

FREIGHT TRAINS COLLIDED

ACCIDENT HAPPENED ON A TRAIL AT SALEM.

Nobody Was Injured, but One Locomotive Was Badly Damaged.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 9.—A head-on collision between the southbound extra freight train and the regular northbound freight, No. 23, occurred at 4:55 o'clock this afternoon, within 200 yards of the passenger depot in this city. The engine of the extra freight train was badly disabled. None of either train crew was injured. The scene of the accident was on the trestle across a branch of Mill Creek, about 400 yards distant from Saturday's fatal wreck. The trestle is on a curve, bordered by a high board fence, where an approaching train is not visible 100 yards ahead.

The regular northbound freight, No. 23, manned by Engineer Paulsen and Fireman Willits, reached Salem at 4:15 o'clock, and began switching. The southbound extra, pulled by engine No. 165, in charge of Engineer Loveloy and Fireman Bolter, came thundering down grade and crashed into the approaching engine. Both crews applied airbrakes, but the momentum of the heavily-loaded freight could not be checked. An eyewitness says that after brakes were applied the crew on the extra freight abandoned the engine, but that the occupants of the other car remained at their post. The engine of the extra freight was badly disabled. A cylinder-head was broken and the boiler was ruptured. The only damage to the other engine was the loss of the pilot.

The wrecking crew was called from the scene of Saturday's wreck, and had the track cleared within an hour. The northbound freight continued on to Portland, and the engine of the extra freight was replaced by one in use by the wrecking crew.

The debris of Saturday's wreck has been cleared away except that of the engine which rests in four feet of water. Corner D. F. Lane, of this city, today announced he would not hold an inquest. The cause of the accident and the blame therefor are not yet placed.

Officials of the railroad company say they cannot fix the blame for the accident today until full reports shall be received.

LAND FOR ELECTRIC PLANT.

New Company Has Bought Property on Clackamas River.

OREGON CITY, Dec. 9.—A deed was filed today in the County Recorder's office by Fred S. Morris, conveying to the Oregon General Electric Company 49.66 acres of land on the Clackamas River. The land is described as the southwest quarter of section 34, township 3 south, range 4 east of the Willamette meridian, together with the riparian right appurtenant; also the west half of the east half of section 33, township 3 south, range 4 east, and the east half of section 3, township 4 south, range 4 east, containing 48.46 acres; that part of the southeast quarter of section 34, township 3 south, range 4 east of the Willamette meridian, south and west of the north bank of the Clackamas River and the 40th and 41st in the river. This property is about 20 miles from the mouth of the Clackamas, and will be used by the Oregon General Electric Company, which was incorporated last week by Fred S. Morris, J. Frank Watson, A. B. Crossman and William T. Muir, with a capital stock of \$2,000,000.

Optium-Enter Insane.
Horace R. Evans was this afternoon committed to the State Asylum. He is a chronic opium-eater. He contracted the habit about a year ago, and has taken as much as 30 grains in one day. Evans has been in the county jail since November 22, on a charge of passing a bogus check on John Cooke, a saloon-keeper of Canby.

He denies all knowledge of committing the crime, and says his memory is gone. He was educated at Oxford. He was born in Liverpool, and is 27 years of age. Sheriff Cooke took Evans to the asylum tonight. The County Court has appointed Harry Trembath, of this city, guardian of the unfortunate man.

Salmon Eggs From Idaho.

Frank Brown, field superintendent of the State Fish Commission, returned last night from the Salmon River hatchery, on Salmon River, about 55 miles from this city. He placed in the hatchery 500,000 salmon eggs, which he brought a few days ago from the Swan Falls, Idaho, hatchery.

New Woodmen Hall.

The interior decoration of the new Woodmen of the World Hall is nearing completion. Emblems of Woodcraft are designed at each end of the hall, and at the head of the hall behind the stand of the consul commander is a painting of a Hood River scene with the famous mountain in the distance. At the other end of the hall is a handsome painting of Willamette Falls. Opening off the main hall is a spacious dining-hall, so arranged that the two rooms can be thrown into one.

