REPORT ON SCHOOLS

Board of Directors Makes Recommendations.

SUGGESTS LEVY OF 2.5 MILLS

Question of Tenchers' Salaries Is Left to Taxpayers, and Expenditure of \$40,000 for New Buildings Is Urged.

In order that the taxpayers may be informed on the subject previous to the meeting to be held January 20, at which time the voting of the annual levy and the question of raising the wage schedule of teachers will come up, the Board of School Directors has made public its re-port at this time. With salaries retained as at present, to provide funds for im-provements to school buildings, and to retire certain bonds which will fall due, it will be necessaary to impose a levy of 2.5 mills. Should the taxpayers decide to grant the request of the teachers for higher salaries, the board will readjust the schedule on a basis of an 8 per cent raise, which will make necessary an ad-ditional levy of 0.4 of a mill, making a

total of 2.9 mills.

The amounts recommended by the board for more adequate quarters is \$40,000, which will provide for new buildings, for moving the Multnomah school building, and for other improvements contemplated. The proceedings in the courts preliminary to the kindergartens receiving the \$5000 raised for that purpose are reviewed in the report, and the board's action in re-fusing to order the money paid before judicial decision was rendered explained. The report of the Board of Directors fol-

School Directors' Annual Report

To the Taxpayers of School District No. 1. Multnomah County, Oregon.-Ladies and Gentlemen: In accordance with a time-honored custom, the Board of Directors submits for your information and consideration its annual report, together with such suggestions and recommenda-tions as in the judgment of the board should be considered and favorably acted upon by you in order that the schools may be successfully maintained and carried on during the coming year.

At the last annual meeting you provided the board liberally with such funds as were sufficient to maintain the schools according to the recommendation of the board, authorizing the expenditure of \$40.-600 in construction of new buildings. During the year the board has completed the new Central School building in East Portland by adding to the four-room building heretofore constructed at that place 14 schoolrooms, an assembly hall and an office and library-room. This building is now one of the best, in construction and arrangement, in the North-west, and one of the best, if not the very best, heated and ventilated school buildings on the Pacific Coast.

The board also during the past year

purchased a piece of ground at a point near Ockley Green, midway between the Peninsula and Thompson schools, and caused to be moved to this point the old Multnomah School. This building has been thoroughly repaired and greatly im-proved, so that it is now almost as good any school building in the district.

Library for Stephens School. short time prior to the death of the late James B. Stephens he conveyed to School District No. 21 a tract of ground, School District No. 21 a tract of ground, containing about 1½ acres, in East Port-land, lying east of his late residence and adjoining the Southern Pacific Company's right of way. This property, by consolidation, now belongs to District No. 1. The school which bears the name of the donor of this land is one of the principal schools in the district and is at present greatly in need of a library for the use of pupils and teachers. In order to provide a fund for the purchase of such a library the board has caused to be sold to Thomas Collison one lot and the one-half of the street abutting thereon in said tract for the sum of \$1000, and has directed a committee of the board to ex-pend a part of this sum in the purchase for the Stephens school of suitable books for the school library, with necessary bookcase in which to keep the same. We trust the propriety of the action of the board in this regard will be apparent to and approved by you.

Kindergarten Question.

At the last annual meeting the subject of kindergartens received consideration at your hands, and after much discussion resolution was passed by the taxpayers present authorizing the Board of Directors to establish and maintain as a part of the public school system schools com-monly called kindergarten schools, and in order to enable this to be accomplished the levy recommended by the board was increased 2 mills for the purpose of raising \$5000 to be expended by the board for kindergarten purposes. The board being in doubt as to the legality of the action of the taxpayers, after carefully consid-ering the matter, did not see its way clear to the incorporating into the public school system of kindergarten schools without being first authorized so to do by the qualified electors of the district at an election called for that purpose But the members of the board were de-strous of having the money so raised by the additional levy used and expended for the purpose for which it was raised, and to that end adopted a resolution de-claring it to be the sense of the board that the clerk of the district turn over to the Portland Free Kindergarten sociation the said sum so provided for to be expended by the association for the purposes for which the amount was raised, this association being composed of highly competent and responsible peo-ple, and people who are familiar with kin-dergarten work. The clerk, being custodian of this money and being under bonds to account for it, did not feel jus-tified in turning over the money without further protection. Accordingly, proceed ings were commenced in the Cir the State of Oregon for Multnomal County by parties friendly to the Kin dergarten Association, for the purpose of obtaining an order directing the clerk to turn the money over to the Portland Pree Kindergarten Association. These proceedings resulted in an order being made to that effect, and the clerk at once complied with the order and turned over the moneys. This explanation is made in order that you may have a proper understanding of the disbursement of this amount shown by the clerk's re-

