GREAT MINE ON FIRE

One Hundred Men Imprisoned for a Time.

BLAZE AT THE TREADWELL

Terrible Holocaust Prevented by Almost Superhuman Efforts of People to Stay Progress of Flames —Race for Life of Miners.

SEATTLE, Feb. 18.—The great Treadwell mines, on Douglas Island, were assailed by fire on Tuesday, February 11, and a terrible holocaust was prevented by the almost superhuman attempts of everybody who could reach the scene to stay the progress of the flames. The steamer Dirigo, reaching port this morning, brought particulars of the fire. The Alaska-Mexican compressor building was entirely destroyed. Thirty-eight thousand dollars on the stamps, mill plates, and a 120-stamp mill, with the engine-room, were saved. It took the concentrated efforts of eight two-inch streams of water to master the flames and for hours the agonized people worked under fearful suspense; for more than 100 miners were in the lower workings and in imminent danger of meeting a horrible death. The origin of the fire was not known at last reports.

The first known of the conflagration was when H. G. Hall, superintendent of the Mexican compressor, discovered flames originating from one corner of the huge structure. For some unaccountable reason the flames gained frightful headway, and before even the hose in the compressor-room could be brought into service the entire interior of the building was a seething mass of flames. From the compressor the fire spread to the hoist and tramway and before warning could be sent to the men down in the mines, the shafthouse was on fire and the lower end of the 120-stamp mill was burning fiercely.

The danger to the imprisoned miners was noted by everybody, and dozens of volunteers asked to be alowed to go down through the burning shaft and warn them. Such an act would have been suicidal, however, and would have resulted in no good to the apparently helpless men below, so the combined efforts of the fire brigades were put to saving the remainder of the vast mine buildings. The mill adjacent to the compressor building was burning in a dozen places, when all the available hose was directed from a point on its roof to the flames. It was hot work, so hot that the men had their hands and faces blistered, and their clothing frequently burst into flames. The men stuck to the job manfully, however, and poured thousands of gallons of water into the burning compressor.

As fast as the flames caught on the roof of the mill, a deluge of water would extinguish it. On the roof of the mill the firemen were half shrouded by the dense clouds of smoke and nearly suffocated, too. The hot steam added to the torturing situation. In the meantime the flames in the shaft had been burning rapidly, and Swans Barquist, one of the miners working on the 330-foot level, was the first to gain knowledge of the fire above. He was thunderstruck to see burning embers falling down the shaft, and instantly noting the extreme danger of the position, he shouted a warning to the miners on the 440-foot level. The latter crew, however, mistook his cry of "fire" for a blasting signal and instead of making their way toward the upper levels, went further back on their own level.

When the men on the 330 level had communicated the truth to the men on the lower level, much valuable time had been lost. While the fire was raging above, and with the shaft of the mine a raging areaway of flame, the hundred miners gathered as quickly as possible on the 330-foot level. There was apparently nothing to do toward saving their lives, as the shaft was closed and was fast becoming untenable from the burning embers dropping from the woodwork at the mouth. A council was called hurriedly and the men waited while the superintendents on the levels grappled with the dark and apparently hopeless means of escape.

Several were old employes of the company and had worked in the old levels, which were directed from an abandoned pit, and knew that there was some means of communicating between the new and the old workings. The air was becoming foul and gas-laden fast, so the scramble for life along the levels toward the only possible means of egress was hurried and fraught with intense excitement of the situation. The race for life was such as none of the men will ever want to undergo again. Finally the right gallery was reached, and the first of the line of escaping men reached the bottom of the old pit, and stood in the light of day. In the meantime the fire had been gradually gotten under control.

When the news reached the crowds of people watching the blazing buildings that the men from below had come out through the old workings and pit they turned to with redoubled energy to master the flames, and with the help of additional fire apparatus from Douglas had the fire confined to the compressor building, shaft, shafthouse and near-by mill building. These were destroyed.

When the Dirigo left for the South it was not certain that all men in the mine had escaped, but Assistant Superintendent McKinzie and Shift Boss Eaton made the trip down from the old pit and gave it as their opinion that every one had gotten out safely.

INDIAN BOY BURIED ALIVE.

Tale of Indian Superstition and Cruelty in Alaska.

SEATTLE, Feb. 18.—On the steamer Dolphin from Alaska today came a tale of Indian superstition and cruelty that to civilized humanity is shocking. Because a dozen natives had died from consumption, an Indian boy who had become converted to the Christian faith was buried alive. For hours he lay in his grave until he was unearthed by the missionary under whom he had learned the tenets of Christianity. When resurrected he was alive, although but little more. He was taken to Wells and placed under the care of a physician, and at last accounts was rapidly recovering.

