CLOSING IN ON ROBBERS

ARREST FOR TRAIN HOLD-UP PROBABLE IN 48 HOURS.

Men Suspected Are in Eugene—Two Masks Found at Point Where Engineer Stopped Last.

EUGENE, Oct. 24.—The men who held up the Southern Pacific train between Cottage Grove and Eugene Wednesday morning are still at large, but a man who is in close touch with the officers says it is highly probable that an arrest will be made in the next 48 hours. The men suspected are in Eugene, and while the country for miles about the scene of the robbery was thoroughly scoured today, a goodly number of officers remained in this city.

Two masks were found today at the point where the robber commanded Engineer Lucas to slow down. This lends color to the general belief that more than one man had a hand in the hold-up, although there are many who believe that it was the work of one man.

CROOK COUNTY MURDER TRIAL.

Case of Man Who Avenged an Alleged Criminal Assault on His Wife

PRINEVILLE, Oct. 24.—The case of the State of Oregon vs. Andrew D. Tytle, charged with murder in the first degree, was commenced here yesterday in the Circuit Court, Judge W. L. Bradshaw, of The Dalles, presiding. The attorneys for the prosecution are District Attorney Frank Menefee and W. A. Bell. The defendant is represented by George W. Barnes and ex-County Judge M. E. Brin. The defendant entered a plea of not guilty.

On July 21 Andrew D. Tytle killed Emmett Eagan, at Derham's saw mill, on Trout Creek, in the northern part of Crook County. Tytle is married, and during his absence from home the night before the affray, Eagan, it is alleged, entered his home and criminally assaulted Mrs. Tytle. Returning home, and being told by his wife of Eagan's conduct, Tytle borrowed a revolver from a neighbor and went to the lodging-house where Eagan roomed, kicked the door open and shot him in the abdomen. Eagan was a single man, 25 years old. He died 15 hours after being shot, and left a statement declaring his innocence. Tytle came to Prineville and gave himself up to the authorities, and at his preliminary examination was held without bonds.

Nearly 50 witnesses will testify in the case, which will probably take several days.

Sentenced to the Penitentiary.

SALEM, Oct. 24.—John Kelly, who shot Constable Lambert, at St. Paul last Summer, was today sentenced to one year in the penitentiary.

Henry Sullivan, convicted of criminal assault upon his sister at Mill City, was sentenced to 20 years in the penitentiary.

The County Jail is now empty for the first time in a year.

ONE-PUPIL SCHOOL DISTRICT.

Decision Allowing It Money, if Organized Before 1901.

SALEM, Oct. 24.—The legal status of a school district with only one pupil is the subject of an opinion just rendered by Attorney-General Blackburn. The decision holds that such a district is legally organized; that its directors can enter into a contract with a teacher, and that the district is entitled to its regular apportionment of school money. The question put to the Attorney-General was as follows:

"A school district has one pupil, as shown by the clerk's annual report in March, 1901. There has been no increase since. The district has a considerable fund apportioned to it before the new school law took effect. Can the school board enter into a contract with a teacher? Can a County Superintendent apportion to the district $50 in October."

Prior to 1901 there was no law declaring a district with only one pupil unlawful. The legislature of 1901 passed an act containing the following provisions:

No district shall be organized unless it contains at least 10 children of school age, and no district shall continue to be a legally organized district unless it has at least six children of school age. (Section 28, subdivision 4, act of 1901.)

For public school purposes, each county in the state shall be divided into convenient subdivisions, known as school districts, and those corporate bodies now existing in the various counties in the state under the name of school districts are hereby validated, and the boundaries, school offices and official acts of such districts shall be and remain the same as shown by the records of the County Superintendents of the several counties of the state, or the records of such districts, at the time this act goes into effect, until changed in the manner prescribed in this act. (Section 24 of the same act.)

The act went into effect in May, 1901, after the clerk's report had been made showing the number of pupils. The Attorney-General holds that both these provisions may stand, and says that subdivision 4, of section 28 "was not intended to apply to a district organized prior to the act of 1901, and having less than six children of school age at that time, but to such district only as, after the act took effect, should fall below the number required; and the provisions of section 24 apply to all districts duly organized at the time, regardless of the number of children of school age therein."

While there is probably not more than one district in the State that has but one pupil, there are many that have less than 10, or less than six, and are therefore affected by this construction of the new law.

Willamette University Enrollment.

The enrollment of students at Willamette University is now greater than for the entire school year last year. It is expected that by the end of this school year the enrollment will show an increase of 20 per cent or more over the year 1900-01.

On the evening of October 4 the faculties of the departments of music and oratory will give a public recital in the University chapel.

