

FOR AN OPEN RIVER

Baker City Chamber of Commerce Right in Line.

SENDS PETITION TO CONGRESS

Asks for Removal of Obstructions in the Upper Columbia, and the Deepening of the Channel at Mouth of the River.

BAKER CITY, Jan. 14.—At a special meeting of the Chamber of Commerce a formal petition to Congress from the residents of Oregon, Washington and Idaho asking for the removal of the obstructions in the Upper Columbia and the deepening of the channel at the mouth of the river, was presented, and all the business men present signed it.

A committee was appointed to consider a petition from a number of residents of Harney County for the construction of a road from Baker City across the mountains. Such a road would give Baker City a decided advantage in the way of trade relations, as it would be the nearest railroad town of any consequence by all the way.

FUNERAL OF D. M. FRENCH.

Business Houses of The Dalles Closed in Honor of the Dead.

THE DALLES, Or., Jan. 14.—The funeral of Daniel Mead French was held from his late residence this afternoon at 1 o'clock. The services were held at the home of Mrs. Philton Skipworth, of The Dalles, assisted by Rev. Elder Robert Warner and Rev. M. F. Hawk, of Colfax, Wash., Mr. French's former pastor.

San Francisco Customs Official.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 14.—E. B. Jerome, chief clerk and assistant custodian in the United States Custom House at this port, died at his home in Oakland, early this morning of pneumonia. He served 34 years in the customs service at this port, and personally transacted a large part of the business of the office, He was a veteran of the Civil War. For many years he was president of the Reliance Club Wheelmen.

Victoria, B. C., Business Man.

VICTORIA, B. C., Jan. 14.—Fred Zell, a well known business man and steamer owner of this city, died this afternoon after a critical operation for the removal of an abscess. The deceased came to Victoria in 1882, when he was but 9 years of age.

A Mute for Seventy Years.

COTTAGE GROVE, Or., Jan. 14.—Jackson Hopkins, a life mute, aged 70 years, died this evening of pneumonia. He leaves a wife and one son, who lives in Bethel, Me.

Mrs. Francis Elm.

FOREST GROVE, Or., Jan. 14.—Mrs. Francis Elm, aged about 50 years, died of consumption at her home here yesterday. She had resided there about 15 years. A husband survives her. Interment was in the Naylor Cemetery today.

CLACKAMAS COUNTY EXPENSES.

Nearly \$70,000, Not Including Roads, for the Year Just Closed.

OREGON CITY, Jan. 14.—The following statement of the expenditures of Clackamas County for the year 1901, will be mailed to the Secretary of State, tomorrow. The statement, which does not include the cost of roads and highways, follows:

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Includes County Court and Commissioners (\$3,306.50), Circuit Court (\$1,158.50), Justice Court (\$1,375.00), Sheriff's office (\$2,565.86), Clerk's office (\$2,448.75), Recorder's office (\$2,526.24), Treasurer's office (\$1,382.90), Coroner's office (\$94.85), School Superintendent (\$1,195.00), Assessor's office (\$2,375.02), Assessment and collection taxes (\$1,543.69), 1897 rebate (\$1,287.00), Current expenses (\$1,631.80), Courthouse expenses and jail (\$1,910.21), Care of poor (\$5,208.24), Indigent soldiers (\$68.75), Insane (\$116.05), Reform (\$1,249.00), Bridges (\$2,381.30), Road bounty (\$612.00), Armory, rent (\$175.00).

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NEW LUMBER COMPANY.

Corporation Which Will Build a Sawmill at Astoria.

ASTORIA, Or., Jan. 14.—Articles of incorporation of the Oregon Pine Company this morning. The incorporators are J. B. Butzer, W. W. Whipple and Frank J. Taylor, and the capital stock is \$50,000, divided into 500 shares of \$100.

Boy Falls Twenty Feet.

A 7-year-old boy, by the name of Dees, fell through the sidewalk on Commercial

street this afternoon to the beach, a distance of about 20 feet. His right leg was broken above the knee, and his face was badly cut, but his injuries are not considered dangerous.

Meeting of Packing Company.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Muir Glacier Packing Company was held today, and directors were elected as follows: R. Stokes, Dr. W. C. Logan, Chris Olson, Chris Christanson and Oscar Thompson. Later the board of directors organized by electing W. C. Logan president, and Oscar Thompson secretary. This company operates a cold-storage plant near Fort Wrangell, Alaska. Recently its capital stock was increased to \$25,000, and it will also engage in herring and halibut-fishing.

Josephine County Mining Notes.