The youth is the interpreter for Rev. Milo A. Sellon, a Methodist missionary among the Chilkats. Rev. Mr. Sellon is a school teacher, nurse, and general allround Good Samaritan. The young man, after listening to the teachings of Dr. Sellon, boldly disclaimed any belief in the mummery of the tribal "icht," or witch doctor. He thus gained the ill will of that powerful priest of the black art.

PERISH IN A SNOWSLIDE.

Three Men Carried Down Alaskan Mountain by Avalanche.

SEATTLE, Feb. 18.—A special to the Post-Intelligencer from Ketchican states that three men perished in a snowslide on Prince of Wales Island on the morning of February 3. They were Thomas McDevitt, James Lodge and Chris Jensen. Their bodies were carried 400 feet down a mountain side by the avalanche, and buried deep beneath the snow. The bodies were recovered. The news was brought to the city by one of the Alaskan steamers which arrived today. The disaster occurred at the Kyam Copper Company's mines near the head of Skowl Arm. The men were employed in the company's tunnel, but were on their way south when caught in the great rush of snow. They had just left the cookhouse, which is 300 yards from the entrance to the tunnel. A fourth man, Charles Farran, remained in the cookhouse to wash up the breakfast dishes. This saved his life. It was still dark when the men started over the trail for the tunnel after eating breakfast. They had no warning of their impending doom until they were engulfed by the avalanche that suddenly came roaring down the mountain-side on which the mines are situated.

Hearing the crash, Farran rushed from the cook-house in search of his companions. In the darkness, he could find no trace of them, but hoping that they had reached the tunnel and were safe he hastily ran to its mouth only to find that they were missing. He searched in the snow for their tracks, but could not find them, and then realizing what had happened, he quickly spread the news of the catastrophe among the miners in the vicinity. A rescue party of six was formed which searched all day for the lost men, but finally were compelled to abandon the work, thinking it hopeless. Later a search was made and the bodies recovered.

GRANT NOT A MONOPOLY.

Explanation of Government Places New Aspect on Matter.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Feb. 18.—A special from Ottawa today says:

The explanation of the Federal Government regarding the granting of the so-called Treadgold concessions, covering lapsed or vacant placer claims in the Klondike, places a new aspect on the arrangement which has caused so much consternation in Dawson. The statement is officially made today that the trouble arises from the granting by the government of certain concessions for the diverting of water from the Klondike River to be used for mining purposes. In consideration of this concession, the company agrees to furnish water to miners at a certain scale approved by the Government officials in the Yukon. It is a well-known fact that many claims have not been worked during the past years on account of a scarcity of water. For that reason there are hundreds of claims which either have not been taken up and prospected, or have been abandoned after prospecting, as they could not be worked without plenty of water.

The conditions of the concession are that the company must spend at least a quarter of a million dollars in the development of the water system before it has the right to take over any abandoned claims. Then, if any owners wish to operate these abandoned claims they may do so, buying water from the company at the rate fixed. The order, which has not yet been gazetted, is said not to interfere with the rights of any one.

Hon. R. W. Scott, Secretary of State, in the absence of Hon. Clifford Sifton, Minister of the Interior, said today:

"A clause has been inserted protecting the miners in so far as they can demand and secure water raised by the hydraulic process, and thus work their own lands. The project, it is assumed, was in the interest of that country, and there was no suggestion of a monopoly.

"Another object is to utilize sections of mining lands not accessible at present on account of their situation above water level. At present the great volume of water flows off in the Spring freshets, and it is the intention to reserve a part of this for distribution during the remaining months of the year, in districts not reached by it now.

"Several parties have made similar propositions to the Government during the last few years. The agreement will naturaly cause excitement at the present time, but it will prove, I think, to be in the interests of the district. There is no monopoly. The company must provide the miners with water and lands will be worked which are now valueless. The whole matter will likely be discussed in parliament."

BIG MINING CONCESSION.

Klondike People Indignant and Many Leave Dawson.

SEATTLE, Feb. 18.—Advices from Dawson, via Skagway, state that an order which arrived from Ottawa recently gives to the Treadgold Water & Mining System possession of all vacant ground and all ground to become vacant in the richest portion of the Klondike. Canadians have joined Americans in expressions of indignation, and will leave for other goldfields.

Business men of Dawson see ruin staring them in the face. It is said that unless action is taken at Ottawa immediately, a few weeks will see Dawson a deserted camp. A monster mass meeting was in progress when the message was sent.

The order gives A. N. C. Treadgold, Sir Thomas Tacred and other members of the syndicate title in fee to all lapsed or vacant placer claims on Hunker, Bear and Bonanza Creeks and all their tributaries. This includes Eldorado Creek, the richest in the world. This leaves of the paying creeks only Dominion, Goldrun and Sulphur, and Indian River, that will remain open.

Strike on Saltjacket River.