BLACKBURN-REES SUIT TO END.

Former Will Receive $250 for Alienation of His Wife's Affection.

ALBANY, Or., Oct. 24.—The suit of A. W. Blackburn against G. L. Rees, brought recently in the Circuit Court of Linn County, wherein the plaintiff asked for $10,000 damages for the alienation of the affections of his wife, resulting in separation and divorce, was compromised this evening, and tomorrow the stipulation dismissing the case will be filed.

Under the agreement the plaintiff is to receive $250 and is to be permitted to have the charge of a son now with Mrs. Blackburn. As a result of the matter, divorces have been granted in both families, which are now completely separated.

Mr. Blackburn, who is a son of Attorney-General Blackburn, resides in Salem; Mrs. Blackburn and Mr. Rees in Portland, and Mrs. Rees in Albany. On account of the prominence of the parties the case has attracted considerable attention.

EXPERTS NOT YET AT WORK.

County Court Meets to Settle Matter Over Which Officials Clashed.

SALEM, Or., Oct. 24.—The County Commissioners' Court was in session today, and spent the entire afternoon considering the question of employing Messrs. Clark and Buchanan, of Portland, to expert the county books. No decision was reached. After the court convened, the County Judge and Commissioners had lengthy conferences in private, and later called in Deputy District Attorney McNary. When the court sat to consider the matter officially, County Clerk Hall and Sheriff Durbin appeared to protest against the employment of the experts. They urged that it is an unnecessary expense to expert books in the middle of a term, and that when the books are examined it should be done by Marion County people. Their protest was a vigorous one and was given due consideration by the court.

It appears that the experts were engaged in pursuance of an agreement between Judge Scott and Commissioner Needham, and though the contract is unofficial, the experts insist upon its fulfillment. It was agreed that their compensation should be fixed by three business men, two of them bank cashiers, after the work had been done, but it is now proposed to put a maximum limit on the per diem. The court will hold a session tomorrow morning to finally dispose of the matter.

LAURENCE CREAMERY LEASED.

Salem Company Will Operate It as a Skimming Plant.

SALEM, Oct. 24.—The Salem Creamery Company has leased the Laurence Creamery plant at Howell, and will operate it as a skimming station. The cream will be brought to Salem to be churned into butter. Next Spring, when the price of butter goes down, the plant at Laurence will be operated as a cheese factory.

The week's rain which fell a month ago started the growth of the grass and pasturage is now good. As a result the amount of cream coming to Salem is increasing, and the Salem Creamery is turning out about 1200 pounds of butter per week. With the addition of the cream from the Howell Prairie plant the output will be increased to 2000 pounds of butter per week. Butter fat is now paid for at the rate of 25 cents per pound, butter bringing 27½ cents in the market. This price for butter fat is as high as was reached at any time last Winter, and the top is not yet reached. Farmers may receive 27½ cents for butter fat before the Winter is over. At this rate the dairying industry will thrive, for the dairymen are better supplied with feed now tha nthey have been before for some time. The high price here is attributed largely to the fact that not much cold storage butter is on hand and the butter market takes all the creameries can turn out. Just at present the product of the Salem Creamery is being shipped to Southern Oregon.

WILL BORE FOR OIL.

Hope Brothers Will Soon Commence Work in the Malheur District.

BAKER CITY, Oct. 24.—J. F. Meikle, ex-superintendent of the Red Boy mine, has just returned to Baker City from an extended visit to the oil fields of Malheur County, where he has located about 6000 acres of land for a syndicate which he represents. Mr. Meikle says 40,000 to 50,000 acres of land have been located by different men. The oil lands are principally found in township 19, range 44 east. Hope Brothers, the bankers of Vale, have about 12,000 acres north of Vale, on Dry Creek, but the most of the locations are about eight miles south of Vale.

Hope Brothers had Professor Ogden, of the California Oil Exchange, the most noted oil expert in the West, make an examination of the oil lands which they had located, and he reported that he regarded the surface indications as the most favorable he had ever seen, and was decidedly of the opinion that oil in abundance would be found by boring for it. The odor of oil along Sand Hollow Creek is so strong that in places it is disagreeable.

Hope Brothers have ordered an outfit and will begin boring at once, and will continue until they strike oil or prove that it does not exist.

Oregon Mining Stock Exchange.

Yesterday's quotations on the Oregon Mining Stock Exchange were:

	Bid.	Asked.
Adams Mountain	2	3¼
Astoria-Melbourne (guaranteed)	17	24½
Buffalo	1¾	3½
Copperopolis	9⅞	12
Champion		50
Caribou	1⅞	2⅜
Gold Hill & Bohemia	7⅞	10
Huronian	5⅜	6⅝
Lost Horse	4½	6½
Oregon-Colorado M. M. & D.	24⅝	26
Riverside	3	3⅝
Sumpter Consolidated	3¼	4

SALES.

