers from Koyukuk. Five brought out \$45,000 to Nome. The arrivals tell of a new find made in August on Union Guich, where 10 cents to the pan is found. A 35-ounce nugget was taken off Discovery. The district will yield about \$200,000 this year, Three hundred will Winter there. The arrivals report a fatal accident, one the crew of the steamer City of Paris, named H. Smith, being struck by a post hauled away by a hawser, and he dled after being unconscious four days. From Gleen Creek, near Rampart, news

Sound, and the canoe capsized. The In-

ed (the bishops in such manner as the house of bishops shall determine, and the other members by the president of the house), as a standing commission upon the relations of capital and labor, whose duty it shall be:

"First—To study carefully the sims and property of the labor argulations of the labor argulation and the other pupils. The matter was brought to the attention of State Superintendent Bryan, and he in turn asked the Attorney-General for each labor argulation as to the labor argulations of the other pupils. The matter was brought to the attention of State Superintendent Bryan, and he in turn asked the Attorney-General for each labor. Yesterday Attorney-General Stratton argulations of the attention of the matter was brought to the attention of State Superintendent Bryan, and he in turn asked the Attorney-General for each labor. Yesterday Attorney-General Stratton argulation as to the labor argulations of the country now covered with its properties. purposes of the labor organizations of our and snow was once a tropical or semi-country; second, in particular to investi-tropical region and was covered with a gate the causes of industrial disturb-ances as may arise; and, third, to hold themselves in readiness to act as arbi-found with an immense flow of water, and, according to the writer of the let-ter, animals for miles around go there for water. He says the water is pleasant ciliation and harmony in the spirit of to the taste and possesses excellent megical properties.

WOMAN FATALLY BURNED. Her Dress Caught Fire While Cooking Dinner.

GERVAIS, Oct. 13.-At St. Louis, on French Prairie, yesterday, Mrs. Suprean Belleque was cooking dinner when coals dropped from the stove and set fire to The woman died this morning, Mrs. Bellegue was about 40 years of age. She was the daughter of Mr. Bergevin, a plo- | be neer of French Prairie.

Presbyterian Synod Closes.

BAKER CITY, Or., Oct. 13 .- The Presbyterian Synod, which closed this even-ing, was one of the largest and mostinteresting religious meetings ever held this city. The Rev. Mr. McCome, of Klamath, presided. The address of the evening was given by the Rev. Dr. Mar-shall, of Chicago, field secretary of the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions. In speaking of the importance of missionary work, he referred to his belief that Oregon and the Northwest Territory were saved to the United States through the efforts of Marcus Whitman, a Preaby-question among the advanced school men terian missionary. The collection for for-of this state, as there has been a fear eign missions was made under the direct and the contributions were liberal. Miss Mabel M. Johnson, of Portland, sang a solo, "There is a Green Hill Far Away." The members of the synod and their friends will go on an excursion to Sumpter temorrow morning, returning in time to take the evening train for Portland.

ALBANY, Oct. 13.-Homer Davenport, the celebrated cartoonist, of New York, lectured in this city last evening. His talk was of a reminiscent character, accompanied by cartoons of the prominent men he has met, among them being that of Mark Hanna, Gladstone, Tom Reed, Senator Spooner, Tom Platt and Croker. A Portland story was that of earning two tickets to hear Clara Morris present "Camillo" by assisting in posting bills on the streets of Portland just before he became known as an artist. He told his father of his good fortune and the old gentleman remarked that he was slad of gentleman remarked that he was glad of for he had heard Miss Morris before e Rebellion and he knew she was good. At a big Maine monument meeting in Washington, Davenport preceded Clara Morris and he told this story to her great discomfiture. Davenport was introduced by a former Silverton schoolmate, Mayor Davis, and there were several former neighbors and admirers in the audience.

Minstrel Performer Killed. SEATTLE, Wash., Oct, 13.-A special to the Post-Intelligencer from Leary, Wash.,

George S. Theobald, of Buffalo. Hi Henry's minstrel men, was killed at Leary this afternoon by the overland train, while attempting to get on after the train had reached a high rate of speed. Both legs were cut and he was badly mangled from the hips down. He He died after being taken to the hospital.