Beath of D. P. Thompson.

Since the last taxpayers' meeting, and othin a few weeks past, the Board and the district have suffered an irreparable loss in the death of D. P. Thompson, one of the most earnest and efficient members of the School Board this district has ever had. Mr. Thompson's interest in public schools and his devotion and loyalty to the public schools of this district his untiring energy expended in their behalf, as well as the donations made by him for the benefit of the schools are well-known to all of you to require comment from us. The vacancy on the Board caused by the death of Mr.
Thompson has been filled by the remaining
members of the Board by the election
of R. K. Warren, with whose qualifica-

School Census. The school census just completed shows a total number of children between the ages of four and 20 years, of 20,874. An increase over last year of 245. The actual

month of the present school year was

10,941, being an increase over that of the same time last year of \$70. This increase in attendance has caused over-crowding of rooms in many localities to such an extent that is become necessary to rent tent that is become necessary to rent additional rooms and increase the teaching force by the employment of several additional teachers. This over-crowding is especially at Woodlawn, Sunnyside, Sellwood, Lower Albina, and Southeast and South Portland. There are now rented and occupied at the district at Woodlawn three rooms in addition to the school rooms belonging to the district, at school rooms belonging to the district, at Sunnyside two rooms, at Sellwood two rooms, at South Portland (near the Failing school), one room, and in Lower Albina one room. The buildings in other parts of the district are also crowded, especially at the North Central and Couch Schools. The best rooms that can be ob-tained and rented by the Board are unfit for school purposes, because they are poorly planned, poorly lighted and poorly ventilated, and are usually without sani-

Need of New Buildings. In order to keep pace with the in-creasing attendance, as before suggested, it has been the policy of the Board to recommend a small levy each year for building purposes. In carrying out that plan the Board has concluded to recom-mend the expenditure during the coming year of \$40,000 to provide additional room at the places in the district where most

In addition to the estimate for build-ings, it will be observed from the examination of the clerk's report, which is sub mitted herewith, that there falls due during the year 1902, ten bonds of \$1000 each, issued August 2, 1892, by district No. 2, which said bonds were assumed by this district at the time of the concolidation of the districts. It has been decided by the Board to recommend the retirement of these bonds when they become due, and such a provision has been included in our estimate.

Expenditures Compared. The following statement of estimates of expenditures and income for the coming year, and expenditures for the past year is submitted for the purpose of ready com-

parason.		
	Expendi-	Expenses
		for 1982.
Teachers' salaries	\$213.024 10	\$220,000 00
Janitors		17,000 00
School Clerk	1,600 00	1,600 00
School Clerk		2,000
Superintendent's clerk's	700 00	700 00
salary		100 00
Superintendent of re-		
pairs and new build-		W. CHEST CO.
ings	1,300 00	1,000 00
New buildings, includ-		
ing moving Multno-		
mah school building.	47,228 27	40,000 00
Interest	8,728 88	9,000.00
Telephone	168 31	200 00
Insurance	1,929 20	3,000 00
Water	1,424 56	3,500 00
Advertising	39 00	50 00
Rent	1.111 00	1,000 00
Stationery	2,974 44	3,000 90
Fuel	5,851 95	6,000 00
Gas	278 30	250 00
Janitors' supplies	946 28	850 00
Printing		600 00
Streets and sewers	4.182 22	2,500,00
Repairs and sanitation		8,000 00
High School Inboratory		300 00
Expense school election	304 30	200 00
School furniture		2,000 00
Attorney's fees	200 00	500 00
School census	456 86	500 00
Extraordinary expenses		1,500 00
		10,000 00
To pay bonds	******	10,000 00
Due on contracts and		0.000.00
audited claims	*****	3,290 86
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TOTAL		