County Board Adjourned.

The Board of County Commissioners adjourned today after a four days' session. Their last act was to insure the new bridge spanning the Molalla River for \$500 in the Springfield, Mass., Insurance Company.

VISITED SALMON HATCHERIES.

Fish Warden Has Returned From Swan Falls and Eastern Oregon.

ASTORIA, Or., Dec. 9.—H. G. Van Dusen, Master Fish Warden, has returned from an extended visit east of the mountains. He first went to Swan Falls, Idaho, on the Snake River, where he found that propagation was difficult and so far not entirely successful, as it is not easy to secure fish for hatchery purposes. The river there is shallow and swift below the falls, making it impossible to place racks properly except at large expense. This site will not, however, be abandoned, and it is hoped that by another year some means may be devised to secure the results intended.

Mr. Van Dusen visited Wallawa County. He says that there is no place in the world where there are better streams for hatchery purposes. Wallawa Lake is the natural spawning ground for bluebacks, and in the lake are millions of small salmon, called "yanks," about 15 inches long. At the Grand Ronde hatchery it had been expected that many chinooks from the big river which came into the river late in the season would be caught, but only a dozen were taken. The superintendent, however, has secured 8,000,000 silverside eggs, and 1,000,000 steelhead eggs. Next year this hatchery will be in operation much earlier in the season and be devoted to handling the salmon and white trout which enter the Columbia early in the spring. Mr. Van Dusen has found that the large run of chinooks which entered the river late did not go above Celilo to spawn.

COURT ORDERS PAYMENT.

Receiver of Suspended Bank at Salem Is So Enjoined.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 9.—Circuit Judge Boise today finally settled the question of payment by the receiver of the Williams & Englund Banking Company of sums claimed by ex-State Treasurer Phil Metcalf. W. H. Odell and J. A. Baker, who hold an assigned claim of ex-City Treasurer E. G. Swafford. Judge Boise sustained a motion of Webster, Carson & Adams, attorneys for claimants, to strike out the greater part of the second amended petition filed by Holmes & Holmes, attorneys for Ladd & Rush. The court held that adjudication by Judge Hewitt, allowing the claims, was valid, and that the principal sum of these claims fixed by Judge Hewitt

it had to be paid. The receiver was ordered to make such distribution. The only question remaining for consideration is in reference to interest. Counsel are now preparing pleadings for further hearing of the case.

STABBED HIS WIFE.

Believing He Had Killed Her, He Committed Suicide.

ASTORIA, Dec. 9.—John O. Nelson, commonly known as "Diver" Nelson, committed suicide about 9:30 o'clock this evening, after attempting to murder his wife. Nelson went home this evening partly intoxicated, and after some harsh words with his wife, drew his pocket knife and stabbed her, cutting an ugly gash in the back of her head and neck. Mrs. Nelson's scream brought the neighbors, and Nelson, no doubt thinking he had killed her, drove the knife into his heart. He was found on the floor dead by the police. Mrs. Nelson's wound is not dangerous. Nelson was a native of Sweden, 44 years of age, and had lived in Astoria about 15 years. He was a submarine diver, and was well known by shipping men.

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS.

A. B. Hammond Again Chosen President of Packers' Association.

ASTORIA, Dec. 9.—The annual stockholders' meeting of the Columbia River Packers' Association was held this evening. The number of directors was reduced from 12 to seven, and the following were elected: A. B. Hammond, Samuel Elmore, J. W. Cook, T. B. McGovern, George H. George, C. W. Fulton and W. H. Barker. Nearly all the shares of the association were represented, and a resolution was passed approving the action of the officers in the past year. At a meeting of the directors, held later, the association was reorganized, and A. B. Hammond, president; Samuel Elmore, vice-president; George H. George, secretary and treasurer.

