NATION NOT RESPONSIBLE

BLUE BOOK ON VENEZUELA IS BOWEN'S WORK.

Objections of Powers to Its Contents Cannot Be Considered by State Department.

WASHINGTON, May 20.—Because Sir Michael Herbert and other representatives of the powers took exceptions to certain footnotes included in the blue book on Venezuela, the State Department has assured them that the blue book was prepared by Mr. Bowen and is not to be considered an official publication of the department.

Contents of the Note.

WASHINGTON, May 21.—The note to which the representatives of the powers took exception appears at the foot of one of the exchanges, where Mr. Bowen adds a word in explanation to the effect that the "above note was dictated late at night to the British and Italian Ambassadors and the German Minister," and by them cabled to their respective governments. The diplomats concerned objected to the word "dictated," because they felt the inference might be drawn that they were taking instructions from Venezuela's plenipotentiary. The German Ambassador has refrained from the controversy altogether.

PROMOTIONS ARE CANCELED.

Three Thousand Postal Clerks Will Not Step Up July 1.

WASHINGTON, May 20.—The cancellation of the promotions of over 3000 postoffice clerks throughout the country, recently authorized by the department, and a formal notice to ex-First Assistant Postmaster-General Perry S. Heath of the charges made against him by ex-Cashier S. W. Tulloch, of the Washington City Postoffice, constituted today's developments in the postoffice investigation.

First Assistant Postmaster-General Wynne late this afternoon reported to Postmaster-General Payne that the tabulation of the clerks in each grade in postoffices of the first class has been completed. This work was undertaken in accordance with the order made by the Postmaster-General to rearrange the salaries of the clerks already classified, so that the number in the several grades shall not exceed the number specifically prescribed in the act of Congress making appropriations for postal service. The former classification was made by George W. Beavers, just prior to his sudden resignation as chief of the division of salaries and allowances.

The new schedule approved by the Postmaster-General, after transferring 5 per cent from grades where there are vacancies, as authorized by a recent decision of the Controller of the Treasury, makes it necessary to cancel 3046 promotions in the several grades, in which there is an excess above the number to which the grades are limited by law and in which grades 7414 promotions have been authorized heretofore. The report says:

"It will not be necessary in any case to reduce any clerk, but simply to cancel 3046 out of 7412 promotions heretofore authorized to take effect July 1, 1903. We will proceed at once to ascertain exactly the number of promotions in each grade that it will be necessary to cancel at each postoffice and then will inform the postmasters, and allow them to secure their increases, which must be canceled."

The end of the investigation is not yet in sight. Fourth Assistant Postmaster-General Bristow, who is conducting the work, has not set any date for his report, for the reason that the sweeping nature of the investigations has made it impossible to indicate when the whole matter will be ready to be placed in the hands of the Postmaster-General for final disposition. It is probable that the report will not be submitted before the close of June or the early part of July.

MAIL CARRIER UNDULY ALARMED.

Postal Inspector Says Negro Is in No Danger of Violence.

WASHINGTON, May 20.—Postmaster-General Payne today received the official report of the investigation into the recent intimidation of John Allwood, the colored rural free delivery carrier at Gallatin, Tenn.

The report says only two persons were involved in the affair, and that the sentiment of the community does not uphold their act. The carrier is afraid to resume the service, believing his life would be endangered thereby, although Inspector Conger, who made the investigation, reports that he believes the carrier would be entirely safe.

An irregularity in the appointment of Allwood has been discovered, and the matter has been referred to the Civil Service Commission. Senator Bate, of Tennessee, had a conference today with Postmaster-General Payne, and urged resumption of service on the suspended route, but the Postmaster-General deferred action, pending a careful consideration of the report. Subsequently Mr. Payne declined to say whether the service would be resumed. He said:

"There is not the slightest doubt about the occurrence, but whether the people on the route were responsible for it is another question, which has not yet been decided."

CALIFORNIA TAKES IT UP.

State Department Asked to Confirm Venezuelan Quarantine.

