THEY MUST HANG

Governor Geer Has No Mercy for Wade and Dalton.

HIS ANSWER TO A LETTER

Doctor Writes That One of the Men Did Not Kill Morrow—Governor Says That Is Just What One of Them Did Do.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 16.—Wade and Dalton can hope for no commutation of their sentences from Governor Geer. While no one has thought that the Governor would exercise his pardoning power in their behalf, Governor Geer has not made public his intentions until today, when he gave to the press a letter written on this subject. A physician, whose name will not be given out, wrote to the Governor urging that the Wade and Dalton sentences be commuted to life imprisonment, "for the reason that one of the condemned men did not kill Morrow."

Governor Geer's short but pointed reply to this letter contained the following statement of his intention in the matter:

"You will please permit me to offer the suggestion that I could not consent to such a commutation, for the reason that one of them did kill Morrow."

The fact that the names of persons interceding for Wade and Dalton have not been made public has been taken as an indication that no clemency would be shown. It is the custom, where a commutation is under consideration, to make names of petitioners public, so that any persons who wish to do so many prepare remonstrance, and so that the public may know the character of petition for leniency.

TO LOOK INTO ROAD MATTER.

Baker City Sends a Man Over the Proposed Route to Drewsey.

BAKER CITY, Or., Jan. 16.—The committee appointed at the Chamber of Commerce meeting Monday night to look into the matter of the construction of a road over the Blue Mountains to Drewsey met yesterday and arranged to send an experienced roadbuilder over the proposed route. He is to make a careful estimate of the cost of constructing the road, and report to the committee at an early date.

It is understood that the greater part of the proposed road has already been constructed, and about all that is necessary is to construct a short road over the mountain through a rather difficult pass, and the result will be an almost direct road from Drewsey to Baker City, which will make Baker City the nearest railroad station to this part of the country by 40 miles. At present most of the trade from this particular section goes to Ontario.

The committee's representative will start out at once, and it is expected that he will be able to make the trip through to Drewsey and complete his report in about two weeks.

Big Gain in Postal Business.

The postoffice in this city has made a substantial gain during the four years and four months that Postmaster Potter has held office. When he took charge the salary of the postmaster was $1900, and the allowance for clerk hire was $600. Now the postmaster's salary is $2400 and the clerk hire amounts to $2900, and besides there is $2550 paid to letter-carriers, making a total of $7850, or an increase of $5350 per annum over what was paid out by the Government for salaries four years ago. It is expected that before the close of the year a rural delivery route will be established here.

Bank Elects Officers.

The following board of directors and officers of the First National Bank have been elected for the ensuing year: Directors, Levi Ankeny, William Pollman, Dr. O. M. Dodson, Walter Fernald and J. H. Parker; officers, Levi Ankeny, president; J. H. Parker, vice-president; J. T. Donnelly, cashier, and Charles Hussey, assistant cashier. The only change in the list is the election of William Pollman to the board to fill the vacancy caused by the death of D. P. Thompson, of Portland.

Order in Jones Divorce Case.

Judge Eakin has issued an order in the divorce case of Mrs. William Jones against her husband, the well-known cattle-man, William Jones, of Malheur County, directing that he pay over to the Clerk of the Court, for the use of the plaintiff, the sum of $400, to enable her to employ counsel, and $150 for witness fees, besides $75 per month alimony, pending the final determination of the suit. The defendant is also enjoined from in any way interfering with the plaintiff.

DISTRICT MEDICAL SOCIETY.

Eastern Oregon Association Effects Permanent Organization.

PENDLETON, Or., Jan. 16.—Permanent organization of the Eastern Oregon District Medical Society was effected here today. There was an address of welcome by Mayor Hailey, papers by physicians and surgeons, and luncheon at a leading hotel. The following officers were elected: President, Dr. May, of Baker City; first vice-president, Dr. Cole, of Pendleton; second vice-president, Dr. Tape, of Hot Lake; secretary-treasurer, Dr. Henderson, of Pendleton; executive committee, Dr. E. B. McDaniel, of Baker City; Dr. M. M. Dittlebrandt, of Milton; Dr. M. K. Hull, of La Grande, and Dr. Ferguson; board of censors, Drs. Molliter, Curry and McFaul.

