VOTES TALK TODAY

Marion Republicans Will Battle at Primaries.

GEER PEOPLE DENY SIMON

Every Slate With Simon Men on It, However, Will Be for Geer—Facts on Which Opposition Bases Claim of Alliance.

SALEM, Or., March 13.—The hottest political fight Salem ever saw is what is predicted for tomorrow's Republican primary election. Some of the leaders were at work until long after midnight tonight, while others went to bed early in order to get a good rest before the battle. Charges of illegal registration have been made, and it is stated upon good authority tonight that arrests will be made if certain persons undertake to vote. The side threatened calls this a bluff. The primaries will not open until 12 o'clock, so all the forenoon can be spent marshalling the forces. Inquiry of leaders tonight elicits the information that none of the slates has been finally completed, and none will be made public until the polls open. The polls will close at 6 o'clock, so the results should be known by 10 o'clock. The returns cannot be received from some country precincts tomorrow night, so if the election should be close it is possible that the outcome will not be finally determined tomorrow night.

Registration has been very active today. The number enrolled in the Clerk's office was 116, and probably as many more will be registered by notaries. In Salem No. 2, where the heat of battle will be centered, the registration was heaviest today. This afternoon a committee of eight anti-Simon men in Salem No. 2 called upon State Treasurer Moore and Secretary Dunbar, two of the members of the board of trustees of the insane asylum, and represented that about 20 employes of that institution have registered in Salem No. 2, though many of them have never claimed a residence there prior to this time. They protested against this being permitted. It was stated tonight that the committee will wait upon the whole board tomorrow, and present the facts in the matter. The contention of the Simon-Geer people is that a man employed at a state institution can claim his residence where he pleases, and that by staying over night in a precinct he can establish his residence there. They say this rule always has prevailed, and that there is no reason why it should be changed now.

Owing to the fact that this campaign is being made upon entirely different lines from what have ever been drawn heretofore, the outcome is a matter of pure speculation. That Simon cannot get a working force in the county convention is generally believed, and the chief difference of opinion is as to the strength Governor Geer will have. Some of the slates have been framed upon local issues, and it is, therefore, impossible to determine how the delegates will vote on the organization of the county convention. The anti-Simon-Geer people assert that they have made strong gains in the last week from the ranks of those who believe that Oregon should not return to the United States Senate a man who will abandon his post of duty and travel across the Continent in order to force himself upon a people who would otherwise repudiate him. Marion County is most decidedly not in favor of Simon's return to the Senate. This is the sentiment expressed on every hand, and there are but very few who will openly espouse his cause. The friends of Geer, while working with the Simon people, and in Simon's favor, deny their allegiance to Simon. Yet many people believe that a vote for Geer tomorrow will also be a vote for Simon, and no amount of denial will change their opinion.

Geer and Multnomah.

Every man who has studied the situation at all knows that if Geer gets any strength in Multnomah County he must get it from Simon and his friends. Every man who knows Simon's methods in politics knows that the Senator will not help Geer unless Geer's friends help him in return. Simon's only hope for re-election is to get the Multnomah delegation, and then trade upon it for outside help. Without the support of the Multnomah delegation Geer's chances for renomination would be very small, and for that reason the people are ready to believe that Geer's friends here are lining up to help Simon.

But if this necessity for a combination of forces were not sufficient to support the belief that Simon and Geer are working together, the fact that Ed Croisan is leading the Geer forces would make the evidence conclusive. Croisan was superintendent of the State Reform School when Geer became Governor. He opposed Geer's nomination with as much vigor as he supported Lord. One of Geer's first acts was to vote to oust Croisan, though he had not completed his four-year term. Croisan was not then, and has not since been, a warm supporter of Geer. But he is Simon's manager in Marion County, and wants the votes of Geer's friends to help his friend. He is willing to give his aid as a political leader in return for votes which Simon could not otherwise secure. He has brought order out of chaos in the Geer ranks, and expects to get a Simon legislative delegation in return for his services. Every one who knows Ed Croisan knows that he is not working for Geer merely because he wants to see Geer renominated. If that were the only issue, Mr. Croisan would "go 'way back and sit down."

Simon Slates, Geer Slates.

Nor is this all. Every slate in the primaries with Simon men on it will be a Geer slate. None of the opposition slates have Simon men on them. If it be a fact that Simon and Geer are not working together, the coincidence just mentioned is most wonderful. No Simon man can be found opposing Geer. In view of this line-up, which every Republican in the county knows to be the actual situation, it follows as an unavoidable consequence that Simon and Geer are working on combination slates.