GRANT'S PASS, Jan. 14.—The recent discovery made by Andrews Bros., on Jones Creek in the Dry Diggings district, is developing into a rich mine. The discoverers have sunk on the find to a depth of 20 feet, and have opened up an 18-inch vein rich in gold.

Durham & Mathews and managers of the Ida mine, of the Louse Creek district, have installed a Tremain mill on their property. H. C. Daniels have discovered and are developing a remarkably large ledge in the Foothills Creek district. The ledge shows an outcropping width of 25 to 30 feet, and carries values in free gold of \$4 per ton.

Meets & Leigh, the Colorado men, in charge of the work of driving a tunnel under the Silver Creek Falls, Western

Josephine, for mining slow progress, owing to the hardness and toughness of the rim rock through which the tunnel has to be bored before the surfurous gravel basin beyond is reached.

Polk County Teachers' Institute.

MONMOUTH, Or., Jan. 13.—The Polk County Teachers' Institute, held at this place yesterday, was well attended by the teachers from the various schools of the county. State Superintendent Ackerman was present and added much to the work. County Superintendent Starr is an efficient worker, and secures close interest and attention at the county meetings.

The Normal Basket Ball team defeated the La Crosse Academy and Dallas College by a score of 31-17.

The game was a well played, the best of humor prevailing, and no rough work was indulged in. This is four consecutive games won by the Normal team.

In the Supreme Court.

SALEM, Jan. 14.—In the Supreme Court today the case of the State of Oregon, respondent, vs. P. Carlson, appellant, was argued and submitted. In the case of C. A. More, appellant, vs. J. C. Shofner, respondent, it was ordered, partly on appeal, that the clerk of the lower court be required to send up certified copies of the motion to strike out a part of the answer to the merits, relating to the possession of the property in dispute.

Injured by Falling From a Train.

KALAMA, Wash., Jan. 14.—J. W. Allen, a passenger on the morning train from Kalama to Seattle, fell from the train on the incline to the ferry-boat, and sustained a fracture of the skull. He had a ticket for Seattle, and a pass from Seattle to Noma. A gold watch, \$30 and 10,000 shares in a Noma mine were found on his person. He is still unconscious, and will probably die.

Climax Claims Bonded.

BAKER CITY, Jan. 14.—The Climax group of mining claims in the Cracker Creek district, about 60 miles from this city, has been bonded to an Eastern syndicate, to Seattle, between the creek and the incline to the ferry-boat, and sustained a fracture of the skull. He had a ticket for Seattle, and a pass from Seattle to Noma. A gold watch, \$30 and 10,000 shares in a Noma mine were found on his person. He is still unconscious, and will probably die.

Walla Walla Bank Elects Officers.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Jan. 14.—Officers of the Baker-Boyer National Bank were elected today, as follows: President, Elias C. Turner; vice-president, C. E. Hott; cashier, Harry H. Turner; directors, M. C. Moore, W. W. Baker, H. C. Baker, T. C. Elliott and J. M. Hill.

The County Court has appointed Frank B. Morse Game Warden. He succeeds Mr. Flynn.

For Great Cattle-Feeding District.

ONTARIO, Or., Jan. 14.—A movement was started here yesterday to create a feeding district in the Snake River Valley, in the vicinity of Ontario, and here to feed each year thousands of sheep and cattle. The railroads are being asked to make a distinction between the freight rates on fatted stock and that shipped directly from the range.

New Washington Postoffice.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14.—A postoffice has been established at Mackay, King County, Wash., on the route from Black Diamond to Franklin. Gus A. Jones has been appointed Postmaster.

Electric Lights for Cornelius.

FOREST GROVE, Jan. 14.—E. W. Haines, of this place, has taken a contract to furnish electric lights to the town of Cornelius.

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UNDER THE CAREY ACT.

EIGHT APPLICATIONS MADE FOR ARID LANDS IN OREGON.

All Made by Companies, and the Tracts Designated Are Situated in Eastern Part of State.

SALEM, Jan. 14.—Eight different companies have perfected applications for arid land under the Carey act. These applications cover nearly 200,000 acres, all in Eastern Oregon. Many more applications are in course of preparation, and have been forwarded to the State Land Office, but owing to some defect they have not been placed on file.

By the provisions of the Carey act the Federal Government offers to donate to the state 1,000,000 acres of land when the same shall have been reclaimed. The state, in turn gives the land to settlers upon the same terms. In fact, the state acts chiefly as a medium through which the man who reclaims land gets his title from the Government. Applications for arid land are made to the State Land Board. After surveys have been made and a map filed, the state enters into a contract with the applicant, whereby the state agrees to convey the title upon his reclaiming the land as required by the Fed-

California Citrus Fruit Crop.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Jan. 14.—The following summary of the orange crop is made by the Express: The total Southern California will ship a total

PROSPECTIVE RECEIVER OF OREGON CITY LAND OFFICE.

