WHAT MEREDITH SAID

MORE WITNESSES TELL OF HIS THREATS AGAINST CONSIDINE.

Policeman Who Was Discharged for His Action at the Time of the Shooting on the Stand.

SEATTLE, Wash., Nov. 13.—Further testimony of the defense was heard today in the trial of John W. Considine for the murder of Chief of Police Meredith, 16 witnesses being called to the stand. Their testimony related chiefly to threats said to have been made by Meredith against Considine's life, and to Meredith's action on the day of the shooting prior to meeting the two Considine brothers. The afternoon session ended after hearing the direct testimony of A. H. Mefford, a retired police officer, who is considered one of the most important of Considine's witnesses. His cross-examination will begin tomorrow. Mefford, who was then a policeman, was present during the whole of the encounter, and was later suspended from duty by Acting Chief Sullivan for his failure to attempt to stop the fight. His suspension was made a permanent retirement by the Civil Service Commission after a trial, Mefford's defense being that he was dazed by the first shot fired by Meredith close to his head, and did not fully recover until too late. John Considine, in his own behalf, and his brother, Tom, will probably take the witness-stand Saturday.

According to the finding of the Police Commissioners, after the investigation into Mefford's conduct, that officer was derelict in his duty at the time of the encounter between Meredith and Considine. Mefford was shaking hands with Considine when Meredith rushed at the latter, and no evidence had been produced to show that he had done anything toward stopping the fight. Mefford's testimony given late this afternoon is the first time his story has been made public. Mefford said on the witness-stand:

"I was in Guy's drug store shortly after 5 o'clock. As I came out I met in the doorway John Considine. I stopped and shook hands with him, and he smiled as he made a remark to me. While I still had hold of his hand I was conscious of a long package being thrust past me alongside of my head in Considine's direction. An instant later there was a loud explosion that almost stunned me. I stood for a moment as if paralyzed. I could see all that was going on, but did not seem to be able to move. Considine rushed through the doorway and into the store. The man who had fired from the package followed him. A moment later, I recovered and ran after them into the store. As I did so, a second shot was fired. I saw two men in the store struggling. I recognized them as Meredith and Considine. They were in a grapple close together, Considine with one arm around Meredith and the other holding Meredith's right hand in the air. In Meredith's right hand there was a revolver. They swerved across the store. I jumped toward them and made a grab for the revolver, but missed it. At the same moment Tom Considine came in, and, jumping toward the two struggling men, he succeeded in grasping the revolver. After a brief struggle he wrenched it from Meredith's hands. Others had arrived by this time, and the attention of all was on Tom Considine and the revolver. Meredith and John Considine were alone, but still struggling together. They swerved across the store a couple of times, and finally Meredith broke away with his right hand and threw it down to his right-hand coat pocket. As he did so John Considine fired three shots in rapid succession into Meredith's body and Meredith fell to the floor."

This was Mefford's story, told in a seemingly straightforward manner and without any attempt at embellishment. From the standpoint of the defense the important part of it is that Mefford swears that Meredith was still struggling with Considine at the time Considine fired.

With its six-shot theory discredited to a large extent, the State's hope of convicting Considine now rests upon the testimony given that Meredith was practically helpless at the time Considine shot him, because of the blows showered on his head by Tom Considine. The very best evidence as to the time consumed in the struggle is that it lasted not more than 40 seconds.

William A. Duncan, colored, testified to having witnessed the fight through the window of the store. His evidence regarding the struggle between Meredith and the Considines was similar to that of Mefford.

M. F. White swore that Meredith had spoken to him at 4 o'clock in the afternoon of the shooting in regard to his resignation from the office of Chief of Police, and continuing had asked him if he had seen John Considine. The witness had replied that he had not, and Meredith had volunteered the information that he was looking for him and was going to "have it out with him." Mr. White said that at the time Meredith carried with him a package. He identified the wrapped shotgun as being similar to the package carried by Meredith at the time he talked with him.

Charles E. Henry was also a valuable witness from the standpoint of the defense. At about 3:30 o'clock on the afternoon of the day of the shooting Mr. Henry had met Meredith at the corner of Third avenue and Cherry street. He had with him at the time a package similar to the wrapped shotgun, which was shown to the witness. Later witness saw Meredith approach Guy's drug store, coming east on the south side of Yesler way. He saw him disappear in the doorway of the store, and at about the same instant heard a loud report. Later he heard four more reports, making five in all.

