## THE PUBLIC DOMAIN

Excerpts From Hermann's Annual Report.

### TRANSACTIONS OF PAST YEAR

There-Are Nearly 35,000,000 Acres of Unappropriated and Unreserved. Lands in the State of Oregon.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 29 .- The main part the annual report of Commissi Hermann, which has just been given out to any one state, although occasional erences of this character are made, e appendices to the report, which are at yet complied, contain the figures relative to all public land transactions in the several states, arranged by states, land districts and counties.

According to this report the aggregate area of unapproriated and unreserved lands in Oregon was 33,784,023 acres, of which 23,642,364 acres are surveyed. The reserved area in the state is 5,500,821, and the area appropriated, 21,992,506 acres.

In Washington the unappropriated and unreserved lands aggregate 11,513,164 acres, of which 5,612,943 acres are surveyed. The rves embrace 10,764,568 acres, while 8).009,145 acres are now appropriated. The unappropriated and unreserved lands of Idaho aggregate 42,475,176 acres, of which but 11,689,689 are surveyed. The

area reserved is 1,747,311, and the area apropriated 9,076,953 acres. During the past year one coal-lahd pat-ent for 170 acres was issued in Oregon, seven patents for 1931 acres in Washington and none for coal in Idaho.

Mineral and mill site patents were issued s follows: Oregon ..... Mineral and mill site claims were ap-

proved as follows: 

The mineral area covered by these claims is given at \$11,992 acres in Oregon. acres in Washington, and 2,630,111 Railroad and Wagon Road Grants.

During the year lands were patented on account of railroad and wagon road grants as follows: Eight thousand two hundred and four

acres in Oregon to the Oregon & California railroad; 220 acres in Oregon to the Willamette Valley & Cascade Mountain Wagon Read Company; 183,277 acres in Oregon to The Dalles Military Road Company; 22,375 acres in Washington, and 43,acres in Idaho to the Northern Pacific Rallway Company.

The report shows that selections of 1222 scres of swamp land in Oregon were approved, and 2555 acres of this land was patented. The total amount patented since the date of the grant is 241,675 acres. Considerable land has been selected by

Washington and Idaho for purposes as in-

In Washington, Seattle land district, 2868 acres were taken for normal school, 15,833 acres for public buildings, and 760 acres for school land indemnity. In the Van-couver district, 11,750 acres were for pubings are at the capital agricultural college. A tract of 4866 acres in the North Yakima district was taken for state charitable, educational, etc., in-

In Idaho, Lewiston land district, 4480 acres went for the State University, 1120 acres for Agricultural College, 3210 acres for the Insane Asylum, and 6551 acres for the Norma School,

The General Land Office during the year accepted surveys covering 750,361 acres in Oregon, 292,668 acres in Washington, and 849,057 acres in Idaho. Bounty land warrants covering 560 acres were located in Oregon, and 280 acres in

Washington. The amounts set aside for surveys in these States were: \$27,000

### Surveys in Northwest. In reviewing the work of survey in

nese states the Commissioner says: "The funds applicable to surveys in this district are derived from the apportion-ment of \$22,000 from the regular appropriation for public land surveys for ous transportation companies, amounting to \$11.881 50. wear, and special deposits made by vari-

The Surveyor-General reports that within the year all the work of examin-ing, platting, transcribing, and transmitthe returns of 66 townships, whole or fractional, has been completed in his office, containing a total of 2886 miles of lines surveyed and an area of 787,046

"The apportionment for extension of public land surveys for Washington for the fiscal year now ended was \$30,000, besides \$14.36 of special deposits for the sarvey of railroad lands.

"There were IB townships surveyed and accepted, with surveyed lines aggregating miles and an area of 303,288 acres of

"To this district the sum of \$39,400 was portioned for public land surveys in last fiscal year, and \$13,605 in addiwas received from special deposits for the survey of Northern Pacific Rali-road lands, which, with an additional ap-propriation of \$80 for surveys in Fort Hall Indian Reservation, make an aggregate of \$53,855 that was available for surweys of public lands.