WASHINGTON, May 20.—Rumors to the effect that quarantine orders had been issued again San Francisco by Peru, had caused the Chamber of Commerce of San Francisco to call on the State Department for information, and United States Minister Sampson has been requested to report by cable on the matter. The rumors are believed to have grown out of an error in interpreting last week a cablegram announcing that Guayquil had quarantined against Frisco, a small Ecuadorean coast town, as meaning a quarantine against San Francisco. The mere notice would be sufficient under South American practice to cause all coast countries to follow suit and quarantine without investigating the conditions.

WILL SOON BE AMBASSADOR.

Germany Will Give Von Sternberg His Credentials.

WASHINGTON, May 20.—Any doubt that may have existed as to the intention of the German government to make Baron von Sternberg Ambassador has been dispelled by advices from Berlin that the Ambassador's credentials as such will be issued to him as soon as three months' full pay allowed by German custom to retiring Ambassadors have elapsed.

Internal Revenue Collections.

WASHINGTON, May 20.—The monthly statement of the collections of internal revenue show that for the month of April, 1903, the total receipts were $18,244,194, a decrease as compared with April, 1902, of $3,693,504. For the last ten months of the fiscal year the total receipts were $191,568,108, a decrease from the corresponding period of last year of $34,638,871.

Telegraph Station for Alaska.

WASHINGTON, May 20.—The Signal Office of the War Department has been informed that a telegraph station has been established called Koyokuk, at the junction of the river of the same name with the Yukon River in Alaska.

Great Bands of Sheep.

PILOT ROCK, May 20.—(Special.)—The J. E. Smith Livestock Company corraled five bands of sheep at this place last night. The sheep are being driven to the mountains. The bands averaged about 2200. This company has 13 bands, exclusive of their thoroughbreds, or all told about 65,000, the greatest number of sheep owned by any company in Eastern Oregon. The company is composed of J. E. Smith and his two sons, Bert and Albert, all thorough sheepmen.

Much Building at Seaside.

ASTORIA, Or., May 20.—(Special.)—Seaside is the center of quite a building boom at the present time. Besides the two business blocks being erected, a number of cottages are in course of construction in various parts of the grove.

Preparations are being made by the Seasiders for the entertainment of an unusually large number of guests at the beach this Summer, and the expectations are that the coming season will be a most successful one, should the weather be at all favorable.

Preparing for Dry Summer.

BAKER CITY, Or., May 20.—(Special.)—The city authorities are preparing to supply the city with an abundance of water, for what promises to be a long, dry Summer. The new reservoir on Goodrich Creek, which was completed last Fall, will be in use this season, in addition to the Eagle Creek supply. Several of the water mains are being replaced with larger pipe, so that both the supply of water and the pressure may be equal to the demand.

To Stop Official Frauds.

MANILA, May 20.—The Government has passed an act requiring receivers of public funds to deposit them promptly, and providing for a monthly examination of the accounts of disbursers. The object is to stop frauds and defalcations. Eight cases of serious dishonesty on the part of American officials were discovered during the past year. Some of the defalcations were heavy, but the bonds of the defaulters covered all the losses.

Transferring Burned Tracts.

VANCOUVER, Wash., May 20.—(Special.)—Hon. S. A. Callvert, State Land Commisdoner, is i nthe city on business connected with the disposing of about 7000 acres of indemnity lands. The state will make a transfer of a large amount of the burned tracts in the northern part of Clark County for other lands. Timbermen desire the lands to log over the coming Summer. Mr. Callvert left for home this afternoon.

Honored by the Red Men.

VANCOUVER, Wash., May 20.—Hon. W. H. Metcalf, of this city, has been elected a representative to the Great Council of the United States, Improved Order of Red Men, which convenes at Atlantic City, N. J., in September. The order will celebrate his election with a banquet and entertainment.

AT THE HOTELS.

THE PORTLAND.