Y. M. C. A. HAS ADJOURNED.

Interstate Convention Has Concluded Its Work.

CORVALLIS, Or., Dec. 9.—The convention of the Interstate Young Men's Christian Association, which opened here last night, the mass meeting yesterday was addressed by W. T. Colton, of New York, at the Methodist Church. The young people of the city last night held a meeting in the college armory. In the evening there were no services at any of the churches except the Christian. Attendance at all sessions of the convention was large.

OREGON WILL CELEBRATE.

December 20 to Be Named by Geer as a Holiday.

SALEM, Dec. 9.—Governor Geer is in receipt of a letter from David R. Francis, president of the St. Louis World's Fair Board, requesting a general observance of Friday, December 20, as "Louisiana Purchase Day." Mr. Francis's letter is accompanied by a communication from William C. Ferrell, curator of the State Historical and Natural History Society of Colorado. Governor Geer will comply with the request.

MINERS ON A STRIKE.

Disagreement Between the Management and the Men.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Dec. 9.—A special from Nanaimo says that the mines at Alexandra, owned by the Dunsmuirs, were closed down today because of a disagreement between the management and the men. The unions of miners at Nanaimo, Alexandra and Extension formed a general federation on Saturday. These mines are now all owned by the same company, and it was stated that while the Dunsmuir interests were willing that all the men in their mines should federate, consent was lacking to an association between the miners and those employed by other companies. It is announced that negotiations are now in progress between the management and the men looking to the reopening of the mines.

DEATH OF AN OREGON PIONEER OF 1845.

FOREST GROVE, Dec. 9.—Mrs. Ellen Porter, an Oregon pioneer of 1845, aged nearly 65 years, died at her home, one mile west of this place, Saturday night. She was born in Ohio, and crossed the plains to Oregon by way of Meek's cut-off. The party were in the mountains, and suffered great hardships. Mrs. Porter was twice married in Washington County, her first marriage being to Joseph Rafferty, in 1850, who died five years later. They had two sons, one of whom, William Rafferty, of Forest Grove, is living. In 1862 she was married to Jerome A. Porter, who died in 1866. Four children survive—Avery J., Charles A., Cary W. and Mrs. Cullen Campbell, of Corvallis, Minn. Charles A. left home over 20 years ago, and has not been heard from. Avery J. is living in California, and Cary is on the farm here. Deceased had been a member of the Congregational Church for over 40 years. Interment will be in the Buxton cemetery.

MRS. ELLEN PORTER.

Alexandra mines. The lockout at Alexandra affects 60 men. The Extension mines, under the same ownership, employ a larger number.

INFORMATION NOT COMPLETE.

Relief Measure for Military Road Settlers Is Thereby Retarded.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 2.—Representative Moody was at the General Land Office today looking up the status of the relief measure for the military road wagon road settlers. He finds that the information called for by the Senate resolution passed in June, 1900, is still incomplete. In falls to give the amount of money required to purchase the paramount title from the wagon road company or the amount paid to the company by settlers for tracts purchased since the decision of the Supreme Court was made disposing them. This information Mr. Moody hopes to secure before the time Congress convenes after the holidays. This will be an early as consideration of the relief measure can be had by the public lands committee.

Oregon Prunes Sold in East.

CORVALLIS, Or., Dec. 9.—J. J. Cale, who has returned from Cedar Rapids, Ia., where he went several weeks ago with a carload of dried prunes, netted about 2½ cents for his product. Since his return he has offered D. C. Rose, of this city, 1½ cents per pound for a carload. Mr. Cale says that prunes East are quoted lower than any other dried fruit. Brokers and commission men there have heard that an unlimited quantity of dried prunes is still in the hands of Pacific Coast growers, and they expect in time to buy at their own figures.

Led Mortally Burned.