The total amount of land surveyed, approved and platted in the land division of the office is reported as 2023 miles 57 chains and 65 links, embracing 818,435

res, in 50 different townships,
"More than \$5 per cent of the whole area of the state is now surveyed, the portion remaining unsurveyed being esti-mated at nearly 25,000,000 acres. The Surveyor General believes that there will be for both mineral and agricultural sur-

veys for many years.
"In his annual report the Surveyor Gen eral of Alaska refers to the great need of a rapid extension of lines of survey in the immense areas where rapid settlement and valuable interests already pre vall, and presents this estimate for the ex-tension of surveys for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1903:

For survey of public lands, mission

stations and other reservations ... \$108.872 "In support of this large estimate he refers to the vast expanse of grazing lands, hay lands, valleys adapted to the production of oats, potatoes and other vegetables; also to valuable coal deposits, to which no title can be acquired in advance of rectangular surveys.

"The Surveyor General also protests against the rule of the law of May 14, 1898, by which homesteads are limited to

14, 1898, as to allow homestead entries to be made in Alaska for 189 acres of land, the same as are permitted in other states and territories."

Grants to Aid Railroads. The Commissioner, in discussing grants by Congress to aid in the construction of railroads, has the following to say:

"Further examinations have been made of the grants to the Northern Pacific Railroad (now railway) Company of the primary and first indemnity limits, but because of the large quantity of land that is still unsurveyed within said limits and the most that the country of the large quantity of land that is still unsurveyed within said limits and the uncertainty as to the quantity of lands the company may receive as indemnity, providing for the adjustment of conflicting claims of the Northern Pacific Rali-road Company and settlers and other claimants under the act of July 1, 1898, and the set of March 21, 1901 (21 Stat., 950), extending the provisions thereof to certain claims to lands within the indemnity limits of the company's grant, and the act of March 2, 1839, which provided for the sclinguishment by the company of the Mount Rainier National Park and Pacific forest reserve and the selection in lieu thereof of an equal quantity of other lands of a designated character attuated.

Developments Have Been Unfavorable to Growers.

BEARS DOMINATE SITUATION

Dealers Report First-Class Hops Available at 10 Cents a Pound-Half of Oregon Product Sold-

clusion as to the adjustment of the garded as unfavorable. Early in the week the bulls found consolation in announcegrant can be reached.

"Under the act of July 1, 1895, which, as stated, provided for the relief of settlers and others whose claims were in conflict with this company's grant, 16 lists, embracing the claims of 189 individuals, been a much freer movement. Consign-

been on hand for some time and new ones are not coming in. In order to keep up business, there must be more calls for Some buyers have cancelled their orders since the weakening in values. This impending duliness in the market may therefore cause another decline. At present, orders are nearly all filled, and it will be the turn of the growers next

to make overtures. Other Markets Steady.

The market in New York has been steady for several weeks at 12@15c. In California little is going on at present. The weaker condition of the local market, therefore, has no reflection in markets elsewhere and is due to local causes. From the looks of things now the From the looks of things now, the Northwest hop crop is probably a little more than \$5,000 bales. Oregon has produced this year about 60,000 bales and Washington the rest. The Yakima yield is estimated at about 14,000 bales. Of the Oregon crop it is estimated that about one-half is sold and perhaps one-third shipped away.

WILL HOLD THEIR OATS.

Oregon Farmers Have a Large Supply and Look for Good Prices. Oregon has a large supply of oats this year, and farmers are disposed to hold it. Prices will be much affected by the de-mands of the Government for supplies for

mands of the Government for supplies for the Philippines. The crop in Oregon this year is at least twice as large as it was last season. This gives a large reserve of the cereal to be disposed of. The market has been firm for some time and shows no signs of weakening. Prices all along the Coast have been steady. Oregon has the lowest prices on the Coast, a fact which has been made prominent in a fact which has been made prominent in Portland's contention for more transport business with the Philippines. Farmers watch the prospects of transport ships from Portland with an attention that is born of personal interest.

The contractors of oats, who are not stocked up, hope that no transports will come to Portland for at least two months because then the market would be duli and growers would be willing to accept lower prices. To have to go after farm-ers now for supplies, in the opinion of dealers, would have the affect of stimu-lating values. Farmers are optimistic in regard to oats, and contractors do not desire to encourage them. The recent com-petition of buyers to get cats had the effect of buoying prices. Several weeks ago a spirited competition at Whitteaker, in the Waldo Hills, for a pool of 75,000 bush-els of oats resulted in favor of growers. Several dealers are reported to have large supplies of oats. They, of course, are interested with farmers in keeping up

interested with farmers in keeping up prices and bulling the market.