The estimated income for the year 1902 is as follows: Cash on hand ... County school fur State school fund Delinquent taxes 99,350 67

Levy of 2.5 Mills Recommended. It will be observed from consideration of the foregoing estimates that in order to maintain the schools during the coming year on the same basis and at the present schedule of salaries and provide for additional school room required and retire the bonds mentioned, a special levy of 2.5 mills will be required, and this is the levy recommended by the board.

Teachers' Salaries. There has recently been presented and filed with the board a petition signed by practically all of the teachers in the district, asking to have their salaries raised. Several grounds are urged in support of the petition, one of the grounds being the great increase in the cost of living since the present schedule of salaries was adopted. While this application and the reasons upon which it is based strike the fact that contracts have been made with the teachers for the entire school year, providing for the payment of salaries as then existing, the board does not feel justified in increasing the salaries at the present time without authority from the taxpayers, and it has therefore been determined to submit the question to your consideration and action. If the taxpayers should decide that the salaries of teachers should be increased, the board will undertake the task of slightly readjust-ing and raising the salaries to an extent aggregating about 8 per cent, but in order to accomplish this it will be neces-sary to add 0.4 of a mill to the levy above mentioned, making the total levy for all

purposes 2.9 mills. Respectfully submitted, J. V. BEACH, R. WILLIAMS R. K. WARREN, H. WITTENBERG, L. W. SITTON. Report of School Clerk.

The report of School Clerk H. S. Allen To the Taxpayers of School District No.

Multnomah County, Oregon-Ladies and Gentiemen: I herewith submit for your considerstion the following statement of funds received and disbursed for the year ending this date: Balance on hand as per last report. \$ 26,214 20 Receipts.

ы	County school fund\$151,130 25
51	State school fund
e I	Tax roll of 1800
а	Tax roll of 1900 130,105 80
	Delinquent taxes received from
劎	County Treasurer 3,581 86
я	Delinquent taxes collected by School
	Clerk, of which \$1256.97 was-
1	mortgage taxes 2.218 65
	Tuition received 813 25
	Sundry cash receipts 242 05
d	Lot of land sold in Stephens' Add 1,000 00 Failing School building, loss by fire 102 48
	Failing School building, loss by fire 162 48
H	Bills payable 42,000 00
	Total receipts
	Disbursements.
	Disoursements.
ч	Teachers' salaries\$213,624 10
	Janitors' salaries 15,227 50
200	School Clerk's salary 1,600 90
	Superintendent clerk's salary 700 00
8	Superintendent of repairs and new
	buildings 1,200 00
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Brooklyn School building.

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Midway School building.

Thompson School building.

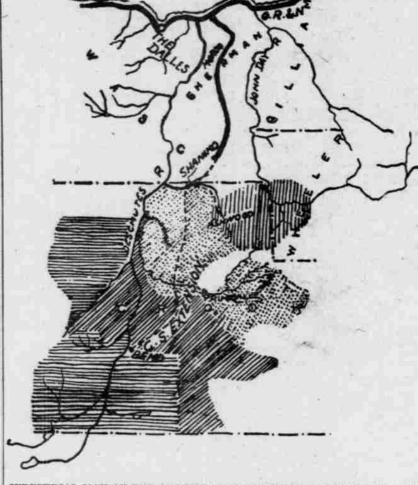
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Total \$387,187 10
There is due on contracts for the
Central School building \$2,744 50 There is due on contracts for con-crete sidewalk at Holladay School building Total amount due on contracts...\$ 3,122 86 undry claims not yet audited..... 168 90 Statement of Indebtedness.