J G Megler and wife, Brookfield
E N Davis, Chicago
C M Seeley, Tacoma
H S Mitchell, Seattle
A S Wagner, Los An
J Miller & wf, Victo
E W Spaulding, N Y
J L Brewster, Jr, Phil
A Whese, Seattle
E P McSorley & wf, do
J L Fuller, San Fran
A Hart, do
H N Bynehart, N Y
A A Seligman, do
W E Mann & wf, Wah
L A Whitson & wife, Hartford, Conn
Miss E J Ney, do
W Paloche, San Fran
J Schlingman, do
A L Castle, Quincy
A Bethel, New York
R Scott, Chicago
J W Howe & wf, N Y
A M de Banol, Paris
Mrs R Ferguson, Bost
Mrs B F Larrabee, do
H G Brookings & wf, St Louis
J L McCulloch, Liverp
G O Bradley, Spokane
F Gow, San Fran
S Shaw, Republic
W P Nelson, Chicago
H Leigh, Eugene
M E Ulmer, New Yk
Mrs H H Davis, Alby
Mrs G Smyth, Philad
Nettie R Smyth, do
H Stein-Reuber, Wis
B Stein-Reuber, do
L Hoffman, Seattle
M Shibbe & wf, Astor
S Weinshenk, San Fr
G H Reed, Los Angel
J M Church, La Grnd
W H Clark & wf, N Y
C L Walker, Mpls
Jessie Grummett, St H
J H Hutchinson & wf, Boise
G L Lindsey, Granite
H T Coffin, do
J P Hammond, Sumptr
O H Byland & wf, Vale
G Heitkemper, Chago
J P Kennedy, do
A W Gilsey, Salem
J S Williamson, Seattl
Ben Rosenfeld, do
J W Seaborg, do
F R Mellis, Bak City
M B Gray, St Paul
H E Grey, do
H B Rousbend, St Lo
G F Grant, San Fran
L Garley, New York
S Goner, Louisville
R G Merrill, St Louis
B Cram and family, Cron Keys
E G Bolten, do
A O Donogh, San Fr
Dr C Hines & wf, Forest Grove
H W Goode, City
W Fairclough, City
J L W Zettlow, Aberd
J A Imbire & wf, Hilb
G Rosenblatt, City
A McNamara, S F
J Frazier, Eugene
W T Chantler, Astoria
H H Spencer, St Paul
E M O'Brien, Chicago
U S G Kuhn, Omaha
H Chapin, Jr, New Yk
C I Brown, San Fran
J A Brown, Victoria
E H Inghem, Eugene
G D Arper, Seattle
F Morchelmer, do
L E Hamilton & wf, Albany
J E Baer, Marinette
Col A Mansfield & wf, England
J A Robertson & wf, do
D Bowen, Detroit
Mrs H W Roper, L A
J Elder, San Fran
W H Barker & wf, Ast
A W Williams, S F
F W Pettygrove, do
Mr & Mrs Elmore & dtr, Astoria
W I Reed, Oakland
C R Waynich, City

THE PERKINS.

O P Huise, Moro
O P Huise, Moro
B F Medlun, do
W D McDonald, McM
Mrs McDonald, do
Effie McDonald, do
Mrs M Braly, Los An
T H Johnson, Dufur
W Hallona, Pendleton
J O Elrod, Moro
F T Hurlburt, Shanik
E B Goss, Bottineau
C H Thananhan, H R
F Estes, Astoria
Hazel Estes, do
Dr D Siddall, Th Dal
F Moorhead, Junc Cy
G F Skipworth, do
L C Bricker, Des Moin
Mrs Bricker, do
Miss Bricker, do
J W Alexander, Seattl
J Mott, N Y
J F Graham, Toledo
C Butler, Ft Towns'd
J B Thomas, Seattle
J B Moon, do
W McGinnis, Kelso
Mrs McGinnis, do
F H Kernohan, City
B FLaughlin, Th Dls
S A Gaylor, Umatilla
Mrs M T Nolan, Th D,
Mrs W Kane, do
H G Hill, Elma
H K Clarke, wife & 2 children, Elma
Elizabeth Koch, do
Elizabeth Kock, do
Mrs H V Gates, do
Mrs R R Merryman, do
E Marsh, Boise
Mrs I I Hibbs, McMinn
Elva Hibbs, do
W A Wann, Eugene
F A Rankin, do
W H Wire, do
Maud Booth, Mt Angel
Bessie Booth, do
A P Oliver, Newberg
C J Wooding, Aberdn
J C Crouthers, do
M Sommerville, Eugen
Mrs Sommerville, do
O E Leet, Falls City
G N Tice, do
F B Barnes, Hood Rr
M Wilson, Duluth
O W Williams, La Gr
Annie Knight, do
D R Congill, Forsell
Mrs Congill, do
E A D Gurley, Arlngtn
J Z W Zulmer, Aberd