The following charter members were present and signed the roll: J. A. Brest, Weston; H. E. Curry, Baker City; W. J. May, Baker City; M. K. Hall, La Grande; G. W. Tape, Hot Lake; E. B. McDaniel, Baker City; William House, Pendleton; W. G. Cole, Pendleton; J. Griswold, Helix; J. H. Thompson, Lostine; M. M. Diddiebrandt, Milton; R. L. Gillespie, Portland; C. J. Smith, Pendleton; J. L. Miller, Pendleton; T. M. Henderson, Pendleton; F. W. Vincent, Pendleton; R. C. Ringo, Helix; D. J. McFaul, Pendleton; Dr. Campbell, of Pendleton. The next meeting will be held in July, at Hot Lake, Union County.

TO RAISE FUNDS FOR UNIVERSITY.

Campaign in Interest of Willamette to Be Begun February 2.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 16.—The educational campaign in the interest of Willamette University will be begun at Salem on Sunday, February 2, when public meetings will be addressed by Bishop Earl Cranston, of Oregon, and Rev. W. McDowell and Rev. M. E. Mills, of New York. On Monday afternoon, February 3, there will be held a conference of preachers and laymen interested in the welfare of the university, and in the evening of the same day a public meeting will be held, at which Governor Geer will be invited to preside, and addresses will be delivered by Bishop Cranston and Dr. Mills. At a similar meeting on Tuesday evening following addresses will be made by Dr. McDowell and Rev. J. H. Coleman, the new president of the university.

On February 5, 6 and 7, Dr. McDowell and General W. H. Odell, president of the board of trustees, will visit Albany, Corvallis and Hillsboro, respectively, in the interests of the university. During the same time Bishop Cranston and Dr. Mills will visit The Dalles and Walla Walla.

On Sunday, February 9, all these gentlemen will address meetings in Portland, except Dr. Mills, who will speak at Eugene. During the same week meetings will be held at Roseburg and Grant's Pass, and the campaign will be continued in other of the cities of the state until February 15. The purpose is to raise some $11,000 to aid the university. This sum is about $1 per capita on the membership of the Methodist Episcopal church in Oregon. The last annual conferences of that church in this state and in Idaho and Washington recommended the raising of funds for the university by the contribution of $1 per capita from the members of the church.

MINE NOT YET SOLD.

A Deal Is on Foot, However, for the Concord Property.

PENDLETON, Or., Jan. 16.—With reference to the story in circulation that the Concord mine had been sold to the owners of the Red Boy mine, and that Pendleton men got $400,000 out of the deal, James A. Howard, who is one of the principal stockholders in the property, said today:

"A deal is on foot for the sale of the Concord mine by the Concord Mining Company, but it has not yet been consummated. The price that has been offered to the company is entirely satisfactory to the holders, but the story that it has been sold is erroneous, although it is expected that the deal will be closed in a few days. Most of the stock in the mine is owned by Pendleton men, but the list of stockholders that has been published is not correct, either as to names or respecting the number of shares held by each one. Until the deal is entirely closed up, nothing further can be given out."

A COMING MINING CAMP.

Fine Samples of Ore From Thunder Mountain District.

WEISER, Idaho, Jan. 16.—C. W. Saxman, Charles Degrundy and another Thunder Mountain miner arrived in Weiser this afternoon, coming in over the Warrens route. They left Thunder Mountain January 8, and arrived in Warren January 10. They brought many samples of ore, one piece, weighing 75 pounds, being carried by one of the party. It was literally seamed with gold, which could be seen with the naked eye. They brought samples of gold, coal, cinnabar, silver, copper and lead. The Dewey mill is running night and day. All say it will be the biggest gold-mining camp in America. The trail is open, and footmen can go from Warren to Thunder Mountain with ease.

Oregon Mining Stock Exchange.

Yesterday'c quotations:

	Bid.	Asked.
Alaska M. & M. Co.	9⅝	11½
Adams Mountains	1⅝	4½
Astoria-Melbourne (Gtd.)	25	50
Bronze Monarch	14¾	17
Caribou	2¾	3
Copperopolis	18	....
Crystal Consolidated	2⅞	4½
Gold Hill & Bohemia	9⅞	20
Huronian	5⅝	7
Lost Horse	2½	5
Oregon-Colorado M. M. & D.	24½	27½
Riverside	1	....
Sumpter Consolidated	2½	3¾
Sweden Copper M. Co.	86	95