Forest Fire in California SALINAS, Cal., Oct. 13.-A large forest

fire is raging near Pacific Grove and Monterey. The damage already done is estimate at \$100,000. Many thousands of acres of brush and timber have been vicinity of the well-known 17-mile drive

Mrs. Ellen Samson. OREGON CITY, Oct. 13.-Mrs. Ellen Samson, a ploneer of 1852, died last night at her home in Needy, aged 83 years. She had been ill for some time past and her death was not unexpected. Her husband,

reaching. He holds that the directors of the Tenino school are right and that the compelled to maintain a high school. Carried to a conclusion, this opinion will work a hardship all over the state and will likely revive the question of the right of high schools generally to draw any common school funds from the treasury under the constitution and the statutes. In the instance noted, it is not unlikely that the matter may be is not unitary that the matter may be taken into the courts, and if it is ever made the subject of judiciad action, the high school system of Washington, in the opinion of many attorneys and school men, will sustain a serious blow.

Article IX, section 2, of the constitution, says:

Belleque was cooking dinner when coals dropped from the stove and set fire to her dress. She became frantic and ran out of doors, which act fanned the flame and she was soon fatuily burned. Her two small children hurried to throw water upon their mother, but the harm was done before they could extinguish the fire. The woman died this morning, Mrs. Belleque was about 46 years of age. She says: the state tax for common schools shall exclusively applied to the support the common schools."

It will be noticed that in drafting this section the framers of the constitution must have had in mind but one object— the expenditure of the common school fund of the state for common schools only, and they manifestly intended that higher education, should be provided for by other means, such as special leg-islation might arrange for. The theory that taxpayers should pay for schools from the common school fund could have had no place in their minds or they would not have specifically adopted a clause of the constitution pro-hibiting the use of money from that fund for such schools. This is no new among many educators ever since statehood, that the high school system of Washington would be in extreme danger if subsequent legislation attempted to subvert the constitution, if ever brought

into the courts.
At various times the Legislature has passed amendments to the school code with the object in view of veiling the real meaning of the constitution, or at least confusing it. For instance, section I, chapter 1, of the school code, attempts to mislead by use of parenthesis, while if was well known by its author and many of the members of the Legislature that passed it that it would not stand for a minute if it came before the courts. Here is the section in point:
"Section 1. A general and uniform

system of public schools shall be main-tained throughout the State of Washing-ton, and shall consist of common schools (in which all high schools shall be included), normal schools, technical schools, University of Washington, school cluded). for defective youth and such other educational institutions as may be estab-lished and maintained by public expense." School men who have made the subject a study smile as they read the sec-tion and point to several other instances in the laws in the same line. These same educators frankly say that the constant aim of the various boards of education in recent years has been to avoid a judicial opinion on the question. In the above section the Legislature has endeavored to include high schools among the common schools of the state when the con stitution forbids it, and the means sought to give the constitution a misleading interpretation is by means of a parer thesis. Some years ago at Seattle it was sought to evade the provisions of the constitution in this connection by calling the high school of that city the "senior grammar school." This was nt a time when it was feared the question would come up in the courts, but as that danger was avoided the "senior grammar school" idea was abandoned for fear, probably, that the difference in the name might call attention to a dangerous subject. As if the constitution were not specific enough on the question, the state boards of education have constantly defined common schools as those in which burned over. Two messengers have arrived from Pacific Grove with an urgent taught, and high schools as those in request for assistance. The fire is in the which grades from the ninth to the 12th are taught. But that is of little importance, as the constitution is plain enough in setting forth what use only may be made of the common school funds." As in other states there are many people

in Washington who hold to the theory that a grammar school education is all that the state should provide. It would had been ill for some time past and her death was not unexpected. Her husband, two sons and four daughters survive her.

BUSINESS ITEMS.

If Baby is Cutting Teeth,

Be sure and use that old and well-tried remedy, Mrs. Winside's Southing Syrup, for children teething it seothes the child, softens the guma, allays all pain, cures wind coile and disracea.