DAWSON, Feb. 1., via Seattle Feb. 18. —A letter has just been received here from Jerry Monroe, an old-time Dawsonite, stating that he and others have struck pay on the Saltjacket River, in the Tanana country, not far from the Chena or Chenoa, that runs from 20 cents to $12 to the pan. The letter was written at Chena, November 17, and has just arrived by the mail from the lower river. The writer says further: "Some of the ground is Winter diggings, and some Summer. We ran one drain to bedrock. It was six feet to bedrock. There were two feet of muck and four feet of fine wash gravel that would average 20 cents to the pan. The best pan we got in this cut was $12. On bedrock we got lots of $3, $4 and $5 pans."

Estimates of Government.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Feb. 18.—The estimates of the federal government for the year ending June 30, 1903, show a total of $53,361,638, as against $79,524,745 for the current year. This includes capital account. The appropriations for various rivers and harbors in British Columbia amount to $60,000. In the Yukon territory the estimate for the Lewes and Yukon River improvements, including the allowance to the engineer in charge, is $50,000.

NORTHWEST DEAD.

Robert Milroy.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 18.—Robert Milroy, a well-known horseman and secretary of the California Jockey Club, died today from injuries received in a streetcar accident two weeks ago.

Pioneer of Snohomish County.

EVERETT, Feb. 18.—S. W. Sisco, of Healy & Sisco, died of heart failure this morning. Mr. Sisco was a pioneer of Snohomish County. He leaves an estate worth $25,000.

Stanford-Washington Debate.

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, Cal., Feb. 18.—The first annual debate between Stanford University and the University of Washington will take place in Assembly Hall, on the Stanford campus, on May 2. After months of negotiation, the contest has become a certainty and the date tentatively fixed.

Will Lecture at Berkeley.

BERKELEY, Cal., Feb. 18.—Professor William A. Henry, dean of the College of Agriculture and Director of the United States Agricultural Station, at the University of Wisconsin, where he holds the chair of agriculture, has accepted a position in the faculty of the University of California as a lecturer in the coming Summer session.

Carnegie Library for Pomona.

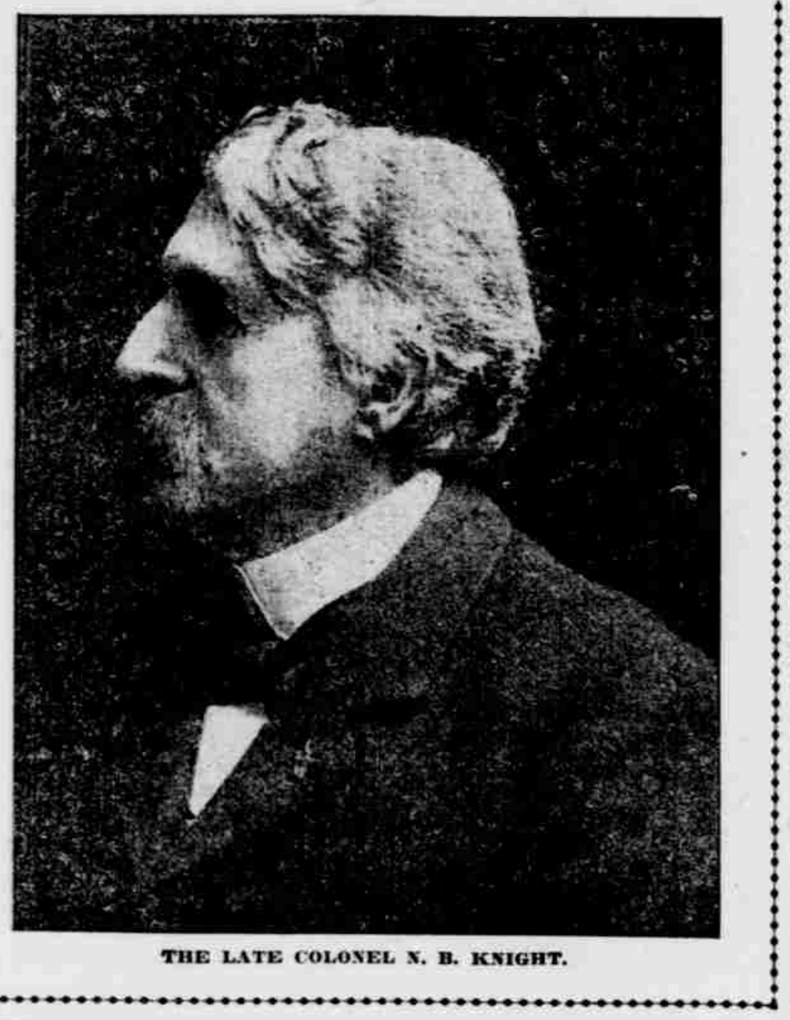
POMONA, Cal., Feb. 18.—Andrew Carnegie has offered $15,000 to the City of Pomona, for the establishment of a free public library, with the condition that the city furnishes the site and supports the library.

COLONEL N. B. KNIGHT DIES

WELL-KNOWN ATTORNEY A VICTIM OF HEART DISEASE.