Sales:	Price.
500 Bronze Monarch	15
1000 Crystal Consolidated	3

SPOKANE, Jan. 16.—The closing quotations of mining stocks today were:

	Bid.	Ask.		Bid.	Ask.
Amer. Boy	4⅝	4¾	Morn. Glory	3	4
Blacktail	12	12⅝	Prin. Maud	3¼	3⅝
Butte & Bos.	2	2¼	Quilp	34	35
Deer Trail	1⅝	2¼	Ramb. Car	76	76½
Fishmaiden	5	6	Republic	3½	4½
Gold Ledge	1⅝	1¾	Reservation	1⅝	2¼
L. P. Surp.	6½	7½	Sullivan	8	8½
L. Dreyfus	1½	3¼	Tom Thumb	21⅝	22⅜
Mtn. Lion	27	28	Trade Dollar	5⅝	6

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 16.—Official closing quotations of mining stocks:

Belcher	$0 08	Occidental Con	$0 10
Best & Belcher	12	Ophir	83
Caledonia	25	Overman	11
Challenge Con	12	Potosi	17
Chollar	10	Savage	8
Confidence	58	Sierra Nevada	21
Con. Cal. & Va.	1 45	Silver Hill	46
Crown Point	8	Standard	3 40
Gould & Curry	8	Union Con	15
Hale & Norcross	3	Utah Con	5
Justice	5	Yellow Jacket	8
Mexican	32		

NEW YORK, Jan. 16.—Mining stocks today closed as follows:

Adams Con	$0 25	Little Chief	$0 10
Alice	45	Ontario	8 25
Breece	67	Ophir	78
Brunswick Con	9	Phoenix	3
Comstock Tunnel	6	Potosi	18
Con. Cal. & Va.	1 40	Savage	3
Deadwood Terra	50	Sierra Nevada	18
Horn Silver	1 65	Small Hopes	38
Iron Silver	60	Standard	3 45
Leadville Con	5		

BOSTON, Jan. 16.—Closing quotations:

Adventure	$18 00	Osceola	$79 00
Allouez	2 50	Parrott	28 50
Amalgamated	69 00	Quincy	130 00
Baltic	33 50	Santa Fe Cop.	3 00
Bingham	21 50	Tamarack	251 00
Cal. & Hecla	570 00	Trimountain	52 00
Centennial	11 00	Trinity	14 25
Copper Range	52 00	United States	13 75
Dominion Coal	35 37	Utah	22 50
Franklin	11 50	Victoria	4 50
Isle Royale	20 50	Winona	1 00
Mohawk	28 00	Wolverines	44 25
Old Dominion	22 50		

DRY WEATHER BAD FOR MINERS.

One Big Placer Property in Josephine County Shut Down.

GRANT'S PASS, Or., Jan. 16.—The continued dry weather has played havoc with the placer miners, and water has become very scarce. The big J. C. Lewis placer mine shut down yesterday, and others will soon do the same. Very little rain has fallen since early in December, and there is no snow in the mountains. The indications point to a short season, even should the rains be heavy from now on.

New Cyanide Plant.

The Gold Bug mine, on Mount Reuben, has just installed a new cyanide plant, and will treat its own concentrates, which run $15 to the ton. The tailings have been improved since the mine was first worked, and will no doubt show up well.

Fine Strike at Galice Creek.

From Galice Creek comes the report of a fine strike of free gold ore in the Sugar Pine mine, owned by George Boll, but bonded to Dr. C. R. Ray. The tunnel is in 600 feet.

New Oregon Postoffice.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—On the recommendation of Representative Moody, a postoffice has been established at Early, Sherman County, Or., and Herbert K. Porter appointed Postmaster.

PROMINENT CANBY MAN LAID IN THE TOMB.

GEORGE W. SHANK

CANBY, Or., Jan. 16.—George W. Shank, who died Wednesday at his home, at Shank's Landing, two miles north of here, of cancer of the stomach, was buried here today under the auspices of Meade Post, G. A. R., of this city. He was aged 63 years. He left a wife and five grown sons—L. D., A. R. and D. J. Shank, of Canby; Corwin S. Shank, of Seattle, and Weldon M. Shank, of Oregon City. Deceased fought all through the Civil War, enlisting in Company B, Sixteenth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, and was shot and taken prisoner at Vicksburg, afterwards taking part in Sherman's march to the sea and in other campaigns. Mr. Shank came around the Horn to Oregon about 35 years ago, and settled near Canby. He was one of the largest farmers and fruitgrowers in Clackamas County, and owned the most extensive peach orchard in the Willamette Valley.