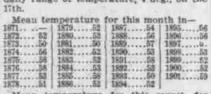
One of the reasons assigned for the firmness of prices is the steadiness of the San Francisco market. This in turn is attributed to scarcity of cars for moving the Oregon crop to California. As soon as cars can be obtained, it is expected by dealers that the San Francisco market will so down and take the Oregon markets. will go down and take the Oregon mar-ket with M. Some shipments have been made to California this Fall, but not as many as last year, when the crop in Ore-gon was short.

## WARMEST ON RECORD.

Wenther as Reported by the Weather Bureau.

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perature, 78 deg., on the 22d; lowest, 44 deg., on the 8th; greatest daily range of temperature, 30 deg., on the 23d; least daily range of temperature, 4 deg., on the



Mean temperature for this month for 0 years, 54 deg.; average excess of dally mean temperature during month, 5 deg .; accumulated deficiency of daily mean tem perature since January, 1, 173 deg.; average daily deficiency since January 1, 1 deg. Prevailing direction of wind, northwest: total movement of wind, 5232 miles: naximum velocity of wind, direction and

ber of days with .01 on an inch of more of precipitation, 7. Total precipitation (in inches) for this

to date, 1.49 inches; average precipitation for Il wet seasons, 42.18 inches; numbe of clear days, 19; partly cloudy days, 7; cloudy days, 14. Dates of killing frosts, none. Greatest 24 hours' precipitation, 24 on an inch on the 27th-28th.

National Reorganization Planned by Secretary.

STATE MILITIA WILL BE BASIS

Scheme Is for Orderly Expansion of Regular Personnel When Needed -Adjutant-General Gantenbein Will Take Preliminary Step.

News of an important reorganization of the National Naval Reserve has been re-ceived by Adjutant-General C. U. Ganten-Mr. Wittenberg lined up in public enter-

ONE VIEW OF NEW YORK POLITICAL SITUATION

DONT OVERCROWD THE LIFE PRE SERVER.

He only seeks to sound a warning

ed men will agree that this warning word

conservative policy is not as detrimental as an oversealous one. We can permit

our city and state to increase by the nat-

ural growth that will follow its favorable

conditions and location, or we can supply

channel of safety. We have applied va-

rious measures to increase the industries and population of our favored section.

Each has been by an outlay of consider-

able sums. We have recognized the need

of a deep channel to the sea, and are

burden of taxation on our city property.

think the citizens of this city can see in

giving their hearty support for the 1905

institutions will be called upon to give

liberally, the nature of the measure will

awaken a sufficient interest in smaller

ever been proposed in this city. The is-

The suggested sum of \$300,000 to be do-

if another city can donate \$100,000 as an

outright gift to secure a contract for the

building of a warship, which, at best, can

give employment to only a few score of

men, how much greater and lasting will be the result of the amount demanded

in the past, when expositions had not been

held, and we can as well meet the reac-

If one follows at all, as from any other

cause. I do not think the men who sub-

scribe in print are more patriotic or am-

bitious in their zeal to promote the Lewis and Clark Exposition in 1905, than the

tion that may follow our exposition year,

fair wages for the next five years.

from our citizens?

grand success.

submitting and bearing the

the Northwest than the Pan-American Exposition to Buffalo and New York State. Thousands of longing eyes still follow the star of empire in its westward course, and such a centennial would bring people in flocks to this region who were wholly indifferent to the Buffalo Exposition. They know that a rich, vast and comparatively undeveloped region offers opportunities unknown in overpopulated New York. As to direct financial profit from the centennial, it need scarcely be expected, although it would beyond doubt be therether the transfer of the content of the cont be liberally patronized.

## \$500 WORTH OF ZEAL.

Leo Friede States His Position in Regard to Fair.

PORTLAND, Nov. 1 .- (To the Editor.)-The recent letter, written by Mr. Witten-berg, makes clear his position regarding the Lewis and Clark Exposition, upon which opinion is somewhat divided. I and many others inferred from his first letter that the reasons he set forth placed him as opposed to the City of Portland cele brating the centennial of the Lewis and Clark expedition, and confess personally prises, otherwise than with the progressive bein. This is contained in a letter to Gov-ernor Geer from Secretary of the Navy element. This act would have been con-

IF THE PEOPLE WANT HIM

His Career on the Pacific Const-Was Off on Silver, but Has Since Learned the Question in Dead.