T. M. Stanley, another witness, told the following story:

"I was watching the drug store door, expecting a friend to come out. I saw a man moving rapidly around the corner of Guy's drug store. When I first saw him he was from six to 10 feet down the walk west of the store, coming east. He was hastening with a package in his arms, and was somewhat bent with the package across his left arm forward. He slipped up on the step and seemed to be going in toward the door. He was still partially bent. I saw him quicken his movements and rush past. His arm flew up and he leaned over sideways. Then I saw a flash and heard a loud report. The report sounded like a bomb. I started for the store and heard another report. It came from farther in the store. It was not so distinct as the first. About 30 seconds later, possibly 45, I heard three consecutive shots."

MASONIC TEMPLE DEDICATED.

Hood River Lodge in Its New Home, the Gift of a Late Brother.

HOOD RIVER, Nov. 13.—The banner event in Masonic circles of Hood River took place Monday night, when Most Worshipful Grand Master Grace, assisted by Right Worshipful Grand Secretary Robinson, Right Worshipful Grand Senior Deacon Yoran, Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Thielsen and Worshipful Brethren H. L. Pittock, H. Beckwith, S. A. Herring and A. P. Tift, of Portland, and numerous other members of the order from abroad, including 50 members of Wasco Lodge, No. 15, of The Dalles, dedicated the first two-story brick building in Hood River to universal benevolence, with all the impressive rites and ceremonies of Freemasonry. Funds for the erection of the temple were bequeathed the order by the late Andrew H. Tieman, who willed his estate to the Hood River lodge. The dedicatory ceremonies were followed by well-chosen remarks by Messrs. W. E. Grace, S. M. Yoran, H. B. Thielsen, E. L. Smith and Dr. O. D. Doane, and a brief social session. Those in attendance then repaired to the Mount Hood Hotel, where seats for 100 guests were filled. A fine collation was served in a most acceptable manner. Clarence Gilbert, Mr. Connell, John Bunnell and Miss Lizzie Roberts furnished excellent instrumental music while the banquet was in progress. Dr. F. C. Brosius acted as toastmaster, and called for the filling of glasses to our "Most Worshipful Grand Lodge." Responses were given by Grand Master Grace, Grand Master Robinson and Past Grand Master Thielsen. Wasco Lodge, No. 15.

"The Mother of Hood River Lodge" was fitting responded to by Worshipful Master M. Z. Donnell, who proposed and called for a toast to her worthy daughter, Hood River Lodge, No. 105. Worshipful Master A. N. Rahm responded in a graceful manner, suggesting as fitting to the occasion and in memory of a brother whose munificence made possible the erection of the temple, that Hood River Lodge perpetually devote this date upon their calendar to appropriate ceremonies of remembrance of him. E. L. Smith, as the first past master of Hood River Lodge, responded for "Our Past Masters" in a witty speech. "Our Absent Members" were remembered by Rev. J. L. Hershner.

"Our Brethren Wheresoever Dispersed" was taken thoughtful care of by Rev. Mr. Poling, of The Dalles. "Our Tieman Trustees" gave opportunity for voicing the sentiments of A. S. Blowers, W. M. Gates and E. S. Savage, by the latter's dictated communication, as follows:

Brethren and Fellows: I regret very much my inability to be with you in body, as I am in spirit. The dedication of our new hall culminates the lifework of one individual. Born nearly 100 years ago in Denmark, of that strong and hearty ancestry which traces its ancestry back to Thor the Thundergod, following the inclinations and family traits of years, he early followed the sea. When Commodore Perry battered open the ports of Japan to the commerce of the world, he was one of the hardy band of sailors that did yeoman service and helped show to the world the invincible spirit of the American marine. Later, he became and assumed the duties of an American citizen by settling in the Hood River Valley and engaging in the avocation of agriculture. It was here that he became a Mason. That event marked an epoch in his history, for Masonry became to him a religion. He delighted to read and study the principles and lessons of the order and to converse with his brethren regarding the beautiful tenets of the institution. When he felt that his days were drawing to a close, being without kith or kin, he sought out the best purpose to which he might devote the little possessions he had accumulated. The result is the neat and tasty hall this evening dedicated—a home for the Masons of Hood River Valley. Brethren, let us, standing and in silence, drink to the memory of Andrew Harry Tieman.

At this point Grand Secretary Robinson proposed the following:

Resolved, That the thanks of the Grand Lodge have thoroughly enjoyed the hospitalities of Hood River Lodge, No. 105, A. F. & A. M.; and be it further

Resolved, That we extend ourselves an invitation to come again; and be it further

Resolved, That we unanimously accept the invitation.

Carried by a standing vote. So mote it be.

CARTER GOT IT FOR HIM.