JUDGE J. B. CONDON DEAD

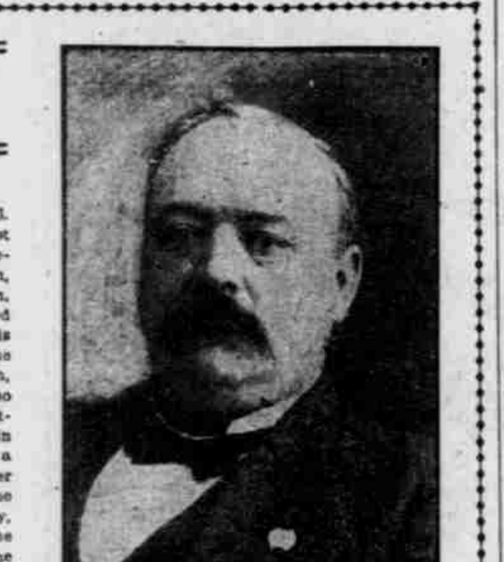
MEMBER OF THE OREGON TERRITORIAL LEGISLATURE IN 1855.

One of the Most Prominent Attorneys in Eastern Part of State—Death Due to Heart Failure.

THE DALLES, Or., Jan. 16.—Judge James B. Condon, a prominent lawyer and pioneer, died at his home in this city tonight at 7 o'clock, after an illness of two weeks, of a complication of diseases, resulting in heart failure. He was born in Clough Leigh, County Cork, Ireland, in 1827, coming to Maine in 1832. He was admitted to the bar in Auburn, N. Y., in 1849. Since his residence in Oregon, where he arrived in 1853, via the Isthmus, he has held positions of honor, having been elected to the Territorial Legislature in 1855. He was postmaster and twice Mayor of The Dalles, where he has lived since 1867. He was a law partner of Orlando Humason, and later of Hon. L. L. McArthur, and at his death was the oldest member of the bar in this district. Mr. Condon left a widow, two daughters, Mrs. Arthur Coffin, of North Yakima, and Mrs. Emma Thompson, of The Dalles, and three sons, Harvey C., of North Yakima; Thomas G., of Antelope, and J. W. Condon, of The Dalles. A brother, Professor Thomas Condon, of the State University, and a brother and sister in the East, also survive him.

NEW MAYOR OF INDEPENDENCE

DR. OTIS D. BUTLER



INDEPENDENCE, Or., Jan. 16.—Dr. Otis D. Butler, who has just been installed as Mayor of Independence, is a native Oregonian, having been born at Monmouth, Or., June 10, 1862. He has resided in Polk County nearly all of his life. He attended school at the Christian College, in Monmouth, and graduated in 1882. He also graduated from the medical department of Willamette University in 1887. Before this he clerked in a drug store at Dallas for a number of years, but since graduating he has practiced medicine in this city. The new Mayor is a member of the Butler family, prominent in the founding of Monmouth. He is a Democrat in politics.

COLONEL THOMAS HARBINE DEAD.

Prominent in Business and Politics in the East Before Coming West.

TACOMA, Jan. 16.—Colonel Thomas Harbine died in Tacoma today, aged 82 years. He was a member of the constitutional convention of Maryland, was Colonel of a Union regiment from Missouri in the Civil War, twice Mayor of St. Joseph and prominent in railroad and banking enterprises in Nebraska. For the last seven years he had lived in Tacoma.

FROM WALLA WALLA WRECK.

Body Picked Up by Steamer 55 Miles From Scene of Disaster.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 16.—The body of a man, supposed to be one of those drowned in the wreck of the steamer Walla Walla on January 2, was brought here tonight by the steamer Newburg, which arrived from Gray's Harbor. The body, which had a life preserver on, was picked up 18 miles off Klamath River and 55 miles from where the Walla Walla went down. The purser's check, which was found in the pockets, called for a first-class passage to Tacoma, and entitled the possessor to berth 3, room 1. Freight check No. 6114, issued by the Pacific Coast Steamship Company; a bunch of keys, a purse containing $8 25, and several cards, on which were written addresses of people in this city, were also found on the body. The unknown was a man fully six feet tall, weighing about 180 pounds, smooth shaven, with brown hair. The first finger on the left hand is missing.