Copperopolis, 1000 shares at 10

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

	Bid.	Ask.		Bid.	Ask.
Amer. Boy	9	10	Morrison	2½	2½
Blacktail	8¾	9½	Prin. Maud	1½	1¾
Crystal	9¾	10¾	Quilp	15	24
Deer Trail	2	2¾	Ramb. Car	49	50½
Gold Ledge	1	1¼	Republic	3	4
L. P. Surp.	3¾	4¾	Reservation	6½	7½
L. Dreyfus	2½	3½	Sullivan	9	10
Mtn. Lion	23½	26	Tom Thumb	12½	13
Morn. Glory	2	2¾			

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

Andes	$0 04	Mexican	$0 21
Belcher	8	Occidental Con	7
Best & Belcher	15	Ophir	83
Caledonia	29	Overman	5
Challenge Con	20	Potosi	8
Chollar	8	Savage	10
Confidence	80	Sierra Nevada	16
Con. Cal. & Va.	1 80	Silver Hill	33
Crown Point	6	Standard	3 80
Gould & Curry	14	Union Con	16
Hale & Norcross	18	Utah Con	3
Justice	1	Yellow Jacket	18

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

Adams Con	$0 20	Little Chief	$0 12
Alice	40	Ontario	10 50
Breece	1 40	Ophir	80
Brunswick Con	9	Phoenix	6
Comstock Tunnel	6	Potosi	5
Con. Cal. & Va.	1 70	Savage	7
Deadwood Terra	50	Sierra Nevada	14
Horn Silver	1 90	Small Hopes	40
Iron Silver	61	Standard	3 90
Leadville Con	5		

BOSTON, Oct. 24.—Closing quotations:

Adventure	$ 24 00	Osceola	$101 00
Bing. Min. Co.	30 00	Parrott	37 12
Amal. Copper	89 50	Quincy	160 00
Atlantic	37 00	Santa Fe Cop.	4 25
Cal. & Hecla	675 00	Tamarack	290 00
Centennial	18 75	Utah Mining	23 00
Franklin	17 00	Winona	21 12
Humboldt	50 00	Wolverines	60 00

COLLEGE QUARTERS TOO SMALL.

Increased Attendance at the Oregon Agricultural College.

CORVALLIS, Oct. 24.—Chapel exercises at the Oregon Agricultural College this morning were held in the Armory. The change to the Armory from the chapel in the administration building is because the latter is no longer large enough to seat the increased number of students. There are now nearly 430 students enrolled; and several new ones have arrived this week, including three this morning from Eastern Oregon. One of the latter came on horseback from Burns, requiring eight days to make the trip.

The lack of accommodations at the college are such that the musical department has been driven for quarters into Cauthorn Hall. The reception-room at the hall has been taken for a classroom, and students in music have to go there for instruction. Another illustration of the lack of accommodations is the apparatus of the mining department, stored now in a small room at the chemical laboratory. Instruction in the department comes on next term, and a question of where the apparatus is to be operated is one of the problems to be solved. The present crowded condition at the college is likely to be relieved next year by the erection of Agricultural Hall, bids for the construction of which are to be opened at Albany tomorrow. The new building, according to the present plans, is to be by far the largest and best structure on the college grounds.

Young Child Drowned.

TILLAMOOK, Or., Oct. 24.—John Zurfluh's 1-year-old son was accidentally drowned at South Prairie yesterday. The child strayed from the house and fell into a small stream near by.

New Oregon Postmaster.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 24.—W. Garlinghouse was today appointed postmaster at Monroe, Or., vice W. H. Kay, resigned.

VOTERS IN WASHINGTON

CENSUS OF LAST YEAR PLACES THE NUMBER AT 195,572.

Nearly Two-Thirds Were Native Born and Only a Small Portion Illiterate—School Population.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 24.—The State of Washington, in 1900, according to a bulletin of the Census Office given out today, had a total male population of voting age—21 or over—of 195,572, of which number 183,999 were white, and the remainder Chinese, Japanese, Indians and negroes. Of the grand total, 126,190 were native-born, and 69,382 foreign-born. There were 122,254 native whites and 61,745 foreign whites of this age.

Of males of voting age in the state, 188,572 were literate and 6635 were illiterate. Among the whites, 180,957 were literate, and 3042 illiterate; 7980 colored voters were able to read and write, and 3593 illiterate. This colored element was made up of 4210 Japanese, 3461 Chinese, 2732 Indians and 1230 negroes. Of the foreign-born element, 39,562 are naturalized, 5544 have filed papers, and 14,066 are aliens. The remainder is classed as "unknown."