GEORGE W. BIBEES.

It is now practically ascertained that George W. Bibees will be appointed Receiver of the Oregon City Land Office. The press dispatches yesterday announced that President Roosevelt had decided that the charge of incompetency preferred by Senator Simon was not well founded, and that the name of Bibees would be sent to the Senate in a short time. Bibees was the choice of Senator Mitchell. His name was sent to the President by Senator Mitchell returned from Europe. Senator Simon was in Portland at the time, and promptly wired the President to hold up the appointment until he could be heard from.

George W. Bibees has been Postmaster at Sheridan for a little over four years. He came to Oregon, in 1886, and located at Sheridan, where he has since resided. Prior to becoming Postmaster he was in charge of a mercantile establishment. Mr. Bibees was born in Tennessee 38 years ago. He has ever been an ardent Republican and a hard campaign worker.

eral Government. The applicant must pay all expenses of drawing papers, making surveys, and all other costs, and making final proofs to the General Land Office. When the contract is made with the applicant the state applies to the United States for the land described in the application filed by the man who intends reclaiming the land. The Government transfers the land to the state when proof is made that the land has been reclaimed, and the state then makes the conveyance to the settler.

By the provisions of the state law no settler can acquire more than 160 acres. Those persons, associations or corporations who reclaim more than 160 acres do not secure title in fee simple to the land. They are given possession of the land until it is conveyed to settlers, have a lien on the land for the cost of reclamation, and have the privilege of charging water rates to settlers, the rates to be fixed by the State Land Board. The settler who wishes to purchase land which has been reclaimed must pay to the reclaimers the cost of reclamation. The state gets nothing from the land, and bears none of the expenses. The applications for arid land thus far filed are here briefly noted.

Applications on File.

The Portland Company, of which W. E. Burke is the moving spirit, has applied for 8338 acres in sections 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21 and 22, in township 24 north, range 22 east. This land is in a compact form, and lies about six miles north of Malheur Lake, in Harney County. It lies along the western border of Harney Valley Improvement Company has filed an application for 72,774 acres of land lying in townships 22, 23 and 24 north, range 32 east; townships 22, 23 and 24 north, range 33 east. This immense tract of land includes the best parts of the townships named, not otherwise appropriated, and overlaps the land asked for by the Portland Company. This land lies in a somewhat broken shape, within an area 15 miles square, and just north of Malheur Lake. A suit is now pending in Harney County to determine the rights of the two claimants for the land.

The Mathews Land Reclamation Association, of Pendleton, has applied for about 700 acres in sections 21, 22 and 23, in township 11 south, range 43 east. This land lies in irregular form near the town of Express, on the line of the O. R. & N. Co.'s railway in Baker County.

The Brownell Desert Reclamation Association has on file an application for about 600 acres in sections 10 and 11, township 5 north, range 28 east. This tract is in the town of Umatilla, on the Columbia River, in Umatilla County.

The Deschutes Reclamation & Irrigation Company's application covers about 125 acres in sections 12, 13 and 14 east, township 22 north, range 12 east, township 12 east, township 12 east, township 12 east, township 12 east. This tract lies along the Deschutes River in the western part of Crook County, about midway between the Deschutes and southern boundaries of the county.

The Pilot Butte Development Company has applied for 83,312 acres in township 14 north, range 13 east; township 14 north, ranges 12, 13 and 14 east; township 14 south, ranges 12, 13 and 14 east; township 17 north, ranges 12, 13 and 14 east; and township 15 south, ranges 12, 13 and 14 east. This tract lies along the Deschutes River in the western part of Crook County.

The Little Deschutes Irrigation Company has an application on file for about 21,000 acres in township 21 south, ranges 9 and 10 east and township 22 south, range 10 east. This land is in the southwestern corner of Crook County, and laps over into Harney and Klamath Counties. It includes part of the tract that was cut out of the Cascade forest reserve last fall.

The Wright's Point Improvement Company asks for about 150 acres in the southern part of township 24 south, range 31 east, in Harney County. This land is about 10 miles southeast of Burns, and northwest of Malheur Lake.

Approved by State Board.

The applications herein named have received the approval of the State Land Board, and are now pending before the United States Land Office, where investigations will be conducted to determine whether the land applied for is vacant and otherwise eligible for the Carey act. The State Land Board will enter into contracts with applicants after the United States Land Department has acted favorably on the applications. The United States Land Department has recently ruled that applicants must pay a fee of \$1 for each 160 acres, for the examination of the records in the Land Office. This fee is small for the man who wants but 160 acres, but it foots up to over \$300 for the man who wants 36,000 acres. This fee goes to the United States

UNCLE GETS CHILDREN

JURY HOLDS JUDGE BRADY'S WILL NOT THAT OF A SANE MAN.