EVERETT, Wash., Dec. 9.—Leonard Beard, a 14-year-old boy of Monroe, lies at the point of death at the Everett hospital from burns received at the Monroe mill. The boy was warning himself by the side of the pit where mill refuse is burned. He was overcome with gas, and pitched headlong into the flames. He was rescued by a companion named Ira Joyce.

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GIVEN BY MRS. STANFORD

DEEDS EXECUTED IN FAVOR OF THE UNIVERSITY.

Now the Equivalent of \$250,000.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 9.—Mrs. Jane L. Stanford today executed and delivered to the board of trustees of the Leland Stanford, Jr., University two deeds of grant and one deed of gift. One of the deeds of grant covers all of the real estate heretofore given to the university, including the university campus of about 1000 acres. The other deed of grant covers the Stanford residence in California street, which is eventually to be used for educational purposes.

The deed of gift covers bonds and stocks heretofore given and certain securities not included in former grants. The grants are highly confirmatory in character, and are made under the provisions of the Stanford University constitutional amendment, which legalized grants and gifts made to the university. This amendment was adopted in order to set at rest any question as to the validity of the original endowment, and to prevent legal technicalities from interfering with future donations to this great educational institution, which was founded by Mr. and Mrs. Stanford as a memorial to their only son. The deeds delivered today practically cover the grants made in the original endowment, which, however, is more than doubled in value, chiefly owing to the remarkable business ability displayed by Mrs. Stanford in the management of the vast interests in her charge by the death of her husband.

By these grants she has conveyed to the Leland Stanford, Jr., University, for the benefit of the people of California, about \$18,000,000 in stocks and bonds, and \$10,000,000 to \$12,000,000 in real estate, including the university buildings and equipment. All of the bonds are first mortgage bonds, and the stock, with scarcely an exception, are what are known as gilt-edge securities. Mr. F. F. Lieb, of San Jose, president of the board of trustees, received the deeds on behalf of the board, and also took formal possession of the bonds and other personal property. Messrs. Charles Hopkins, Joseph D. Grant and Timothy Hopkins, resident trustees, were also present.

Notwithstanding that she has now given the equivalent of over \$25,000,000 to the Leland Stanford, Jr., University, making it one of the richest institutions of the kind in the world, Mrs. Stanford has not impoverished herself, but is understood still to retain millions for her personal use and to provide for the various members of her family. It is believed that the amount of her endowment to the university which she added in four deeds in amount any similar gift in history.

GOT AWAY WITH \$100,000.

Cashier of Los Angeles Bank Has Absconded.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 9.—H. J. Fleishman, cashier of the Farmers' & Merchants' Bank, of this city, has disappeared with a sum of the bank's money, which Vice-President H. W. Helman estimates at \$100,000. Fleishman has not been seen since 9 o'clock Saturday morning. At that hour he was at his club. He notified the police that he was ill Saturday morning and would not be at his duty. Nothing was thought of the matter at the time. When Fleishman failed to report today his accounts were gone over and the shortage discovered. Fleishman had been cashier and assistant cashier of the Farmers' & Merchants' Bank for many years. He began work for the bank as a boy in 1878. He was under bond with a surety company for \$30,000. In addition to this he had real estate and personal property in this city sufficient to back the opinion of Mr. Helman, to protect the bank.

Fleishman married the daughter of A. J. Harrell, a wealthy cattleman of Visalia, but was divorced some time ago.

SHIP IN THE BREAKERS

GOING ASHORE TWELVE MILES NORTH OF GRAY'S HARBOR.

If Anchors Hold She May Be Kept On the Beach—Tug Gone to the Rescue.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Dec. 9.—A big, four-masted vessel was reported to be in the surf about 12 miles north of the entrance to Gray's Harbor. The vessel has been outside several days. She was first reported by a fisherman, who carried only one sail, and had a heavy list. Saturday fog enveloped the vessel, but Sunday it was seen that she had drifted into the surf and was heavily pounded on the sands. It is impossible to decipher the name of the ship. A tug from Hoquiam has gone to the scene. The vessel has anchors, and if they hold she may be kept from drifting high and dry on the beach.