Woods Tells How He Came to Be District Attorney at Nome.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 13.—The Nome contempt proceedings before Commissioner Heacock are rapidly nearing an end, and the case will be presented to the Circuit Court of Appeals next Monday, the attorneys having been so instructed today.

The cross-examination of Judge Noyes was completed today. Judge Noyes positively denied that he did anything to vex, harass or disturb the jurisdiction of the Court of Appeals, or prevent or delay the execution of its process. He did not question the right of the Court of Appeals to allow appeals from his orders in cases, and alleged that he never said the writs were void. The witness stated that Marshal Vawter, in speaking about the $30,000 matter, remarked: "We are not here for our health, and although I do not want to influence you," etc. Judge Noyes said the opposition to him at Nome developed when a certain newspaper published an article against him for removing one of its friends, who had been Commissioner in the Kugarok. Another witness today was Joseph K. Wood, one of the respondents, who was District Attorney at Nome. He admitted that he and McKenzie entered into a law partnership, but said that no mention was made in his presence of Judge Noyes as a beneficiary of this partnership. When McKenzie was appointed receiver of the Anvil Creek claims, Wood withdrew from the firm. During the last of his stay in Nome the witness said he was not on speaking terms with Judge Noyes. His explanation for failing to deliver the keys of the safe deposit boxes to deputy Marshals was a desire to wait for orders from McKenzie, who had given them into his charge. Wood testified that he secured his appointment to the Alaska Attorneyship through Senator Carter, who appealed directly to the President, against the opposition of the Attorney-General.

MANY PEOPLE LEAVING DAWSON.

Business Men Attribute the Exodus to Edict Against Gambling.

PORT TOWNSEND, Wash., Nov. 13.—Arrivals from Dawson by the steamer City of Seattle today say that place is practically deserted, and that not to exceed 6000 people are now there. That number will be decreased, as many more will leave as soon as the ice forms on the river sufficiently thick for travel. Last year 10,000 people Wintered at Dawson.

The edict against gambling is not being strictly enforced at Dawson, the authorities allowing blackjack games to run openly, while poker-rooms are in evidence, but faro and other banking games are prohibited. The business men of Dawson attribute the general exodus to the restrictions against gambling, and are taking steps to petition the government to remove such restrictions.

G. A. R. Post Given Back Its Charter.

OREGON CITY, Nov. 13.—The members of John Gibbon Post, G. A. R., received notice from Department Commander Sladen today that the orders from headquarters annulling the charter of said post had been revoked, in accordance with orders from the commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, dated October 29, at Minneapolis. The post is now entitled to all privileges enjoyed prior to the proceedings taken against it.

Supreme Court Cases Argued.

SALEM, Nov. 13.—Three cases were argued and submitted in the Supreme Court today, as follows:

W. T. Wright, et al., appellants, vs. A. C. Craig, et al., respondents.

J. B. E. Garnier, et al., appellants, vs. Ira E. Wheeler, et al., respondents.

E. W. Haines, respondent, vs. E. P. Caldwell, et al., appellants.

Oregon Convict Labor Account.

SALEM, Nov. 13.—State Treasurer Moore today received $1114 74 from Lowenberg, Going & Co., in settlement of the amount due the state for convict labor at the penitentiary in the stove foundry for the month of October. The report accompanying the remittance shows 22,792½ hours of convict labor, and the wages paid are 3½ cents per hour.

New Flouring Mill in Operation.

HARRISBURG, Or., Nov. 13.—The large 125-barrel flour mill here, that has been in course of construction all Summer, started to grind wheat yesterday. J. J. Ross, of Portland, who sold the machinery to the millowners, was here to assist in starting. The mill company has 25,000 bushels of wheat in the warehouse.

To Enter Employ of Government.

CORVALLIS, Nov. 13.—Frank Groves left here yesterday for the Puget Sound navy-yard, where he is to take a position in the department of supplies. The position is in the civil service, and was secured as a result of an examination taken last year.

WILSON DECLARES WAR

AFTER SCALP OF POSTMASTER TEMPLE, OF SPOKANE.

Friends of Official Rally to His Support—Question as to Who Wilson Favors.

SPOKANE, Nov. 13.—Ex-Senator John L. Wilson has declared war on the administration of Postmaster Temple, of this city, working to oust him from office, and has advanced a candidate of his own for that place.

A hurriedly called secret meeting of friends of Postmaster Temple was held today. Nearly every one present, it is said, took a hand in the discussion. The charge was brought forward that John L. Wilson was at work against Mr. Temple. Sentiment seemed to be divided on the question of who the Wilson candidate is. Some of those present seemed to think that the ex-Senator is behind Fred Leghorn's candidacy, while others leaned to the belief that he favors the appointment of M. T. Hartson.