The school population, between the ages of 5 and 20, was 158,245, made up of 153,180 whites, and 5065 colored. Of the total, 81,511 were males and 76,734 females.

The males of militia age—14 to 44—numbered 149,586, 140,131 being white and 9455 colored.

Males of voting age in the principal cities were:

Seattle	39,503
Tacoma	14,005
Spokane	14,044

PRUNE MARKET IN A BAD SHAPE.

Clark County Growers Are Receiving Practically No Offers.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Oct. 24.—The outlook for the disposal of the enormous prune crop of Clark County is anything but encouraging, with an estimated crop of 250 carloads, or double the quantity ever before produced, and which in point of quality and size surpasses any previous crop. The growers who up to the last few weeks had every reason to expect a price for their fruit of not less than 5 cents a pound for the average grade, 40s to 50s, have seen the price dwindle from 5 cents to 3¼, until now there is practically no offers at any price. The slump in the market appears to be as much of a surprise to the buyers as to the growers. Their only answer to inquiries by anxious growers who desire to sell is that they are unable at present to secure orders.

New Water Company.

Articles of incorporation of a new water company in Vancouver have been filed here and in the Secretary of State's office at Olympia. The new corporation will be known as the Vancouver Waterworks Company, and its object is to maintain and operate a system of waterworks in Vancouver and vicinity. The incorporators are John H. Morris, of Olympia, and E. L. Brown and E. M. Rands, of Vancouver. While no definite information to that effect has been given out, it is generally understood that the new company is the result of the consolidation of the two water companies, the Vancouver Water Company and the Columbia Land & Improvement Company, which have been in operation here for a number of years. Each of these companies owns a complete system of mains and connections, the former securing its supply from springs several miles east of the city, and the latter getting its supply from deep wells on the heights east of the barracks. There has been considerable rivalry between the two companies for a number of years.

SEX, NATIVITY AND COLOR.

Census of Northwest States in 1900 and 1890 Contrasted.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 23.—In a general bulletin on sex, nativity and color, the Census Bureau has summarized a great deal of information heretofore published, which will be of considerable interest. In addition to facts heretofore announced, however, this bulletin shows the growth of the several states according to the several classes. This information is best set forth in the following table:

NATIVITY.	Year.....	Oregon.....	Washington	Idaho.....
Native born	1900	347,778	406,739	137,168
Native born	1890	290,387	267,227	71,092
Native born	1880	144,265	59,313	22,636
Foreign born	1900	65,748	111,364	24,604
Foreign born	1890	57,317	90,005	17,456
Foreign born	1880	30,503	15,603	9,974
Males	1900	232,985	304,178	93,367
Males	1890	183,683	221,566	53,346
Males	1880	103,381	45,973	21,818
Females	1900	180,551	213,925	68,405
Females	1890	134,021	135,666	35,202
Females	1880	71,387	29,143	10,732
White population	1900	394,582	496,304	154,499
White population	1890	301,982	340,828	82,117
White population	1880	163,075	67,159	29,013
Colored population	1900	1,105	2,314	293
Colored population	1890	1,186	1,602	201
Colored population	1880	487	225	53
Native white	1900	340,721	394,179	132,606
Native white	1890	254,160	254,635	66,653
Native white	1880	142,143	54,896	22,414
Foreign white	1900	53,861	102,125	21,890
Foreign white	1890	47,822	86,194	15,464
Foreign white	1880	20,925	12,303	6,599
Native white, native parents	1900	256,125	265,088	89,851
Native white, native parents	1890	204,193	185,878	45,499
Native white, foreign parents	1900	84,596	129,111	42,754
Native white, foreign parents	1890	49,967	68,767	21,154

UNFAITHFUL WIFE LOCATED.

Husband and Sons Reunited—Woman and Male Companion in Jail.

WALLA WALLA Wash., Oct. 24.—Andrew Stevens went to his home in Palouse City on the evening of September 30, he found that his wife and J. F. Preston, who was boarding with them, had taken his sons, one 14 and the other 12 years old, and gone away. Taking up a dim trail, Stevens followed the couple to Walla Walla, and finding one of his boys in school, speedily located Preston and his wife, who were arrested and locked up. Stevens took charge of his sons. The woman says she is the victim of the wiles of Preston, a man 64 years old, who represented himself as a half a millionaire, and promised to will all his property to her.

JAIL-BREAKER CAPTURED.

Man Wanted in Dawson for Robbing His Employers.

