SHERIFF'S WORK UNDONE

COUNTY COURT HOLDS HE EXCEEDED HIS AUTHORITY.

It Annulled a Contract He Let for Printing and Then Gave It to a Higher Bidder.

SALEM, Dec. 4.—The Marion County Court and Sheriff Durbin have clashed again, the second time in about a month. They are now at outs over the matter of awarding the contract for advertising the 1900 delinquent tax roll for Marion County. The Marion County Commissioners' Court today awarded to the Statesman Publishing Company, of this city, the contract for advertising the 1900 delinquent tax roll at 1½ cents per line for each insertion. The law requires that the advertisement be published once each week for five consecutive weeks. Sheriff Durbin regularly advertised for bids on the work and three were submitted, as follows: Oregon Independent, 3¼ cents per line per insertion; Salem Capital Journal, 2 cents per line per insertion; Salem Sentinel, 6 cents per line for the five insertions. The Statesman Publishing Company failed to file a bid, although personally requested by Sheriff Durbin to do so. The bids were opened on Saturday, and Sheriff Durbin this morning awarded the contract to C. B. Irvine, publisher of the Sentinel, whose bid was the lowest.

Upon convening this afternoon, the County Court requested the bids from Sheriff Durbin. They were delivered, and, without the formality of an order, the three bids were set aside, the action of Sheriff Durbin in awarding the contract to the lowest bidder was repudiated, and the contract awarded the Statesman at a figure for the five insertions of 7½ cents, being 1½ cents per line in excess of the bid of Irvine, publisher of the Sentinel.

Dissatisfaction is expressed by the bidders at the manner in which the contract was awarded the Statesman. They contend that the Statesman did not submit a bid or any kind of a proposition until the bids regularly submitted had been opened.

Speaking of the action of the County Court, Judge Scott said: "The award was made under the provisions of the law passed by the last Legislature, which takes the awarding of a contract for advertising delinquent tax rolls out of the hands of the Sheriff and authorizes the County Court to award the contract. This law became operative the first of this month. The publication of the delinquent roll last year, the contract for which was awarded by the Sheriff, cost the taxpayers 3½ cents per line per insertion, and under the contract awarded today a considerable saving will be made."

The County Court holds that Sheriff Durbin, having failed to make the award under the old law, and prior to December 1, the date upon which the new law became operative, has no jurisdiction in the matter, and his award of the contract to the Sentinel, therefore, cannot be held to be legal.

The 1900 delinquent tax roll represents about $9000, as against $10,000 for the preceding year.

The County Court today ordered the renewal of the insurance on the County Poor Farm for $2500. Expiring policies on the Courthouse, aggregating $5000, were also renewed. The total insurance carried on Marion County Courthouse is $40,000.

FOR USE OF TWO STREAMS.

Petitions Filed With Commissioners' Court of Clackamas County.

OREGON CITY, Dec. 4.—A petition was filed with the Board of County Commissioners this afternoon by A. Knapp for the right to improve Clackamas River from the Cascade forest reserve to its mouth, a distance of about 35 miles; also Clear Creek from its mouth to the head of navigation, within one mile of the reserve. The petition prays that each of said streams be declared public highways for the floating and transportation of logs, lumber and timber; that the board cause the streams to be improved, or in case the board should deem it too great a work for the county to perform, that it enter into a contract with the petitioner, leasing the use of the stream for a term of 25 years, with the right to collect tolls for the rafting, etc., of logs, timber and lumber thereon, at rates to be fixed by the board. In consideration of such agreement the lessee will secure the right of way and other necessary rights from land-owners, and make all improvements necessary for the successful carrying on of the business and use of the stream for the purposes intended, without any expense to the county, and keep the same in good repair during the period of the lease.

ADVANCE IN PRICE OF WHEAT.

Salem Farmers Are Now Receiving 48 Cents.

SALEM, Dec. 4.—The local wheat quotations advanced a cent this week, and the cereal is now quoted at 48 cents, which is the highest figure that has been offered for the year's crop. The market is firm at that figure. Farmers are very generally holding for 50 cents for their grain.

H. B. Holland, local agent of the Salem Flouring Mills, says the greater portion of the 1901 wheat crop of this vicinity is still in the hands of the farmers. In the district surrounding Salem and for which the Capital City is the natural marketing point, Mr. Holland estimates the wheat yield for the year at 100,000 bushels. Of that amount about 60,000 bushels have been received at the Salem Flouring Mills plant, but only 20,000 bushels have been sold outright, the remainder being held on storage.

Balfour, Guthrie & Co. have shipped considerable wheat to Portland and the Capital City Mills have purchased about 10,000 bushels, but it is a conservative estimate that not more than two-fifths of the year's crop has been sold.