WALLA WALLA, Nov. 2-"While the se of my name as a candidate for the Senate has never been authorized by me. Senate has never been authorized by me. I am free to say, that nothing would delight me more than to occupy a seat in the upper House of Congress, as Washington's representative, provided I could feel I was the choice of the people. But if the sent is to be sold to the high-est bidder, as has been the custom in some states, I will not be in the competi-

tion. Political preferment, like wealth, is only honorably attained."

Those are the words Miles C. Moore, the last Governor of the Territory of Washington, used when he shied his beaver into the Senatorial ring. Ex-Governor Moore is well-known to the Pacific and the Charles of the Pacific Senatorial ring. washington, used when he shied his beaver into the Sensturial ring. Ex-Governor Moore is well-known in the Pacific Northwest, where he came from Ohio, in his young manhood, located in Walla Walla and engaged in mercantile pursuits. He was, for a dozen years, the chief spirit of the managers of the millions left to his heirs by the late Dr. D. S. Baker, and is and has been for years president of the Baker-Boyer National Bank, of Walla Walla. He allied himself with the Republicans of Walla Walla County when they were in the minority, and soon became one of the leaders. He differed from his party on silver, but has long since learned that the silver question is dead and buried. On all other questions he has always been in accord with the party. He was the last Governor of the Territory of Washington and, 12 years ago, turned over the assets of the territory to Governor E. P. Ferry, the first Governor of the State of Washington. That is the only public office of any importance Governor Moore ever held. ernor Moore ever held.

he has other plans.

The friends of Governor Moore will be pleased with the positive declaration made by him to your correspondent, "I long since admitted the death and burial of the silver issue. In all clest I am and always have been, a Republican."

## TALKS ON EXPOSITION.

Portlander Enlightens Washington People.

ole is shown by the success of Colonel Frank J. Parker, of Walla Walla, in stirring up interest, and the space devoted to the project by the press. The Dully Olympian, of Olympia, Wash., prints the

of Walla Walla, to the Sound cities has had the effect of awakening much interest among the commercial bodies in the cities visited in the Lewis and Clark Centennial, which is to be celebrated in Portland in 1905. The project to hold an exposition has received the indorse nt of all the commercial bodies in Seattle and Tacoma, as well as the unofficial indorsement of many leading officials and business me the Olympia Chamber of Commerce will take the matter up Tuesday night, and will une

D. K. Larimer, the well-known newspaper man, is in the city, and to an Olympian reporter yesterday he outlined the ideas of the Exposition promoters, as understood in Portland. "It should not be understood," said Mr. Larimer, "that the proposed Exposition is to be a Portland affair, or that it is designed exclusively for the benefit of Portland. Briefly stated, the idea is properly to communicate the exploitation of this vast section of country more speedlly, and yet remain within the Lewis and Clark early in the last century From time to time new measures will have to be devised to continue the works, The idea of the Exposition originated in Fort-land, and Portland men are primarily respon-sible for the determination to hold such an Expromoting the public welfare, which car-ries with individual welfare, and I do not position. For that reason, it has naturally

While our largest property-owners and should receive the hearty support and co-operation of the whole Northwest. The central fea-ture will be to typify the great development of this Western country in the century that hear passed since the Lewis and Chark expedition. property-holders to distribute the burden To use a newspaper expression, the Oriental rade of the Pacific Coast country and the pos-ibilities for its future development will be nore equally than any measure that has boring men in all departments can well afford to give material aid, for they are played up," and as a prerequisite for this ature of the Exposition, the name of 'Amercan Pacific Exposition' has been joined with that of the 'Lewis and Clark Centennial.' "The Oregon Legislature has formally recogthereby assured of active employment at nated by subscription is quite large, but

nized the Expecition by creating a commissio which is to have charge of it. This commission is headed by ex-Senator H. W. Corbett, of Portland, and Judge C. B. Bellinger, of the United States District Court, is a member of The connection of these two gentlemen with the Exposition guarantees its entire finan-cial responsibility, and is sufficient assurance that the project is backed by the most substan-

It is needless to discount, at this time, the reaction that may follow. Business men of this city and eisewhere realize retial people of Oregon.
"The Washington Legislature also induced the plan and appointed an advisory commission to report to the next Legislature relative to the actions and hard times have been upon us degree of support which it may deem advisa ble for this state to extend. This commission counts of Colonel Frank J. Farker, of Walia Walla; George S. Rowan, of Castle Rock, and State Senators Warren W. Tolman, of Spo-kane; J. G. Megler, of Brookfleid, and E. M. Hands, of Vancouver. This commission has conferred frequently with the Oregon commis-sion, and all its members are hearty supporters