Late tonight the body was identified as that of James A. Gallagher, of St. Louis, a commercial traveler. When he purchased his ticket Gallagher gave his name as James A. Gray, and it was so recorded on the passenger list.

LIVELY DAY AT LABOR CONGRESS.

Question of Uniting With Federation Sent Back to Local Unions.

TACOMA, Jan. 16.—In the Labor Congress an animated executive session was held this afternoon over the question of affiliating with the American Federation of Labor. Those opposed to federation scored a point by securing the addition of two members to the committee on permanent organization. The effect of this practically is that the question of uniting with the American Federation will be sent back to the separate unions for a referendum vote.

William Blackman, State Labor Commissioner, has consented to allow his name to be used for the presidency again, and his unanimous re-election is predicted. A new candidate for secretary has been put forward in James Menzies, secretary of the Tacoma Trades Council. The failure of the Seattle Typographical Union to send a delegation to the present congress is said to militate against the chances of Stacy Whitney, the present secretary, for re-election.

MINERS SUFFERED TERRIBLY.

Lost Their Way and Were Out in a Blizzard—One Died.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Jan. 16.—News reached here today from Nelson, B. C., of the terrible sufferings of three miners and the death of a fourth from exposure in the mountains of the Slocan district, 50 miles west of Nelson. On January 4, J. P. Stevens, W. C. Thomas, S. Rockaway and M. Walls started across the mountains opposite Slocan City to visit the Bondholder claim. Before night they became lost in drifts of soft snow seven feet deep on the mountain top. They missed their way, and spent three days of torture caused by the extreme cold and biting wind of the worst blizzard on record in that section. On the fourth day Stevens and Thomas managed to reach a camp, and at once sent back for Rockaway, who had been left exhausted on the trail. He was found frozen to death.

ON CIVIL SERVICE LIST.

Result of Examinations, and Northwest People Who Got Positions.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—The appendix to the annual report of the Civil Service Commission for the past fiscal year is about to be issued, and contains much matter of interest to the several states. From a table in the appendix it is seen that there were six scheduled and seven special examinations held in Oregon last year, at which 83 males and 22 females passed, and 28 males and 20 females failed. In the State of Washington there were eight scheduled and 15 special examinations. The males who passed were 69, and the females 13, while the males failing were 42, and the females five. Idaho had but three scheduled examinations. In this state nine males and three females were successful, four males and three females failing.

The eligible list in most branches of the classified service is pretty well filled up. On the departmental clerkship list Oregon now has 11 males and seven females; Washington has four males and five females, and Idaho three males and one female. Of stenographers and typewriters there are few. Oregon has three females, Washington one female, and Idaho none. Of those who are eligible for appointment merely as stenographers, Oregon has one female, Washington none, and Idaho one male. Those who passed the examination merely as typewriters and are now eligible for appointment as such are one male and seven females from Oregon, one female from Washington, and none from Idaho. Oregon also has one male eligible on the compositors' list. Of aspirants for appointment in the railway mail service there is generally a great sprinkling, although in this class Oregon has none. Washington and Idaho one each.

One of the interesting statements of the report is that showing the number of appointments in the departmental service at Washington from July, 1883, to June 30, 1900. To the State of Oregon are credited 41 such appointments, of which number 36 were made through examination, one through reinstatement, and four through transfer. The state, therefore, has received but 63 per cent of the recognition to which it is entitled. Washington has had 52 appointments in all, 25 through examination, two through reinstatement, and three by transfer, being 42 per cent of its quota. Idaho has had but 16 appointments, seven by examination and one through transfer, being 43 per cent of its full quota.

There were 10 Oregonians appointed to different positions in the classified service during the past year. They were: John W. Graves, watchman, lighthouse service, at $50 per month; J. D. Cavanaugh, stenographer, Union Iron Works, San Francisco, $2 50 per day; Lewis J. Ruhl, messenger, lighthouse service, $50 per month; George Carpy, Land Office clerk, La Grande, $75 per month; Fred C. Schubert, junior civil engineer, engineer's office, Portland, $125 per month; Walter P. Williams, stenographer and typewriter, Land Office, $900; Dana C. Sherman, clerk in Land Office, $900; Alfred H. Freerksen, stenographer, Puget Sound Naval Station, $3 per day; Miss Dora M. Gates, printer's assistant, Bureau Engraving and Printing, $1 25 per day; Arthur E. Webb, clerk, San Francisco Pension Agency, $720.