Bond account— 100 10-20 bonds, issued October 1, 1803, payable in 1913, interest 6 per cent 10 bonds, \$1000 each, issued by Dis-trict No. 2, August 2, 1802, pay-



INDUSTRIAL MAY OF THE SECTION OF OREGON TO BE PENETRATED BY THE COLUMBIA SOUTHERN EXTENSION.

Total bonded indebtedness\$130,000 00

Census Report. as of the district has be following result: Number of females between 4 and 20 years of age 10,743 Number of males between 4 and 20 years of age 10,131 Of the above number, 1570 females and 1422 males are between the ages of 4 and 6 years. Respectfully submitted,

ibmitted, H. S. ALLEN, School Clerk, Portland, January 11, 1902. Report of Auditing Committee. Following is the report of the auditing

To the Taxpayers of School District No. 1. Multnomah County, Oregon-Gentlemen: We, the undersigned, your committee, appointed at the taxpayers' meeting, January 16, 1901, to audit the report and accounts of the School Clerk of said district, beg leave to report that we have made a thorough and complete exam-ination of said School Clerk's account and books, and find that all expenditures and disbursements by the Clerk have been made on vouchers approved by at least three directors of the board; and that his accounts and books

cos in bank and find they correspond with accounts shown by the reports of the Cherk.

F. C. MILLER, S. GRUTZE, Auditing Committee

PERSONAL MENTION.

Mr. M. B. McFaul and family leave today for a visit to Mr. McFaul's old home, Allisonville, Ontario. Miss Lillie Hepp, postmistress at Loren,

Jacob Hepp, of Palestine. Frank Gibson, the well-known Polk

County grain merchant, is registered at the Perkins from Rickreall. W. D. Pugh, of Salem, who is in the city on business, is a prominent con-tractor of the Capital City.

C. M. Soliss, of Jacksonville, who is at the Imperial, is a prominent lawyer in that section, and is in the city on legal business.

John Hale, the well-known contractor, has returned from a business trip to Puget Sound, during which he visited Seattle, Tacoma and other Washington

Miss Lang and Miss E. L. Lang, of The Dalles, who are well known in local soclety circles, are at the Portland, and will spend several days in the city with Cris Barch, of Dawson City, who is

at the Imperial, is a large dealer in provisions in the Alaska metropolis, and it was from his firm that an absconding employe recently embezzled \$30,000, and succeeded in getting to Circle City of his way outside before being captured. NEW YORK, Jan. 12.-Northwestern

people at New York hotels are: Portland-Gerard, A. B. Steinbach; Mariborough, T. W. B. Landen; Astor, R. J. Prince. Spokane-Netherland, E. L. Marvin Seattle-Holland, E. C. Cheasty; Cadillac. G. N. Gerkon. Tacoma-Navarre, J. P. Amy and wife.

Special Officer Nash Critically III. Special Officer J. H. Nash, who has been onnected with the police department for the past 35 years, and who has been sick for the past month, was reported to be critically ill at the Good Samaritan Hospital last night, and fears are expressed that he may not possibly recover.

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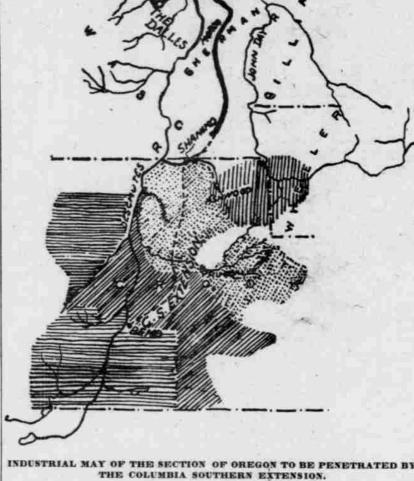
"Some time ago my daughter caught a severe cold. She complained of pains in her chest and had a bad cough. I gave her Chamberlain's Cough Remedy according to directions, and in two days she was well and able to go to school. I have used this remedy in my family for the past seven years, and have never known it to fail," says James Prendergast, merchant, Annato Bay, Jamaics, West India Islands. The pains in the chest indicated an approaching attack of pneumonia, which, in this instance, was undoubtedly warded off by Chemberlain's Cough Remedy, it counteracts any tendency of a cold toward penumonia. For sale by all druggists.