He Devised That a Priest Should Care for Them—Relative First Tried to Kidnap Them.

SPOKANE, Wash., Jan. 14.—Little Arvan and Elmer Brady, the orphan children of the late Judge J. C. Brady, will continue in the custody of their uncle, Frank Pine, for the present, at least. The jury before which the contest of Judge Brady's will has been on trial at Rathdrum, Idaho, brought in a general verdict this morning about 10 o'clock in favor of Frank Pine. The jury decided that Brady's will was not made by a sane man.

The two children, for the custody of whom this struggle has been carried on since their father's death last July, are now in the custody of their uncle, Frank Pine, who has them at his home in Iowa. In the proceedings which have been carried on in the courts of Iowa, the children have been given to Pine.

This case has attracted great attention ever since the murder of Judge Brady last July. At that time he was prostrate Judge of Kootenai County, Idaho. On the night of July 4, while in his office at Rathdrum, he was fatally shot by Henry Wilmbusse, a German, whom Judge Brady had committed to the asylum. The injured man was brought to Spokane, and died in the Sacred Heart Hospital here July 17. Wilmbusse was brought to trial at Rathdrum last month, and was sentenced to life imprisonment for his crime.

A few days before his death Judge Brady signed his last will and testament, appointing Father Purcell, of Rathdrum, as guardian of his two children, Father Purcell being the first person for whom Judge Brady called after he was shot, and he was with him most of the time until his death. Brady had also caused his children to be baptized as Catholics. His mother has up to the time of her death alleged that their father had agreed that the children should be raised in the Protestant faith. On the day of their father's death the children, Frank Pine, attempted to kidnap them. Later he instituted a contest of the will and was appointed guardian ad litem. The children were taken back to his home in Iowa, where they have since remained. The property involved is about \$3000 life insurance and the contest is being waged for the custody of the children, who are only 7 and 5 years old. Frank Pine is a Protestant, and objected to the children being given to the care of Father Purcell.

LUMBERMEN MEET.

Annual Gathering of Pacific Coast Association at Seattle.

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 14.—The annual meeting of the Pacific Coast Lumber Manufacturers' Association was held today in this city. Fifty-eight lumbermen, representing every large mill in Washington and Oregon, with delegates from California and British Columbia, were present. The meeting was devoted to the election of officers and reports from committees. The only other business transacted was the appointment of standing committees on covering at least 40 miles. Matthew Warriner, of the Elder-Dempster Steamship Company, which furnishes many of the British transports, states that all their transports have been accounted for except one sailing from here three days ago. They had heard nothing from her.

Denied by Authorities.

Story of the Abduction of a White Child by Indians.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Jan. 14.—Indian Department authorities state that a report published in San Francisco yesterday, regarding the alleged theft of a white child by Indians from Omineca, in Northern British Columbia, is wholly incorrect. It is stated that there is no possibility that the Crozier child, of Chelanus, B. C., alleged to have been stolen, but who was probably drowned, could have been abducted by the Indians. As a matter of fact, travel to Omineca, even by Indians, was entirely suspended for the season last October, and snow and ice many weeks ago bound up the streams over which the Indians are represented to be hurrying in canoes.

SEATTLE Bank Official Gets Five Years for Embezzlement.

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 14.—Donald McKerracher pleaded guilty today to one count of the indictment charging him with embezzling \$100 from the Seattle National Bank. Judge Hanford sentenced him to five years in the United States penitentiary at McNeil's Island. McKerracher was receiving teller of the bank, and a specific act charged was entering a deposit upon the books for \$100 less than the actual amount. It was not discovered until some time afterward. McKerracher is previously known as an excellent reputation, and was implicitly trusted.

Wife Who Poisoned Husband in Jail.

TACOMA, Wash., Jan. 14.—Stella Bruzis, the bride of it, who gave her husband, Vincent Bruzis, a fatal dose of arsenic of wine, the morning after their wedding at Wilkeson, in this county, in May last, was arrested Sunday and placed in jail. Immediately after the tragedy, which, fortunately, did not result in the death

Hears' Gift to a University.

NEW YORK, Jan. 14.—According to a cable from Paris, the European edition of the Herald which was bought by the University, refers to a collection of Greek and Etruscan potteries made by W. R. Hearst. It appears that the collection, which is a remarkable one, has been given to the University of California.

St. John Dix's Appeal Denied.