SEATTLE, Oct. 24.—When the steamship Portland touched the dock this morning from the North, Policeman Decker arrested George E. Daniels, the first passenger to land. Daniels had a long sack of nuggets on his person that must have been worth thousands. In brief, the story of the crime for which Daniels was arrested is as follows:

Carstens Bros., local wholesale butchers, opened a branch house in Dawson, and Daniels was employed there as collector. E. B. Hill, the Dawson agent of the firm, trusted Daniels implicitly. On the 13th of September Daniels left Dawson for Bonanza, Grand Forks and other mining camps. In all, he collected between $35,000 and $40,000. With the money in his possession, he vanished. He was run to earth in a little mining camp north of Dawson, and brought into that city. Upon his person was found $20,000, which was returned to the owners. Daniels was placed in jail, but he soon broke out and disappeared.

Mr. Hill instantly swore out a warrant for his arrest and left for the outside. On Tuesday he reached Seattle and placed the papers in the hands of Chief of Police Sullivan.

Daniels is a young man of medium height and of good appearance. The case will be tried in Seattle if extradition papers can be procured.

Military Orders.

VANCOUVER BARRACKS, Oct. 24.—Captain Oliver Edwards, of the Twenty-eighth Infantry, has been granted a month's leave, when his services can be spared.

Henry E. Norton, on duty at Fort Lawton, and Thomas Person, on duty at Fort Canby, have been sent to the Chief Surgeon of the department for examination for promotion to the grade of hospital steward.

Sergeant Christopher C. Ferguson and Sergeant James S. Wilson, of the Twenty-sixth Battery of Field Artillery, were tried by a general court-martial held here and found guilty of disobeying orders. The court sentenced both to be reduced to theg rade of private and to forfeit $10 a month for six months.

Captain Frank E. Bamford, of the Twenty-eighth Infantry, has been ordered to join his company at Fort Wright.

Captain James B. Jackson, of the Seventh Infantry, arrived here from Fort Liscum, Alaska, this week, to go before the examining board for examination for promotion to the rank of Major.

New Order at Stevenson.

STEVENSON, Wash., Oct. 24.—Captain J. M. Leanord, deputy supreme organizer, completed the organization of the Order of Washington here last evening, with 18 charter members, under the name of Cherry Tree Lodge. Following are the officers: Past president, A. C. Sly; president, Milton Harlon; vice-president, C. W. Udell; secretary, Mrs. M. M. Sly; treasurer, Mrs. Jennie Thomas; chaplain, Mrs. May Bevans.

Captain Leanord recently organized a lodge at La Camas, which has a membership of 127, and one at Washougal with 87 members.

Charged With Adultery.

CHEHALIS, Oct. 24.—George Matthews, of Winlock, was up before Justice Westover today charged with adultery. The wife of M. M. Balfour, of Cowlitz, is implicated in the affair with Matthews, and Mrs. Balfour is the principal witness against him. When the case was called Wednesday, Mrs. Balfour was unable to testify, breaking down and crying in court or sitting mute when questioned, although she had previously told her story in full to the Prosecuting Attorney. This morning she was unable to appear in court and the case was continued until Monday.

County Charge Commits Suicide.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Oct. 24.—Friendless, penniless, sick, and an inmate of the County Poor Hospital, James Flood, aged 52 years, left his bed some time last night and sought release rfom the ills of this world in a small lake near by. His body was taken out of the lake at noon today. He had been here about three years, hanging around saloons, doing odd jobs for food and drink. He came from Seattle and it is reported he has a brother living there.

Large Electric Power Deal.

SPOKANE, Oct. 24.—The Washington Water Power Company, which controls practically the entire water power of Spokane Falls, has secured an interest, and, it is believed, full control, of the water power at Post Falls, Idaho. This deal, it is believed, means that the electric power to operate the Coeur d'Alene mines will be developed in Spokane, and the proposed plant at Post Falls will not be built.

Work of Hatchery at Chinook.

ASTORIA, Or., Oct. 24.—The Washington State hatchery at Chinook has now secured 1,150,000 eggs, and more are being added to this number daily, with the expectation of reaching at least 2,000,000.

New Washington Postmasters.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 24.—Washington postmasters were appointed today as follows:

E. E. Cone, at Harmony; Miss L. Elliott, at Adelaide.

Murder in the First Degree.

TACOMA, Oct. 24.—Alexander C. Vance, who shot and killed Charles F. Franklin at Eatonville September 2, was tonight convicted of murder in the first degree.

PROMINENT IN THE EARLY HISTORY OF OREGON

THE LATE MRS. SARAH E. SHAW.