Banner Wheat Deal of Season.

LA GRANDE, Dec. 4.—The largest wheat deal of the season was made here today, when White & Childs purchased of farmers 4000 bushels for the retail trade.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY ANNOYED.

Juries Refuse to Convict on Circumstantial Evidence.

BAKER CITY, Dec. 4.—District Attorney White is very much annoyed at the failure of Baker County juries to convict men, charged with crime, on circumstantial evidence, and threatens to dismiss all the criminal cases up for trial at the present term of court. In the case of the People vs. Clarence Beck, Eagle Valley, who was charged with stealing $150 from his employer, a verdict of not guilty was rendered because the evidence was circumstantial, and the jury gave the boy the benefit of the doubt.

In another case, that of Comstock, of Sumpter, who was charged with forgery, the jury returned a verdict of not guilty, because, as one of the jurors said, they believed it to be a family row, and there was an element of doubt as to the guilt of the defendant, in that he alleged that he was authorized to sign the name of his sister-in-law to the check in question.

ASTORIA WATER RATES.

Commission Cuts the Family Charge 25 Per Cent.

ASTORIA, Dec. 4.—The Astoria Water Commission last night fixed the rates to consumers for the coming year by adopting the old schedule, with the exception of the family rate, which was reduced from $1 to 75 cents per month. The receipts now average about $24,000 per year, and this cut will reduce them a little over $2500. The report of the clerk showed the receipts for November to be $2387 43, and the balance now in the treasury is $15,469 22. An order was made appropriating $8000 to pay the semiannual interest due on January 1.

Bids on Road Work Too High.

In the County Commissioners' Court today, bids on clearing three miles of the right-of-way on the Nehalem road, between the four and seven-mile posts, were received as follows: J. S. Erickson et al., $2400; W. Niemi, $1750; Sam Hendrickson et al., $1950. The bids were considered far too high, and none of them will be accepted.

HE SHOT IN SELF-DEFENSE.

Verdict of Coroner's Jury in Case of Gambler Who Killed Another.

BAKER CITY, Dec. 4.—David Staley, the faro dealer, who shot and instantly killed George Biles, the gambler, at the Log Cabin saloon, about 1 o'clock this morning, is in the county jail, awaiting his preliminary hearing. It developed today that the shooting was a case of self-defense. The Coroner's jury returned a verdict this morning in which it is stated that the killing of Biles was justifiable. Biles had a bad reputation, and it is said he shot a man in Idaho several years ago. He had resided in Baker city about nine years. It came out at the Coroner's inquest that, after threatening to kill Staley, Biles left the saloon for the express purpose of arming himself. He returned in a few minutes with a large knife, and, seeing Staley behind the bar putting on his overcoat preparatory to going home to avoid trouble, he rushed at him. Staley seized a shotgun standing behind the bar and shot Biles. Fifty-nine buckshot took effect in his breast, several of them passing through his heart. Biles walked about 10 feet after he was shot, and fell dead. The District Attorney is of the opinion after inquiring into the circumstances of the shooting that Staley acted in self-defense, and, although a complaint charging him with murder has been filed, it is expected that he will be discharged from custody after his preliminary hearing tomorrow.

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Baker City Folk Organize an Association and Elect Directors.

BAKER CITY, Dec. 4.—Baker City is to have a free public library. For some time, several enterprising citizens have been working on the proposition, and at last their efforts have been rewarded by the organization of a library association, with the following board of directors: D. W. French, W. G. Drowsley, M. C. Hascall, Mrs. C. I. Flymand, Mrs. C. H. Stoltz.

A large number of books have been gathered by the ladies of the Alpha Literary Club, which will be turned over to the association as soon as it is fully organized. The Chamber of Commerce has agreed to furnish a room for the temporary use of the association until permanent quarters can be secured.

Northwest Pensions.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—Pensions have been granted as follows:

Oregon—Original—Frank Redner, Oregon City, $12; John J. Thomason, Baker City, $6. Increase, restoration, reissue—Alvin Tarter, Carson, $8. Original widows, special act November 8—Alice H. McMaster, Portland, $8. Increase, restoration, reissue—Joseph C. Walker, La Grande, $12. Reissue, widows, etc.—Sarah M. Mobley, Mount Tabor, $12.

Washington—Original—Francis A. Hunt, Almota, $6; Alonzo W. Williams, Seattle, $8. Increase, restoration, reissue—Dorsey W. Buroughs, Ellensburg, $12. Original widows, special act November 7—Mary E. Mace, Vashon, $8; Jennie Pells, Ballard, $8.

Corvallis Brevities.

CORVALLIS, Dec. 4.—Corvallis now has two creameries. A second one, established by H. W. Kaupisch, opened for business Monday, and turned out the first butter yesterday.