If that a grammar school education is all that the state should provide. It would be expected that educators would be expected that the state should be expected that the state should be expected that educat

who was in this city recently, said to The Oregonian correspondent:

"Many very intelligent and patriotic people seriously question the propriety of the state's attemping or offering to provide higher education. The accepted theory is that the state should provide against an illiterate citizenship by providing for the education of the rising generations. That it should do this and thus insure its own stability and perpetuity, has become axiomatic. ulty, has become axiomatic.
"But these who question the policy of state higher education point to the fact

that the school statistics of the country
—and this applies to our own state—show
that considerably less than 10 per cent of even the children enrolled in the pub-lic schools ever reach the grades above the grammar school; and further, that over 75 per cent of the children leave school more than a year short of the full grammar-school course. They argue, and with much force, it seems to me, that since more than nine-tenths of the chil-dren receive their only school education in the grammar school, and fully three fourths of them a year or more short o that, the state should concentrate its ef-

orts upon that class of school."

The educator referred to above has gone into the subject quite fully and has prepared a table, compiled from the report of State Superintendent Brown for the year ending June 20, 1828, of the state public school enrollment. During the year referred to the total number of pupils of all grades enrolled in 132 cities and towns was 53 1828, total number of number. towns was 52,25; total number of pupils in the higher grades, 3179; per cent of pupils in the higher grades, 6.06. In the table which shows the enrollment for several of the larger cities for that year the following is the result:

Total. In high Name. Spokane4,846 Walla Walla .1,870 8.07 11.50 In the above, Clympia's High School

makes the best showing, but it must have been an exceptional year, as the total enrollment for the year ending June 30, 1961, was 1648, and the High School en-rollment 25, which gives the High School but 8.88 per cent of the total attendance. At the convention of the County Superin-tendents of the state, held at Ellensburg, the question from a legal standpoint came up and was discussed at some length, but the convention evidently considered it of such a delicate nature that it was deemed best to allow it to remain as it is rather than make recommendations for

remedying it, No matter what point higher education is viewed from-whether from the stand-point of supporting it from a fund which the constitution says it shall not be drawn from, or whether upon the theory that it should be paid for by the parents of the pupils enjoying it-it is bound before long to confront the people of Washington and become a leading question and one not easily disposed of.

TRAPPING ON THE UPPER YUKON. One Thousand White Men Are Engaged in the Business.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 13.-A thousamen, exclusive of Indians, are engaged trapping and hunting in the vast extent fur-hearing country on the Upper Y kon, according to a report received at t State Department from Consul McCon at Dawson date September 9. Dawson the central market for this fur count and sends fully 46,000 polts annually to t great fur markets of London and N York. The industry yields an annual renue of about \$130,000. In Dawson Lond quotations govern, being fixed twice year-in March and August-by a boa of principal dealers of the city, a prices are gauged according to that see in all parts of the world, except Russi The present rates, compared with it year's prices, show an increase on be beaver, otter and mink, and a decrea pelts of bears caught in the Spring, just after the hibernating process is over, are worth more than those secured in the are small, and it is Fall, because their fur is noft and thick, instead of harsh and thin. In all pelts instead of harsh and thin. In all pelts Winter fur commands often three times as much as Summer fur in price, and in most cases dark-colored fur is worth much the variety of furs, Mr. McCook says that marten pelts are the most numerous and black fox the scarcest. The latter is the most valuable of all the furs in the Upper followed by showers, decidedly cooler. Southmore than the lighter varieties. As to Yukon, a good pelt readily bringing \$300.

MALHEUR OIL FIELDS. All the Available Land Has Been

Taken Up. BAKER CITY, Oct. 13.—The latest news from the Malheur oil fields is to the effect that locations and locators have become so thick that the County Recorder is obliged to insist that the applicants form in line and take their turn when they come to file their applications. Very little land remains to be taken up as off land, all that is available having been

The owners of the Deer Lodge mine which is located on the head of Rock Creek, in the Cracker Creek district, just completed a five-stamp mill, which will be in operation in a few days. mine is owned by Andrew Hansen, who has been working quietly developing the property and erecting a stamp mill which promises good results. Very little attention has been paid to this mine in the past, but it is now fast coming to the front. Very few people know that sufficient work has been done on the property to warrant the erection of an independen

County Coroner Snow was called to Huntington yesterday afternoon to hold an inquest over the body of S. P. Chatham, who had been run over and killed by a worktrain on the O. R. & N. An inquest was held today and the ver-dict was to the effect that the deceased came to his death accidentally and that no blame was to be attached to the raji-road company for the reason that the decensed who was deaf, had ventured on the railroad track knowing that it dangerous for one in his condition to take such a risk

BAD FIRE AT LOS GATOS. Wiped Out.