THE IMPERIAL.

W T Scofield, Astoria
C S Brown, do
O R Dorendall, Hwaco
Alex Anderson, Ast
G L Goodale, U S A
J A Finck, Albany
F Owens, S F
H Ruppin, Lancaster
W L Whitman, Chgo
T Buford, St. Louis
G F Kreuzel, Milwauk
G M Riddle, Azalie
T C Shaw, Seattle
W T Gordon, Eugene
Mrs Gordon, do
C H Jones, Mo
Mrs oJnes, do
M Murray, Louisville
B Lurch, Cot Grove
J W Cook, Duluth
Mrs Cook, do
G S Parsons, Ellenbg
T P Burns, S F
F W Harris, Medford
J F Givins, Roseburg
M D Martin, Ind
Mrs F W Settlemier, Woodburn
E Z Ferguson, Astoria
Mrs Ferguson, do
J W Scriber, La Grnde
J W Knowles, do
Miss Minnie Lay, The Dalles
H D Byrne, S F
Mrs Byrne, S F
Tyler Smith, Sheridan
Mrs Smith, do
J O Elrod, Moro
E M Saatz, Heppner
A S Rosenbaum, Merlin
Mrs Rosenbaum, do
Walter Lyon, Salem
Fred Nesler, Ore City
Mrs Nisler, do
Al McMaxter, do
Mrs McMaxter, do

THE ESMOND.

Mrs H Knudson, Spok
Isaac Martin, Olequa
W H Davis, Harrisv
R N Brown, Oreg City
G R Ismon, E G Forks
D McEachern, Skamokawa
Thos Freeman, Shedd
K W Anderson, Gresh
Mrs. Anderson, do
Miss Anderson, do
F E Carpenter, do
G A Hill, Tacoma
Mrs Harris, S Tacoma
L Tillotson, city
H Hansen, La Center
G Sanders, do
W Barker, S F
J Mowry, do
F Erdman, do
L Decker, St. Helens
G A Rach, Denver
G D Hibbard, S F
E A James, Rainier
E J Kerr, do
C. Russell, do
V A Russell, do
E W Babcock, Mc Minnville
Mrs Babcock, do
E Abbott, do
C Chapman, do
Mrs. Chapman, do
S F Allen, do
P D Howard, Gte Pass
Mrs Howard, do
C P Dix and family, Oak Point
W E Fields, Mt Angel
G B Hoyt, Jefferson
H N Fowler, Goble
W Welst, Stella
Mrs Weist, do
Miss N Weist, do
J West, Westport
Alex Schneer, do
A J Bryant, Clatskanie
Mrs Bryant, do
Miss B Price, do
Miss N Fish, do
C H Pieres, Ashland
J A Barr, Clatskanie
A Ray, Corvallis
A C Ray, do
Ch Mayger, Mayger
F Brunner, Carrollton
J Harrison, do
D N Roberts & family, Gresham
F Wyers, White Salmn
J G Wyers, Fulda
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G E Prunner, S F
J Pennington, Iowa
B Cross, do
J H Doby, Newport

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See that tuck? That's Opia.
The only bull-head tuck 5c clear.

FRUIT CROP IS GONE ALSO

THERMOMETER IS BELOW ZERO IN NORTHERN MONTANA.