These are the facts which the anti-Simon people in Marion County have cited in the hope of breaking the combination. Many of them would be pleased to aid in Geer's renomination if the slates were not so framed as to impose upon their loyalty to Geer. In the face of all these facts, the Geer people have denied that an alliance exists. This does not apply to all the Geer people. There are some who do not believe in the policy of denying an alliance which every one knows must exist. They have advised that the better policy would be openly to proclaim the union and go before the people upon that issue. Being in the minority, they have acquiesced in the plan of campaign, and have kept quiet. The Simon people do not and never have denied the combination. In deference to the wishes of Geer's friends, they do not openly declare that there is a union of forces. They perhaps realize that they will get many votes by keeping quiet that they could not get if they made a fight with Simon the main issue.

The continued denial of the Simon-Geer combination is likely to work Simon's defeat in this county. On the Simon-Geer slates are many names of men who are opposed to the re-election of Simon. When the delegations are elected, these men will refuse to vote for a Simon organization of the county convention. When accused of disloyalty, they will answer: "We went on the slates and were elected upon the express understanding that the slates were not for Simon. You told us that to begin with, and now you can't force us to vote for a Simon organization."

Geer People Deny Simon.

The Geer people are denying Simon today. If the Senator should be defeated in Multnomah County, they will continue to deny him. But if he should be victorious, many of them who now deny him will shout for joy and declare that they were always for Simon. But even with Simon a victor in Multnomah, he cannot get votes enough in Marion County to give him the support of the legislative ticket. He may be able to land a man or two, through the influence of Geer's friends, but by his own strength he can get nothing by an open fight in Marion County.

If you have no right to vote or have taken the boss' money, have your bail bond ready before going near the polls. You will need it.

SAID TO HAVE FORGED BIG NOTE.

Peculiar Transaction of Man If He Was Bent on Defrauding Any One.

HILLSBORO, Or., March 13.—Papers are being sworn out for the arrest of John Siemar, formerly of Meppen, Ill., and now supposed to be at that place. Siemar came to Washington County last Fall. About the 1st of January he was married to Miss Rose Mauss, a daughter of Jacob Mauss, a well-to-do German farmer, residing near Greenville. About this time he contracted for a farm from A. J. Roy, agreeing to pay between $4000 and $5000 for the land. When it came to payment, he represented that he had money in the East, for which he was waiting, and asked for further time. He paid Roy a few hundred dollars on the place, and afterward paid him for the personal property. A few days ago he came to this city with a note for $1500, signed by himself, with Bernard Osterman, a relative residing near Centerville, and Jacob Mauss, his father-in-law, as sureties. One of the merchants went to the bank with him and identified the signatures, and the Shute Bank cashed the paper. Both Mauss and Osterman disclaim the signatures. Siemar then paid the largest part of the sum to Roy, and soon thereafter left for the East, leaving his young wife with her parents. The strange part of the whole proceeding is that Siemar paid nearly all the amount received for the forged note to Mr. Roy, a peculiar transaction if he intended defrauding any one. It is possible that Siemar has not returned to Illinois, although he has been in correspondence with his wife since leaving here. Many think that Siemar hoped that his relatives at Meppen would aid him to take up the paper before the matter became public. His parents are said to be quite wealthy. The bank has taken charge of the personal property.

FOURTH APPEAL TO COURT.

Fight in Marion County Over Estate of Multnomah Man.

SALEM, March 13.—A fourth appeal to the Circuit Court has just been filed in the matter of the administration of the estate of E. M. Fredrich, deceased, a former resident of Multnomah County. Fredrich died at Aurora, this county, September 16, 1900, and two days later Dr. D. F. Lane, of this city, was appointed administrator of the estate. C. V. Wintzingerode and John Rieger, of Multnomah County, subsequently attempted to secure the removal of Lane, alleging that the estate should properly be probated in Multnomah County, of which decedent was a resident at the time of his death. The Marion County Court has thrice held that it had jurisdiction in the case. Three times Circuit Court Judge Boise has reversed the County Court and remanded the case to that court for a rehearing. The true value of the estate has never been ascertained, but the principal item involved is a chest, on deposit with the Union Title & Trust Company in Portland. The chest is supposed to contain $4000 in gold. Gantenbein & Veazie, of Portland, and F. A. Turner, of this city, are attorneys for the contestants, while Dr. Lane is represented by Webster and Frank Holmes, of this city.

BIG THINGS FOR COOS BAY.

Beaver Hill Coal Mine Will Be Developed on Extensive Scale.

W. S. Chandler, manager of the Coos Bay, Roseburg & Eastern Railroad & Navigation Company, who has just returned from San Francisco, brings goods news as to the development of its property and enlargement of its business on Coos Bay, says the Daily Coast Mail, of Marshfield.

