CENTER HAS SHIFTED

Interest in Political Situation Transferred to Portland.

ALL EYES ON MULTNOMAH

Marion County Republicans Alarmed by Action of Simon Delegates in Refusing to Participate in Convention Here.

SALEM, March 30.—Marion County Republicans are disposed to "view with alarm" the action of the Simon delegates in refusing to participate in the Multnomah County Republican Convention last week. While no one here pretends to know exactly what the move means, it is generally supposed that Simon's friends will fuse with the Democrats and attempt to defeat the Republican nominees. Such a possibility arouses the apprehensions of both the Simon and anti-Simon people here and is giving special concern to the friends of Governor Geer. And the reason for the anxiety is plain.

If the Simon people in Multnomah County should oppose the regular Republican ticket, it is feared that the anti-Simon people here would retaliate by trying to defeat E. M. Croisan, who is a candidate for the State Senate, and would scratch Governor Geer, should he be nominated. With such a general mix-up, it is hard telling where the knifing would stop. Marion County Republicans are pretty well satisfied with their ticket, and hope to see the candidates elected by a good majority. The only thing that would weaken their loyalty to the ticket would be some such move as the anticipated bolt on the part of the Simon people in Multnomah. The hope is generally expressed that Multnomah County Republicans will get together and leave no excuse for ticket-scratching in Marion.

Since the Marion County Convention was held, last Wednesday, the center of political interest has shifted to Portland, and the papers are eagerly scanned for news that will indicate the probable outcome of the state convention. Marion County will send 22 delegates to the convention, and probably twice as many more people will go from Salem to watch the proceedings. Several of the Geer leaders have been in Portland during the past week, as also have a few of those who were identified with the anti-Geer forces. Evidently the antis have not yet given up their fight, and will not do so until the state convention has named Oregon's next Governor.

Will Marion Vote as a Unit?

The Marion County convention declared emphatically against a unit rule in naming a state delegation, and it has been the general talk that the delegation will not enforce a unit rule in voting in the state convention. This has led to some talk to the effect that the delegation will not be good trading stock in Geer's hands. It is stated that, although the delegates will stand by Geer to the last, they will exercise individual choice to a great extent in voting for candidates for other offices. E. M. Croisan, who led the Simon-Geer forces in the primary fight, and who now seems to be the leader of the Marion County delegation, says that the delegation will stand together and vote for such candidates as Governor Geer's interests may require. The Marion County convention adopted resolutions instructing for Governor Geer and Justice Bean, and favoring the renomination of Secretary of State Dunbar, State Treasurer Moore and Superintendent of Public Instruction J. H. Ackerman. These gentlemen will therefore in all probability receive the support of the Marion County delegation, and the trading will be done on the offices of Attorney-General and State Printer.

Marion Wanted Washington for Geer

Some of Governor Geer's friends are very much displeased because Congressman Tongue's county, Washington, did not send to the state convention a delegation solid for Geer. They thought they had a right to this after instructing the Marion County delegation for Tongue. But as Congressman Tongue had no opposition in his candidacy for renomination, he had nothing to gain by mixing in the Governorship controversy, and might make enemies by such a course. On the same kind of a claim Marion makes, Linn and Clackamas Counties would both be entitled to the support of Tongue's friends for their candidates for the State Printership. Under the circumstances, it is believed that Washington County's delegation will not take united action in favor of or against any particular candidate, though the fact that Tongue will be renominated by acclamation on the day before the state convention will leave the delegation to do as they please.

If Not Geer—Who?

Marion County still has four candidates for state offices, and each confident of success or hopeful that the result will come his way. They are: T. T. Geer, candidate for Governor; F. T. Wrightman, candidate for Attorney-Geenral, and W. J. Clarke and P. J. Beckett, who both want to be State Printer. Geer is the only one of the four who has a home delegation back of him, so of course the others are depending upon Geer's failure to land the Gubernatorial plum. Wrightman, Clarke and Beckett take the position that a county the size of Marion must have some place on the state ticket. If Geer should be defeated, they would each claim the privilege of filling that place. Each would be at the disadvantage of having no particular claim upon the second choice of the Marion County delegation, for each was to a greater or less degree with the forces that opposed the Governor in the primaries.