Passes Away Peacefully in His Room at Salem While Reading a Letter From His Daughter.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 18.—Colonel N. B. Knight, a well-known Oregon attorney, died while sitting in his chair at the Willamette Hotel last night. His death was not discovered until late this morning. Last evening Colonel Knight was in his usual health. He was on the streets in the evening, and met many of his friends. About 8 o'clock he retired to his room to read a letter which he had just received from his daughter, Miss Sylvia Knight, of Portland. When found this morning the lifeless body was sitting in a chair, the left leg thrown carelessly over the right, the open letter held in the right hand, and the head resting against the chair, as though in peaceful slumber. The letter Colonel Knight had read was last farewell



THE LATE COLONEL N. B. KNIGHT.

from his daughter. Miss Sylvia Knight spent last Sunday visiting her father here, and returned to Portland Monday morning. As soon as she reached Portland she wrote to her father to say "good-bye" to him, explaining that she had been unable to see him that morning before leaving Salem. The letter arrived on the evening train, and the last farewell had scarcely been read when Colonel Knight was stricken with heart failure and died without a struggle. Coroner Lane visited the room, and being satisfied that death resulted from natural causes, decided to hold no inquest.

Father of Portia Knight.

Colonel Knight was the father of Portia Knight, the actress, who recently brought suit against the Duke of Manchester for damages for breach of promise. At the time the suit was commenced, Colonel Knight was practicing law at Baker City. He went to England at the time of the suit, but not in connection with his daughter's case. He represented some Baker City mining concerns.

His Career.

N. B. Knight was born in Delaware, 65 years ago. After securing a common school and college education he took courses in both medicine and law. The latter he chose as his profession. In 1862 he aided in the formation of a regiment of cavalry, and was made a Lieutenant-Colonel. In the same regiment William P. Lord, ex-Governor of Oregon, was a Major. The regiment served in the Army of the Potomac, both Colonel Knight and Major Lord winning honors by their achievements. Late in the '60s, Knight came to Salem, and formed a partnership with Seth R. Hammer. About a year afterward Lord and Knight formed a partnership for the practice of law, which was continued until Lord was elected Supreme Judge in 1880. Since that time, deceased had practiced law in Salem, Klamath Falls and Baker City.

Colonel Knight was a man of unusual native ability, and early in life secured a good college education. He was recognized as a lawyer well versed in the fundamental principles of law, but during the last 20 years he had almost entirely neglected his work. His law practice consequently left him, and at his death he left no property.

In 1871 he was married to Miss Sarah Miller, a daughter of General John F. Miller. His wife died in 1890. He left three children—Winter Knight, of Klamath County; Portia Knight, residing in London, and Sylvia Knight, of Portland. The funeral will be conducted tomorrow at 1:30 P. M. from the residence of Samuel L. Hayden, Rev. Mr. Coney, of the Episcopal Church, officiating.

The Marion County Bar Association will have charge of the funeral tomorrow afternoon. Winter M. Knight and Sylvia Knight, son and daughter of the deceased, arrived tonight to attend the funeral.

BUYS INTO LIGHT PLANT.

Promoter of Bourne-Sumpter Electric Line Now Has Power.

SUMPTER, Feb. 18.—William Pollman, president of the Chamber of Commerce of Baker City, has purchased a half interest in the Sumpter Light & Power Company, from A. C. Little, of Tacoma, for $25,000. The other half interest is owned by Seymour H. Bell. Last Fall Mr. Bell obtained a franchise from Baker County to construct an electric railroad from Sumpter to Bourne. It was understood then that the Sumpter power plant would be consolidated with the railroad proposition. The intention is to construct a series of electric railroads to the various mining camps.

HUMPHREY FOUND GUILTY.

Salem Grain Warehouseman Convicted of Larceny.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 18.—A. M. Humphrey, a Salem grain warehouseman, was this evening found guilty of the larceny of 204 bushels of wheat owned by E. T. Hall and stored in Humphrey's warehouse. About a year ago it was found that Humphrey had disposed of a considerable quantity of grain he did not own, and a meeting of the storers was held. Humphrey admitted to them he was from 8000 to 15,000 bushels short. He could not account for the shortage, nor tell where the money had gone. The prosecution followed. Humphrey's defense was that the shortage was due to shrinkage, and he had bought the Hall wheat but had not paid for it. Hall denied he had sold the wheat. The jury was out seven hours before returning a verdict. Sentence will be pronounced later. The case will probably go to the Supreme Court. Two other charges are pending against Humphrey.

MISSING WARRANTS TURN UP.

A Little "Ad" Makes an Oregon City Man $411 Better Off.

OREGON CITY, Feb. 18.—Last night B. F. Linn was surprised to find in his letter-box at the Oregon City Postoffice an envelope containing a batch of Clackamas County warrants, valued at $411, properly indorsed, which mysteriously disappeared about a month ago. The envelope was not stamped, and there was no evidence of the identity of the sender.