A resolution was passed favoring the retention of Mr. Temple. The resolution declared that those present favored the principles of civil service reform, and the reappointment of Mr. Temple, who was declared to be an efficient and faithful public servant, would be following out those principles. The adoption of the resolution ended the meeting.

Postmaster Temple refused to discuss the meeting or to make any statement. He was visibly embarrassed when he learned that the reporter had heard of the meeting.

OVERRULED BY LAND OFFICE.

Contestee in Hays Case Wanted Testimony Taken at Tillamook.

OREGON CITY, Nov. 13.—Register C. B. Moores, of the United States Land Office, has denied the motion of Judge T. F. Cowing, attorney for the contestees in a number of the Hays cases, for the hearing of testimony in Tillamook. The contestee's motion gives the names of the witnesses who will testify in his behalf, and states that he is a poor man and unable to stand the expense of a trip to Oregon City. In denying the motion the Register gives these reasons:

"The convenience of the contestee cannot alone be considered. The Government is a party in interest. The contest affidavit does not merely charge laches upon the contestee; it charges fraud and conspiracy—a matter in which the Government has a vital interest. The charge of conspiracy on which this contest is based covers 75 cases, which are technically distinct but essentially the same. They cannot be wholly segregated, as they involve the same parties and lands in the same general neighborhood. A large proportion of the contestees reside nearer this office than Tillamook, and their cases have all been set for hearing in this office, and the dates fixed. A recent transfer of one case to Tillamook involving the same alleged conspiracy and dilatory proceedings therein has impressed this office with the opinion that an expeditious and satisfactory disposition of this case and others involving the same general charges can only be secured by denying this application. The application is overruled."

ESCAPED WHILE GUARDS SLEPT.

Tillamook Officers, However, Soon Had Man in Custody Again.

TILLAMOOK, Nov. 13.—William Heitmiller, who was found guilty yesterday of an assault on Emil Arndt with intent to kill, escaped from the county jail this morning and enjoyed his liberty until noon, when he was recaptured by Deputy Sheriff E. W. Stanley. The Deputy Sheriffs had been placed in charge of Heitmiller for the night, it being feared that he would commit suicide. They went to sleep without locking the cell. Heitmiller concluded he would skip out. He walked about 16 miles. The prisoner was at once returned to Tillamook and sentenced to four years in the penitentiary.

Deputy Sheriff Stanley found Heitmiller asleep in the house on Nehalem Beach he had formerly owned, and where he lived previously to shooting Arndt. His deed was a cold-blooded attempt at murder, for Heitmiller did not know Arndt and he had to be pointed out to him. Heitmiller thought that Arndt had been the cause of his wife's bringing a divorce suit against him. It was thought Arndt would die, but to the surprise of everybody he recovered, but is disabled, and cannot do any heavy work. Heitmiller is a man about 60 years of age.

WANT STUDENTS REINSTATED.

Student Body of Pacific University Petitions the Faculty.

PACIFIC UNIVERSITY, Nov. 13.—The student body of Pacific University has petitioned the faculty to reinstate the three students who were implicated in alleged hazing episodes, and a serenade on last Thursday and Friday nights. This action was decided upon at a meeting of the students last night. A copy of the resolutions was placed before the dean today, and the matter now awaits the faculty's action.

Lecture by Mr. Tongue Postponed.

The lecture to have been given before the students here tonight by Hon. T. H. Tongue has been postponed for one week. Mr. Tongue has been engaged to speak on the workings of Congress, but an important argument in the State Supreme Court prevented his coming tonight.

TO NOMINATE CITY OFFICIALS.

Mayor of Vancouver Issues a Call for a Mass Meeting.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Nov. 13.—Mayor A. L. Johnson today issued a call for a mass meeting for the nomination of a nonpartisan ticket to be voted upon at the coming city election in December. The officers to be nominated are: Mayor, one Councilman-at-large, one Councilman from each of the three wards of the city, City Attorney, Clerk and Treasurer. The mass meeting is to be held at the Standard Theater, November 19, at 7:30 o'clock P. M. So far there is a dearth of candidates.

Accepts Call to Pastorate.

The Rev. J. B. Little, D. D., of Shenandoah, Ia., who several weeks ago was extended a call to the pastorate of the First Presbyterian Church, of Vancouver, has accepted the call, and says it is his purpose to reach here the latter part of this month, in time to occupy the pulpit December 1. This church has been without any regularly installed pastor for nearly two years. The new pastor is a brother of the Rev. Dr. Little, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Tacoma, Wash., and comes very highly recommended.