Quite naturally, if Marion County is to have a place on the state ticket, the Marion County delegation will claim the right to select the man who shall fill that place. Their first and at present only choice is T. T. Geer for the Governorship. But if they can't get a whole loaf they may conclude that a half is better than none, and in that case would cast about in their own ranks for a candidate for a lesser office. There are several lawyers and a few printers who were allied with the Geer faction in the primary fight, who could be persuaded to accept a nomination on the state ticket, if the Marion County delegation should have such a plum to give away. There will be one lawyer and one printer in the state convention as delegates from this county, and they would probably want a voice in selecting a candidate for the office of Attorney-General or State Printer if one should be named from Marion County.

McCornack a Congressional Delegate

The list of names of delegates to the Congressional convention, as published in last Thursday's Oregonian, contained only the names of delegates elected by the precincts. The name of E. P. McCornack, who was elected as delegate-at-large, was unintentionally omitted. Mr. McCornack is a brother-in-law of Congressman Moody, and will help renominate Mr. Moody's colleague, Congressman Tongue.

As there is no contest over the Congressional nomination in this district, it is probable that most of the delegates from Marion County will send their votes to Roseburg by proxies. The delegation will go to Roseburg Monday evening and return Wednesday morning.

Marion and Linn Counties have a Joint Senator to nominate at the state convention. There has been little talk of candidates for this office, and it is quite probable that the nominee will be a man not heretofore talked of for the place. Marion has 22 delegates, while Linn has only 14, so Marion can name the Joint Senator.

Rev. Hiram Gould, of Newberg, Prohibition nominee for Congress, will be in attendance upon the sessions of the Marion County Prohibition Convention in this city April 1 and 2. The convention will be called to order by Oliver Joey, the present county chairman.

YAMHILL AND TILLAMOOK.

Dispute on the Question of Legislative Officers.

M'MINNVILLE, Or., March 30.—Yesterday's convention definitely settled the position of Yamhill County Republicans in state politics. Without a dissenting voice the delegations to the state and Congressional conventions were instructed to throw their entire strength to Geer for Governor, and Thomas H. Tongue for Congressman. This means that in the state convention next Wednesday the support of the Yamhill delegation for minor state offices will go where it will do the most good for Geer—the man on whom their fight is to be made.

But on the question of county and legislative officers there is not the same union. When a typewritten resolution indorsing J. B. Eddy for re-election as Joint Representative of Yamhill and Tillamook Counties in the state Legislature was handed to the convention committee on resolutions, with the request that it be embodied in their report, the committee refused to grant the request. This refusal was based upon the recent action of Tillamook Republicans in electing an anti-Geer delegation to the state convention. Republicans here argue that upon a basis of the population and wealth of Yamhill and Tillamook Counties, Mr. Eddy has no license to ask for re-election. Although they favor his return to the Legislature, they could not instruct their delegates to give Mr. Geer their entire strength, and at the same time instruct for an anti-Geer Representative. If the Tillamook delegation, headed by Mr. Eddy, persists in its opposition to the nomination of Governor Geer, it is very doubtful if Mr. Eddy can retain his seat in the Legislature; if the Tillamook delegation supports Geer, Mr. Eddy's re-election is assured.

With the lull in the fight for state offices, the regular orthodox handshake of the aspirant for county preferment has begun in earnest. With the Republican party in the county somewhat divided, the coming county convention promises to be of more than ordinary interest, and it will be a different matter for them to put up a ticket which will be invulnerable. For State Senator four names are mentioned—Jesse Edwards, of Newberg; J. C. Hodson, of Newberg; John Crawford, of Dayton, and Senator Howe, of Carlton, is a candidate for re-election. At the present time it looks rather favorable for Mr. Edwards.

Clarence Butt, of Newberg, is not a candidate for re-election as Representative in the Legislature. Two men have already requested the privilege of keeping warm his seat in the House. They are James Brown and E. E. Lawrence, both of Sheridan.