Work at the Beaver Hill mine will be pushed to the limit, and in a short time about 200 men will be employed. To handle the products two steamers will be put on between Coos Bay and San Francisco.

Improvements are also to be made in the arrangement for loading the steamers, and when the shipment of coal begins in earnest they will be loaded direct from the cars.

Mr. Chandler pronounces without foundation the report which is circulated in the Valley papers to the effect that the railroad will be extended 20 miles this season, but it is only a matter of a short time when the road will be put through. With the development now in sight we can afford to wait a few years for the benefits to flow from the completion of the road.

Oregon Mining Stock Exchange.

PORTLAND, March 13.

Yesterday's quotations were:

	Bid.	Asked.
Alaska M. & M.	9¼	11
Bronze Monarch	17½	18¼
Carthou	3	5½
Copperopolis	20	1 00
Crystal Consolidated	14½	17½
Chicago	7½	8½
Cascade Calumet	2½	4
Gold Hill & Bohemia	9½	15
Huronian	5½	7½
Lost Horse	2½	6
Oregon-Colorado M. M. & D.	24½	40
Riverside	¼	½
Sumpter Consolidated	2½	3½
Sweden Copper (Gtd.)	87½	90
Winnipeg (Ltd.)	9½	14
Sales:		Price.
1000 Bronze Monarch		17½
1000 Chicago		7½
1000 Lost Horse		3

SPOKANE, March 13.—The closing quotations of mining stocks were:

	Bid.	Ask.		Bid.	Ask.
Amer. Boy	7	7½	Quilp	52¼	...
Blacktail	12½	12¾	Ramb. Car	...	87
Butte & Bos.	2¾	3¼	Republic	9¼	10½
Ben Hur	14	15	Reservation	½	1½
Deer Trail	2¾	4	Ross. Giant	...	32
Fish'malden	5	...	Sullivan	8½	9½
Gold Ledge	1½	1¾	Tom Thumb	23	23½
L. P. Surp.	7¾	7¾	Trade Dollar	10	11
Mtn. Lion	29¾	32½	San Poil	27	32
Morn. Glory	3½	3½	Jim Blaine	2¾	4
Prin. Maud	3½	8½			

SAN FRANCISCO, March 13.—Official closing quotations of mining stocks:

Alta	$0 04	Kentuck Con	$0 01
Andes	3	Mexican	30
Belcher	5	Occidental Con	6
Best & Belcher	22	Ophir	98
Bullion	2	Overman	9
Caledonia	41	Potosi	10
Challenge Con	20	Savage	5
Chollar	8	Seg. Belcher	3
Confidence	60	Sierra Nevada	14
Crown Point	5	Silver Hill	57
Gould & Curry	9	Union Con	25
Hale & Norcross	27	Utah Con	5
Justice	9	Yellow Jacket	17

NEW YORK, March 13.—Mining stocks today closed as follows:

Adams Con	$0 25	Little Chief	$0 11
Alice	45	Ontario	7 75
Breece	50	Ophir	86
Brunswick Con	7	Phoenix	6
Comstock Tunnel	5	Potosi	8
Con. Cal. & Va.	1 25	Savage	5
Deadwood Terra	50	Sierra Nevada	10
Horn Silver	1 40	Small Hopes	50
Iron Silver	73	Standard	3 35
Leadville Con	5		

BOSTON, March 13.—Closing quotations:

Adventure	$ 21 00	Osceola	$ 83 00
Allouez	4 00	Parrott	30 50
Amalgamated	64 87	Quincy	135 00
Baltic	48 25	Santa Fe Cop.	3 50
Bingham	23 00	Tamarack	180 00
Cal. & Hecla	600 00	Trimountain	100 00
Centennial	20 00	Trinity	14 00
Copper Range	68 00	United States	17 87
Dominion Coal	106 50	Utah	22 00
Franklin	12 50	Victoria	5 62
Isle Royale	17 00	Winona	1 50
Mohawk	85 00	Wolverines	52 00
Old Dominion	19 00		

Put an end to ring rule and bossism.

BUILDING MAY BE TIED UP

SEATTLE EMPLOYERS THREATEN TO DISCHARGE UNION MEN.

Their Fellows Now Out Must Return to Work Monday to Put an End to Plan.

SEATTLE, March 13.—The employers of building tradesmen declare that unless the tradesmen who are now out return to their work by Monday of next week all the union building tradesmen now at work will be discharged and building operations entirely suspended. This decision on the part of the contractors was announced at the meeting of the employers' association which was held last night. This determination on the part of the employers, if it is strictly adhered to, as there is every reason to believe it will, means that the city will be practically tied up, so far as building operations are concerned.