SALEM, Oct. 24.—Mrs. Sarah E. Shaw, who died at Selma, Fresno County, Cal., October 12, was an Oregon pioneer of 1845, and was prominently identified with the early history of the state. Mrs. Shaw, whose maiden name was Sarah McNary, came to Oregon from Illinois. She was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander McNary, who came to Oregon in 1845, and settled in Polk County. She was the last of that family. In 1846 she was married to A. C. R. Shaw, a man closely identified with Oregon's early history, and they continued to make the state their home till 1867, when they moved to California. Mrs. Shaw was, equally with her husband, active in all matters of public interest. When the call came for volunteers to defend the settlers against the Indians, in 1847, she personally assisted in preparing the necessary equipments for the men, with her own hands making the flag they bore—the first flag raised in defense of our state. She was a noble type of the pioneer women of Oregon, to whose unfaltering courage, industry and self-denial our state owes so much, and of whom so few remain. Mrs. Shaw was the mother of seven children, four daughters and three sons, of whom three daughters and two sons survive her, all residing in California.

PRUNES IN CALIFORNIA

FEW BUYERS, AND GROWERS ARE BECOMING UNEASY.

Association, However, Is Confident of Good Prices—Part of Crop of 1900 Still on Hand.

SAN JOSE, Cal., Oct. 24.—Local packers estimate the amount of prunes of the crop of 1900 now on hand at 1000 carloads. The estimated crop of Santa Clara County prunes this year is 40,000,000 pounds, which, together with the estimated 20,000,000 pounds of the Italian variety produced by Oregon, Washington and Idaho, constitute the stock to be disposed of. So far this season, neither commercial packers nor the California Dried Fruit Association have made any particular effort to dispose of this season's crop. All feel inclined to get last year's crop out of the way first.

The growers are showing signs of uneasiness, but the fruit association is confident of eventually finding a market for the new crop at a good figure. Prices remain the same, with few buyers.

Mineral Wealth of China.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 24.—Herbert C. Hoover, a mining expert, according to President Jordan, of Stanford University, of which he is a graduate, is here on his way to London. After three years of export exploration on behalf of the Board of Mines of the Chinese Government, Mr. Hoover declares that there are no valuable gold mines in China, but that the country is the richest in the world for coal, both bituminous and anthracite. A company which has built a harbor at Ching Wan Tow is preparing to ship coke to San Francisco on its own vessels.

Alaskan Appeal Argued.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 24.—Before the United States Circuit Court of Appeals today, Judges Gilbert, Ross and Hawley on the bench, arguments were heard on the appeal of George Allen from the judgment of imprisonment for alleged robbery, imposed by United States District Judge A. H. Noyes, of Alaska. The attorneys for the appellant contended that Judge Noyes erred during the trial, and that he prejudiced the jury against the prisoner by indiscreet remarks, and by unfair and erroneous rulings on questions of law.

Missing Men Probably Drowned.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 24.—For 10 days, W. C. Henson and Oliver S. Goodall have been missing. A fishing boat in which they left Sausalito has been found drifting bottom upward off Alcatraz Island, and the relatives of the young men, both of whom were expert draughtsmen in the employ of the Risdon Iron Works, have been notified that their bodies probably lie somewhere at the bottom of the Golden Gate.

Black Bass for Hawaii.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 24.—The California Fish Commission shipped to Honolulu by the steamer Samoa today a large number of black bass fry. The islands are entirely lacking in fresh water food fish and now profiting by New Zealand's example, are availing themselves of California's riches in that respect to stock their streams. The same steamer also carried some sockeye salmon fry sent from Victoria, B. C., to New Zeland.

Captain Tilley Sails for Samoa.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 24.—Captain H. F. Tilley, United States Navy, sailed for Samoa today on the steamer Sonoma. Captain Tilley is under orders to proceed to Pango Pango, to appear before a naval court-martial, and answer charges preferred against him. Rear-Admiral Robley D. Evans, who will preside over the court, sailed on the transport Solace last week.

Arrested by Secret Service Officers.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 24.—United States Secret Service officers today arrested George Abrams, on the steamer City of Puebla, on which he had just arrived from Seattle. Abrams has been indicted by the United States grand jury for passing worthless bills on the defunct State Bank, of New Brunswick, N. J.

GEER AN HONORARY MEMBER.

McKinley Memorial Association Honors Oregon's Executive.