In the last decade the world's product of beet sugar has been double that of cane

the average is not greatly different from

the temperature of similar country along the Columbia River. The districts to be brought under irrigation lie between 2500 and 3500 feet above sea level. Prineville is at an altitude of 2800 feet. The great alfalfa fields of Colorado are 4000 to 6000 feet above the sea. Alfalfa thrives im-mensely in the Deschutes Valley, from the river bottom fairly to the tops of the adjacent buttes. Nearly all forage plants do well there; wheat is grown to supply the local demand (lack of transportation making more extensive production useless), and all the common crops of a tem-perate climate, including fruits, are grown to perfection, even in the present undeveloped state of the country. Of course, it is a great stock region, the raising of cattle, horses and sheep being by far the

Twelve to 15 acres of ordinary Eastern Oregon range land are required for the support of one steer. To be sure, this land belongs to the Government, no taxes are



vate capital in it, and the one steer is practically clear profit to its owner. But this does not contribute to the greatness of the state or the prosperity of the com-munity to an extent at all commensurate with the forces of production used. The 12 or 15 acres ought to turn off half a dozen steers or their equivalent. There-fore it is entirely within bounds to say that the 80,000 square miles of range land in Eastern Oregon are five-sixths wasted when they are used to support 1,600,000 horses and meat cattle and 3,000,000 sheep.

Any process by which this waste will be reduced will to that extent serve humanity and civilization. Settlement and cultivation will do this, and the extention of the second-story windows at fire head-transportation facilities will put in the settlers and make conditions that will make Hie attractive. As the Indian gave place to the range cowboy and shepherd, they in turn are giving way to the far-mers with plowshares and pruning-hooks. Is held shoulder high by 10 or 12 firemen, almost at arms' length, with the palms But livestock will not disappear. Only the method of conducting the business will be changed. The farmers of Oregon will raise and fatten and send to market more animals than are now gathered from the expansive ranges; and they will also raise and market many other products. They will have comfortable and attractive

homes, where the sagebrush and jack-

rabbit now occupy the plain. Thousands

will live in comparative luxury where

lozens now camp in isolation.

As an indication of the increased production that follows the advent of transportation in such a country as Central Oregon, the experience of the Columbia Southern in Sherman County, the first year the rullroad operated there, 1897, It carried out 35,000 tons or 1,165,666 bushels of wheat. Last year it carried out \$2,000 tons or \$,100,000 bushels. Before the railroad was built that was said to be "desert." impossible of agricultural development. Few people were there because they could not get their products to market. Now the county is well settled and the increase in inward flow of merchandise has kept pace with the outward flow or products of the county. The country into which the extension of the Columbia Southern is projected will yield not only agricultural productions, but also lumber in large quantities, and gold, silver and copper ores. Coal is also found there. Four Eastern lumber companies own \$4,000 acres covered with yellow pine on the Upper Deschutes. The estimated yield is 20,000 feet of lumber to the acre, giving the quantity controlled by these four concerns at 1,280,000,000 feet-enough to give profitable traffic to a railroad for years. A large timber area besides this is tributary to the proposed extension, not to speak of the timber of the Cascade forest reserve, which reaches well down the side of the range, and will be

regulations for selling and cutting. But there are other parts of Oregon that would pay equally well for the advantage of adequate transportation. The Wallowa Valley is one of the most notable of these, though in extent it is not large. The productive capacity of that valley is not exceeded anywhere, area considered. But lack of transportation facilities prevents out much besides livestock, which can carry itself to market or to the railroad. Near the mouth of the Grand Rondo River is a fine bed of good coal, too, which Coregon is greatly in need of. As matters new stand much of the trade of thest now stand much of the trade of that fertile valley goes out by way of Lewis-ton, Idaho. Coal, granite, livestock, farm crops and unexcelled fruit, to say noth-ing of better conveniences for the people, cry for a railroad through the Wallowa

