

BAD FIRE AT SALEM

Industrial Building of State Reform School Burns.

NO LIVES LOST; NO ONE HURT

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SALEM, Or., Dec. 18.—The industrial building of the State Reform School, about three miles from here, was destroyed by fire between 1 and 2 o'clock this morning. No one was injured. The loss will reach \$25,000; insurance, \$8000. For a time it seemed as if all the Reform School buildings would be destroyed.

MORE POLICEMEN AT SALEM

City Council Wants to Stop Hold-Ups—Rockpile for Tramps.

SALEM, Dec. 17.—The City Council this evening authorized the appointment of several extra policemen, in view of recent hold-ups.

A resolution was passed levying a 1/4-cent mill road tax, to be collected in cash by the city, instead of permitting property-owners to work out their taxes.

The City Council avoided a rockpile for tramps.

The city charter requires that the City Council shall make an annual estimate of receipts and expenditures for the ensuing year. In accordance with this charter provision, the Council tonight introduced an ordinance making the following estimates of the fixed charges of the city:

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Includes Salary account, Water account, Lighting account, Interest on bonds, Total, Ordinance also declares it necessary to raise \$13,500 by general taxation, and estimates all the revenues as follows: General taxes, Saloon licenses, Fines and fees, Rent of city property, Show licenses, Vehicle licenses, Miscellaneous licenses, Street assessments, Miscellaneous receipts, Total receipts, Difference between the \$23,000 of receipts and the \$22,000 of fixed charges, or \$9000, will be the amount of miscellaneous expenses.

The receipts from general taxes last year were only \$13,250. The increase to \$13,500 is due to an increase of the assessed valuation of property this year as compared with 1900.

ELECTION AT ASHLAND

Most of the Candidates of the Citizens' Party Were Chosen.

ASHLAND, Or., Dec. 17.—One of the most stirring municipal elections in the history of Ashland took place today, in which 96 votes were cast, the issues being high license or prohibition. The citizens' ticket stood for high license and the independent ticket for prohibition. The citizens' ticket elected Mayor, Recorder, Treasurer and two Councilmen in the First Ward, and the citizens' ticket one Councilman in the Second and one Councilman in the Third Ward, when the independent ticket had endorsed the citizens' nominee for Recorder and Treasurer. The vote stood for Mayor:

Table with 2 columns: Candidate and Votes. Mayor: D. B. Grant, Citizens, 320; J. K. Van Sant, Independent, 251. Recorder: D. B. Grant, Citizens, 320; J. K. Van Sant, Independent, 251. Treasurer: D. B. Grant, Citizens, 320; J. K. Van Sant, Independent, 251. Councilmen, First Ward: C. H. Edmund, Citizens, 167; A. H. Pracht, Citizens, 167; H. T. Mitchell, Independent, 166. Councilmen, Second Ward: James M. Hill, Independent, 99. Councilmen, Third Ward: D. A. Applegate, Citizens, 83; E. A. Hildreth, Citizens, 83; A. C. Guthrie, Independent, 82.

The independent ticket had the thoroughly-organized support of the anti-Saloon League in today's election. At the last annual city election when the vote was on the direct question of license "Yes" or "No," there were 432 votes cast, in which for license received 357 votes, against license 216 votes, leaving a majority of 141 against license. By the amended city charter the power to license saloons is vested in the City Council and Mayor.

GRIMM CASE CONTINUED.

Farmer Who Shot Another Will Have a Hearing Today.

SALEM, Dec. 17.—The preliminary examination of Thurston Grimm, who shot and killed John Roppel near Aurora last Friday, was set for hearing at the City Hall this afternoon. At 1 o'clock a large crowd had gathered to hear the testimony, but as the witnesses for the prosecution failed to appear, the case was continued until tomorrow. District Attorney Hart was unable to produce the absence of the members of the Roppel family, who are the principal witnesses for the state. They were served with subpoenas, but they must have failed to understand the nature of the subpoenas or mistook the date or place of the hearing.

The case is attracting wide public attention, owing to the prominence of the defendant. Grimm is not only well known, but comes of a pioneer family, and is related to some of the best-known families of the county. The seriousness of the charge adds to the interest taken in the outcome.