Loss of Stock Is Estimated at $2,000,000—Deep Snow Interferes With Great Northern Train Service.

BUTTE, Mont., May 20.—Ten feet of snow is reported from Coutts, Mont., near the international boundary, today, and the thermometer is ranging from 4 to 6 degrees below zero. Traffic on the Great Northern is seriously interfered with, and the trains are being operated only under the greatest difficulty. The cuts of the road are filled high with drifted snow.

Conservative estimates tonight place the loss of stock at about $2,000,000, and the number of head of stock lost is figured at about 20,000. This loss will be swelled by the ruination of the fruit crop throughout Northern Montana, which, it is understood, is a total failure.

The storm was followed by frost of the most damaging kind, and all garden stuffs have felt its effects. The Missouri River is rising rapidly, and the ranchers are leaving the lowlands in anticipation of a disastrous flood.

The frost, the flood and the blizzard have dealt this section—the counties of Cascade, Teton, Choteau and Lewis and Clark—the heaviest blow in their history.

Reports from Havre are to the effect that upon an average 50 per cent of the lambs have fallen. In addition thousands of cattle, sheep and range horses are lost. Many ranchers have lost everything, while others were prepared and saved a portion of their stock.

A number of persons report miraculous escapes. No trace can be found of the three sheepherders first reported missing, and it is thought their bodies lie deep beneath the snow.

COMMENCEMENT AT ASHLAND.

Fifteen Students Will Graduate This Year.

STATE NORMAL SCHOOL, Ashland, Or., May 20.—(Special.)—The commencement exercises at the Normal School will continue six days, beginning Friday, June 5. The programme for class and commencement days have already been prepared, and the committee having charge of the alumni programme is hard at work. Following is the schedule for commencement week:

Friday—2 P. M., class day exercises; 8 P. M., address to the literary societies.

Saturday—8 P. M., elocutionary contest.

Sunday—10 A. M., baccalaureate sermon.

Monday—8 P. M., students' reunion.

Tuesday—2 P. M., field day exercises; 8 P. M., concert.

Wednesday—10 A. M., commencement exercises; 8 P. M., alumni reunion.

Orators have been selected for both class and commencement days. Their names, with the subjects of their orations, follow: D. C. Mathews, "The New Northwest"; George W. Marksberry, "Our Insular Possessions"; Raymond A. Bates, "Lord Byron"; Della Tibbetts, "Russia and her Policy"; G. Clyde Briggs, "Whither are We Drifting?"; Lucie M. George, "Discipline of Life"; M. Low Grubb, "Theodore Roosevelt"; G. W. Milam, "Gladstone"; Aura D. Thompson, "Famous Women of History"; Eva E. Story, "The Student World"; Walter E. McIntere will deliver the class poem, and Olah E. Mickey the class prophecy.

There are 15 members in the class that graduates this year, most of whom have already secured excellent positions as teachers for the ensuing year.

ALL FOR TEMPERANCE.

Oratorical Contest and Prohibition Convention at Corvallis.

CORVALLIS, Or., May 20.—(Special.)—At the interstate oratorical contest to be held here Friday evening two orators who won first place at Dallas will compete with winners from Washington and California. The Berkeley and Whitman men will make the Oregon youths look to their laurels.

In connection with the contest will be held the annual Interstate College Prohibition Convention, and at this convention will speak 15 of the leading prohibition speakers of Oregon, Washington and California. Among them will be A. C. Millican, of the University of Washington, a member of the debating team which defeated the University of Idaho; Rev. G. F. Phelps, of Hillsboro; I. H. Amos, of Portland; Professor R. W. Kelsey, of Pacific College; Chester P. Gates, of Dallas; Professor W. T. Shaw, of Oregon Agricultural College; Robert Kirkwood, of Forest Grove; W. P. Dyke, of McMinnville; President B. E. Emerick, of Philomath College, and Virgil G. Hinshaw, National traveling secretary of the intercollegiate work. This convention will last from 2:30 to 5:30 Friday afternoon, and from 8:30 to 10:30 Sunday forenoon.