available for commercial purposes when the Government shall provide rules and

River in Baker County, among them Eagle and Pine Creeks. They drain con-siderable valleys of surpassing richness in agricultural resources. The adjacent hills are filled with minerals, and just across the Snake, well up in the midst of a nest or ragged mountains known as the Seven Devils, is probably the greatest mass of copper in the world. That is a difficult place to reach, but it it has been pronounced feasible to get the ore across the river by aerial tramway and there a railroad could take it. way, and there a railroad could take it to smelter or to market. A railroad has already started for that locality, to reach both the mineral and agricultural traffic, and it is believed legal difficulties that have enveloped it for two years have now been solved and the enterprise will go

forward. The Nevada-California-Oregon narrow

toward the Oregon line with the avowed purpose of reaching Lakeview this year. What effect the advance of the Columbia Southern in that direction will have upon the narrow gauge line remains to be seen. Both are aiming for the same territory. One would hold it to Oregon, the other would drain Oregon off to San Francisco via Reno Junction, Nevada. Thirty miles of railroad are now under construction from a point on the Southconstruction from a point on the South-ern Pacific just south of the California-Oregon state line toward Klamath Falls.

That is built mainly to give outlet to a valuable body of timber in the Pokagema country, several miles to the westward of Lower Klamath Lake. It will, of course, serve commercial purposes and will be extended to Klamath Falls and possibly beyond. Portland will have a fair show on the line of that road, though it does cross into California. A prodiglous quantity of timber will come of that region. Coming to the immediate region of Port-

land, there is the Nehalem country lying ripe for development, with four railroad lines projected into it. The Astoria & Columbia River has made plans for get-ting to the Nehalem. The Goble, Nehalem & Pacific, the logging road reaching five miles southward from Goble station, on the Columbia River, started with the avowed nurpose of crossing the divide and traversing the Nehalem Valley to the sea. Financial difficulties overtook it, but these have largely been arranged and the road will probably be continued some distance, but whether it will go farther than is necessary to reach new timber is questionable. The Northern Pacific has started a branch line to the Nehalem Valley from Scappoose station, but work on that has been suspended. The most ambitious project for the Nehalem is the Portland, Nehalem & Tillamook Railway Company, which was organized a year ago to build from Portland to the seaast at Nehalem, with a branch to llamook. Much examination of the route and resources of the country has been made by agents of this corporation, but nothing further has yet resulted.

The timber resources of the Nehalem ountry would be immediately available for Portland upon the building of a rail-road, and Portland could use that splendid timber at once. There are coal measures that give assurance of commercial importance, and a large tonnage from the opening of those mines would come to Portland, where cheap fuel is a matter of prime importance. Other minerals are found, but the coal is alone of sufficient importance to warrant the utmost effort to get it to this market. The agricultural possibilities of the country, particularly the dairying of Tillamook County, would also demand consideration. The Tillamook rection is greatly handlcapped by lack of adequate transportation facilities. On the north side of the Columbia is a On the north side of the Columbia is a productive country that iles within the sphere of Portland's influence. Of course all the trade that is handled by water centers in Portland, but the extension of the Portland, Vancouver & Yakima Railroad to the St. Helens mining district will tap resources that are of assured richness and are already considerably on the road to become productor. ably on the road to become producing mines. This gives promise of becoming

an important mining camp.

A railroad is projected to the Bohemia mining district in Lane and Douglas Countles. Surveys are in progress and proceedings have been begun to get that district out of the forest reserve. Success of this move will mean the prompt building of the road to some of the best mines in the state.

These great fields lie almost untouched by Portland. Their possibilities can only be hinted at. The development that follows adequate transportation facilities will do the business for Oregon as a state and for Portland as a commercial city.

LIFE-SAVING NET TESTED.

Firemen Leap From Second-Story Windows in Safety.