From what already appears, it is evident that the testimony will be directly contradictory. Grimm has already stated that Roppel began the encounter by shooting at him with a rifle, whereupon Grimm fired in self-defense. The mem-

bers of Roppel's family testified just as positively at the Coroner's inquest that Roppel had no rifle at the time of the shooting. If the testimony should vary in the same manner at the trial of Grimm it is evident that one of the two stories must be discredited. If the self-defense story should prevail, Grimm would, of course, go free, but if it should be shown that Roppel did not begin the attack, Grimm would stand in a very bad light.

MELDRUM SENTENCED.

Eastern Oregon Horse Thief Gets Three Years in Penitentiary.

BAKER CITY, Dec. 17.—Alexander Meldrum, who was convicted last week on the charge of horsestealing, was sentenced by Judge Eakin, in the Circuit Court, this morning, to serve three years in the penitentiary. Meldrum is a strong fighter with Manny Howard, last Spring, but demanded a separate trial. The first trial resulted in a hung jury and the second in conviction. Meldrum has always borne a good reputation until the past year or so, when he began to associate with Howard, the noted stock rafter of Eastern Oregon. A strong fight was made to clear him, and the jury was out 24 hours before it returned a verdict of guilty and commended him to the mercy of the court.

A motion for a new trial was overruled by the court this morning before sentence was passed. Meldrum's attorneys gave notice of appeal to the Supreme Court.

Meldrum's conviction disposes of leaders of the Howard gang of stock rustlers, which the Stockmen's Association have worked for years to convict.

FACTORY IS NOW ASSURED.

Difference of Astoria and Railway Over Site Adjusted.

ASTORIA, Dec. 17.—The differences that had arisen between the railway company and the committee having in charge the securing of a site for the factory to be erected by the Calaveras Saw & Lumber Company were amicably adjusted today, and the spur from the railroad to the factory will be put in jointly by the railway company and the committee. Estimates of the cost are now being made, and the work will be commenced as soon as practicable. Mr. La Salle, manager of the saw and door factory, will arrive in the city tomorrow, to begin the construction of the plant. In connection with this factory, a sawmill and box factory will be established.

Stampede to Mayo Creek.

SEATTLE, Dec. 17.—Dawson advises of November 26 that a great stampede is going on to Mayo Creek, in the Stewart River district. Prospectors wandering in the country late in the Summer discovered evidences of several years' quiet development on Mayo, but no one around, the proprietors, wherever they were, evidence of these places he was very warmly received. Cabins well stocked with provisions and tools were found. The news started the stampede, and now the creek is staked from end to end. The original locators having failed to record their claims, will return to find they have no holdings in the district. It was not known in Dawson how rich the pay dirt is, the sole reason for the rush being the mysterious development.

Supreme Court Proceedings.

SALEM, Dec. 17.—In the Supreme Court today the following proceedings were held:

H. Twinnith, appellant, vs. Don A. Smith, respondent; appellant allowed to print brief and abstract under one cover and to file same by December 1, 1901, and ordered that the lost evidence, if found, or a copy thereof, if the original be not found.

L. J. Davenport, appellant, vs. Fred Deane, respondent; argued and submitted.

Capital Contractors in the Wrong.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Dec. 17.—The capitol commission met today to consider the protest of the Goss Construction Company against the use of steel trusses in the dome of the capitol annex. The question arose over an interpretation of the plans, the contractors alleging that wood was intended in the dome, and the commission with the report of a committee appointed to investigate the matter, the committee adopted resolutions declaring that the plans called for steel and ordering the contractors to proceed with the work according to the plans and details.

Getting Wood From Portland.

SALEM, Dec. 17.—The Salem Woolen Mills have ordered a quantity of slab-wood fuel, shipped here from Portland. The purpose is to determine whether it is cheaper to use Portland slab-wood than cord-wood purchased here. Under ordinary conditions there is little doubt that cordwood cut near Salem is the cheaper fuel, but when the relative value of slab-wood is taken into consideration, the cordwood cut near Salem is now using imported slab-wood in small quantities.

Judge Dabose Released From Jail.

OAKLAND, Cal., Dec. 17.—Judge Douglas Dabose, whose attorney was sentenced to six months in the County Jail for contempt of court in advising a client to disobey the mandates of the State of California, was released from jail on credit, and today he is a free man again. He went to San Francisco, where he will remain for a short time before going to the home in Oregon. In the Spring he says he will again go into the Nome country.