HEAD WARDEN HAS SMALLPOX.

There Are Now 13 Cases at Steilacoom Insane Asylum.

OLYMPIA, March 13.—There are now 13 cases of smallpox at the Steilacoom insane asylum, and included among them is Head Warden Colby. Three cases are severe, and Mr. Colby is most afflicted, though the hospital management apprehends no really serious results. The disease obtained a hold in the asylum by means of a patient brought in some time ago. When he was being bathed by Mr. Colby and another attendant, it was noticed that he had some skin disease, but it was not thought it was smallpox. However, Saturday last, smallpox developed from the patient. As all those having the disease are isolated in the wing just completed, there is little danger of it spreading to any extent.

HOBOS! ILLEGAL VOTERS! BEWARE!

The police cannot "square" it.

If you attempt to vote at the primary election Saturday you will be arrested.

Sheriff Frazier says:

"My deputies will be at the polls instructed to arrest all illegal voters."

Watchers and challengers will have complete information concerning every man in the precinct. Arrested persons will be prosecuted. Here is District Attorney Chamberlain's warning:

"Illegal voters will be prosecuted. The election must be honest."

The penalty is fine and imprisonment.

And the police cannot "square" it.

FALLS FROM SCHOOLHOUSE ROOF.

Junior at Baker City Was Trying to Remove Senior Class Flag.

BAKER CITY, March 13.—Milo Newton, the 22-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Newton, fell from the roof of the High School building tonight to the ground, 50 feet, sustaining a fracture of the nose and right thigh. He, with other students of the junior class, was making an effort to remove the class flag of the seniors, which had been put on a high wire. The accident has caused much sorrow here, the lad being very popular with his mates.

Northwest Military Orders.

VANCOUVER BARRACKS, March 13.—Major Edward E. Hardin has been detailed as special inspector for the purpose of inspecting certain Quartermaster stores now in Portland.

W. N. Powell, Hospital Corps, has been detailed as acting hospital steward, and assigned the duty at Vancouver Barracks.

First Lieutenant Raymond H. Fenner, Artillery Corps Recorder, will assemble here as soon as possible, after March 16, the following board of officers, who will conduct the preliminary examinations of those applicants for promotion to the rank of Second Lieutenant in the regular Army: Colonel Tully McCrea, Major Rudolph G. Ebert, Major John T. Van Orsdale and Captain Harry L. Hawthorne and Lieutenant Harry L. Gilchrist.

Lieutenant Harry E. Mitchell has been granted a 15 days' leave.

Colonel Tully McCrea, after completing his business at Fort Casey and Fort Worden, will go to Fort Stevens, as he has been detailed as a member of a general court-martial ordered to be held there.

Pacific University Delegates.

PACIFIC UNIVERSITY, FOREST GROVE, March 13.—The local oratorical association has elected the following students as delegates to the state oratorical contest: Senior class—Abe Meresse and Fred Day; junior class—Edgar Meresse and W. G. Have; sphomore class—C. H. Williams, chairman of delegation, and I. D. Gibson; freshman class—Horace Thomas and H. V. Belnapp.

The students held a business meeting in Marsh Hall yesterday, and decided that hereafter election of student body officers shall be by the Australian ballot system. A tax was voted on each student of the university to help defray the expenses of the delegates to the state oratorical contest, to be held at Salem tomorrow.

Wins Damage Suit Against Spokane.

OLYMPIA, March 13.—The Supreme Court yesterday affirmed the judgment of the lower court whereby Mrs. William C. Durham secured damages against the City of Spokane for the sum of $12,000 for personal injuries from a fall through the sidewalk on Riverside avenue, in August 1899. At the trial in the Supreme Court of Spokane County, the jury gave a verdict in her favor for $17,000. The trial Judge, on the ground that it was excessive, gave the alternative of standing a new trial, or cutting the amount to $12,000, which latter Mrs. Durham elected. The City of Spokane appealed on several assignments of error.

Trout for Hatchery.

OREGON CITY, March 13.—Superintendent J. Nelson Wisner, of the Clackamas Salmon Hatchery, has turned out 30,000 fry to make room for 200,000 brook trout from the United States Fish Commission at Leadville, Colo., 100,000 of which were received February 25 and 100,000 last Saturday. The hatchery now contains 500,000 young salmon. One hundred thousand lake trout were shipped to the hatchery yesterday from the station at Duluth, Minn.

Brought Back by Officer.

SALEM, March 13.—Constable J. H. Lewis returned this morning from Ashland, having in custody Ralph Bland and George Koontz, who were arrested there for larceny in an office, committed in Turner one night last week. The men are charged with breaking into the Southern Pacific depot at Turner and stealing two tickets to San Francisco. The fact that the tickets had not been regularly stamped aroused the suspicion of the conductor to whom the tickets were presented, and resulted in the arrest of the men at Ashland.