LONDON, Jan. 14.—The Court of King's Bench today refused to grant the appeal of H. St. John Dix, whose extradition to the United States was granted some time ago, on the charge of embezzling the funds of a bank at Watcom, Wash., and Dix was again handed over to the custody of the Bow-street police. The Judge instructed the Magistrate at Bow street to distinctly specify in the extradition papers that Dix was committed solely on the charge of embezzlement, known in the extradition treaty as "fraud as a banker."

State Is Not Liable.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Jan. 14.—In affirming the decision of the Superior Court of King and County today, in the case of H. H. Bings vs. the State, the Supreme Court held that the state is not liable for damages suffered by an individual by reason of the negligence or malfeasance of one of its officers, occurring while engaged in the discharge of his official duty.

His Wife Also Held for Murder.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Jan. 14.—Mary Tom will be held jointly responsible with her husband, Charley Tom, the Indian who was arrested for the murder of an Indian, George Williams, Saturday night near Olympia. An informant, who was present against the husband and wife today by the Prosecuting Attorney.

Transport Blown Up.

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 15.—It is believed in shipping circles here that a British transport, laden with American mules, bound for South Africa, has been either intercepted and blown up by a Boer spy in the Gulf of Mexico or has foundered. A schooner arriving on the lower coast reports hundreds of dead mules floating for a distance of 50 miles. The more conservative elements attribute the floating carcasses to a disaster to one of the British vessels during the storms that have been raging near the coast this week.

Boer Spy Believed to Have Wrecked a New Orleans Steamer.

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PAN-AMERICAN MEDALS.

Why They Were Not Awarded to the Winners.

NEW YORK, Jan. 14.—The management of the art department of the Buffalo Pan-American Exposition having been severely criticized, both in Europe and America because of the judgment shown in the awards, William G. Coffin, director of fine arts at the Pan-American, has made the following statement: "We have been attacked because we put upon ourselves a request for reply before January 1. In case persons wrote us saying that they desired their diplomas, and the claim is made that the early date prevented European artists from sending in their names, a gold medal of January 1 was put on the circulars to hurry the replies, so that we could get the diplomas sent off to the right addresses. It replies came as late as February, the diplomas would be sent just the same, of course. Do the Englishmen reply to a dance invitation always on the date set for a reply?"

Whoever wants soft hands, smooth hands, white hands, or a clear complexion, he and she can have both: that is, if the skin is naturally transparent; unless occupation prevents.

The color you want to avoid comes probably neither of nature or work, but of habit.

Use Pears' Soap, no matter how much; but a little is enough if you use it often.

Established over 100 years.

Thin Hair

You can't expect a half-starved child to prosper.

Neither will half-starved hair prosper, either. Growth demands proper food. Then feed your hair. Feed it with Ayer's Hair Vigor, the only genuine hair-food.

"My hair was falling out rapidly, and my head was nearly bald. I then began the use of Ayer's Hair Vigor, and less than two bottles stopped my hair from falling out and made it grow rapidly. It has done wonders for me."

Ruth Lawson, Detroit, Mich.

St. All druggists. J. C. AYER & CO., Lowell, Mass.

one medal. It foots up heavily when there are hundreds of medals, however.

"That is absolutely all the ground for criticism, and the artists have no more right to make it than any other class of exhibitors. Only a few of the American artists have complained, but they were inexperienced ones, not familiar with expositions, and they thought that a gold medal was coming to them by the next express."

Plans to Educate Cuba.

NEW YORK, Jan. 14.—The Journal and American publishes the educational programme of T. Estrada Palma, the president-elect of Cuba. Mr. Palma in his statement says: "Comparing the poor condition of the public schools in Cuba with the modern administration with that which prevails today, after three years of American rule, the improvement is so great that we cannot but think the American Government has done more for Cuba than all the whole system requires particular attention in order that the work of general education shall become practically more efficient to the Cuban people. For the purpose of attaining the best results, we need to keep ourselves in close contact with the leading educational institutions of the United States and other countries which are at the head of civilization in this important matter. Of course some regular visits by our teachers to those institutions is one of the best ways to keep in touch with the modern improvements in public schools. Besides the proper instruction afforded to the Cuban children, it is my opinion that moral teachings in a general sense without descending to a special verbiage, ought to be a part of the public school system."

TRAVEL IN COMFORT.

The new steamer Hasala leaves Astor-street dock for Astoria and Lower Columbia points daily, except Sunday, at 8 P. M. Saturday 10 P. M. Tickets and berth reservations at O. R. & N. ticket office, 41 and 43 Washington.

BUSINESS ITEMS.

If Baby is Cutting Teeth.