TEACHERS' INSTITUTE.

Prominent Educators at the Yamhill County Meeting.

M'MINNVILLE, Or., Nov. 13.—Ninety-five teachers met here in annual institute this morning. The session opened with a spirited song exercise. Superintendent Littlefield, who has spared no pains or expense to make this institute the best in the history of the West Side, introduced S. Y. Gillan, editor of the Western Teacher, of Milwaukee, Wis., and Superintendent Robinson, of Portland, as institute workers. In the evening S. Y. Gillan lectured on "Mistakes and Blunders." Tomorrow evening Hon. B. F. Mulkey will lecture on "The Cause of the Revolution."

New Officers of Commercial Club.

The annual election of officers of the Commercial Club of this city took place last evening. The officers-elect are as follows: President, Dr. Leroy Lewis; vice-president, F. W. Sitton; secretary and treasurer, W. T. Macy; executive committee, W. S. Link, Dr. E. E. Goucher, L. R. Alderman, M. E. Hendrick, D. I. Asbury. Since its organization, a year ago, the club has secured a large membership, elegantly furnished its rooms, and is in a very prosperous condition.

Mob Violence in Nevada.

VIRGINIA, Nev., Nov. 13.—Word has just reached here of an outbreak of mob violence which almost resulted in the death of Henry Ellis, a negro residing at Fay, a new mining camp in Lincoln County. A gang of men went to the cabin occupied by Ellis, first attacked him and then dragged him out and held a mock trial on a charge of stealing $3 50 from a boarding-house at Fay. At the conclusion they searched his pockets and took all the money he had, after which a rope was placed around his neck and he was drawn up three times to the limb of a tree. The limb broke and the mob decided not to hang the man, who was marched out of town and released. He succeeded in reaching the town of Uvada in safety.

Golden Wedding Celebration.

M'MINNVILLE, Nov. 13.—The Rev. Joseph Hoberg and wife celebrated their golden wedding here today. Thirty-four children and grandchildren were present. The Methodist Church gave them a reception last evening, at which time the couple received many valuable presents. The Eastern Star attended the reception tonight and presented Mr. and Mrs. Hoberg with a beautiful clock. They were married in Galena, Ill., in 1851, and came to Oregon in 1866. Both are hale and hearty.

Great Demand for Timber Land.

ALBANY, Nov. 13.—All the timber land possible to be secured is being purchased in Linn County by Eastern timber men. Besides several scattering sales up the Santiam, a deal is in progress for the sale of a big block of claims on the Crabtree, held mostly by Albany men. During the past two days, 16 patents and final receipts have been filed with the deal in view.

Chinese Recommitted.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 13.—United States Judge Morrow today rendered a decision remanding Lee Gon Yung, a Chinaman, who was denied admission here, although he claimed to be en route to Mexico. Judge Morrow holds that he has no jurisdiction, and that the Treasury regulations should govern.

For an Intercollegiate Debate.

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, Cal., Nov. 13.—Negotiations have been started for an intercollegiate debate between Stanford and the University of Washington, which, in all probability, will result in a team from Washington visiting Stanford before the end of the year.

Damage Suit Against Olympia.

OLYMPIA, Nov. 13.—Miss Rose Gallamore, formerly a teacher in the Olympia public schools, yesterday brought suit against the city for damages aggregating $6015 for injuries alleged to have been received from a fall through a defective sidewalk in November of last year.

GOVERNOR GEER'S THANKSGIVING PROCLAMATION

SALEM, Nov. 13.—Governor Geer today issued a Thanksgiving proclamation, designating November 28 as the day to be observed. The proclamation follows:

"Although not yet passed from beneath the shadow of the great National tragedy which took from us the presence and counsel of our most beloved Chief Magistrate, we find reason for National thanksgiving in the unifying effect the great affliction has had upon the different sections of our common country, and for the prospect of a continued era of good feeling. At no time within 50 years has party feeling been less bitter, or our country so harmonious in matters concerning its domestic welfare. Every department of our state government is performing the duties for which it was created, with promptness and fidelity; the Hand of Plenty has provided the necessaries of life in abundance among our people, all classes of whom are engaged in remunerative employment, and the name of our fair state in other sections of our great country is synonymous with steady progress and an assuredly prosperous future.