Bland and Koontz were arraigned before Justice O'Donald this afternoon, and by consent their cases were continued until 10 A. M. Monday.

Just Out From Thunder Mountain.

SPOKANE, March 13.—A Mountain Home special to the Spokesman-Review says:

A. W. McMorran, ex-Councilman of Spokane, arrived here tonight from the new gold camp of Thunder Mountain. He reports that about 100 men are now there. Provisions cannot be bought. Salt and sugar are very scarce. Deep snow prevents building. Mr. McMorran is convinced that the district is a rich one. Coming out he met 22 men along the trail. Two had horses, but the others were dragging their supplies on rawhides, or carrying them on their backs. The snow is deeper now than it was in mid-Winter, and snowshoes are needed for the greater part of the way.

Good Progress on Irrigation Ditch.

NORTH YAKIMA, Wash., March 13.—Thomas Cooper, of the Northern Pacific Railroad, was in the city yesterday, after visiting Kennewick, and inspecting the lands which the company is now engaged in putting under water. It is learned that the price of the land will average about $25 an acre, according to character. This is approximately the cost of getting it ready for the market. No land will be sold to speculators, and every contract will contain a residence clause. Not more than 40 acres will be sold to one person, and the tracts will be smaller near town. The canal will be completed early in the Summer.

Indictment Is Faulty.

TACOMA, Wash., March 13.—Captain Joseph DeVries, of the Dutch steamship Wilhelmina, now at Port Townsend, who was indicted for unlawfully bringing Chinese into the United States, through his attorneys in the Federal Court this morning demurred to the bill, and Judge Hanford sustained the demurrer, declaring the instrument faulty. The lawyers are now sorry they demurred, for Judge Hanford held DeVries and all witnesses to await the action of the next grand jury, which will meet in Spokane in April. The case cannot come to trial until May 1.

Hot War on Gambling.

OREGON CITY, March 13.—The war against gambling is being carried on vigorously by the ministers of this city, headed by Rev. A. J. Montgomery. Petitions are being circulated throughout the city, and are receiving many signatures. Mr. Montgomery said this afternoon that in some instances people had refused to sign the petition unless it called for the removal of Chief of Police Burns, but he refuses to consent to this, and says he does not attach any blame to the police, as they act under the direction of the Mayor.

Supreme Court Cases Set for Trial.

SALEM, Or., March 13.—The Supreme Court today arranged its calendar for the week beginning Monday, March 24, as follows:

March 24—Ida M. Tobin et al. vs. the Portland Flouring Mills Company et al.

March 25—Ida M. Tobin et al. vs. the Portland Flouring Mills Company et al.

March 26—School District No. 110 vs. H. M. Palmer et al.

March 27—Pacific States Savings, Loan & Building Company vs. Augusta M. Spurrier et al.

Homeseekers' Pamphlet.

BAKER CITY, Or., March 13.—The subject-matter for the homeseekers' pamphlet prepared by O. L. Miller has been approved by the board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce, and the pamphlet will soon be issued. It deals with mines, farms, stockraising, lumbering, fruitgrowing and other matters of interest to the prospective settler. The secretary has called for bids for printing 25,000 copies for distribution by the passenger department of the O. R. & N.

Light-and-Water Proposition.

MEDFORD, Or., March 13.—The proposition of the Fish Lake & Irrigation Company to furnish Medford with water and electric lights is being considered by the city. The company offers to furnish the water and light for half the present rates. The city owns its light plant, but purchases water. E. D. Morse, superintendent of construction of the ditch, says the first 17 miles of the ditch have been practically completed and work will soon be begun on section 2.

Coaches for Thunder Mountain Line.

REDROCK, March 13.—F. W. Folger, superintendent of the Redrock and Salmon City stage line, has purchased 17 passenger Concord coaches, for use on the route to Thunder Mountain. The trail from Salmon City has been open for about 10 days, and as a result an almost steady stream of prospectors is wending its way toward the new gold fields. Yesterday a party of 30 miners from Victor, Colo., left Redrock for Thunder Mountain.

University's New Departments.

BERKELEY, Cal., March 13.—Two new departments have been created in the University of California, and two Eastern educators have been selected to fill them. The appointees are Professor Adolph C. Miller, of the University of Chicago, and Professor Henry Morse E. Stephens, of Cornell University. The former will be professor of political economy and commerce, and the latter will be professor of history and director of university extension.

New Head for State Insane Asylum.