J. E. Shaviand and Henry Nelson have arrived from Crookston, Minn., and are looking for a suitable location for a dozen Norwegian families. They want farms.

Circuit Court adjourned at 10 o'clock this forenoon, after a session of seven and one-half working days, the longest term in several years. Judge Hamilton will open an adjourned term of court at Toledo Friday, and next Monday begin there the regular December term for Lincoln County.

"A PRINTING TRIUMPH."

Mr. A. Sine, of the Western Union, sent a number of Oregonian handbooks East. He received many appreciative acknowledgments, among them the following from the editor of the Kingston (Ont.) British Whig, one of the largest Canadian papers:

"Thanks sincerely for the neatest thing in the pamphlet line yet received. The reproductions of so many gem photos so clearly is a printing triumph. E. J. B. PENSE."

Smallpox at Weston.

WESTON, Or., Dec. 4.—J. N. York, a prominent farmer living four miles north of town, is sick with smallpox. A ripple of excitement was occasioned Monday during the election by the presence of a young man who came from York's place, mingled with the people and attempted to vote. He was ordered out of town, and promptly obeyed the command.

The next lecture of the Normal School series will be given Tuesday evening, December 10, by Rev. M. H. Marvin, of Walla Walla, on the subject, "Tennyson and His Poetry."

New Suits in Courts at Salem.

SALEM, Dec. 4.—F. Levy has begun an action of forcible entry and detainer against W. G. Dowes, a tenant, whose ejection from a 251-acre farm north of Salem he seeks to accomplish.

Two suits to recover money for professional services rendered were begun in the Circuit Court today. Dr. E. Webb, of Mount Angel, sues Eugene Bower for $71, and Dr. F. M. Brooks, of Silverton, sues to recover $72 from Fred Bower.

Making Ready for Y. M. C. A. Talk.

CORVALLIS, Or., Dec. 4.—Preparations are being made here for the annual convention of the Young Men's Christian Association of Idaho and Oregon, which will begin a three days' session Friday afternoon. One hundred delegates, besides the speakers, from abroad, are expected. The meetings are to be held in the Methodist Church, and in the college chapel.

To Improve State Fair Grounds.

SALEM, Dec. 4.—Hon. J. H. Settlemier, of the State Fair Board, today awarded the contract for thinning out the growth of oak trees, cleaning off all rubbish and the leveling of the State Fair Grounds to George F. Rogers of this city, who pays the board 80 cents stumpage.

NORTHWEST DEAD.

Richard Adams, of Baker City.

BAKER CITY, Dec. 4.—Richard Adams, an old-time miner, who had resided in Baker County since 1887, died yesterday of consumption. He was well and favorably known among the mining men of Eastern Oregon. He was formerly a resident of Nevada, and his relatives reside in Ohio. He was about 45 years of age.

D. E. Shepherd, of Salem.

SALEM, Dec. 4.—D. E. Shepherd, aged 46 years, died at the Salem Hospital last night of typhoid-pneumonia. For the past 18 months he had been employed as guard at the State Penitentiary. The remains will be shipped to Oregon City tomorrow for burial.

Plows and Seeders Start.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Dec. 4.—The heavy, warm showers since Thanksgiving have started the plow and seeders.

MAMMOTH QUARTZ LEDGE

OREGON FIND PROMISES TO BEAT THE FAMOUS TREADWELL.

It Is Located Near Grant's Pass—Eastern Men Buy Placer Mine in the Same District.

GRANT'S PASS, Dec. 4.—A mammoth quartz ledge, carrying values in both free gold and sulphurets, has just been discovered in the Dry Diggings district, three miles east of Grant's Pass. H. C. Perkins, a mining engineer, and A. J. Pike, of Josephine County, are the discoverers. The big ledge breaks off on the bank of Rogue River, and, cutting through and under the Dry Diggings hydraulic mines, takes a due northerly course for Jones and Louse Creek districts, many miles distant.

The monster ledge in its immensity and value surpasses anything of this nature hitherto uncovered on the Coast. To ascertain the value of the rock for a certainty, pieces of quartz were selected from all parts of the ledge and an assay made of the whole. The returns gave $2 50 free gold and $3 10 sulphurets per ton. The concentrates are worth $9 per ton. The rock of the ledge in any part of it will easily give $5 per ton in sulphurets and free gold. Such returns far surpass the Treadwell, of Alaska, or the Homestake, of Dakota. This newly discovered ledge is easily accessible for work on a mammoth scale, lying in such a position that the rock could be quarried out in any quantity and to accommodate a 300-stamp mill.