> ing the Exposition, there is considerable di-vision of opinion concerning the magnitude of it. Some favor a most claborate affair, rivaling the World's Fair at Chicago, or the Pan-American Exposition at Buffalo. Others favor pro-ceeding upon a more moderate scale. This, however, is a question of detail that will ulti-

pment and resources it is designed to repre-

WASHINGTON, Nov. 3.-January 1 next the postoffice at Warm Springs, Or., is to be made a money-order office, by request of the postmaster and patrons, and

Odell, Klamath County, Or., to be sup-Eva M. Graves has been appointed post-

# One-Third Shipped Away. lands of a designated character situated within any state into or through which the road of the company runs, no definite of hops, developments last week are re-

SHEPARD AS A NEW YORK CANDIDATE FOR MAYOR

-From the Cleveland Plaindealer.

THERE'S A NEW SHEEP IN THE SHEP (HE)RD'S FLOCK.

acres for a large deficiency thereon, and that there will be taken upon the cases and lists inclosing of the grant."

TAX LEVY SPECULATIONS. On Increased Valuation 24 Mills Will Yield Sufficient Revenue.

Now that the assessment of property in Multnomah County has been com-pleted and the Assessor has raised the valuation to what is intended to be 50 tax-dodgers as well are beginning to wonder what the tax levy is going to be. They are also speculating as to whether their taxes will be less or more than they were last year. Of course, everybody understands that the reason portion of the expenses of the state, since all other countles had cut down ting down the valuation of property, and all the counties will proceed to raise the counties will proceed their valuations to a respectable figure. The proportion of the state tax which Multnomah County is to pay for the next five years is \$1.23 per cent, and so

nothing could be saved by making the as-sessed valuation lower.

As to what the tax levy in this city and Multnomah County is to be, it is yet too early to venture a prediction. While the levy will be lower, it is probable that the amount raised will be some-thing more than was raised last year. Expert guessers say the total levy will probably be about 24 mills. Last year the total levy was \$3.7 mills. It is figured that a levy of 22.5 mills on the present valuation would raise as much as the 22.7 mills levy of last year did, and that

a 24-mill levy will bring in for this city \$66,600 more than the levy of last year Last year the city levied an 8-mill tax and a special 2-mill tax-10 mills in all. This year it is possible that the city

may be able to get along with a 7-mill to the regular 5-mill school tax levy, made a special levy of \$\frac{4}{2}\$ mills. The school district is said to be in better condition now than for the past eight or 10 years. With the increase arising from the regular 5-mill levy on the increased valuation, a 14-mill special tax will give the

schools more money than they had last year with a 4.5-mill special tax. The county will probably be able to get along with the same amount it had last year and, therefore, the county levy will be lower than it was last year.

The Port of Portland is likely to want more money than it had last year from

a 15-mill tax. ere is a road tax to be provided for, which last year required a 1.5-mill levy.

Any one desirous of knowing just what the tax levy in this city is going to be can amuse himself indefinitely by figuring on it, and making it come out about 24

Porto Rienus Go to Washington. ST. LOUIS, Nov. 3.—The delegation of Porto Rican merchants bade farewell to against the rule of the law of May 14, Porto rucal merchants bade farewen to 1808, by which homesteads are limited to 8t. Louis early this morning. From here so acres, and earnestly recommends to they go to Washington, in which city they will spend a few days, and then re"That it so amend the said act of May turn to their mative island.

have been prepared, submitted and approved to the department for relinquish-ment by the company. These embraced willing to sell than heretofore, and to all the claims which had been presented be offering hops in considerable amounts and had not been previously disposed of. In view of the hitherto adverse disposi-excepting six cases, which are now under tion of growers and the fact that there consideration,

"The relinquishment provided for by the but rather a depression, the strategic poact of March 2, 1839, of the Mount Rainier
National Park and Pacific forest reserve,
people as weaker than it was. At any was filed by the company and was accepted by the department July 25, 1899.

Of the selections filed by the company under this act few have been patented, for the reason that they involve questions yet to be determined by the department.

"The examination of the grant to the company to the part to the company under this company under this act few have been patented."