"Recognizing in all these things the mind and hand of an overruling Providence who doeth all things well, and that a spirit of gratitude suggests an acknowledgment of the many favors enjoyed by us as a commonwealth, I hereby recommend, in conformity with the proclamation of the President of the United States, that Thursday, the 28th of November, 1901, be observed as a day of thanksgiving and prayer, and that all our people on that day, while remembering the poor with appropriate gifts and cheerful words, desist from their usual vocations, and, in their usual places of worship, or elsewhere, give praise to Almighty God, upon whom our fathers so firmly relied for National as well as individual guidance, for past mercies, and invoke the Divine aid along the pathway of National righteousness as our country assumes the leading position in power and influence among the nations of the earth.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Oregon to be affixed, at the Capitol, in Salem, this 13th day of November, 1901. T. T. GEER, Governor.

By the Governor:
F. I. DUNBAR,
Secretary of State.

LOST IN THE MOUNTAINS

GUIDE TOOK WRONG ROAD AND A PARTY WAS OUT ALL NIGHT.

Weather Was Bitter Cold, and the Men Went Without Food for Twenty-four Hours.

ASHLAND, Nov. 13.—District Attorney A. E. Reames, Attorney A. S. Hammond and Court Reporter F. M. Calkins, who arrived here last night, met with an experience last Sunday night while returning home from Lakeview that they will remember as long as they live. Together with Judge Benson and Charles Coggswell, of Portland, they had traveled all day, and when they had arrived at the base of a mountain east of Drew's station, which is about 40 miles east of Klamath Falls, the horses they had been driving were pretty well used up. This was about 5 o'clock in the evening, and the three gentlemen first named, being the younger of the party, volunteered to walk over the mountain to Drews, a distance of about 12 miles. Mr. Reames, who had been over the road before, acted as guide, counsellor and friend to the other two, who followed his lead with supreme confidence. Leaving their vehicle, they ascended the mountain, and had covered a distance of three miles when they came to a point where the road forks, one road leading to Bonanza and the other one to Drews station. Unfortunately for the trio, Mr. Reames' knowledge of the latitude and longitude became mixed in the darkness, and he led them off on the Bonanza road. The night was bitterly cold, the road contained numerous rocks and depressions, and the party had left overshoes, overcoats and gloves in the wagon. After trudging a matter of six miles, sometimes on their knees and occasionally on all fours, they became somewhat alarmed and halted to hold a council of war. By this time their hands and faces had become stiffened with the cold, and by dint of some effort they gathered enough fuel and built a roaring blaze. This was about 10 o'clock at night. Not satisfied yet that they were on the wrong road, Mr. Reames skurried on another mile. Finally, in the inky blackness of the night, they commenced to retrace their steps, suffering at every yard of ground traversed. They reached Drews station at 4:30 o'clock in the morning, completely exhausted and faint from hunger, having eaten nothing since breakfast on the previous morning.

ASSESSMENT WILL STAND.

Baker County Court Holds Mines Are Not Valued Too High.

BAKER CITY, Nov. 13.—The County Court yesterday denied the applications of several mineowners for a reduction in their 1901 assessments. An analysis of the Assessor's complete report shows an increase in the net assessments over 1900 of $619,750, the gross assessment for 1901 being $3,633,345, exemptions, $133,340; net, $3,500,005, and the net assessment for 1900 being $2,880,255.

One of the principal items of increase in this year's roll occurs in the assessment of mining properties and which caused some contention. The following four examples may be cited to show the rate of increase: Consolidated Bonanza, 1900, $28,000; 1901, $48,430; offered by owner, $25,000; Columbia Gold Mining Company, 1900, $5800; 1901, $30,000; offered by owner, $15,000; Eastern Oregon Mining Company (Baisley-Elkhorn), 1900, $9800; 1901, $25,000; offered by owner, $15,000; Cornucopia mines, 1900, $13,000; 1901, $32,000; offered by owner $20,000; total for 1900, $56,700; 1901, $135,430; increase, $78,730; reduction asked for, $60,430.

In the Malheur Oil District.

Charles Stoltz, a Baker City merchant, who returned yesterday from Malheur County, says there is much enthusiasm there over the prospect of securing flowing oil wells on the lands recently located by Baker City, Spokane, Portland, Union and Vale prospectors. All are confident that oil will be obtained, and it is expected that the first boring apparatus, that of the Sol Hirsch Company, of Portland, will reach Vale in a short time. The Baker City Company is also arranging to begin boring in the near future, and may let a contract to a local contractor this week. Reports from the engineers of the Baker people, who are now investigating the Idaho fields, are encouraging, and it is probable they will secure good locations in that state on what is supposed to be the same belt as the fields of Malheur are located upon.

New Mining Corporation.