SALEM, Or., Oct. 24.—A letter was received announcing that Governor Geer has been appointed an honorary member of the board of trustees of the McKinley National Memorial Association. The purpose of the association is to erect a fitting memorial to President McKinley, the funds therefor to be contributed in voluntary offerings from the people. The letter says among other things:

All public officials, organized bodies and the press are requested to take immediate steps to secure, at the earliest possible time, a full response to this appeal. The association looks to the press of the country to lend its efficient aid to the collection and forwarding of subscriptions. Remittances may be made directly to Myron T. Herrick, treasurer, Cleveland, O.

The association will prepare and distribute to all donors to the fund a souvenir certificate, which will be worthy of preservation, as evidence of the holder's participation in the work. The name and postoffice address of each contributor should be forwarded to the treasurer of the association with the funds remitted, for preservation in the permanent archives of the association.

NORTHWEST DEAD.

Prominent Marion County Prune-grower.

SALEM, Oct. 24.—J. W. Miles, aged 60 years, died at his home at Rosedale today. Deceased came to Oregon from Kansas six years ago, and had since operated the prune orchard of his brother, B. J. Miles, who was the first superintendent of the Oregon Reform School, and who now holds a similar position in the Iowa State Reform School. Mr. Miles leaves a wife and four sons. The latter are: O. B. Miles, County Superintendent of Wheeler County; J. W. Miles, of California, and Aldice and Walter Miles, who reside at home.

Mrs. Charlotte Cohen.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Oct. 24.—Charlotte Cohen, a resident of Portland, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Samuel Cohen, in this city, since last Monday, died quite suddenly last night from heart failure. The remains were taken to Portland this morning.

Old Settler of Tillamook County.

TILLAMOOK, Oct. 24.—Captain Sam Thompson, an old settler of Tillamook County, died yesterday aged 63 years. Ten children survive him.

IMMENSE RUN OF SARDINES.

Tomcod and Silversides Also Plentiful on Lower Columbia.

ASTORIA, Or., Oct. 24.—There has been an immense run of sardines in the lower river the past few days, and fishermen with small-mesh seines have been catching all they could dispose of at a single haul. Tomcods also continue plentiful, and many people are making good wages catching them.

The run of silversides is still large, and Megler's Brookfield cannery is running to its full capacity.

Fish Oil Factory Sold.

The Columbia Oil & Guano Company's fish oil factory, on Grassy Island, near Tongue Point, has been purchased by Christenson & Co., of Portland. The machinery, engine and boiler, which are all new, will be taken away, but what use will be made of the buildings is not known. This factory was established a few years ago at a heavy expense, but owing to some entanglement in the affairs of the company it was never operated successfully.

County Warrants to Be Called In.

County Treasurer Thompson will issue a call tomorrow for all warrants drawn on the general fund and indorsed prior to March 14, 1900. They will amount to $4692 85, of which $4454 30 is principal and $448 55 interest.

Good Progress on Public Building.

SALEM, Oct. 24.—Work on Salem's new Federal building is going forward steadily and as rapidly as possible with the number of stonecutters that can be secured. The force of cutters now numbers 24, and efforts to procure more men for this work have been unsuccessful. Contractor Campbell thinks the roof will be on the building by January 1, and then the work will be rapidly pushed to completion. So far as now constructed the walls indicate that the building will present a better appearance than was represented by the pictures made from the plans and specifications.

Farmer Dropped Dead.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Oct. 24.—William Parker, a well-to-do farmer of Lewis County, dropped dead today at Sherlock, in Thurston County, while attending a stock sale. Deceased was about 60 years of age, and his home was on the Newaukum River, eight miles from Chehalis. He leaves a wife and family.

Noted Detective at Baker City.

BAKER CITY, Oct. 24.—Thomas H. Bloomer, the San Francisco detective, who is here working on the Levy murder case, is the detective who followed up the noted Durrant case in San Francisco some years ago. His latest important case was the robbery of the Selby smelter.

Placed in Charge of Captain McIver.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 24.—Captain George W. McIver, of the Seventh Infantry, recruiting officer at Portland, has been authorized to also take charge of the recruiting station at Seattle, and visit it not exceeding four times a month, making Portland his headquarters.

Postoffice Must Be Moved.

DALLAS, Oct. 24.—The ground on which the postoffice in Dallas stands has been sold, which will necessitate the removal of the postoffice building. A lively interest is manifest as to the most suitable place for the re-location of the office.

Polk County Teachers' Institute.

DALLAS, Oct. 24.—The Polk County Teachers' Institute will be held in Dallas November 20. An effort will be made by Superintendent Starr to make this institute the best ever held in Polk County.

Hop Sales at Dallas.

DALLAS, Oct. 24.—A few sales of hops are being made here at 10 cents for an A No. 1 article. J. F. Groves today shipped 95 bales of contracted hops at 11 cents.

Washington Notes.