B. F. Linn received the warrants from the County Treasurer, 17 in number, December 20. Soon afterwards he was taken sick and confined to his home. The warrants had been left in his overcoat, his son wore the coat to a dance in Oregon City subsequently, and lost the warrants in some way. Ernest Forbes picked them up next day, and waited two weeks for a chance to give them to Mr. Linn, whom he knew personally. One evening he gave the warrants to a man passing, whom he thought to be the rightful owner. The individual seemed glad to get the money, and rewarded Forbes by presenting him with a warrant for $29 40. A week afterwards one of Linn's sons informed Forbes that his father had not been outside of the house for three weeks. Forbes in the meantime had disposed of his warrant. An attempt was at once made to find the missing papers. An advertisement was inserted in The Oregonian February 5, 6 and 7, giving the numbers of the warrants, and offering a liberal reward for their return, no questions to be asked.

New Officers Elected.

BAKER CITY, Feb. 18.—The following officers were elected at a meeting last night of the Red Boy Consolidated Gold Mines Company: President, Clark Taber, of Sumpter; vice-president and general manager, E. J. Godfrey, of Portland; treasurer, J. H. Robbins, of Sumpter; secretary, J. A. Howard, Pendleton; general counsel, C. A. Johns, of Baker City.

As mentioned in these dispatches yesterday, the Red Boy and the Concord gold mines have been consolidated. It has just been learned that the incorporators and the amount of stock each holds are as follows: E. J. Godfrey, Portland, 351,700 common, 172,250 preferred; Clark Taber, Granite, 351,700 common, 172,250 preferred; J. H. Robbins, Sumpter, 317,250 common, 57,750 preferred; James A. Howard, Pendleton, 317,250 common, 57,750 preferred; C. A. Johns, Baker City, 100 common; N. C. Richards, Sumpter, 100 common.

Southern Pacific Takes Precautions.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 18.—The Southern Pacific Railway Company has recently set a post and signboard in the middle of a path leading across its premises near the depot in this city. The signboard gives notice that the path is not a public thoroughfare. The manifest intention is to give due notice of the rights of the company, and to inform the public of the legal status of the path. The sign does not forbid the public to pass along the thoroughfare. The path is one leading to Capital addition, and is used by a large number of people. Probably the notice was posted in order to prevent the possibility of the path becoming a public highway under the act of the last Legislature.

In Circuit Court at Astoria.

ASTORIA, Feb. 18.—The case of Ried, Murdoch & Co. vs. the Alaska Fishermen's Packing Company was on trial in the Circuit Court today. The suit is brought to recover $2000 damages. The plaintiff is a Chicago firm, and alleges in its complaint that on April 3, 1899, it bought from the defendant through its agent, C. M. Webber & Co., 2500 cases of sockeye salmon at $1 per dozen; that in September of that year the defendant refused to deliver the salmon, which had advanced in price to $1 20 per dozen, and the plaintiff was damaged to the extent of $2000. The defendant, in its answer, asserts that it never ratified the sale made, as it packs only Alaska salmon, and so notified the plaintiff.

Politics in Columbia County.

ST. HELENS, Or., Feb. 18.—The political pot in Columbia County is simmering. The question of relocation of the county seat will be of most interest. Dr. Harry R. Cliff, chairman of the Republican county central committee, is probably the strongest candidate for Representative. The Democrats will probably meet and renominate R. S. Hattan for Sheriff and adjourn without further nominations. The Republicans have an admitted majority of 500 in this county, and a nomination in the Republican county convention is conceded to be equivalent to an election.

Supreme Court Order.

SALEM, Feb. 18.—In the Supreme Court today, in the case of G. D. Simmons, respondent, vs. The Oregon Railway & Navigation Company, appellant, it was ordered that appellant have until February 27 to file brief, and respondent until April 27 to file reply brief.

Second Warden at Penitentiary.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 18.—A. C. Dilley, ex-Chief of Police of Salem, and lately an attendant at the asylum, has been appointed Second Warden of the Penitentiary, to succeed T. R. Cornelius, resigned.

Safely Lodged Behind the Bars.

CANYON CITY, Or., Feb. 18.—Tim Townsend, who it was feared Grant County stockmen had lynched, has been lodged in the county jail here. Townsend is suspected of horse-stealing.

MUST DIE ON GALLOWS

MURDERER HAWKINS LOSES IN THE SUPREME COURT.