OLYMPIA, Wash., March 13.—Governor McBride today appointed Dr. C. M. Parks, of Tacoma, Superintendent of the Western Washington Hospital for the Insane at Steilacoom, and also appointed Edward O. Free, of Olympia, State Armorer. Both appointments will date from April 1.

New Cases of Smallpox.

VANCOUVER, Wash., March 13.—Two new cases of smallpox have been reported here during the week. All of those previously reported as being afflicted with the disease have recovered. The authorities are taking every possible precaution to prevent the spread of the disease.

Tax-Paying Rush Continues.

ASTORIA, March 13.—The rush of property-owners to take advantage of the 3 per cent discount allowed on taxes on the 1901 list paid before March 15 still continues. Up to the present over $70,000 have been collected. The full roll amounts to about $133,000.

New Sawmill Starts Up.

NEEDY, Or., March 13.—Yoder's sawmill, three miles southeast of here, has resumed operations. The mill burned down last August, and has just been rebuilt. Its capacity is 10,000 feet of lumber daily, or double the capacity of the former mill.

Indebtedness of Corvallis.

CORVALLIS, Or., March 13.—As shown by the official financial exhibit, the indebtedness of the City of Corvallis is $17,772 on the general fund, and $500 on the street fund. Of this year's taxes, but $72 has been collected.

Postoffice to Be Advanced.

WASHINGTON, March 13.—The following fourth-class postoffices will be advanced to the Presidential class April 1: California, South Pasadena and Avalon; Montana, Choteau; Washington, Buckley.

Received at Asylum.

SALEM, March 13.—May Bell Nordstrom, aged 20 years, was today received at the insane asylum from Coos County.

HEAVY ELECTRICAL STORM

PORT TOWNSEND HOUSES TREMBLE AND GLASSWARE RATTLES.

Heavens One Glare of Lightning for Nearly an Hour—Much Sleet and Hail.

PORT TOWNSEND, Wash., March 13.—The westerly storm which prevailed here and over the Straits of Fuca terminated this morning at 1 o'clock in an electrical storm of unusual violence. The heavens for nearly an hour were one glare of lightning, and one peal of thunder after another caused houses to tremble and glassware to rattle. Just before the electrical storm there was a heavy fall of hail and sleet. Reports from off Cape Flattery state that the storm yesterday was of unusual force, driving the entire halibut fleet of schooners up the straits as far as Port Angeles for shelter.

Bunco Game of Timber Cruisers.

The survey being made by the Northern Pacific for a railroad along the coast in Western Jefferson and Clallam Counties and to the Straits of Fuca has caused a demand for timber lands in that portion of the Olympic reserve recently thrown open by the Government, and as a result timber cruisers are conducting a bunco game, several victims having returned from there. The cruisers take the intended victim and show him a piece of land thickly timbered, but give him a description of vacant land on which there is no timber. After paying the cruiser $50 to $100, the men proceed to the Land Office and file on the land from the description given them.

More Soldiers for Fort Flagler.

The force of coast artillery at Fort Flagler is being increased. Yesterday 36 recruits in charge of Captain Charles L. Farnsworth were landed there.

Justice Clears Paddy Lynch.

ASTORIA, March 13.—Justice Goodman today handed down a decision in the case, tried yesterday, of Paddy Lynch and Charles Herbert, charged with the larceny of a trunk from a warehouse. He ordered the defendants discharged on condition that they return the trunk to the complaining witness.

Finest Nugget of the Season.

GRANT'S PASS, Or., March 13.—Eugene Hays and his partner brought into town today the finest nugget of the season, weighing about 7½ ounces and worth $125. It was found in the Oscar Creek mine, owned by Hays, Jewell & Moore, about 15 miles from here.

Quarantine Will Soon Be Raised.

ASTORIA, March 13.—The laborer at Fort Columbia who was stricken with smallpox some time ago is recovering rapidly. As no other cases have developed there, it is the intention to remove the quarantine from the place on Saturday.

New Great Northern Shops.

ST. PAUL, March 13.—The plans for the four new shops to be erected by the Great Northern are completed. The total cost of the new buildings and contents will be $700,000.

Oregon Notes.

William Gamble, of Kentuck Slough, Coos County, has ordered a gasoline launch, to be used in connection with his ranch.

Weston's opera-house has been sold to the Knights of Pythias, Woodmen of the World and Odd Fellows. Within a short time Weston promises to have as fine a lodge hall as can be found in Eastern Oregon.

PERTINENT OBSERVATIONS.

If Mr. Simon Is "Not in This Contest" He Should Have Remained in Washington.

PORTLAND, March 13.—(To the Editor.)—If Mr. Simon wins under existing conditions, the precedents that have usually prevailed for more than a century will have a strange exception, viewed from every interest involved.