TALKED ON TARIFF.

Reames Quotes Republican Authority to Back His Argument.

HARRISBURG, Or., May 20.—(Special.)—Hon. A. E. Reames addressed a large and enthusiastic audience in the City Hall here tonight. He showed that the tariff was responsible for the trusts and that the trusts are selling in an exclusive market and are selling cheaper abroad than at home.

He quoted President Roosevelt and Mr. Tongue to show that the tariff should be removed from trust articles that are being manufactured in this country and sold cheaper abroad than at home, and that this was in harmony with the views of the majority of Republicans as well as Democrats. He then showed from Mr. Hermann's speech that he was not in accord with this view.

Mr. Reames' principal contention was for Western commercial development. He said that Eastern manufacturers dictated the Philippine tariff policy in order to prevent us from acquiring a market in the Orient, and that such a market is necessary to the building of manufactories on this coast.

CHASE AFTER HORSE THIEVES.

One Is Drowned and the Other May Be Lynched.

BUTTE, Mont., May 20.—A special to the Miner from Twin Falls, Idaho, says that a posse in pursuit of two horse thieves who had stolen four horses from the canal construction camp of Nelson Bennett & Co., at Milner, last Sunday night, came upon the bandits at the junction of the Snake and Salmon Rivers today after following them for 65 miles.

The horse thieves were forced into the river, and one of the robbers, in attempting to swim the stream with his horse, was drowned. The second thief was captured by the posse, and is now at Milner.

Threats of lynching are frequent, and a report says that the ranchers are quietly making preparations to hang him.

OBTAINED MUCH HUSH MONEY.

Lawbreakers in Eastern Oregon Were Easy Game.

BAKER CITY, Or., May 20.—E. W. Bates, who is held on the charge of defrauding a McEwen saloonkeeper by pretending to be a United States revenue officer, was remanded today by County Judge Travillion, and will have his hearing on Friday. Information received by the Sheriff's office leads to the belief that Bates has been practicing his impersonation swindle to a larger extent than was at first supposed.

He is said to have obtained money from at least one brewery, where the revenue laws were being broken. Hush money is also said to have been paid to the supposed Government official by persons whom he ascertained were cutting timber on Government lands.

MOVEMENTS OF OFFICERS.

Leaves of Absence Granted—Changes in Seventeenth.

VANCOUVER BARRACKS, Wash., May 20.—(Special.)—According to order from the Secretary of War Major Alexander B. Dyer has been appointed to conduct the examination of those officers who are eligible and desire to be detailed for service in the Ordinance Department.

Captain Benjamin F. Hardaway, Seventeenth Infantry, has been granted a leave of absence for 15 days to take effect June 5.

Major James A. Maney, Seventeenth Infantry, has gone to Fort Wright to take station, having been relieved from duty at Vancouver Barracks.

Contract Surgeon Joseph Pettijohn has been relieved from duty at Fort Gibbon, Alaska, and ordered to take station at Vancouver Barracks.

Captain William D. Davis, Seventeenth Infantry, after taking under guard 11 prisoner to Alcatraz Island, San Francisco, was granted a leave of absence for 14 days.

First Lieutenant Robert C. Van Horn, Seventeenth Infantry, was transferred May 16, to Company C, Twelfth Infantry, stationed at Fort Douglas, Utah, and First Lieutenant Francis J. McConnell, Twelfth Infantry, at present on recruiting duty at Scranton, Pa., has been transferred to the Seventeenth Infantry and ordered to Vancouver Barracks, where the regimental commander will assign him his company. Lieutenant Robert O. Van Horn has been ordered to remain at Vancouver Barracks until further orders.

Contract Surgeon Edward Bailey is now at Fort Canby, Washington, on temporary duty while Contract Surgeon J. E. Miller is on leave. Upon Dr. Miller's return Dr. Bailey will return to Vancouver Barracks.

First Lieutenants Philip W. Huntington, Louis C. Duncan and Noel I. Barron, assistant surgeons, now stationed at Vancouver Barracks, have been designated as the medical officers to accompany the Seventeenth Infantry to the Philippines.