The Washington appointees were: Byron Diffenbach, stenographer and typewriter, Department of Justice, $900; J. E. Smith, blacksmith, Fort Wright, $780; G. Harley Swanton, messenger Weather Bureau, $360; Everett R. Foster, messenger Weather Bureau, $360; Frank M. Clendenin, messenger Weather Bureau, $360; Thomas F. Darcy, messenger Puget Sound Navy-yard, $1 75 per day; Henry C. Beach, Immigrant Inspector, $5 per day; John R. Fullinwider, clerk Spokane Postoffice, $1200; F. L. Taylor, typewriter, Mare Isl. and Navy-yard, $3 per day; Miss Lillian Gaston, clerk, engineer's office, Seattle, $900; William J. Hill, clerk, San Francisco Pension Agency, $720; Fred D. Jack, watchman, Bureau Engraving and Printing, $720; H. W. Bulkeley, Seattle Assay Office, $5 per day; J. H. Sargent, Immigrant Inspector, $5 per day.

STRUCK HIM WITH AN AX.

Oregon Man Fatally Injured in a Fight Over a Fruit-Tree Bill.

GRANGEVILLE, Idaho, Jan. 16.—A man named Burtsch, of The Dalles, Or., fruit nursery, was struck today with an ax by J. C. Holsclaw, and suffered a fracture of the skull. The doctors say he cannot recover. Burtsch had presented a bill to Holsclaw for payment, and a fight followed, in which the latter used an ax. At the preliminary arraignment of Holsclaw Burtsch stated that Holsclaw was not to blame.

Finances of Oregon City.

OREGON CITY, Jan. 16.—Chairman Richard Koerner, of the Council finance committee, today completed a statement of the financial condition which shows expenditures and balances of the various funds as follows:

General fund receipts in 1901, $44,924 34; balance January 1, 1902, $1659 76. Road fund receipts, $3156 96; on hand, $567 18. Sewer fund receipts, $15,434 46; balance, $267 68. The bonded indebtedness of the city is $62,250 01, of which $50,000 bears 5 per cent interest and the balance 6 per cent. The floating debt is $85,522 41.

No Money to Pay State Warrants.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 16.—State Treasurer Moore today began indorsing general fund warrants, "Not paid for want of funds." The only funds to be received before 1902 taxes begin to come in will be small sums from miscellaneous sources. These will be applied to the payment of small warrants, but all warrants over $50 will be indorsed, and will thereafter draw interest at 6 per cent. Taxes will begin to come in about May 15.

Packing Company Election.

ASTORIA, Jan. 16.—At the anual meeting of the Union Fishermen's Co-operative Packing Company, of this city, the following officers were elected: Charles Wilson, president, and Thomas Nelson, secretary.

HURT BY LODGE "GOAT"

MAN SEVERELY INJURED IN INITIATION AT SPOKANE.

First Believed He Was Dead—Order Is Trying Hard to Conceal His Name.

SPOKANE, Jan. 16.—In an initiation of candidates held by the Order of Washington last evening one of the neophytes was severely injured. He was being hauled around the place, blindfolded, in a little wagon, when the wagon was tipped over. He was dumped against the side of the altar, and his side was crushed. He bled profusely, and it was first thought he was dead. Since then he has been cared for by members of the order in the lodge building. The members are taking extraordinary care to conceal his name, and it cannot be learned. He is said to be a clothing merchant.

IDAHO BANKS FORGING AHEAD.

Reports of National Institutions Show Material Progress.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—According to reports submitted to the Controller of the Currency, the 12 National banks of the State of Idaho are making material progress, in keeping with the general advance throughout the United States. The condition of these banks on December 10 compares very favorably with their condition as reported on September 30. On the former date their total resources amounted to $5,920,924, but during the interim this item increase to $6,079,533. The loans and discounts show an advance from $2,043,703 to $2,331,776. While there has been a decrease of about $5000 in the gold reserve, to $249,150, the total cash reserve held shows an increase from $372,628 to $411,839. During this same period the total amount of individual deposits have advanced from $4,489,738 to $4,633,392, and the undivided profits show an advance from $189,822 to $225,986.

ROBBERS OVERPOWER WATCHMAN

Three Masked Men Blew Open a Safe at Seattle.