Had Mr. Simon stood loyally to his post doing his utmost for his state, his constituency and his country until January, 1903, he would have done the natural thing, followed the precedents of more than a century, and had a far better claim to the calm consideration of an unbiased Oregon Legislature than any other citizen could have had.

With a record of four years served during which questions of the most vital importance to the Pacific Coast were constantly arising, no man ever had better opportunity to prove the genius that was at his command.

Our legislators should be selected because of their fitness to best serve the state, without regard to their relation to men or rings, and but for the infusion of this pernicious personality into politics no man would have had an even show with an able, faithful representative, whose every ability and personality was woven into every pending issue. Had Mr. Simon stood at his post no other man would or could have selected or elected a Legislature to subserve his personal ambition.

Joseph Simon is responsible for the present issue, and no other man is seeking to control the nomination of the State Legislature in his individual interest. We frankly admit that Mr. Simon's absence from the Senate is doing no harm to that body, but for the simple reason that he has introduced no measure that is under consideration, and he is of no force in espousing or opposing the great questions that agitate the Senate, and by his absence he admits the fact. The men who today are ostensibly supporting Mr. Simon are not doing so because he has made a record in the Senate, or because they believe he will do so, or because they think him worthy of the office. He comes to link his cause to theirs, to form a combine in which he says they will sink or swim together. He says he is not in this fight, but he so attaches his fortunes to the men he assumes to befriend that if they win his fight is won, not on his merits, but on theirs. Many of the men thus embraced by the would-be octopus are able, worthy, efficient men, needing none of his help, either before or after nomination, if allowed to run untrammeled on their individual merit.

Mr. Simon links them to a ring in which all must be nominated if they win; destroys their individuality so that they must carry the entire load or go down. He forces the opposition to defeat all or none, and seeks to compel the people to accept the combine as a whole or himself included. Not only is such the fact, but many who aspire for individual place are led to believe that they are on the slate and their support is solicited to strengthen the machine.

Men who feel under obligations to the Senator for past favors, and now neither want his aid, nor to be weighted down by his cause, are in the dilemma of having to accept the combine or be fought by it. They are sorry he is here, and not wishing to show ingratitude, will not shake him off, but would be greatly relieved could they honestly win and yet let his Legislative ticket go down in defeat. With such a result their contest would end at the convention. If the barnacle must be carried, the real fight for them must be at the polls.

Some things are not tolerated by an aroused citizenship, and with an eye to common fairness, let the people take Mr. Simon at his word, and believe that he is not in this contest. Support the individual, but not a ring.

One result means to make the Senatorial fight from now until the closing hours of the Legislature of 1903. The other result means to let Senator Simon return to his task, and take up the Senatorial question when the Legislature convenes. H. C. M.

DAILY CITY STATISTICS.

Birth Reports.

March 8, to the wife of William H. Druschel, 445 Seventh street; a daughter.

March 10, to the wife of Matthew Bommer, 51 North Twelfth street; a daughter.

March 7, to the wife of Jacob Burbach, corner Union and Fremont; a daughter.

Death Reports.

March 12, infant daughter of Jacob Burbach, aged five days; suffocation in bed with mother.

Contagious Diseases.

Child of William MacMasters, 235 Ford street; chicken-pox.

John Shea, from railroad camp near The Dalles; smallpox.

Mae Fowler, 102 Thirty-ninth street East; diphtheria.

Real Estate Transfers.