The \$100 new life-saving net recently purchased for the use of the Fire Depart-ment was christened yesterday morning. Twelve men jumped into it from one of almost at arms' length, with the palms of the hands turned upward, keeping the elbows from touching the body. kept folded in half and is made with hinges and automatic locks, and can be made ready for use in two or three sec onds. The firemen who jumped were: Assistant Chief Laudenkloss, Foreman F. Dowell, Perry Jackson, Chris Reichle, J. T. Kincaid, W. P. Gillham, J. Erickson, A. G. McClaine, W. O'Brien, George Stinson and F. Jacobson. All landed safely on son and F. Jacobson. All landed safely on their backs, uninjured. One of the most interested jumpers was Laudenkloss' yel-low dog. "Prince," and when he landed he barked for more. Then Jackson and Kincaid mounted the electric light pole at the corner of Fourth and Yamhill streets and jumped from the cross-trees, a distance of 32 feet, landing with safety and case.

The jumping occupied one hour, and the net was pronounced to be an entire success. In a similar life not, 20 lives were saved by persons jumping into it from the fourth and fifth stories of a burning building, in New York City, May 7, 1901.

Philomath is to have an opera-house. A Calapoola correspondent says that a meeting of School District No. 22 will be held January 18 to consider means for raising money for a new schoolbouse. The Badger Mining Company, of Susan-ville, expects to install a reduction plant on its property in the near future. plant will involve an outlay of \$100,000. At a meeting of the Common Council of Coquille City, last week, it was decided

to close the public schools and churches of that city for an unspecified time, on account of the number of cases of small-The cable for the bucket carrier to used by the Uncle Sam Mining & Milling Company of Blue River has been received at Eugene, and will be taken to the mill

at once. The buckets are being made at The annual meeting of the members of the Oregon Hopgrowers' Association will he held in Woodburn, January 15, at 19:30 A. M., for the purpose of electing seven directors, one of whom shall hold the office of president.

The telephone line at Cottage Grove is now in working order and has six stations in operation. Communications can now be had from any point into Bohemia. The contractors have finished their work and received payment for their labors. The Oregon Boom & Timber Company has filed petition on the Umpqua River. It is one of the most voluminous papers that has ever been filed with the Clerk of Douglas County, and covers the use of the river and its tributaries for float-ing logs and timber,

A force of employes of the Southern Pa-cific Company are digging a big ditch lead-ing under the freight depot out across the main track and platform and across the south sidetrack for the purpose of drain-ing the company's depot yards. Heretofore water in large quantities has stood about the yards.

The Coos Bay Creamery Association The Coos Bay Creamery Association has elected directors for the ensuing year as follows: D. McIntosh, J. J. Clinkenbeard, Ivy Condron, H. E. Bessy, George Ross; Steven Rogers, treasurer. The new board has elected officers as follows: J. J. Clinkenbeard, president; H. E. Bessy, vice-president; George Ross, secretary; H. E. Bessey, general manager. H. E. Bessey, general manager.

The County Court of Coos County has appropriated \$1000 to be expended on the



A LITTLE BIG WASTE.

ISTINGUISH between economy and wisdom. Sitting at home to save shoe-leather is economy, but it is scarcely wisdom. In the same way, doing without Ivory Soap is economy

but it isn't wise; your risks are greater than all possible saving. Every cheap soap contains free alkali. Now, free alkali will eat its way through the new oil cloth on the kitchen floor. Imagine, then, what it will do in a single Monday's washing! Is such economy wise?

BUY COAL NOW

Don't wait until cold weather comes and the last bucketful is gone; order now and be ready for the cold weather. WE GUARANTEE FULL WEIGHT.

Holmes Coal & Ice Co. Stark Street



Something Dropped

If you will take the time to compare present prices with former figures, or with present figures in other establishments, you will realize that our prices have dropped to an amazing extent.

JOHN ALLESINA

309 Morrison St. Near Meier & Frank Co.

This signature is on every box of the genume Laxative Bromo-Quinine Tableta The Laxative Division Quinting the cone days.