The nomination for Clerk will rest between Sampel Laughlin, of North Yamhill; Arthur E. Lambert, of McMinnville, and B. C. Lafollet, of Sheridan. As it is the custom to distribute the offices among the various precincts, Mr. Lafollet will probably be forced to give way to the Legislative candidate, both of whom are from Sheridan.

Recorder H. L. Haskins seems to have no opposition, and his renomination is certain, with good prospects for re-election.

The office of Assessor is sought by Charles Brown, of North Yamhill, and Mart Miller, of Dayton.

Two new candidates for County Judge have come to light in the past week—F. M. York, of Carlton, and Frank Stout, of McMinnville. County Judge Bird is also a candidate for re-election.

Thus far there is only one applicant for the Sheriff's duties, Thomas Caughlin, of Dayton.

From this list, with such additional names as may come out later, it is difficult to predict what the ticket will be in detail. It is probable that all will be thrown into a "hotchpot," and the ticket selected according to the location of the candidates, so as to present as near an invincible phalanx as possible in the June election.

Up to the present time Democratic politicians in Yamhill County have been mostly still-hunting. They are a unit in supporting George E. Chamberlain, of Portland, for Governor, and in their primaries yesterday elected delegates who will send a Chamberlain delegation to the state convention, April 10. Not many Democratic candidates have announced themselves for county offices. F. W. Sitton will be renominated for Sheriff without opposition, as he has served but one term. Honors are about evenly divided between C. V. Galloway and Ira G. Nelson for the Clerkship and B. F. Rhodes is mentioned as a probable candidate for Judge. W. T. Macy is suggested for Assessor.

Although the Democrats have not yet made any demonstration they are favored by not having the intestine strife which exists in the Republican party here, and this alone will give Democracy a slight advantage in the campaign, as the county is about evenly divided between the two parties.

FUSION IN CLACKAMAS COUNTY.

Democrats Favorably Disposed Toward the Citizens' Movement.

OREGON CITY, March 30.—Since the close of the Republican county convention and the nomination of a ticket the attention of the voters has been drawn to the status of Clackamas County politics in anticipation of the movements of the opposition. Next Thursday the Democratic primaries will be held, and on the Saturday following the Citizens' will hold their primaries. The Democratic county convention is scheduled for April 8, and the Citizens' convention for April 9.

It does not seem probable at this time that the Democratic party will place a county ticket in the field. A fusion movement has been well under way for several weeks, and most of the leading Democrats in the county are favorably disposed toward the Citizens' movement. They take the view that a straight ticket would not be advisable, and could not win. Several of the present office-holders, among whom are County Clerk E. H. Cooper and County Treasurer A. Luelling, are Populists, and were elected on a fusion ticket, and could have no place on a Democratic ticket. They desire and expect renomination, and will probably get it.

Colonel Robert A. Miller, chairman of the Democratic County Central Committee, is an avowed advocate of fusion, and for some months past has been active in shaping affairs to that end. One month ago he called a meeting of the central committee. Eighteen of the 37 committeemen were present, and only four were opposed to fusion. Several weeks prior to this meeting a mass meeting of citizens was held, at which Colonel Miller presided. He was authorized to appoint a committee of nine to organize a Citizens' campaign, and March 6 named the following committee, consisting of three Republicans, three Democrats and three Populists: Democrats—Robert A. Miller, Gladstone; O. W. Robbins, Molalla; W. W. Jesse, Barlow. Populists—George Ogle, Molalla; Henry Breithaupt, Damascus; Harvey Starkweather, Milwaukie. Republicans—Charles F. Clarke, Clackamas; O. W. Eastham, Oregon City; Elmer E. Charman, Oregon City.