Five to one is the ratio of marriages to divorces in Walla Walla County. In the nine months of the present year there have been 38 divorces and 170 marriages.

The Yakima high school football team has been organized. The officers are: Royal Shaw, captain; B. O. Lum, manager, and Professor Armstrong, coacher.

Since the disastrous fire at the planing mill factory at Walla Walla, at which there was a quarter of an hour's delay in getting in an alarm, an electric fire alarm system is strongly advocated.

Men in search of hogs are offering high prices in the vicinity of Dayton. Columbia County has plenty of stock hogs, but a shortage of porkers ready for slaughter. The price now offered the farmer is $5 75 per 100, on foot.

Work upon the irrigation canal at Lake was resumed last week, says an Asotin correspondent, after a short suspension on account of lumber for fluming purposes. The company is still making purchases of land, and will commence laying it off into 10 and 20-acre tracts.

Some of the Yakima Indians have been engaging in what the best of the tribe call a "Cultus Potlatch," near Toppenish. About 2000 redskins engaged in the festivities incidental to the occasion. The Indians will now retire to Winter quarters and remain at home until Spring.

A new school district has been formed in Selah Valley, and will be known as East Selah. It is district No. 57 in Yakima County. An addition to the schoolhouse is necessary to accommodate the pupils in the old Selah district. A new wistrict is to be organized in the Moxee country, where it is said that 100 pupils of new families are in need of a school building.

The Board of County Commissioners of Asotin have fixed the tax levy at 25½ mills. This includes state, county and road property tax. The rating is based on a vaulation of $1,278,712, as equalized by the county board. The state tax is 2 mills higher than last year, while that of the county is 1½ mills less. In some districts special taxes have been voted for road and school purposes not included in the above.

Mrs. Henrietta Enyart was employed as one of the teachers in the Yakima schools, and began teaching in Seattle without resigning her former position. This is violation of the law of 1901, and in consequence she was ordered to give satisfactory reasons for her conduct or suffer the penalty of losing her certificate. The board preferred the customary charges and sent them to Superintendent Bryan. She pleaded with the board for a release of contract. Her resignation was finally accepted and the charges withdrawn.

Sunday night two strangers attacked Mr. Coombs, in the eastern part of Snohomish, strking him a stunning blow. They did not secure any booty. Night Policeman William Brown went to and remained in the vicinity of the occurrence. The highwaymen soon came out of hiding, and on being ordered to stand, broke and ran. The officer, after ordering them to halt, fired, and the ball struck one of the men in the back. Both men were placed in jail. They were identified by Coombs. A rubber hose two feet long, stuffed with gravel, was found where they had dropped it.

BUFFALO FAIR FINANCES.

Bondholders, Stockholders and Contractors May Lose.

BUFFALO, Oct. 24.—The Pan-American Exposition Company has $804,000 cash to its credit to be devoted to paying an additional proportion of the first mortgage bonds. Already $1,250,000 of the $2,500,000 first mortgage bonds has been paid. The amount now due on the first mortgage bonds is $446,000. The exposition has nine days more. If it should clear $50,000 a day for the nine days it would have sufficient cash to make the last payment on the first mortgage bonds. If it fails to average a net profit of $50,000 a day there may be a default on a part of the first mortgage bond payment. The holders of the second mortgage bonds seem to agree that no payment will be made to them. The stockholders, of course, understand that no payment will be made to them. The unpaid contractors are clamoring to get the 70 per cent still due them on their claims, but this far they have been unsuccessful. The second mortgage bonds total $500,000. The stock represents $2,100,000. The amount of contractors' claims is not stated exactly at present.

The Print Cloth Market.

FALL RIVER, Mass., Oct. 24.—By offering 3 1-16 cents for any amount of regulars which can be delivered before next February, M. C. D. Borden today raised the print cloth market 1 1-16 cents.

TO PREVENT PICKETING

LEROI MINING COMPANY SECURES AN INJUNCTION.

Believed to Be a Move to Prevent Union Men From Intimidating Nonunion Laborers.

GREENWOOD, B. C., Oct. 24.—In chambers today, Hon. T. Mayne Daly, K. C., applied to Justice Irving, on behalf of the LeRoi Mining Company, for an injunction restraining the officers and all other members of the Rossland miners' and carpenters' unions from watching or picketing all stations and tracks of the Canadian Pacific and Red Mountain Railways in the province, also plaintiffs' premises and all approaches thereto. The injunction, modified to terms of similar injunctions granted in English courts, restraining all except four defendants, was granted until the trial, which will probably take place in Rossland early in December. The men excepted are Angus McDonald, E. R. Rose, T. Waddle and Mr. O'Br