The Dry Diggings hydraulic mines have been sold by H. A. Corliss to C. H. and A. H. Ament, of Chicago. The consideration is $25,000. The mines lie within three miles of Grant's Pass, consist of 400 acres of mining ground, rich in coarse gold and noted for their production of big nuggets; excellent dumping grounds and one giant. These placers have been worked for the past 35 years. The new owners will greatly improve, repair and add to the general equipment of the mine. The work of widening and deepening the ditches that the water supply may be increased has already begun.

BONANZA KEEPS UP ITS RECORD.

November Clean-Up of $60,000 Brought to Baker City.

BAKER CITY, Or., Dec. 4.—The Bonanza mine keeps up its reputation as a rich producer. The November clean-up, which was brought to town and deposited in the bank by Superintendent Thatcher yesterday, is said to be in the neighborhood of $60,000. In addition to this large sum there is a large output of concentrates, which is said to be equal in value to the bullion.

Final Payment on the Gem.

Transfer of the Gem mine, in the Sanger district, was made today. This property was sold to Frank E. Geiser, some time ago, but the final payment was not to be made for several months yet. Mr. Geiser wished to close the matter up, so the final payment of $15,000 was made today, and the deed, signed by P. T. Morgan and wife, was placed on record.

Baisley-Elkhorn Closed Down.

The large number of suits filed against the Baisley Elkhorn mine, in consequence of the failure to obtain the appointment of a receiver, has resulted in the closing down of the mine. The pumps have been stopped, because the wood supply has been exhausted, and there is no money to purchase more. The mine is filling up with water.

Oregon Mining Stock Exchange.

Yesterday's quotations:

	Bid.	Asked.
Adams Mountain	4¾	5
Astoria-Melbourne (Gtd.)	15	50
Buffalo	2	3½
Copperopolis	17¼	.....
Champion	20¾	50
Caribou	1⅞	2½
Gold Hill & Bohemia	9¾	11
Huronian	5⅞	6½
Lost Horse	2¾	3⅞
Oregon-Colorado M. M. & D.	24¾	26½
Riverside	2⅞	3⅞
Sumpter Consolidated	2⅞	3¾
Bronze Monarch	12½	14
Sales:		
500 Champion		27
500 Oregon-Colorado		25
1250 Bronze Monarch		12½

SPOKANE, Dec. 4.—The closing quotations of mining stocks today were:

	Bid.	Ask.		Bid.	Ask.
Amer. Boy	9	10½	Morrison	2⅝	3⅞
Blacktail	10⅝	10⅞	Prin. Maud	1⅞	2¼
Crystal	6	7½	Quilp	22	26
Deer Trail	2⅝	2⅞	Ramb. Car	55	58
Gold Ledge	1⅝	1⅞	Republic	3⅝	5½
L. P. Surp.	5⅝	5½	Reservation	3½	3½
L. Dreyfus	3	3½	Sullivan	9½	10½
Mtn. Lion	23⅝	25½	Tom Thumb	15⅝	16⅝
Morn. Glory	1⅝	2			

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 4.—Official closing quotations of mining stocks:

Alta	$0 05	Justice	$0 01
Andes	1	Mexican	14
Belcher	2	Occidental Con	3
Best & Belcher	11	Ophir	69
Bullion	2	Overman	2
Caledonia	15	Potosi	2
Challenge Con	7	Savage	3
Chollar	4	Sierra Nevada	6
Confidence	55	Silver Hill	29
Con. Cal. & Va.	1 60	Standard	3 80
Crown Point	1	Union Con	9
Gould & Curry	4	Utah Con	5
Hale & Norcross	14	Yellow Jacket	6

NEW YORK, Dec. 4.—Mining stocks today closed as follows:

Adams Con	$0 18	Little Chief	$0 12
Alice	45	Ontario	9 00
Breece	14	Ophir	65
Brunswick Con	75	Phoenix	7
Comstock Tunnel	6	Potosi	2
Con. Cal. & Va.	1 55	Savage	3
Deadwood Terra	50	Sierra Nevada	4
Horn Silver	1 90	Small Hopes	40
Iron Silver	60	Standard	3 80
Leadville Con	5		

BOSTON, Dec. 4.—Closing quotations:

Adventure	$ 20 00	Osceola	$ 88 50
Allouez	4 25	Parrott	33 00
Amalgamated	74 12	Quincy	150 00
Baltic	42 00	Santa Fe Cop.	3 50
Bingham	28 00	Tamarack	255 00
Cal. & Hecla	645 00	Trimountain	42 00
Centennial	15 50	Trinity	24 00
Copper Range	63 00	United States	14 50
Dominion Coal	46 87	Utah	22 00
Franklin	15 00	Victoria	6 00
Isle Royale	22 00	Winona	22 00
Mohawk	30 00	Wolverine	57 00

Dry, Warm Month for Walla Walla.