Colonel Miller was subject to a great deal of criticism by members of his party for taking the initiative in a fusion movement without the consent of the county Democracy, and, upon the advice of party leaders withdrew into the background, and W. W. Jesse was appointed chairman of the committee of nine, who made O. W. Eastham secretary. A report was circulated that a Democratic convention would not be called, but this was so unsatisfactory to many Democrats that, March 12, Colonel Miller issued a call for Democratic primaries and convention, to be held April 2 and 8. The same day the committee of nine set the Citizens' primaries for April 5, and the convention the date following the Democratic convention. This was done for a purpose. Although the call for a Democratic convention states that it is called for the purpose of nominating county officers, it is well known that the leaders of the party have no intention of doing any business except to elect delegates to the state and Congressional conventions, and then to pass a resolution declaring for fusion, and adjourn. It is likely that many delegates to the Democratic convention will also have seats in the Citizens' convention.

The leaders of the Citizens' movement are evidently determined to make as large a showing as possible in the convention. Their apportionment totals 296 delegates. The Democratic convention will have only 157, and the Republicans were content with 146. The 296 delegates are apportioned to the following precincts: Abernethy, 12; Barlow, 6; Beaver Creek, 9; Borings, 4; Canyon Creek, 4; Cascades, 7; Canby, 11; Clackamas, 12; Cherryville, 2; Canemah, 8; Damascus, 9; Eagle Creek, 7; Garfield, 5; George, 3; Harding, 7; Highland, 8; Macksburg, 7; Molalla, 12; Milk Creek, 8; Marquam, 8; Milwaukie, 13; Maple Lane, 6; Needy, 6; New Era, 8; Oswego, 9; Oregon City, No. 1, 17; Oregon City, No. 2, 23; Oregon City, No. 3, 13; Pleasant Hill, 8; Seivers, 4; Soda Springs, 4; Springwater, 5; Tualatin, 7; Union, 4; Viola, 4; West Oregon City, 11; Killin, 5.

The Democratic county convention's 157 delegates are apportioned to the following precincts: Abernethy, 8; Barlow, 4; Beaver Creek, 5; Borings, 2; Canyon Creek, 2; Cascades, 3; Canby, 5; Clackamas, 6; Cherryville, 2; Canemah, 3; Damascus, 5; Eagle Creek, 5; Garfield, 3; George, 2; Harding, 4; Highland, 5; Macksburg, 4; Molalla, 9; Marquam, 6; Milwaukie, 5; Maple Lane, 5; Needy, 4; New Era, 4; Oswego, 4; Oregon City, No. 1, 7; Oregon City, No. 2, 9; Oregon City, No. 3, 5; Pleasant Hill, 3; Seivera, 1; Soda Springs, 2; Springwater, 4; Tualatin, 3; Union, 2; Viola, 2; Milk Creek, 4; Killin, 3; West Oregon City, 7.

Benton County Democrats.

CORVALLIS, Or., March 30.—Democratic primaries were held yesterday afternoon throughout Benton County. But little interest was manifested, and the attendance generally was light. The county convention will occur next Saturday. It was originally called for electing delegates to the state convention, but since the Republicans put a full ticket in the field Friday, Democratic Chairman Johnson has issued a call for a convention to name a full ticket Saturday next.

Lake County Democrats.

LAKEVIEW, Or., March 29.—The Democratic convention nominated the following county officers: Judge, Bernard Daly; Commissioner, William A. Currier; Sheriff, Gus Shroder; Clerk, A. W. Manring; Treasurer, Lee Beall; Surveyor, Charles E. Moore; Coroner, D. D. Smith. S. P. Moss and N. C. Fleming were elected delegates to the state and Congressional conventions and go uninstructed, but will probably favor Chamberlain for Governor.

Democrats of Tillamook.

TILLAMOOK, Or., March 30. — There was little or no interest taken in the Democratic primaries in Tillamook County Saturday, it being a difficult matter to get enough Democrats in some precincts even to send delegates to the Democratic county convention, which is to meet in Tillamook City next Saturday.

CHILD ACCIDENTALLY SHOT.

Little Girl Killed by a 10-Year-Old Boy Near Butteville.

SALEM, March 30.—Clara Wilson, a child 2½ years old, was shot and killed near Butteville yesterday afternoon by Charlie Combest, the 10-year-old son of Mrs. Louise Combest. The killing was accidental. The girl was a niece of Mrs. Combest, the parents residing in California. The two children were alone in the house at the time of the accident. The boy saw a bird on the fence, and taking a 32-caliber revolver from a shelf he stood in one room, shot through another and out the open door. Just as he fired the little girl stepped across the doorway and received the bullet in the back of the head. Death was instantaneous. The Coroner was not notified until this morning, when he and Deputy Sheriff Colbath went to Butteville and held an inquest. The verdict was in accordance with the facts here stated.