The examination of the grant to the company to the grant to the company under the company under the company under the week, for there has been quite a free-selling movement in the past few days. Dealers report best gupples available at 10 cents a pound and even lower. r school land indemnity. In the Vanuver district, 11,750 acres were for pubbuildings, 1700 acres for public buildof May 4, 1870, disclosed that there will be itical point of view. They hold that, considering the world's aunuly Indication remains within its limits only about 2000 are good for higher prices. Several grow-acres of land undisposed of. Early action ers-last week said they would hold until Spring before accepting the present prices offered by buyers. They believe the existing weakness of the market is only temporary and due to manipulations in the interest of buyers. They say that the season is as yet so young that the early conditions of the present do not necessarily indicate the later trend of the market. At any rate, they have plenty of

Buyers Say Demand Will Be Light Buyers give their side of the case be saying that the large crop in Englan will greatly lessen the demands upon the Northwest for shipments to that country willing to accept \$16610c, and they are convinced that this is all the product is ported at 10% file either are done so in everybody understands that the reason why the assessed valuation of property in Portland and all of Multnomah County willing to pay II cents. But he makes it in Portland and all of Multnoman County withing to pay it will insist upon that has been made so low in the past was up. The farmer will insist upon that to avoid paying more than a fair proagree to pay it on choice bales. A cersince all other counties had cut down tain proportion of the farmer's crop will their valuation as much or more. As the new law fixes the proportion of the state the buyer will pay a much lower price for new law lixes the proportion of the state tax which each county must pay in the future, there is now no excuse for cutthe farmer is selling. In this way the actual price the grower gets is often very much lower than the price he insists upon getting. These high prices are reported and not the lower ones. These few sules do not show the true level of prices. To get that level correctly, the many more sales at lower figures sh be taken into account. It is alleged also that some of the reported sales at 11 cents, or slightly under, are nothing more than consignments whereby a certain price, 8 or 9 cents, is guaranteed. The higher values are said, therefore, to be imaginary or to exist in the impalpable

future. Effect of Woodburn Pool.

Many buyers say that the formation of a pool at Woodburn two weeks ago is a risky venture for the growers and a safe one for the promoter. They say that any man would be glad to accept the terms given the manager of the pool. He agrees to advance 9 cents to the growers, without recourse. The other terms are that he shall be allowed interest on the ad-vance money, and that the expense of shipping the hops to London shall not be more than 4 cents per pound. Some people say that he stands a chance of making some money, but that the growers will in all probability not receive more than their advanced money. It is looked upon as very fortunate for the growers that no ourse can be had against them by their agent in the event of his fallure to sell at a price covering the advanced money and freight charges. Even if he should sell above 12 cents in London, the grow-ers will probably not get the additional money, if their agent knows his busi-ness. The public announcement of the pooled hops and their destination are also looked upon as unfavorable to the grow-ers. When consignments are made it is always to the advantage of sellers to keep their business quiet in order to fortify themselves against hearish influences. Commission men furthermore say that the pool has had much to do with the weakening of prices. The guarantee of 3 cents has tended to depress values to

that level by encouraging foreign buyers to believe they can get supplies at that figure, and they conform their orders to that price.

The free-selling movement of the past few days may not keep up its present rate

Last month was the warmest October for the past 30 years. It was also a dry month, though not the dryest. Following

\*Trace. Mean maximum for the month, 67.1:

nimum, 51.1; mean, 59.2; precipitation, 75 of an inch. Mean atmospheric pressure, 20.06; highest pressure, 30.40, on the 11th; lowest pressure, 29.64 on the 27th. Mean temperature, 59 deg.; highest tem

date, 36 miles, south, on the 29th.

Total precipitation, .75 of an inch; num-

Average precipitation for this month for all years, 2.61 inches; total deficiency in precipitation during month, 2.86 inches; total precipitation from September 1, 1901, to date, 432 inches; average precipitation from September 1, to date, 5.81 inches; total deficiency, from September 1, 1991.

Race Track Leaved.