WALLA WALLA, Dec. 4.—With four exceptions, November was the warmest month in Walla Walla in 30 years. The average mean temperature was 41 degrees. The hottest day was on the 4th, when the thermometer registered 70 degrees. The coldest was on the 26th, when the mercury sank to 29 degrees. With nine exceptions it was the dryest month in 30 years, the total precipitation being only 1.19 inches, while the average for the month is 1.92 inches. The highest wind reached 28 miles an hour. There were light frosts on nine days, a heavy frost one day, the 25th, and a killing frost on the 26th of the month.

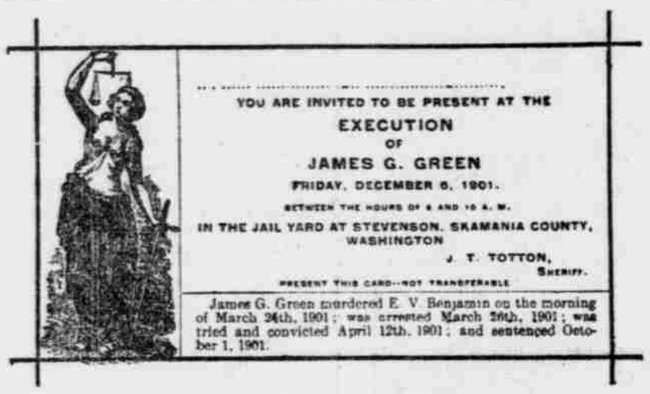
New Secretary of Mining Concern.

LA GRANDE, Dec. 4.—T. McCann, of Baker City, today succeeded F. A. Bickford as secretary of the Malheur Gold Mining Company. Bickford will devote his time to the supervision of work at the mine.

FOUND DEAD IN HIS CABIN.

A. H. Fisk, Who Served One Term as Judge of Lane County.

EUGENE, Or., Dec. 4.—Word was received here this morning that A. H. Fisk, ex-County Judge of Lane County, had been found dead in his cabin in the mountains near the mouth of the Suislaw River. Particulars are meager. The cause of death was evidently heart failure, and he must have died very suddenly. Judge Fisk was a man about 65 years of age, and came here from Nebraska in 1890. In 1892 he was elected County Judge of this county, which office he held for four years. His health has been poor for several years, and two years ago he took up a homestead on Knowles Creek, a tributary of the Siuslaw River, where he had since resided. Friends visited him at his cabin Monday evening, and at that time he was in good health and spirits, but early Tuesday morning he was found dead in his cabin, and word was immediately sent to Eugene. His son, Fred R. D. Paine, left for the Suislaw today. The body will be buried here. Deceased leaves a wife, three sons and one daughter.



James G. Green murdered E. V. Benjamin on the morning of March 24th, 1901; was arrested March 26th, 1901; was tried and convicted April 12th, 1901; and sentenced October 1, 1901.

INVITATION TO GREEN'S HANGING.

The above is a facsimile of the invitations issued by Sheriff J. T. Totton to the hanging of Murderer James Green, which will take place at Stevenson, Skamania County, next Friday, between the hours of 6 A. M. and 10 A. M.

CALVE GIVES UP THE STRUGGLE.

Throat Trouble Causes Her to Cancel Her Coast Engagements.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 4.—Calve has given up the struggle with her throat trouble, and will sing no more until December 25, when she will appear in New York. She appeared here tonight. She will leave tomorrow for St. Augustine, Fla., by the Southern route. She goes to Florida so that she may be within reach of a New York throat specialist if necessary. Mr. Grau will leave for New York tomorrow. He said that, notwithstanding the many disappointments during the season here, owing to the sickness of his sopranos, the receipts were far in excess of those last year. According to Mr. Grau, the season here, under normal conditions, would have been the most successful ever given in any city in the world. As it was, the receipts for the 20 performances given exceeded $200,000. Mr. Grau has announced that he will make no more long tours with the company. He says the strain on the singers is too great.

For Propagation of Cod.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 4.—The Manufacturers' and Producers' Association, of California, has undertaken the task of obtaining an appropriation from Congress for the purpose of propagating cod in the waters of Alaska and the Okhotsk Sea. In addition, the State Department will be appealed to in order that the actual rights of Americans in the Okhotsk Sea may be determined.

BOUND, GAGGED AND ROBBED.

Painter Overpowered in His Shop in Business Portion of The Dalles.