NORTHWEST DEAD.

Harry Hinchcliffe.

OLYMPIA, Wash., March 30.—Harry Hinchcliffe, one of the best-known young men in this city, died yesterday of pneumonia, after making a successful fight against a bad case of blood-poisoning. About a month ago he was bitten by a dog, and the bite resulted in blood-poisoning. He recovered from the bite, but was attacked by pneumonia and from the latter succumbed. Deceased was a native of Olympia, 32 years of age, and left a wife and four children.

Frederick Florey.

FOREST GROVE, Or., March 30.—Frederick Florey, an Oregon pioneer of 1850, aged 77 years, died today at his farm at Wapato, near where he had lived for over 50 years, and where, in 1855, he was married to Miss Elizabeth Doty. The deceased left a wife and the following children: Henrietta, Alfred, Mrs. Jenette Steventon and Mrs. Elizabeth Erph, Wapato; Frederick and Charles Florey, Portland. Interment will be in the Almoran Hill cemetery, Tuesday.

COMING EVENTS.

Democratic Primaries.

Jackson County, April 2.
Polk County, April 4.

Democratic County Conventions.

Coos County, April 2.
Harney County, April 2.
Linn County, April 2.
Wallowa County, April 2.
Baker County, April 3.
Clackamas County, April 3.
Grant County, April 3.
Lincoln County, April 3.
Malheur County, April 3.
Multnomah County, April 3.
Union County, April 3.
Wheeler County, April 4.
Gilliam County, April 5.
Jackson County, April 5.
Klamath County, April 5.
Lane County, April 5.
Marion County, April 5.
Polk County, April 5.
Sherman, April 5.
Yamhill County, April 5.
Clackamas County, April 7.
Douglas County, April 8.

State Conventions.

Republican—Portland, April 2.
Democratic—Portland, April 10.

Congressional Conventions.

Republican—First District, Roseburg, April 1.
Republican—Second District, Portland, April 1.

Miscellaneous Conventions.

Union party—Washington County, April 3.
Prohibitionist—Polk County, April 5.

Non-Political Events.

Inland Empire Teachers' Association, Spokane, April 9-11.
Montana G. A. R. encampment, Helena, April 15.
Oregon A. O. U. W. Supreme Lodge, Portland, June 16-20.
Washington Degree of Honor Grand Lodge, Everett, April 8.
Washington A. O. U. W. Grand Lodge, Everett, April 9-11.
District convention of K. of P. of Northern Idaho, Lewiston, April 30.
Grand Council, Improved Order of Red Men, Walla Walla, May 12-15.

The Germans of Chicago—490,000 in all—outnumber every other nationality, even the Americans, by 2000.

EACH FUND WILL SUFFER

EFFECT OF COMPROMISING TAXES WITH RAILROAD COMPANIES.

Assistant Attorney-General Ross' Opinion in a Case That Arose in Thurston County.

OLYMPIA, March 30.—Assistant Attorney-General Ross has rendered an opinion that has an important bearing in every county in the state, and a particular interest to those counties that have compromised their taxes with the railroad companies. The opinion is given the State Auditor on a case that has arisen in Thurston County. Some time ago the Northern Pacific Railway Company offered to compromise its taxes in this county by the payment of $23,000, whereas the entire amount due from the company was about $45,000, including interest. The Commissioners of the county would not accept the offer, and the company brought suit to compel a settlement on the basis named. Finally a compromise was effected on a $30,000 basis, but it took the United States Court ultimately to approve the settlement. When the company paid in the $30,000 the County Treasurer was at a loss properly to apportion the money among the various county funds, and he was not certain as to whether the state should suffer a loss in the amount due from the county because of the lesser amount received from the company as compared with the original assessment. He requested an opinion from the State Auditor, and the Attorney-General's office was asked for an opinion in the matter. The opinion of Assistant Attorney-General Ross follows:

"You have referred for an opinion of this office a letter from the Treasurer of Thurston County. In this letter the Treasurer requests your advice as to the proper manner of distributing money to the various funds when settled in full upon the payment of less than the original tax levied; that is, whether he shall deduct the proportionate amount of the deficiency in the collection from the various funds, including the levy made for state purposes, special school levies, special road levies, the levies made for county purposes and the levies made by cities and towns, or whether the reduction should be made only from the taxes levied for county purposes. The question submitted grew out of the recent settlement made by the County Commissioners of the tax levied against the property of the Northern Pacific Railway Company. The answer to the question propounded necessitates a consideration of the nature of the settlement.

"The railway company commenced a suit in equity in the United States Court against the county and Mr. Phillips (the Treasurer). The bill of complaint alleges, in substance, that the assessment of the property made by the County Assessor was excessive; that the Assessor illegally, maliciously and fraudulently placed an excessive valuation upon the property of the company for the purpose of compelling the owner to pay excessive taxes. The bill sets forth the valuation of the property as made by the Assessor; alleges what the valuation ought to have been; what the tax levied amounts to, and what amount would have been charged against the railway company had the property been assessed at its true value. It is further shown that the railway company tendered to the County Treasurer the amount by it alleged to be reasonable and honestly due. The decree of the court was based upon the allegations of the bill, as modified by a stipulation between the railway company and the representatives of the county, the effect of which was to admit that the allegations of the bill were true in the main; that is, that there was an excessive valuation, but that the excess was not as great as alleged in the bill, the bill alleging that had the property been assessed at its true and actual value the tax would have amounted to the sum of $23,916 12, and the county, by the stipulation, admitting that the amount of tax charged ought to have been $30,000. The stipulation or agreement between the company and the county, therefore, had the effect of a finding of the court that the Assessor had placed an excessive valuation upon the property and that if the property had been assessed at its true and actual value the tax charged against the same would have amounted to the sum of $30,000. The so-called settlement, therefore, was not really a compromise or an attempted compromise by the County Commissioners of an amount lawfully due as taxes, but, on the coutrary, an admission that an excessive valuation had been unlawfully placed upon the property by the Assessor.

"In entering the result of the transaction upon the assessment roll, in theory the Treasurer reduces the valuation of the property to correspond with the allegations of the bill as modified by the stipulation of the parties, and carries out against the property the amount of tax that would have been due had the original valuation been as now fixed by the decree, but in practice it would seem not to be necessary to change the figures in the tax roll, but merely to make the proper proportionate reduction from the amount of tax appearing upon the face of the record as due to the several funds.

"From the foregoing considerations, I am of the opinion that each and every fund must suffer its loss in proportion to the amount of the reduction on the whole. While the state would apparently suffer a loss in its revenues, still this loss would only be temporary, for the reason that at the proper time the state will charge back against the county this deficiency, and the county will be called upon to raise the amount necessary to reimburse the state for this loss, in addition to future state levies, as provided by law."

STEPTOE BUTTE TO BE SOLD.

Sheriff Will Dispose of the Historic Landmark.

COLFAX., Wash., March 30.—Steptoe Butte, the most notable and historic landmark in Eastern Washington, is to be sold at Sheriff's sale Saturday, April 26, to satisfy a mortgage of $1791 57, and $200 attorney's fees held by the Canadian & American Mortgage Company, of London, England.

This butte, which was the scene of Colonel Steptoe's famous fight with Indians in 1857, stands 2800 feet above sea level and towers 2000 feet above the surrounding country. The land included in the butte from its huge base to the peak contains about 2000 acres, but only 160 acres, which includes the top, with its hotel and barn, will be sold. The hotel is two stories high, and has an observatory on the roof from which the finest view of Washington, Idaho and Oregon can be obtained with the aid of a powerful glass. The mountains of Western Washington and Oregon can be plainly seen, although more than 200 miles distant, and the Palouse country lays before the observer like a huge panorama, 14 towns being in view from the observatory.