SEATTLE, Jan. 16.—E. G. Carlson, night watchman of the West Seattle Grain Elevator, was overpowered by three masked men at 3 o'clock this morning, and tied to a chair. The robbers then drilled the big safe in the office, placed a stick of dynamite, poured water in the coal stove to put out the fire, stacked sacks of wheat around the watchman and set off the charge. The door of the safe was blown across the room, and Carlson was knocked unconscious. The stove was wrecked, the robbers' act of extinguishing the fire undobtedly saving the building and Carlson's life.

Carlson was found and liberated this morning, and an examination of the safe showed that many valuable books and papers had been destroyed, but the robbers failed to gain anything for their bold attempt, as nothing had been left in the safe the night before.

Gold-Bearing Black Sand.

PORT TOWNSEND, Jan. 16.—Gold-bearing black sand has been discovered near Fort Flagler, which promises to develop into a paying mine. A miner recently from the North brought to this city a considerable quantity of the sand, which, he says, compares favorably with the black sand on Nome beach. The streak runs back into the bluff. He will have the sand tested, and intends following up the streak in hopes of finding an extensive black sand deposit.

To Soon Get Their Money From Bank

VANCOUVER, Wash., Jan. 16.—Receiver A. B. Eastham, of the suspended First National Bank, stated today that he expected to be able to begin issuing checks to depositors, in payment of the second dividend, amount to 25 per cent, in a few days. He received notice today from the Controller of the Currency that the checks had been signed and were forwarded by express from Washington January 10.

Sells Out of Olympia Bank.

OLYMPIA, Jan. 16.—Colonel N. H. Owings, for the past 11 years vice-president of the Capital National Bank, of this city, has disposed of his interest in that institution to Dr. G. W. Ingham. At a meeting of the directors last night O. C. White was elected to succeed Colonel Owings as vice-president, and Dr. Ingham was made a director of the bank.

Gas Sent East for Analysis.

EVERETT, Wash., Jan. 16.—Natural gas is flowing steadily through a one-inch pipe from the artesian well in the Great Northern Terminal yards, and burning to a height of seven feet. C. E. Bogardus, a Seattle assayist, has secured samples to forward to Great Northern headquarters at St. Paul for analysis.

$1000 Fire at Sawmill.

CHEHALIS, Wash., Jan. 16.—Hawkins Bros.' sawmill, at Napavine, was partly destroyed by fire last night. The mill is a small one, used for cutting timbers, and there was no night watchman. Part of the machinery was saved, and the engine and boilers are not badly damaged. The loss is about $1000.

Tender McBride Their Resignations.

OLYMPIA, Jan. 16.—With the exception of Colonel James Hamilton Lewis, all the members of the Governor's staff under Governor Rogers have tendered their resignations to Governor McBride. No action has yet been taken on the resignations.

Governor Accepts the Invitation.

OLYMPIA, Jan. 16.—Governor McBride has been invited to formally open the Red Men's "Winter Carnival" at Walla Walla on February 3, and he has accepted the invitation.

Roadmaster of Benton County.

CORVALLIS, Or., Jan. 16.—The County Court yesterday appointed George W. Smith County Roadmaster, and fixed his salary at $3 per day.

Chief Justice McColl.

VICTORIA, B. C., Jan. 16.—Chief Justice McColl died here tonight at 10:40 o'clock, during a convulsion. He had been suffering for some time with Bright's disease.

New Washington Postmasters.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—Washington postmasters were appointed today as follows: James R. Allen, at Echo; Martha Cicero, at Cicero; William Graham, at Richardson.

Teachers Meet at Myrtle Creek.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 16.—Superintendent of Public Instruction J. H. Ackerman has returned from a visit to the public schools of Baker City and La Grande, and went to Myrtle Creek, Douglas County, today, where he will attend a local teachers' meeting next Saturday.

Portland Teacher Gets Diploma.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 16.—The State Board of Education has granted a life diploma to Miss Bertha Cavanaugh, of Portland.

BIG YEAR FOR PORTLAND.

Mr. Hahn Reviews Year's Trade for New York Papers.

New York Times' Trade Review.