H. H. Hellman, of San Jose, Cal., a well-known breeder of fine horses, and Charles Simpson, of Pendleton, have leased the Irvington track for five years of activity, say the commission men. The and will soon begin preparations for first-orders which are now being filled have class racing in Portland for next season a great deal more benefit to Portland and

Long. Profiting by the experience of the trary to all his previous acts, and justified Spanish-American War, the Navy Depart-ment is actively engaged in formulating evermore." But his more recent letter ment is actively engaged in formulators a scheme of national naval reserve, so that there may be a rapid and orderly expansion of the regular personnel in time of war. The new naval reserve will be entirely under National control, in contraend or training school for the National body, which will to those who are apt to forget to reckon be called into training at regular periods, without the host, and to save the good its members receiving rank and compensation just as do the men in the regular Ignominious failure. All reasonable-mind-Congress will be asked to provide financial aid for the new body, which will is wisdom itself, but judgment of men will be drawn from the merchant marine, from always be divided, whether at times a too former members of the regular Navy, and from the Naval Reserves of the different

The following letter was sent by Secretary Long to Governor Geer, who mitted it to Adjutant-General C. U. Gan- a little "steam" and promote its growth

"Navy Department, Washington, D. C., Oct. 19, 1901.—Sir: The Navy Department believes it desirable to form a National Naval Reserve, and with this end in view proposes, in case of the passage of the necessary legislation, to suggest to the of the United States regulations for its establishment. "The complete details of the project have not been definitely formulated. In gen-

eral, however, it contemplates the foilowing provisions: The enrollment of of-ficers and men from the naval militia. the merchant marine, yacht squadrons and from those who have been connected with a soufaring life. Compensation will be based upon the pay of corresponding grades and rates in the naval service, with traveling expenses to and from home dered for the annual tour of drill and in-Officers of the National reserve struction. commanding merchant vessels to be pernitted, under certain rules, to fly a special

flag. "Pending legislative action, the department desires to ascertain the number of men would would be likely to consent to enrollment, together with the positions they would probably be able to fill. But no steps toward actual enrollment can be taken until after legislative action and

the President's approval. With this end in view the department invites the commanding officers of the naval militia of your state, through you. to furnish it with lists of men in their organization, or any others outside of it, who may be considered sultable for en-rollment in the National Naval Reserve, and who would probably consent to become members of such reserve, together with the grade or rating in which each

would be willing to serve.
"One requisite for this reserve would be either naval service during the Spanish-American War, three years' service in a naval militia organization or a reasonable service affoat in merchant or other vessels. JOHN D. LONG, Secretary. "His Excellency the Governor of Ore-

gon, Salem, Or. Adjutant-General Gantenbein has summoned a meeting of the Naval Reserve Tuesday evening, at 8 o'clock, at the Third Regiment Armory. At this meeting the reorganization will be discussed. General Gantenbein says that Secretary Long is planning the reorganization on a substantial basis.

> Be Not Faint-Hearted. Weston Leader,

It is Portland's duty to take the initia. tive with regard to the Lewis and Clark Centennial. This event should and will be encouraged by Oregon and the Pacific Northwest, but the leadership rests with Portland. If conservatism and fear of loss and failure prevail there to an extent money, and more money; yet in return it may be confidently expected that the

thousands who have not given expression to their sentiments, but to anticipate those who may desire to know how much i zeal, I wheerfully say to the tune of \$500. I believe Mr. Wittenberg's note of warning should be carefully heeded, and yet I think the men who have taken the matter

Drowned in Lake Moyle. OLYMPIA, Nov. 3 .- A telegram was re-

ceived in this city yesterday from Moyle,

British Columbia, containing the informa-tion that Thomas B. Johnson, of this city, had been drowned in Lake Moyie, near the town of that name. Beyond the fact that Mr. Johnson's hat was found in a boat in which he had been riding other information was received. The de-ceased was a native of Olympia, born sufficient to enshroud the enterprise with a wet bianket, the rest of the region interested need not be expected to wring it and followed logging here prior to going out. These fairs require enthusiasm and gaged of late with a brother conducting a hotel at Moyie. Should the body be found it will be brought to this city for

## MOORE'S AMBITION

Ex-Governor of Washington Wants to Be Senator.

During the earlier efforts of Mr. Levi Ankeny to put on the Senatorial toga-he had the support of Governor Moore, but the declaration of Governor Moore, above quoted, makes it apparent that he

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D. K. Larimer, the well-known newspaper

of the Exposition. While all Portland is united in favor of hold-

in hand, by their good judgment and exmaiely be settled amicably, and the verdict when rendered will be accepted, even by those who might have favored a different course. "The primary object of the Exposition will be perience, will conduct this measure to a to attract the attention of the world to the reat Northwest. Such being the case it be-

upon recommendation of Representative A postoffice has been established at