Alliance Trust Company to C. W. Gay, lots 2 and 7, block 129, East Portland	$ 2,500
Olivia J. Leonard and husband to City & Suburban Railway Company, 2392.40 square feet, Leonard Tract	200
Richard L. Dunn et al. to Earl C. Bronaugh, 8.8 acres, section 36, T. 1 N., R. 1 E.	11,000
Claudia C. Solomon to Mary Janita, W. 83 feet of lot 4, block 12, Simon's Addition	230
Alex Houston to George Schiewe, lot 3, block 1, Farrell's Second Addition	40
George Schiewe and wife to Clara E. Paddock, lots 1, 2, 3, block 1, Farrell's Second Addition	900
Julius Walter and wife to George Schiewe, lots 1 and 2, block 1, same	700
Mary C. Smith and husband to Peter W. Brost, lot 35, block 14, Albina	750
A. M. Hussey and husband to M. J. Freeman, lots 10 and 11, block 9, Monticello Addition	330
A. H. Patten and husband to Emma Shepard, lots 4, 5, 22, 23, block 3, Cloverdale Tract	250
The Hawthorne Estate to A. P. Bradbury, lots 5, 6, block 293, Hawthorne Park	1,100
Sheriff (for Arthur F. Miller et al.), to Corinne E. Wood, 3 acres, section 23, T. 1 S., R. 1 E.	3,700
D. F. Sherman and wife to N. A. Nielsen, lot 6, block 13, Cloverdale Tract No. 2	250
John Underwood and wife to B. E. Witter, 16 acres, section 15, T. 1 S., R. 3 E.	500
A. A. Crane and wife to Joseph A. Forbes and wife, lot 13, block 4, Kinzel Park	300
J. L. Forbes to Joseph A. and Eliza Forbes, lot 12, block 4, Kinzel Park	1
Anna Eberle and husband to W. C. Smith, lots 28, 29, 30, block 57, Peninsular Addition No. 4	450
Sheriff (for Joseph E. Wooley and wife), to Clara E. Paddock, lot 10, block 3, Farrell's Second Addition	229
M. Y. Keene to A. O. Condit, lots 1, 2, block 7, Central Albina	500
A. O. Condit and wife to M. V. Keene, lots 17, 18, block 8, Central Albina Addition	500
Catherine L. Van Ness to William Ballis, lot 11, Cedar Hill	1
William Ballis to Lewis Russell, lot 11 Cedar Hill	1
Sarah Lauer to Thomas S. Foster, lot 8, block 174, Couch's Addition	3,325
G. R. Cellars and wife to Ernest A. Hartman, lot 17, block 77, West Irvington	600
Thomas R. Hamlin and wife to Arnold Ruegg, 60 acres, section 22, T. 1 S., R. 4 E.	2,600
Arnold Ruegg and wife to George W. Sleret, 17½ acres, section 9, T. 1 S., R. 3 E.	2,500
Marta Klouchek to Charles Klouchek, lot 1, block 20, Wason's Addition	10
Angelina R. Richardson and husband to Morgan A. Zeller, lot 3, block 106 East Portland	1,425
Charlotte F. Smith et al. to Cora A. Poonay, lot 4, block 178, Couch's Addition	25
Emma M. Schmeer and husband to W. R. Crosier, lots 3, 16, Troutdale Park	1,000
Sheriff (for W. E. Brainard) to W. H. Puldin, lots 40, 41, block 4, Brainard	4

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MANAGEMENT OF THE OSCEOLA

Stockholders Voted Down a Proposal to Investigate.

BOSTON, March 13.—A motion for the appointment of an investigating committee to inquire into the management of the Osceola Mining Company during the past year, offered at the annual meeting of the stockholders of the company here today, was voted down, and the annual report of the directors was adopted. The measure was adopted after a very sharp debate, in the course of which attorneys representing Thomas W. Lawson and others interrogated President Bigelow concerning matters found in the report, and Mr. Bigelow made a long statement. President Bigelow said that the policy of maintaining the price of copper at 17 cents was no more the policy of the Amalgamated Company than it was of the Osceola, Tamarack and every producing company that he knew of in this country.

In concluding his statement President Bigelow said he would answer no questions. Nevertheless, ex-Attorney-General Knowlton said: "This is a stockholders' meeting, Mr. President. I object to your attempt to shut off the speech of your stockholders. Will you kindly tell the stockholders the arrangements of the parties with which you were in agreement not to sell copper below 17 cents?"

Mr. Bigelow replied: "I will not."

A motion to accept the annual report brought more discussion, and as a substitute the motion calling for an investigation was offered. It was then voted down and the report accepted. After further talk President Bigelow voluntarily appointed an investigating committee.

Will Demand Passports.

CHICAGO, March 13.—A second letter, in the shape of a formal demand, has been sent to Secretary of State Hay asking for passports for Dr. and Mrs. Hiram W. Thomas to visit the concentration camps of South Africa. Should Mr. Hay again refuse to act, it is stated that the matter will be taken to the President. Should Mr. Roosevelt uphold Mr. Hay, a final appeal will be made to Lord Pauncefote. The second letter to Secretary Hay is signed by John O. Knight, who was appointed by Governor Yates, to arrange with the State Department for Dr. Thomas' mission.

Peter Van Vlissingen, of the Chicago Transvaal League, said today:

"If the British Government objects to Dr. Thomas because of his well-known pro-Boer utterances, we will select some one else. We have $6000 in hand and in Philadelphia there is $300 more waiting, and all over the country it is the same. In Europe there are many who want to send similar relief."

Rural Mailcarriers' Pay Increased.

HUTTE, Mont., March 13.—Postmaster Irvin has received from the Department at Washington a letter of instruction, which provides for the increase of pay to the carriers of the rural delivery system. Butte is named as the general distributing and pay office for Montana.

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