The Copper Ridge Gold & Copper Mining Company, with a capital stock of $1,000,000, has just filed articles of incorporation. The incorporators are: Elmer E. Cleaver, W. G. Drowley and W. W. Reese. The property owned by the company is the Copper Ridge mine, consisting of four claims in the Quartsburg district, adjoining and being an extension of the Standard, which belongs to United States Marshal Houser, and where a rich strike was made some time ago. The ledge in the Copper Ridge is 70 feet wide on the surface, and surface assays give an average of $32 28 per ton in gold and copper. Mr. Cleaver purchased this property last Summer for $15,000, and has worked it continuously since then. Stock will now be placed in Ohio, where it is already contracted for, and the mine will be developed on a large scale. It is expected to have machinery on the property next year.

LEAD PRODUCERS TO CONFER.

Will Decide Whether Prices Shall Be Cut or the Output Limited.

NEW YORK, Nov. 13.—According to the Herald, great interest is centered in the conference between the lead producers of Colorado, Idaho and Utah and the officials of the American Smelting & Refining Company to take place in this city during the week of November 20. It will then be decided whether prices shall be cut or the output limited. It has been stated that there is an overproduction of lead, and as a result a big surplus is being carried by the smelting company. On this subject, Daniel Guggenheim, chairman of the board of directors of the American Smelting & Refining Company, said:

"As to whether there is at this time an overproduction of lead in this country, it is difficult to say. No fair judgment on the matter can be arrived at definitely until the end of the year, as it will be possible to secure much better data as to stocks in the hands of producers and consumers only when the sales of the year are all in. It is possible that there may be at the present time an overproduction in this commodity, but in any event it cannot be very large either in tonnage or value.

"I am unable to make any predictions as to what conclusions may be reached at the meeting. It is understood that any course of action decided upon will undoubtedly be formulated by the representatives of the mining interests rather than those of the smelting interests, in view of the fact that the smelter is not vitally interested in the price realized for the sale of lead, inasmuch as under the custom generally prevailing in the purchase of ores the smelters practically act simply as brokers for the miners."

According to Mr. Guggenheim there are three ways to meet the problem of overproduction. The old method of cutthroat competition, with each producer fighting independently against his neighbor, has been eliminated by the formation of combinations. "Under this method," said he, "the situation corrects itself by a reduction in the output caused by the financial ruin and subsequent closing down of many of the producers. It is safe to say that in the lead industry this is not likely to occur in the near future. In the old days the rule was that overproduction resulted in the end in industrial crises, with a recovery to normal conditions carried on under a slow and painful process. The other two methods are restriction of production and shipments abroad. "Should overproduction be found to exist," said Mr. Guggenheimer, "or threatened in the near future, it is possible to regulate the matter by an agreement among the producers to restrict their output to a certain extent, either agreeing upon a reduced percentage compared with previous output, or arranging for a suspension for a certain number of days during the month."

Oregon Mining Stock Exchange.

Yesterday's quotations:

	Bid.	Asked.
Adams Mountain	2½	3¾
Astoria-Melbourne (guaranteed)	.11	25
Buffalo	2½	3½
Copperopolis	14½	20
Champion	25	50
Caribou	1½	2¾
Gold Hill & Bohemia	8½	9
Huronian	5½	6½
Lost Horse	1½	3
Oregon-Colorado M. M. & D.	24½	25
Riverside	2½	3½
Sumpter Consolidated	3¾	4

Sales—
2000 Copperopolis 15
500 Caribou 2
500 Oregon-Colorado 25

SPOKANE, Nov. 13.—The closing quotations of mining stocks today were:

	Bid.	Ask.		Bid.	Ask.
Amer. Boy	10½	10¾	Prin. Maud	2¼	2½
Blacktail	8½	9¾	Quilp	24	...
Crystal	7½	10	Ramb. Car	48¾	50
Deer Trail	2¾	2½	Republic	3½	4½
Gold Ledge	1½	1¾	Reservation	5¾	6
L. P. Surp.	4½	5½	Sullivan	10	10½
Min. Lion	23	23½	Tom Thumb	13¾	14
Morn. Glory	1¾	2½	L. Dreyfus	...	5½
Morrison	1¾	2¾			

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 13.—Official closing quotations of mining stocks:

Alta	$0 01	Occidental Con	$0 04
Andes	3	Ophir	72
Belcher	5	Overman	5
Best & Belcher	15	Potosi	4
Caledonia	22	Savage	5
Challenge Con	10	Seg. Belcher	2
Chollar	4	Sierra Nevada	9
Confidence	72	Silver Hill	34
Con. Cal. & Va.	1 60	Standard	3 80
Crown Point	3	Union Con	11
Gould & Curry	8	Utah Con	1
Hale & Norcross	17	Yellow Jacket	12
Mexican	13		

NEW YORK, Nov. 13.—Mining stocks today closed as follows:

Adams Con	$0 18	Little Chief	$0 12
Alice	43	Ontario	9 50
Breece	1 00	Ophir	75
Brunswick Con	10	Phoenix	7
Comstock Tunnel	6	Potosi	5
Con. Cal. & Va.	1 55	Savage	4
Deadwood Terra	50	Sierra Nevada	7
Horn Silver	1 90	Small Hopes	40
Iron Silver	67	Standard	3 75
Leadville Con	5		

BOSTON, Nov. 13.—Closing quotations:

Adventure	$ 22 50	Parrott	$ 36 00
Allouez	4 50	Quincy	155 00
Amalgamated	85 50	Santa Fe Cop.	4 25
Bingham	20 75	Tamarack	275 00
Cal. & Hecla	695 00	Trimountain	43 00
Copper Range	60 50	Trinity	26 25
Dominion Coal	46 75	United States	15 25
Franklin	16 50	Utah	24 00
Isle Royale	22 50	Victoria	7 00
Monawk	41 75	Winona	2 00
Old Dominion	24 50	Wolverines	58 00
Osceola	95 50		

Seven Devils Mine Litigation.

BOISE, Idaho, Nov. 3.—It is believed that the taking of testimony at Weiser, in the Stuart-Hauser Seven Devils mine litigation, will be concluded tomorrow. Messens Bullard was on the stand today. He testified that he drew the deed from Stuart to Hauser in 1890, and that he acted for Hauser in the matter, not for the bank. He is also one of the defendants in the case, having, with Mr. Holter, purchased a three-sixteenths interest in the property from Levi Allen, which Stuart alleges the latter did not have to convey. A large part of his testimony was devoted to that matter and to a deed which he holds from Hauser, in the nature of a trust for the benefit of the latter. If the notes of the Seven Devils Copper Company were paid the property was to be transferred to it; but if the company failed to pay the notes, Bullard was to dispose of the property and use the proceeds in paying Hauser's debts.

George H. Hill, of Helena, assistant cashier of the First National Bank in 1890, showed from the books of the bank that Kleinschmidt paid for his interest in notes which were discounted by the bank, the proceeds being placed to Hauser's credit. He stated positively that the transfer from Stuart to Hauser was an absolute sale.

Four Bohemia Claims Sold.

CORVALLIS, Nov. 13.—Four mining claims in the Bohemia district have been sold by Manley Currier and Louis Hartley, of Benton County, to a company of which Jennings Bros. are the controlling spirits. The figure in the transaction is not known, beyond the fact that the first payment was $500 on each claim. Two other payments are to be made, one in 60 and one in 90 days.

Le Roi Case in the English Courts.

LONDON, Nov. 13.—The courts have ordered the compulsory winding up of the West Le Roi, East Le Roi and Columbia, Kootenai Mining Companies—all Whitaker Wright concerns.

SCOTIA'S SONS GATHER.

Kilts, Pipes and Tartans With the Scotch at Fossil.

FOSSIL, Nov. 13.—The great gathering of the Fossil Caledonian Club is over, and the Scotch have crowned themselves with glory. So many kilts, pipes and tartans have never been in Fossil before, in the memory of man. As one Scot expressed it: "Hoots min, it's unco guid. We micht as weel be in Scotland. Dinna ye smell the parritch?"

Municipal Judge Cameron's address was an eloquent one, and he was greeted with hearty applause as he told what the Scots had done, and what they hoped to do in the land of their adoption. It almost made people of other nationalities wish they also came from the land o' cakes and heather. Sergeant James S. Moon, formerly piper to the famous Black Watch Regiment, played like the Scotch piper who is said to have played before Moses, and he played with such ability that he had to respond to several encores.

William Stevenson, of Portland, captured the girls with his stirring songs. Others who took part in the concert were: David Forbes, Harry McArthur, Mrs. John Reisacher and Misses Rosie Forbes, Mysie Sharpe, Belle Sharpe, Nancy Black, Laura Stanton and others. Among the well-known figures present were James S. Stewart, of Fossil, and Lawyer George S. Shepherd, of Portland. After the concert an enjoyable supper was had, and a number of patriotic toasts were responded to.

To Settle Disposition of Cannery.

ASTORIA, Or., Nov. 13.—An adjourned meeting of the stockholders of the Alaska Fishermen's Packing Company will be held on next Friday, when the question of selling the company's plant at Bristol Bay, Alaska, will be decided upon. No definite answer has yet been received from the Ouffroy syndicate regarding the proposition submitted to it by the company, but it is understood that the New York officers of the combine have the matter under consideration, and a decision is expected before Friday.

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