THE DALLES, Dec. 4.—A daring robbery occurred here about 8 o'clock tonight in the center of the business portion of town, in which C. A. Lawton, of the firm of Kelly & Lawton, painters, was overpowered in his shop, gagged and robbed and left bound in a manner that may result seriously. Under pretense of securing employment, an unknown man entered the shop, and while talking with Lawton, turned out the lights. He was instantly joined by a confederate, the two gagging and binding Lawton's feet and hands together behind him and after robbing him of $50 made their escape. Later, a passer-by, hearing groans, discovered Lawton's plight. There is no clew to the robbers.

SHARP LETTER TO HEITFELD.

Andrews Will Not Consider Proposal for Populists to Disband.

BOISE, Idaho, Dec. 4.—Chairman D. H. Andrews, of the Populist state committee, tonight gave to the press a copy of a very sharp letter written to Senator Heitfeld in reply to the latter's suggestion that the state committee be summoned to meet and take steps to disband the organization. The chairman flatly refuses to consider such a proposal, and declares he has the support of the Populists of the state in the stand he takes.

Train Badly Smashed in a Wreck.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Dec. 4.—A coal train was badly smashed in a wreck which took place this afternoon near South Wellington, caused by a tree having fallen across the track during the night. The cars were piled up and badly smashed. No lives were lost, as far as known. The line is at present blocked, the wires are down and no further details are obtainable.

The storm of the past 24 hours is responsible for a harvest of minor accidents. Flagpoles and chimneys have been blown down and telegraph wires prostrated. No serious shipping accidents are reported, but all incoming vessels report heavy weather.

Steamer From Skagway.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Dec. 4. — The steamer City of Seattle arrived in port this evening from Skagway. She brought 60 passengers, some of whom came out from Dawson over the ice. The only news of importance brought by the steamer was that the steamer Discovery was several days overdue from Juneau and Valdes, and that the steamer Thompson had been sent out in search of her.

Intercollegiate Debate.

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, Cal., Dec. 4.—The intercollegiate debating committee has agreed to the terms proposed by the University of Washington for a joint debate. It is proposed to hold two contests, the first at Stanford April next, the second at the University of Washington at a date yet to be fixed.

General A. D. Hazen.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—General A. D. Hazen, who was the Assistant Postmaster-General under Postmaster-General Wanamaker and Postmaster-General Bissell, died at his residence here last night. He was 61 years of age.

WORST STORM IN YEARS

WIND WROUGHT GREAT HAVOC ON LOWER PUGET SOUND.

Several People Were Injured, One Man Fatally—Trains Delayed by Fallen Timber.

NEW WHATCOM, Wash., Dec. 4.—The hardest storm in 15 years raged over Lower Puget Sound last night, prostrating telegraph and telephone wires in every direction, and doing much damage to property, and injuring several people.

At Mountain View, John Marr and companion were sleeping in a cabin, which was struck by a falling tree, Marr receiving injuries which caused concussion of the brain, and he will die. His companion suffered a broken leg.

At Silver Beach a gang of nine carpenters were raising rafters on a new shingle shed, being constructed by the Larson Lumber Company, when the storm struck the building, causing it to collapse. Several of them were caught by falling timbers, and received injuries. Only one, T. J. Smith, being seriously hurt. He will recover.

All the roads in the vicinity are blocked by fallen trees. The railroads were confronted by the same condition this morning. All trains were delayed for several hours. A train on the Bellingham Bay & Eastern road struck a tree across the track early this morning and its smokestack was torn off. The engineer succeeded in reversing his engine just as the cab was reached.

All shipping was tied up last night, and crafts reaching the harbor early in the evening report the roughest weather ever encountered. The beach is strewn with logs from booms which have gone adrift. The tug Puritan, towing an exceptionally fine boom, was forced to let it go to save herself.

In this city the smokestacks of several mills were blown down, as were several buildings, the side of one brick yielding to the force of the wind. Roofs were ripped off several buildings, signs blown down, sidewalks torn up, and havoc wrought generally.

In Snohomish County.

EVERETT, Wash., Dec. 4.—Fallen timber delayed the southbound train five hours this morning. Telephone and telegraph wires are down all over Snohomish County as a result of the storm.

CLOSE ELECTION AT ABERDEEN.

Defeated Candidate for Mayor Will Call for a Recount.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Dec. 4.—The local election here was one of the most exciting for a long time. The contest between L. L. Maley, of the Citizens' ticket, and Mayor Anstie, of the Peoples' ticket, was so close that Maley wins by two votes. Anstie will call for a recount. The contest between W. W. Weatherwax and Phil Locke for Treasurer, was another sharp fight, Locke winning by one vote. There was no opposition to George Black for Clerk, or E. E. Shields for City Attorney.

Exciting City Election.