GOVERNOR ROGERS' OPINION.

Awaits That of Attorney-General in Matter of Railroad Combination.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Dec. 9.—Governor Rogers has received a private letter from Senator Turner, with an opinion on the railroad question, as now presented by the formation of the Northern Securities Company, of New Jersey. The Governor is engaged in carefully examining into this matter, but, having applied to Attorney-General Stratton for an opinion, which so far has not been received by him, is not yet in position to make any declaration regarding his possible action in these matters. The Attorney-General will probably have his opinion ready by the close of the present week.

Charles Hardt, the defaulting Treasurer of Tumwater, who was arrested in Lewistown, November 20, reached Olympia, in custody of Sheriff Mills, last night. He was today held under \$200 bonds, which he furnished.

In the matter of the exhaustion of the printing fund, the printing board today decided to sign the requisitions for the necessary supplies rather than see an interference in the work of the state departments, notwithstanding the law makes it a misdemeanor punishable by fine or imprisonment to strike out principal parts of a character to create a deficiency.

A new contract was entered into with the Tumwater, giving them an advance of 12½ per cent on the old contract, in consideration of their waiting till the next Legislature for their pay. Only Secretary of State Nichols and Governor Pennington were present at the meeting. The Governor was detained by other work. It is understood the Governor has not yet decided to act with the other members in signing the requisitions. The board has also practically decided to do away with the printing expert after January 1, and the members will attempt to look after his duties themselves. The expert now in office, F. T. Houghton, is a Rogers appointee, and the appointment of his successor by the two Republican members of the board has been expected ever since the new law went into effect. The matter is settled differently from expectations on account of lack of money to pay the expert's salary.

Registration of Voters.

ASTORIA, Dec. 9.—Registration for the coming city election was closed this evening. The total number is 128. The vote two years ago was 126.

THE STATE IS AFTER \$30,000.

The Sum That Disappeared With G. W. Davis.

SALEM, Dec. 9.—The first motion in the case of the State v. Sylvester Penney et al. was heard by Judge Boise this afternoon. The state seeks to recover from Penney, McElride and Metcalf, ex-State Land Board, \$29,000, the amount of the defalcation of G. W. Davis, ex-clerk of the board. L. R. Webster and J. C. Moreland, of Portland, represented the defendants and supported a motion to strike out principal parts of the complaint. Argument was in relation to the state's liability for defalcation. Attorney-General D. R. N. Blackburn argued that the statute of 1880, providing for the election of the clerk of the board, was unconstitutional. Judge Boise will pass upon the motion Wednesday afternoon.

Astoria Marine News.
ASTORIA, Dec. 9.—An unsuccessful at-

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SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 9.—Official closing quotations of mining stocks:			
Alta	20 1/2	Mexican	80 1/2
Belcher	12 1/2	Occidental	10 1/2
Best & Belcher	15 1/2	Goldfield	10 1/2
California	12 1/2	Overman	10 1/2
Chollar	12 1/2	Foot	10 1/2
Com. Cal. & Va.	12 1/2	Savage	10 1/2
Confidence	12 1/2	Sierra Nevada	10 1/2
Consolidated	12 1/2	Standard	10 1/2
Crown Point	12 1/2	Union	10 1/2
Gold & Curry	12 1/2	Yuma	10 1/2
Hill & Norcross	12 1/2	Yellow Jacket	10 1/2
Justice	12 1/2		

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—Mining stocks today closed as follows:			
Adams	20 1/2	Little Chief	80 1/2
Alma	20 1/2	Ontario	80 1/2
Alton	20 1/2	Quincy	80 1/2
Amalgamated	20 1/2	Sierra Nevada	80 1/2
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