Based His Appeal Largely on Participation of McBride as Lieutenant-Governor in Case.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Feb. 18.—The Supreme Court today affirmed the judgment of the Superior Court of Skagit County in the case of the State vs. Alfred Hawkins, convicted and sentenced to be hanged for murdering C. M. Woodbury, at Anacortes, two years ago. This is the case in which Governor McBride, then Lieutenant-Governor, assisted in prosecuting. The principal error assigned in the appeal was that the trial court refused to grant defendant's motion to exclude the Lieutenant-Governor from appearing as a prosecutor, as he might later become Governor and, being biased, would refuse executive clemency to appellant if asked. The Supreme Court did not rule directly on this question in refusing a new trial, but holds that as McBride has appeared as a prosecutor at a former trial before he became Lieutenant-Governor, he was in possession of all the facts then, and could not justly be barred from appearing at the second trial. The murder of Woodbury was a cold-blooded one, and McBride has so expressed himself since becoming Governor. There is, therefore, no hope for escape from the gallows of Hawkins.

RANCHER KILLED ANOTHER.

Fatal Result of a Quarrel Over a Few Fence Rails.

WHATCOM, Wash., Feb. 18.—Thomas Robertson, shot and instantly killed John Hand, near Olga, Orcas Island, in San Juan County, at 5:30 yesterday afternoon. Both are ranchers, and had not been on good terms for some time. Their troubles originated over some fence rails which Robertson had lent Hand, and which he declared Hand had never returned.

Hand, who was over 72 years old, and a bachelor, had been to Olga purchasing suppolies. On his road homeward he went by Robertson's house. The latter, who is said to have been under the influence of liquor, met him in the road and stopped him with his rifle. A scuffle ensued, in which Robertson beat Hand over the head with his rifle, and Hand used a rock on Robertson. Hand disengaged himself and resumed his way homeward. He had proceeded about 50 feet when he fell dead from a bullet fired by Robertson, which entered Hand's right side.

Robertson immediately gave himself up to the officers, saying that his deed had been done in self-defense. The actual crime had no witnesses, but the quarrel leading up to it was heard by Mary Robertson, daughter of the murderer, and Ella Moore, a girl who was visiting her at the time.

Robertson has an Indian wife and three children. When brought here last night he was securely tied with ropes, which were put upon him after he had made an unsuccessful attempt to escape from the officers. The scene of the crime is an island 20 miles from telegraphic communication.

FATALLY SHOT IN A ROW.

Coroner Starts With a Coffin, but Learns Man Has Not Yet Died.

WHATCOM, Wash., Feb. 18. — Henry Guzeman, a Chilean, early this morning shot and fatally wounded a fellow countryman, whose name is unknown, at Millerton, this county. Guzeman says the man came to his home and started a row, whereupon he (Guzeman) left and went to a neighbor's to secure assistance. When Guzeman returned home the original intruder was fighting with two other Chileans, who had come in, but when he saw Guzeman he left them and started for him, whereupon Guzeman fired. Guzeman hunted up a neighbor, to whom he surrendered himself, and was this morning brought to jail here.

It was first reported that Guzeman had killed the Chilean. The Coroner secured a coffin, but just as he was boarding the train learned that the man was still alive. Guzeman was much surprised when told of the news in his cell in the jail. His victim cannot live, however.

Two Years for Stealing Overcoat.

SALEM, Feb. 18.—Frank Smith was today sentenced by Judge Burnett to two years in the penitentiary for stealing an overcoat from the Salem Lodging House. John Daly, a companion of Smith, has been twice tried on the same charge, and both of the juries failed to agree. Daly is a tailor at Vancouver, Smith a metal polisher at Portland. The men were seen together with the stolen overcoat, first one and then the other wearing it. The evidence against one was practically the same as against the other. The defense was that they bought the overcoat from a stranger. They had separate trials, and the conviction of one and failure to convict the other is principally due to the different views the juries took of the evidence.

Bound Over for Forgery.

BAKER CITY, Feb. 18.—Joel W. Barber, of Eagle Valley, was arraigned before Justice Messick yesterday, on a charge of forgery preferred by Dr. G. W. McConnell. It is charged that Barber forged the name of J. R. Fulp to a check for $72, issued by Dr. McConnell, last November, and obtained the money for it. Barber waived his preliminary examination and was bound over to await the action of the grand jury in the sum of $300.

INSANE ON SUBJECT OF DRINKING.

Indians Request That Chief Peo Be Denied Liquor.

PENDLETON, Or., Feb. 18.—So inebriated has Chief Peo, of the Umatilla tribe, become that his Indian friends have come to town with the request that no one here sell him any liquor. They state that he has never recovered from the effects of a blow upon the head which he received a year ago. Since then Peo has had but one thought. That thought is drink, and he comes to town to pawn anything he may have about him for liquor.

Wheat Damaged by Cold Snap.

That 25 per cent of the grain sowed last Fall in Umatilla County must be resowed, as a result of the recent cold snap, is the estimate now accepted by conservative men interested in the grain trade.

HARD TRIP OF MAILCARRIER.

Without Food for Some Time, and Had to Swim His Horse.