Scott King, of Corvallis, and his dog located a skunk in a hollow tree. He got the usual forked stick and ran it up the tree and began to twist. In due time the skunk was hauled out. Then another trial was made and another skunk was brought down. Encouraged by his success, Scott keep up the process until 10 skunks were located a sentence like this in the King's speech: "So far ingenuity has been wholly unable to devise a substitute for the great war craft whose hammering guins beat out the mastery of the high seas?" Obviously, up till March, 1995, Americans may safely copy the President's English. kept up the process until 10 skunks were

Office-holders complain that office rent publican. Property-holders ciaim that expenses are high, and that they charge only enough to make a fair profit. It is likely that both the cost of living and rents will come down during the present year. Plans are being flaured upon for several new buildings. There is such a Point by extending it up the river, and demand for offices at present that the later building a supplementary boom be-property-owners seem justified in asking low. The intention is to make room for year. Plans are being figured upon for

The Cascade Coal Mining Company is preparing for active operations to begin Monday. Machinery has been purchased in Eugene and Portland and is now being shipped to Creswell, from which place it will be removed to the company's mine. The power will be steam, and the boiler is a Eugene product. The engine and pump will come from Portland. A shaft will be sunk immediately to tap the vein of coal. It will probably be 30 days before the vein will be touched.

A. D. Hopper was in Scio last week looking after the business of the flax mills. He expressed himself as well pleased with the workings of the mill and, with the outlook, The market for high-grade fiber is good. The mill is run-ning full time. The company will en-deavor to rent ground and raise its own flax the coming season, or at least that part of it that is not contracted for. They have straw sufficient on hand at present to keep them running until April,

A petition was recently circulated among the residents of Alsea for pre-sentation to the court, praying that the Alsen road district be cut in two. A day or two after the adjournment of the a counter-petition was forwarded to Clerk Watters, in which a large list of sub-stantial citizens of Alsea strongly protested against the proposed division of their road district. As the matter now stands the court is not likely to take any action, since the first petition has not yet been presented. W. A. Woollever reports that while

crossing in over the Coquille bar last Sunday the steamer Mandalay struck and swung around broadside to the sea. One of her small steam pipes was broken by the concussion caused by heavy seas breaking against her side, and the staterooms and cabins were filled with steam. It was found by sounding that there was less than four feet of water where the vessel struck. Although in a dangerous position, the steamer was, by the good management of Captain Reed, worked off the shoal, and reached Bandon without further trouble.

The Directors of the Coquille public thool attempted to have the teachers of that city sign an agreement releasing the School Board from any obligations to pay the teachers their salaries during the period that the schools will be closed on account of smallpox in Coquille. This move was, however, blocked by the teachers, who refused to sign any such articles unless the School Board would in turn release them from their contracts to teach the remainder of the present school term. The result was that the teachers carried their point and are now enjoying a vacation, and at the same time drawing their salaries.

The President's English.

London Chronicle.

The full text of President Roosevelt's message has now reached this country. It quite bears out Thackeray's favorite gibe quite bears out Thackeray's favorite gibe about "the 34th column of the Presidential speech"; but, long as it is—some 22,000 words in all—it is readable from first to last. The President has a most vigorous and telling way of putting things, and whether he writes on anarchism or trigation or reciprocity or forestry, is always at pains to make himself interesting and intelligible. His is a strenum. appropriated \$1000 to be expended on the and telling way of putting things, and Alleghany-Elkton wagon road, and this makes the building of the road an assured fact. With the \$500 raised by subscription, \$1800 is now available, and with this quite a start can be made. The Douglas County Court has accepted the survey of that part of the road which Some of his phrases are really too good

les in Douglas County, and has declared for the occasion. What should we think of a sentence like this in the King's

> Dr. J. T. McCormac, of Marshfield, has bought of J. W. Coon 1½ miles of water frontage on the Coquille River at Cedar Point boom. The purchase of this frontabout 3,000,000 feet of logs. A plant will then be put in for hoisting the logs from the water and loading them on the cars in an economical manner.

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There is no article where there is not something "cheaper" to compete. And it usually is "cheaper" in every sense of the word. You don't want the "cheaper" sort, the best is none too good for you. This applies with force to "Tapioca," for no article requires greater care in selection and preparation.