The year 1901 strengthened Portland's position as the chief commercial city of the Pacific Northwest, by which is meant the States of Oregon, Washington and Idaho, embracing an area of 250,010 square miles—an area considerably larger than that of all the New England States and New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Ohio and Indiana combined. This is our trade field proper; that is, it is the field of our greatest activity, but we job extensively with Montana, Utah, Nevada, Wyoming, California, Colorado, British Columbia and to some degree with Mexico. In this Pacific Northwest territory Portland has more than double the mercantile capital of Seattle or any other city that does a jobbing business on a large scale.

The year just closed was the greatest year for business in the history of Portland. For the purpose of making a correct statement to the New York Times, I have carefully canvassed the situation and received reports from 45 of our largest firms. Taking these reports for a guide, I estimate the jobbing trade of 1901 at $121,000,000. This allows for an increase of 10 per cent, compared with 1900, when the jobbing trade was reported at $110,000,000. No firm reported a smaller increase than 10 per cent, while many went over this figure.

The principal features of the year's business have been the following: The Pacific Northwest is growing rapidly in population and receiving a very excellent class of people. The buying classes, both in city and country, are exceptionally prosperous, and collections are prompt. In the city merchants are discounting their bills. The mail order trade has largely increased, and some houses now get a larger number of unsolicited orders than their traveling men were able to drum up a few years back. Many people in the surrounding country come to Portland to shop, as our fine railroad facilities enable them to make the round trip the same day.

In drugs the range of prices is high, and many orders are being received from Hawaii, Asia, and the Philippines. Small boats are being manufactured here to be shipped, "knocked down," to Manila. In automobiles and motor cycles, the tendency is to wait until the Eastern manufacturers are done with experimenting. Jewelers have had more business than they could handle. In feed and provisions trade has been very active, as the Government has been a large buyer. Stock has gone forward in large orders. The British and American Governments have bought heavily of horses. Dealers in agricultural implements have been unable to fill their orders. Coffee and spices have been active, but tea has been depressed, as the war tax lessens sales. Profits have been off in soap on account of the heavy increase in the cost of chemicals, vegetable oils and animal fats, but the volume of trade is larger than ever. There are 11 soap factories in the Pacific Northwest, and Portland supplies more than half of the home manufactured soap used in this country.

Sales of home-made clothing are increasing. One firm that went into the business four years ago, now employs over 200 hands, and is counting on increasing its force to 500. Our furniture factories are reaching out for business all over the Pacific Coast. They say the volume of business is limited only by their ability to handle it.

In wheat exports Portland had in 1901 more ships and larger ships than ever before in her history. It is still the principal wheat port of the North Pacific, notwithstanding that dairying is taking the place of wheatgrowing in many parts of the Willamette Valley. Our broom factory is covering more territory than ever before, and now commands the situation in British Columbia and on Puget Sound. A prominent wholesale liquor firm reports that it is again penetrating the Puget Sound country for the first time in 10 years. Many retailers there have been sending their orders to the East for some time, but they find that they can buy to greater advantage in Portland. Our manufacturers of cereal foods are crowding the Eastern product out of the market.

No year has ever opened with such bright prospects as 1902 will open. Trade has kept up so strong that there is really no line between the old year and the new year. Usually December is a retail month in Portland, but there is no break in wholesaling. Consequently merchants are simply taking stock and making room for the new goods that have been ordered.

Portland needs two things to further her commercial and shipping interests—a 40-foot channel at the mouth of the Columbia River and the opening of the Upper Columbia and Snake Rivers to navigation by the overcoming of obstructions in the 13-mile stretch between The Dalles and Celilo.

The river and harbor bill which was talked to death at the last session of Congress provided for appropriations amounting to $1,400,000 for the mouth of the Columbia, and there is no doubt that the mouth of the river will be properly taken care of in the forthcoming river and harbor act. With the Upper Columbia and Snake, however, the case is different; they are not so sure of Government aid. Although Captain W. W. Harts, of the United States Engineer Corps, recommended an acceptable plan of improvement a year ago, nothing has been done.

If the rivers are ever opened it will be in the face of the opposition of the railroad companies. My opinion is that our Senators and Representatives in Congress have not supported the projects for the improvement of the upper rivers as heartily as they might. With the Congressional delegations of the States of Oregon, Washington and Idaho united for open rivers, and The Morning Oregonian backing up their efforts with its powerful influence, nothing can defeat the opening of the Columbia and Snake Rivers so as to give the producers of the Inland Empire a gateway to the sea for their products.

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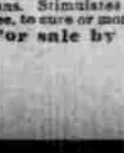

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