Northwest People in New York.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Northwestern people registered at New York hotels today as follows:

From Portland—J. T. Morgan, at the Astor; H. Wolf, at the Raleigh.

From Spokane—A. R. Schoen and wife, at the Imperial.

From Everett—C. G. Smith, at the Albert.

From Seattle—W. H. Smith and wife, at the Grand Union; J. A. Williams, Miss Williams, at the Fifth Avenue.

Oil Drill Set to Work.

SPRINGFIELD, Or., Dec. 17.—Boring for petroleum was begun this afternoon on the N. Hill farm, just adjoining Springfield. The Great West Oil & Coal company, after considerable prospecting, obtained a lease, and decided to drill a well on this property. Many delays have occurred, but today the drill was set to work. It is the intention of the company to drill to a depth of 200 feet unless oil is struck at a less depth, which is confidently expected.

Train Ran Over a Boy's Foot.

SALEM, Dec. 17.—James Rutherford, the 15-year-old son of T. W. Rutherford, lost his right foot last night by being run over by a train at Marion. In spite of frequent warnings he persisted in jumping on the train while they were in motion, and the accident was the result. Rutherford is a well-known resident of Marion County.

Horse Kicked Him to Death.

LEBANON, Or., Dec. 17.—J. A. Bacon, a farmer, living two miles south of Lebanon, was killed at his home today about noon, by a horse. He went out to his barn alone, and about half an hour later was found at the horse's heels with his skull crushed in. He was about 65 years of age, and leaves a wife and several children.

Lectured at University of Oregon.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, EUGENE, Dec. 17.—The Rev. Alexander Blackburn, of Portland, lectured tonight to the faculty and students of the university on "The Years in the Army of the Cumberland 1862 to 1866."

DUNBAR HOME FROM EAST

SECRETARY OF STATE VISITED OFFICES LIKE HIS OWN.

He May Put Some of the Pointers He Got Into Practice—All Sections Prosperous.

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SALEM, Or., Dec. 17.—Secretary of State Baker, F. I. Dunbar returned today from a month's visit to the Eastern States. The principal purpose of the trip was a visit to Mr. Dunbar's old home in Brooklyn, which he has not seen for 20 years. Both Mr. and Mrs. Dunbar enjoyed the trip immensely, but are glad to get back to Oregon.

Incidentally Mr. Dunbar made it an object to visit the State Departments in the capitals through which he passed, and to learn something of the methods used

in conducting state business. He made his longest visits to the capitals at Albany, N. Y., and Boston, Mass. At both of these places he was very warmly received by the State Auditors and was given all the information desired regarding auditing methods of keeping state accounts, auditing claims, etc. A similar visit was made to the office of the Auditor of the Treasury Department at Washington, where the method of keeping accounts was closely studied.

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Mr. Dunbar learned that in the Auditor's office in the Eastern States, and at Washington, it is the policy of the departments, even where civil service rules do not prevail, to retain subordinate officials as long as they render good service. Thus the second assistant Auditor in New York has held his position for 21 years. State Auditors come and go with the ups and downs of politics, but the subordinate officials, upon whom depends the accuracy of the accounts and the efficiency of the service, are retained regardless of political changes.

Speaking generally of his observations in the country through which he traveled, Mr. Dunbar says he was impressed with the universal evidence of business prosperity. In the coal and iron mining sections the mines were being worked to their full capacity; the railroads could hardly handle the business that awaited them; manufacturing industries are working night and day, and municipalities were undertaking large public improvements that cost millions of dollars and could not be inaugurated except by means of financial prosperity. Everything indicated the utmost industrial activity, and it seemed that the East is in the midst of a boom of development such as is supposed to take place only in the Western States.

WANTS STREETS VACATED.

Astoria Company Proposes to Rebuild and Enlarge its Mill.

ASTORIA, Dec. 17.—The Clatsop Mill Company has filed a petition with the City Council asking that the portion of Twenty-seventh street north of Elchazette street, and which intersects the property, be vacated on condition that the company rebuilds its plant, which was burned several months ago, and increases its ca-

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