SOUTH BEND, Wash., Dec. 4.—Yesterday's city election was the most exciting in the history of South Bend. The candidates on the Citizens ticket were pledged to cause the exclusion of minors from the saloons and the suppression of open gambling in the saloons, while the candidates on the Citizens anti-gambling ticket were pledged to the enforcement of the city ordinances against gambling. The only nominees on the latter ticket elected were H. W. B. Hewen, for City Attorney, and Val Health, for Clerk. The majorities for the winning candidates on the Citizens ticket were small, being as follows: Mayor, F. H. Copenshire, 15; Treasurer, F. A. Hazeltine, 29; Councilmen, A. P. Leonard, 30; J. H. Drissler, 29; H. F. Peters, 2, and George Cassels, 4.

Result of Elma City Election.

ELMA, Wash., Dec. 4.—The election here yesterday resulted in favor of the saloon ticket, the independent, or temperance forces, electing only one Councilman and the Treasurer. Those elected were: Mayor, J. R. O'Donald; Councilmen, Lowell, Wadefield, Duddell and Stoner; Treasurer, L. I. Wakefield.

Election at Hoquiam.

HOQUIAM, Wash., Dec. 4.—At the municipal election held yesterday the following were elected: Mayor, T. C. Fraiz; Clerk, Z. T. Wilson; Treasurer, F. G. Tilley; City Attorney, F. L. Morgan; Health Officer, Dr. A. J. McIntyre; Councilmen, G. W. Lamping, Hermen Winters, T. R. Tilly, S. L. Hoover.

Busy Month at Land Office.

WALLA WALLA, Dec. 4.—November was a busy month at the Walla Walla Land office. One hundred and forty-five homestead entries covering 21,194 acres, were made. Most of these homestead entries were in Adams and Franklin Counties. Eleven homesteaders, instead of living out their five years, made commutation proof and payment on 1570.07 acres, and settlers taking homesteads made payment for 131.44 acres, in excess of the amounts allowed them by law. These payments aggregated $3026 23. Seventeen homesteaders made final proof on their claims, covering 2581.76 acres. One claimant made final proof under the timber culture law on 320 acres. One claimant made proof and payment for 114 50 acres of desert land. Desert land to the amount of 99.75 acres was claimed. The total cash receipts of the office were $6063 28.

A Great Church Celebration.

EVERETT, Wash., Dec. 4.—Puget Sound Forefathers' day will be commemorated in Everett December 16, under the auspices of the Puget Sound Congregational Club. Elaborate preparations are being made by the local committee for this great religious gathering. Over 4000 circulars have been sent all over Puget Souhd to Congregational churches. The steamer Sehome has been charted to bring 500 passengers from Tacoma and Seattle.

Crushed to Death in Power-House.

SEATTLE, Dec. 4.—J. A. Bowles, roadmaster of the Seattle Electric Company, was crushed to death this morning between the cable and the flywheel of the Madison-Street Cable Line's power-house. At the time of the accident, he was talking to a friend and stepped across the cable. His foot went too low; the cable caught it and dragged him against the wheel, where the life was instantly crushed out of him. He leaves a widow and five children, one of whom is an infant of four days.

Barber Committed Suicide.

TACOMA, Dec. 4.—J. L. McAllister committed suicide by taking carbolic acid at the Grand Central Hotel about 8 o'clock this morning, drinking the deadly poison in the hall, and then walking to a chair in the main office, where he sat down and expired. He was a barber, but had lately been canvassing for portraits. Letters were found on him from his aunt at Muncie, Ind.

Reward for Escaped Convict.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Dec. 4.—Superintendent Catron, of the State Penitentiary, yesterday offered $100 reward for the capture of Charles Weber, who broke his parole Sunday evening and left the country. Weber was released Saturday, having nine months to serve. He came from King County for six years for robbery.

Freight Train Wrecked.

TACOMA, Dec. 4.—At Sprague, 40 miles this side of Spokane, a Northern Pacific freight train was wrecked this morning by the falling of a brakebeam. Seventeen cars of time freight and two cars of hogs burned. Traffic was delayed about 11 hours.

Escaped Convict Captured.

THE DALLES, Or., Dec. 4.—Charles Weber, an escaped convict from the Walla Walla penitentiary, was arrested here this morning. He was hiding in a boxcar. Weber was serving a six-year sentence for highway robbery. He was committed from King County about five years ago. He was placed on parole a few days since, and made a break for liberty last Saturday. Warden Catron offered a reward of $100 for his arrest.

Idaho Firm Makes an Assignment.