In early days, this building and observatory were a source of great profit to "Cash-Up" Davis, who homesteaded the butte 25 years ago. Mr. Davis gave dances in the hotel, which had a fine large floor, on which 50 couples often danced at one time, and the dances were attended by people from miles in every direction. On special occasions 100 couples frequently attended the balls. Mr. Davis died six years ago, since which time the place has been dismantled, and the hotel closed. It is hoped after the sale the hotel will be reopened and the place made a pleasure resort.

York Withdraws His Resignation.

BAKER CITY, Or., March 30.—Councilman James York has withdrawn his resignation as a member of the City Council. He took exception to the way his vote on the sprinkling-wagon contract was criticised by his constituents. He voted to award the contract for supplying the city with four sprinkling wagons to the highest bidder, who received the award by a vote of six to two. There was what seemed to be a reasonable excuse for awarding the contract to the highest bidder, but that did not prevent his constituents from talking about his course. While he was in a bad humor over the affair he had a fist fight with a man. They were both arrested, and the citizen was fined $25, and Mr. York was fined $35. It was after he paid his fine that he decided to withdraw his resignation.

Sealskins Seized.

SEATTLE, March 30.—About $50,000 worth of sealskins were seized in this city today by local United States customs officers. The capture was made by Inspectors W. F. Learned and J. S. Latimer. They found the skins aboard the schooner J. B. Ward, which arrived some days ago from Unalaska. Two hundred and twenty-six skins were consigned to local houses. They are of the Behring Sea product, and Deputy Collector Mitten thinks they were taken by pelagic sealers. The schooner Ward, however, appears to have had no hand in the taking of the seals, and that alone, Collector Mitten stated, saved her from seizure.

Some things regarding the fur shipment from Unalaska, Captain Antone Hansen, master of the Ward, has not satisfactorily explained to the customs authorities. The 266 sealskins were labeled "fox furs," and on top of the sealskins was a layer of fox hides.

Suicide at Jacksonville.

ASHLAND, March 30.—William K. Reeves, aged about 50 years, and a plasterer by trade, committed suicide by shooting himself with a rifle. The act is supposed to have been committed some time Friday night, though discovery was not made until this morning, when his body was found on a bed at his house on Mechanic street, where he lived alone. He had been separated from his family for several years and had proceedings under way to secure a divorce. He was in good health and in easy financial circumstances, and aside from domestic difficulties no reasons have developed for the suicide.

Goldendale Tickets Named.

GOLDENDALE, March 30.—The citizens of Goldendale met and nominated a full city ticket for the election to be held April 6, as follows: Mayor, Dr. Allen Bonebrake; Councilmen, N. B. Brooks, G. H. Baker, A. J. Ahola, William McGuire and A. E. Coley; for Marshal, William Van Vactor.

The Prohibitionists also met and nominated the following ticket: Mayor, Dr. Allen Bonebrake; Councilmen, E. W. Pike, B. N. Snover, W. J. McKenzie, William Enderby and A. Chapman; for Marshal, J. A. Stout.

Travel to Thunder Mountain.

BOISE, Idaho, March 30.—There is already a large amount of travel to Thunder Mountain, though the time has not come for people to go in who are not well equipped. There are a great many people in this city outfitting for the camp and these are starting in small parties. They go at present by way of Weiser, over the P. & I. N. to Council, and thence by the Warren trail. That trail is good for horses and goods can be packed in. It is the only route over which animals can be taken in yet.

Coler Sells His Spokane Block.

SPOKANE, March 30.—Bird S. Coler, ex-Controller of New York, has practically concluded the sale of the Fernwell block, owned by him, to C. D. Bibbins, a Spokane capitalist, for $130,000. The Fernwell is a six-story brick and stone structure in the heart of the business district. Mr. Coler takes as part payment a building owned by Mr. Bibbins. Mr. Bibbins assumes a mortgage of $65,000 against the Fernwell. C. B. Hole, Mr. Coler's agent, is here closing the deal.

Easter Services at The Dalles.