SEASIDE, Feb. 18.—James G. Corbett, who carries the mail between this place and Cannon Beach, returned here last night, after having had a most exciting and perilous trip. He left Seaside Saturday morning at 5 o'clock, and did not reach Mrs. Austin's until after dark, and there camped, building himself a fire to keep warm. Early the next morning he started again, and reached his destination at 11 o'clock, completely exhausted and having had nothing to eat since before leaving Seaside. While going down the beach he had to swim his horse through the breakers around several points and over creeks swollen by the rain. The residents were much alarmed over his absence, and searching parties were out after him Sunday and Monday. He succeeded in returning to Seaside last night.

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For Infants and Children.
The Kind You Have Always Bought
Bears the Signature of Chas. H. Fletcher.

LECTURE AT STATE UNIVERSITY.

Hon. E. Hofer Discusses the Subject of Municipal Finances.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Feb. 18.—Hon. E. Hofer, editor of the Salem Capital Journal, lectured tonight to the students and instructors of the University on the subject of "Municipal Finances." In his lecture Mr. Hofer presented the non-partisan business plan of city administration as established and conducted in Salem for the past three years, and as introduced in Marion County, under the subject of Municipal Finance. The lecture presented the present condition of American cities under political rule, the obstacle to be overcome, and the Salem plan of remedy which has worked so well in that community. He held that a freeholder's charter made by business men, with a programme of the administration made and put into effect by the same class of citizens without regard to party lines or personal grafts, with officials selected from all parties without the intervention of the machine, is the only way to put a city government into proper shape. He proved that this was possible in a political stronghold like the Capital City without injury to party lines and with the greatest results for good government. Incidentally he advocated the popular loan plan of carrying a municipal debt, and showed that the new Portland charter in its refunding provision created three distinct preferences that would either give the local banker a monopoly, or else be declared void for inconsistency in the courts.

At the assembly tomorrow morning Mr. Hofer will address the students on the relation of poetry to art and life.

DECIDE ON CITIZENS' TICKET.

Independent Voters of Clackamas County Hold Convention.

OREGON CITY, Feb. 18.—A called meeting of citizens of Clackamas County was held in this city today, attended by 40 persons of various political faiths. There were a few independent Republicans, Democrats, Populists and Socialists. Robert A. Miller (Dem.) called the meeting to order, and O. W. Robbins (Dem.) was elected secretary. The object of the meeting was to consider ways and means of ridding the taxpayers of unnecessary burdens. Speeches were made and an adjournment was taken until 1 P. M. The afternoon meeting voted to make the incumbent officers permanent. The question of a name and a plan of procedure was the subject of considerable discussion. Some Democrats desired the movement as a citizens' movement, whereupon half a dozen straight-out Democrats bolted. A motion was then carried "that it is the sense of this meeting that a citizens' ticket be put in the field at the June elections." Resolutions were adopted authorizing the chairman to appoint a committee of nine to draft an address to the voters and to make a call for a Citizens' convention and to apportion delegates to the same.

Wrecking Gear for Bertha.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Feb. 18.—The wrecking gear of the British Columbia Salvage Company left this evening on the steamer Trader for Kwakume Point, Fitzhugh Sound, the scene of the wreck of the steamer Bertha. The outfit includes every necessary appliance to patch up the vessel and make her temporarily taut that she may be floated and brought down. It is compulsory on the part of the owners of the vessel to use a Canadian wrecking outfit for the reason the vessel was wrecked in Canadian waters. The steamer Trader will remain at the scene of the wreck while the temporary repairs are being made, and she will stand by the Bertha when the vessel is floated. After the hole in the starboard bow of the Bertha is patched, centrifugal pumps will be installed aboard the vessel and operated to keep the water in her hold down while she is steaming down the coast. There is no question that the Bertha will come down under her own steam. It is probable that the Trader will pick up the cargo which the Bertha discharged.

Heaviest Rainfall Ever Known.

PORT TOWNSEND, Wash., Feb. 18.—Reports of much damage by the recent heavy rain-storm are coming in from the mountain districts of Jefferson and Callam Counties. All mountain streams were the highest ever known, and rains caused many landslides, which, in some instances filled up streams, changing their course, also making lakes out of small valleys until the water cut in new channels to the sea. Neah Bay is the only place where the record of rainfall was kept. At that place, from Friday until Monday, little over seven inches of rain fell, which is the heaviest fall ever known for a similar period in that section. The coast section is sparsely settled, and thus far no serious damage has been reported.

Girl Will Be Sent Home.

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 18.—Louise Linde, a San Francisco girl, was taken into custody here tonight by the local police, and will be sent to her home by the next steamer. She told the police that the reason she left her home was because of the treatment she had received. She is anxious to return to her home. The Linde girl has been in the city for the past four weeks. Numerous telegrams were received from San Francisco, and finally the police succeeded in locating her.

Big Offer for Mines.