SAN JOSE, Cal., Oct. 13,-The most de-structive fire in the history of Log Gatos occurred at an early hour this morning, The entire business section of the town was wiped out. The area covered by the fire is estimated at about four acres. Property variously estimated in value at from \$100,000 to \$150,000 was destroyed. A dozen or more business blocks, several manufactories, a livery stable, a church and many dwelling-houses were burned. The fire department was powerless to cope with the flames, which, fanned by a strong southerly breeze stopped only when practically all the fuel at hand was exhausted. A number of men were injured, but not seriously.

Suicide of a Brutal Husband. SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 12.-At the Agnew stock farm this morning. Douglass brutally attacked his wife and 5-year-old step-daughter with a heavy water pitcher and bowl, seriously injur-ing them. When the Sheriff came to ar-rest Douglass, he committed suicide by shooting himself through the head. Mrs. Douglass was formerly the widow of H. J. Agnew, who made a fortune as a sugar

state get their schooling in the grammar grades, while but 10 per cent receive the ly shot and mortally wounded George Matthews, Matthews had refused his higher education. Speaking of this fact, one of the leading educators of the state, wife permission to dance with Radly.

Washington Notes. The Pacific County tax levy this year will be 23 mills. A farmers' institute will be held at Menio Friday and Saturday, October 18

and 19, The State Teachers' Association will cet in Everett during the Christman

The contractors on the Washington and Great Northern road from Marcus to Republic are still delayed in the work on eccount of the inability to get men in

A. V. Allen, of South Bend, and C. S. A. V. Alien of South Bend, and C. Allen, of Ilwaco, are contempiating the erection of a large celar mili for the manufacture of doors and windows. The proposed focation of the mili is on Willaon Bay, near the mouth of the Nasel.

Tom Workman and Robert McCurdy, of Conconnity, have been arrested by the Sheriff of Ferry County for horse steal-ing. They have long been suspected as being members of an organized gang of horse thieves that have been operating in Okanogan County. The Centralia Council has let the con-tract to N. Meisensuhi for building a new

power-house for the city electric light plant. The new station will be outside the city limits at the junction of the Skookumchuck and Chehalls Rivers and a mile and a half distant from the old A special train will be run to Portland from Seattle by the Northern Pacific Wednesday, October 16, to accommodate the large crowds of people who are ex-

pected to take advantage of the low rate to visit the Exposition at that place. The rate which has been announced is \$4 for the round trip, including two admissions Per to the exposition. The carload of machinery which arrived

at Hoquiam recently, consistent to the El-dorado Oll Company, has wen taken to the McIntyre ranch at the mouth of the Consilis River on North Beach. As goon as the machinery can be put in position drilling for oil will begin. This company has secured 120 acres of land by lease and has invested something like \$500 in machinery.

A man broke into the Whatcom jail to steal money Thursday evening. The po-lice had arrested a drunken man and locked him up. A hobo followed the officers at a respectable distance, saw them search the man, take the money out of his pocket and place it in the deak in the hallway. As soon as the officers left the station the hobo broke into the fall and and secured the money. Now he has ex-changed places with the man whose

DAILY METEOBOLOGICAL REPORT.

PORTLAND, Oct. 13.-Maximum tempera ture, 77; minimum temperature, 32; river read-ing at 11 A. M., 2.4 feet; change in 28 hours, 1 foot rise; total precipitation, 5 P. M. to 5 P. M., none; total precipitation since September 1, 1801, 3.74 inches; normal precipitation since September 1, 1801, 2.17 inches; excess, 0.57 inch; total sunshine October 12, 1801, 11:06; possible sunshine October 12, 1701, 11:06. PACIFIC COAST WEATHER.

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WEATHER CONDITIONS. No rain has fallen in the Bocky Mountain and Pacific Coast States during the last 24 hours, and the weather is clear and pleasant

west of the Rocky Mountains,

WEATHER FORECASTS.

Western Oregon-Showers near const; increase ing cloudiness, followed by showers in the In-terior. Decidedly cooler, Southerly winds. Western Washington-Increasing cloudiness, followed by showers; decidedly cooler, except extreme northwest portion. Southerly winds. Eastern Oregon, Eastern Washington and Idaho-Winds mostly southerly. EDWARD A. BEALS, Forecast Official.

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