THE DALLES, Or., March 30.—Easter day services were held in the various churches here today, in several instances the floral decorations and musical services being very elaborate. At St. Paul's Episcopal Church, St. Peter's and the First Methodist Churches, early morning celebrations were held. A large class took first communion at St. Peter's.

Fell From a Train.

MISSOULA, Mont., March 30.—The remains of Peter Williams, a railroad man, were foun dyesterday by a train crew just west of the bridge across Clark's Fork, in Idaho. He had evidently met his death by falling beneath the wheels, as his head was severed from the body and one arm and a leg were cut off.

Survey for Goldendale Road.

GOLDENDALE, Wash., March 30.—The surveyors for the Lyle & Goldendale Railroad are now working in the swale canyon, about 20 miles west of Goldendale. The company will at an early date receive bids for furnishing ties. It is also expected that grading will be commenced within 30 days.

NEW GOULD LINE.

A Seaboard Outlet for Pittsburg Is Assured.

PITTSBURG, March 30.—A new seaboard outlet from Pittsburg—the Chesapeake Western Railway—is assured, according to a statement issued by Joseph W. Reinhart, formerly president of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe, who is now at the head of the syndicate which is furthering the project. Mr. Reinhart says:

"It is not generally known, but it is a fact, that before the Pennsylvania Railroad Company secured control of the tidewater traffic through the purchase of the Baltimore & Ohio, Norfolk & Western and Chesapeake & Ohio, a number of men quietly took up the project for the construction of a line of railway from the Ohio River through the Northern West Virginia coal fields and Virginia to the Atlantic Coast. This enterprise has been carried forward, and has now a foundation upon which the whole structure will shortly be erected.

"This project is known as the Chesapeake Western Railway. It begins at Gloucester Point, or York Harbor, Va., where a large acreage of land for tidewater terminal has been bought. The line runs northwesterly and westerly, taking in the Chesapeake & Western Railway, 27 miles, built and in operation, in the Shenandoah Valley, Va., which is owned by the syndicate, through 100 miles of the coal fields of West Virginia, to a point near Parkersburg.

"Construction work on over 100 miles of the line westwardly through the Shenandoah and Allegheny Mountains into West Virginia is now under way, with 14 miles of track laid, and over half of the entire line has been surveyed and located, estimates of construction made thereupon, and preparations are now being completed for general construction.

"The line is in no sense a parallel road with any existing railway, but opens up new and prolific territory throughout its length. The greatest care was exercised by the owners to secure an ocean tidewater terminal that would be in every respect suitable for handling the large traffic of a trunk line railway."

It is of much significance that the western terminus of this project is at Parkersburg, W. Va., to which city a line is now being built by the Goulds from a connection with the Wheeling & Lake Erie at Zanesville. It is also significant that George J. Gould, the head of the Gould interests, spent a week at Gloucester Point last Summer and is thoroughly in touch with the whole situation.

Survey of Long Tunnel Completed.

AUBURN, Cal., March 30.—The corps of Southern Pacific surveyors and engineers has just completed the survey for the new tunnel through the Sierras, which will be one of the longest in the world. According to the records of the survey, it will be five miles and 800 feet in length. It will eliminate nearly 1000 feet of grade and will reduce the length of snowsheds 28 miles, or from 40, their present aggregate length, to 12 miles. The proposed work will cost millions of dollars, and will consume years in construction.

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Dueling among the students at Jena has been forbidden by the vice-chancellor of the university, who has also broken up the college fencing club.

DAILY METEOROLOGICAL REPORT.

PORTLAND, March 30.—Maximum temperature, 56; minimum temperature, 45; river reading, 11 A. M., 4.3 feet; change in 24 hours, —0.6 feet; total precipitation, 5 P. M. to 5 P. M., none; total precipitation since September 1, 1901, 31.93 inches; normal precipitation since September 1, 1901, 38.02 inches; deficiency, 6.09 inches; total sunshine March 29, 10 hours and 49 minutes; possible sunshine March 29, 12 hours and 36 minutes.

PACIFIC COAST WEATHER.

STATIONS.	Max. temp.	Precipitation last 12 hours	Wind. Velocity	Wind. Direction	State of weather
Astoria	60