BOISE, Idaho, Dec. 4.—The firm of Carruthers & O'Toole, doing business at Weiser, Cambridge and Council, Idaho, has made an assignment. The liabilities are reported to be $15,000, and the assets about $16,500. The creditors and the amounts owing to them are:

Bank of Weiser	$3000
Taylor & Williams, Louisville, Ky.	1631
Wadhams & Co., Portland, Or.	1400
Island City Flour Co., Island City, Or.	1228
Lang & Co., Portland, Or.	688
Swift & Co., South Omaha, Neb.	682

The Change of Life

Is the most important period in a woman's existence. Owing to modern methods of living, not one woman in a thousand approaches this perfectly natural change without experiencing a train of very annoying and sometimes painful symptoms.

Those dreadful hot flashes, sending the blood surging to the heart until it seems ready to burst, and the faint feeling that follows, sometimes with chills, as if the heart were going to stop for good, are symptoms of a dangerous, nervous trouble. Those hot flashes are just so many calls from nature for help. The nerves are crying out for assistance. The cry should be heeded in time. Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound was prepared to meet the needs of woman's system at this trying period of her life.

MRS. JENNIE NOBLE.

It builds up the weakened nervous system, and enables a woman to pass that grand change triumphantly.

"I was a very sick woman, caused by Change of Life. I suffered with hot flushes, and fainting spells. I was afraid to go on the street, my head and back troubled me so. I was entirely cured by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound."—MRS. JENNIE NOBLE, 5010 Keyser St., Germantown, Pa.

IF IT'S A "GARLAND,"

That's all you need to know about a stove or range.

The action of Carter's Little Liver Pills is pleasant, mild and natural. They gently stimulate the liver and regulate the bowels, but do not purge.

Constipated Old Age

Isn't it too bad that so many people, when they get old, get cranky and rickety and mean, and don't feel right towards themselves or anybody else; yet it need not be so.

"Cascarets make me feel so light-hearted and lively, that though I have seen three score and three, a few more scores I yet may see."—James S. Millar, Villa Park, Cal.

"For many years I have been troubled with constipation. I used one 25c and two 50c boxes of Cascarets, and they have effected a permanent cure. Since my discharge from the army in 1865 I have never before found a lasting remedy."—H. J. McIlvern, 949 Chapline Street, Wheeling, W. Va.

"I was troubled with something that baffled the skill of physicians for 25 years; I used five boxes of Cascarets and am in better health than ever before."—C. C. Redick, Chase City, Va.

"Six month's ago I took Cascarets for constipation contracted during the War of the Rebellion. The result is wonderful and I advise all old soldiers to try them."—Jas. Putman, late Capt. 33rd Ill., Haney, Wis.

"I was feeling bad, losing flesh, had dull headache, cold feet, and couldn't sleep well. I took Cascarets, and in four weeks gained 15 pounds. Am feeling fine now."—A. B. Story, veteran Mexican and Civil Wars, Epworth, Ia.

"I have been using Cascarets for some time for constipation, and their greatest benefit has been to cure me of asthma. I am in my 80th year and had been suffering with asthma for years."—T. M. White, Bob Lee, Georgia.

"Being now in my 79th year, I had suffered for five years from kidney trouble, disordered stomach, indigestion, no appetite, twinges of rheumatism. After five weeks taking Cascarets, all the above bodily annoyances were driven from my system. I now feel able to dance a break-down."—Frank O. Mahoney, West Side, Hannibal, Mo.

All old people's muscles get weak and flabby, and it's the same with the muscular walls of their intestines as with the muscles of their arms. When the bowels grow weak, the old folks get constipated, bilious, sick, helpless, irritable, and that's the chief cause of their death. Old folks should take Cascarets Candy Cathartic bowel tonic, keep their liver lively, their bowels regular and strong and live to be a hundred.

Cascarets Best for the Bowels. All druggists, 10c, 25c, 50c. Never sold in bulk. The genuine tablet stamped C C C. Guaranteed to cure or your money back. Sample and booklet free. Address Sterling Remedy Company, Chicago or New York. 331

"Don't Speak

To the motorman," is a sign to be seen on the front platform of many cars. It requires all his thought, all his energy and all his strength to pilot his car through crowded streets. The strain tells on him, and some when he gets "rattled" and has an accident. The surest way to sustain the physical strength and nervous force required by the motorman or railroad man is to keep the stomach in a condition of sound health. When the stomach becomes "weak," food is imperfectly digested and the body is deprived of its necessary nourishment. The nerves are "unstrung" and the body is weakened.

The timely use of Doctor Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery when the stomach is "weak" will re-establish the body in vigorous health. It cures diseases of the stomach and other organs of digestion and nutrition, nourishes the nerves and purifies the blood.

"I suffered for four years with pain in my stomach so that at times I couldn't work nor eat," writes Mr. Frank Smith, of Granite, Chaffee Co., Colo. "I wrote to you about my sickness and was told to use your medicine, which I did with good results. I only used four bottles of your 'Golden Medical Discovery,' and must say that I am entirely cured