BOISE, Idaho, Feb. 18.—Ben Caswell, head of the family of Caswell brothers, by whom Thunder Mountain was discovered, returned this evening from an Eastern trip. He states he received several offers in Pittsburg of $100,000 cash for Sunnyside property which he and his brothers own in the district. The offers were refused, he said, because the present owners intended to retain the property.

Coughing?

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Fell Dead in His Room in Hotel.

GARFIELD, Wash., Feb. 18.—H. C. Woolmington, traveling salesman for a spool cotton company of San Francisco, fell dead in his room at the Merchants Hotel here, while preparing to retire last night. The body was discovered this morning. Coroner Mitchell decided death was due to heart disease, and no inquest was held. The watch, money and other property of the deceased were lying on the dresser. There was no sign of a struggle, and death was apparently instantaneous. Deceased was 45 years old, and left a wife and children in San Francisco, where the body will be sent for burial.

Oil Drill Stops Work for Time.

SPRINGFIELD, Feb. 18.—Work has again been suspended on the drilling of the oil well at this place. This time the delay is caused by an accident which occurred Saturday, when the boiler burst or sprung a leak so as to blow the steam and water into the fire box. A new boiler will be secured at once and work resumed.

New Penitentiary Physician.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Feb. 18.—It is announced that Dr. Howard R. Keylor has been appointed physician at the penitentiary, vice Dr. J. F. Cropp, term expired.

January Convict Labor Account.

SALEM, Feb. 18.—The Loewenberg-Going Company today paid into the state treasury $980 93 for convict labor in the penitentiary stove foundry during January.

Oregon Mining Stock Exchange.

PORTLAND, Feb. 18.

Yesterday's quotations were:

	Bid.	Asked.
Alaska M. & M.	9⅝	11
Adams Mountain	2⅝	5¾
Bronze Monarch	17⅜	18½
Caribou	2⅝	5
Copperopolis	20	1 00
Crystal Consolidated	14⅞	17
Chicago	7⅞	9
Cascade Calumet	2⅞	5
Gold Hill & Bohemia	9⅝	20
Huronian	5⅞	7
Lost Horse	2⅞	5½
Oregon-Colorado M. M. & D.	24⅞	28
Riverside	¼	½
Sumpter Consolidated	2⅞	3¾
Sweden Copper (Gtd.)	87⅞	90
Winnipeg (Ltd.)	9⅞	12

Sales:	Price.
500 Caribou	2⅝
1600 Oregon-Colorado	25

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 18.—Official closing quotations of mining stocks:

Alta	$0 04	Justice	$0 09
Andes	5	Mexican	9½
Belcher	4	Occidental Con	8
Best & Belcher	24	Ophir	95
Bullion	2	Overman	7
Caledonia	27	Potosi	11
Challenge Con	16	Savage	7
Chollar	11	Sierra Nevada	1
Confidence	55	Silver Hill	39
Con. Cal. & Va.	1 30	Standard	3 20
Crown Point	6	Union Con	22
Gould & Curry	13	Utah Con	2
Hale & Norcross	30	Yellow Jacket	17

NEW YORK, Feb. 18.—Mining stocks today closed as follows:

Adams Con	$0 20	Little Chief	$0 12
Alice	45	Ontario	6 75
Breece	65	Ophir	90
Brunswick Con	9	Phoenix	4
Comstock Tunnel	5	Potosi	9
Con. Cal. & Va.	1 20	Savage	5
Deadwood Terra	50	Sierra Nevada	10
Horn Silver	1 40	Small Hopes	30
Iron Silver	64	Standard	3 20
Leadville Con	5		

BOSTON, Feb. 18.—Closing quotations:

Adventure	$ 21 25	Osceola	$ 77 00
Allouez	3 25	Parrott	31 37
Amalgamated	68 75	Quincy	1 40
Baltic	39 50	Santa Fe Cop.	3 25
Bingham	23 00	Tamarack	250 00
Cal. & Hecla	620 00	Trimountain	85 00
Centennial	14 00	Trinity	11 50
Copper Range	59 50	United States	18 25
Dominion Coal	23 00	Utah	24 00
Franklin	13 50	Victoria	5 25
Isle Royale	21 00	Winona	1 50
Mohawk	34 25	Wolverines	50 50
Old Dominion	21 25		

SPOKANE, Feb. 18.—The closing quotations of mining stocks today were:

	Bid.	Ask.		Bid.	Ask.
Amer. Boy	7	8½	Mtn. Lion	32¼	33
Blacktail	12½	14	Morrison		3½
Ben Hur	13¼	15¾	Prin. Maud	3⅜	3⅞
Butte & Bos.	2	2⅝	Ramb. Car	84	90
Deer Trail	2	2¼	Republic	9½	11¼
Fish'maiden	5⅞	6⅞	Sullivan	9	10
Gold Ledge	1⅜	2	Tom Thumb	23⅛	25⅝
L. Dreyfus	¾	1⅜	Trade Dollar	8	10
L. P. Surp.	7	7½			

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