Contract Surgeon Harper Peddicord, now at Columbus Barracks, Ohio, upon being relieved by Contract Surgeon F. M. Wall, will report at Department Headquarters Vancouver Barracks for duty in Alaska.

TO EXPLORE MOUNT M'KINLEY.

Expedition Sent Out by Philadelphia and New York Societies.

NEW YORK, May 20.—An expedition is being sent out under the auspices of the Geographical Society of Philadelphia and the Arctic Club, of New York, to explore Mount McKinley, the highest peak in the Alaskan range, estimated to be 20,400 feet in height.

The expedition is to be in charge of Dr. Frederick A. Cook, of Brooklyn, who accompanied Peary on two of his Arctic trips, and the Belgian party on their visit to the Antarctic regions. From here the party will go to Seattle, thence by steamer Santa Ana to Toyonok, Cook Inlet.

They will take supplies for three months, using packhorses. The party will have to travel some 400 miles cross country to Keechatna River, along that river through the Alaskan range to the Kuskowim River, and by the foothills to Mount McKinley.

The object is to explore the mountain and surrounding country, getting angles to give the topography of the unexplored eastern range of the Alaskan Mountains.

SALEM GAS PLANT SOLD.

Colorado Capitalist Now Has Control of City Lighting.

SALEM, Or., May 20.—(Special.)—J. J. Henry, the Colorado capitalist, who recently purchased the Salem street railway and electric light system, today bought the plant of the Salem Gas Company. The consideration was $50,000. The two lighting plants are now under one management.

Mr. Henry said this evening that he will double the capacity of the gas plant and double its patronage. Since Mr. Henry purchased the electric light and railway system two weeks ago he has reduced the operating expenses so as to save $6000 a year; has reduced rates to consumers, has improved the car service, has secured water power to take the place of steam, and has made plans for a complete overhauling of the track system in the next few months.

The confidence which Mr. Henry shows in the future of Salem has been contagious and his activity is throwing new life into the community.

HAS LARGE ATTENDANCE.

Independence School That Is Growing Rapidly.

INDEPENDENCE, Or., May 20.—At a meeting of the board of directors of the public schools the following teachers were re-elected: T. J. Newbill, principal; C. D. Simpson, assistant principal; Miss Ivy Burton, Miss Adona Cochran, Miss Nellie M. Burke and Mrs. Mary Tuck. The teachers of the sixth and seventh grades not applying, no selections were made for those grades. The school at Independence is the largest in the county, having about 300 pupils in attendance.

There is a probability that this number will be materially increased next school year, as a movement is on foot to add to this district two or possibly three of the country districts adjoining Independence. This will necessitate the addition of at least one teacher to the present corps, which now consists of eight.

CHINOOK AND SHAD.

Catch at the White Island Seining Ground.

ASTORIA, Or., May 20.—(Special.)—The White Island Seining Company's grounds, about two miles above Cathlamet, began operations on last Saturday, and have been catching about half a ton of fish per day, which more than pays expenses. About half the catch is chinook, the balance being bluebacks and steelheads. The chinooks bring 5 and 6 cents, the bluebacks, 4 cents, and the steelheads, 3 cents per pound.

Quite a quantity of shad is also being caught, and on an average of 500 pounds are shipped to the market each day. They bring 3 cents per pound.

TURTLE MOUNTAIN CRACKS.

Immense Fissure Opening on Western Peak.

VICTORIA, B. C., May 20.—A special to the Colonist from Frank says a crack four feet wide and 3000 feet long has opened a couple of hundred yards back from the face of the western peak of Turtle Mountain at the summit.

A dispatch has been received at Frank from the Lieutenant-Governor of the territory ordering the mounted police to inform everybody of the danger and suggesting the immediate evacuation of the place.

BLEW HIS HEAD OFF.

Old German Has Terrible Greeting for a Visitor.

BUTTE, Mont., May 20.—A Missoula special to the Miner says:

Billy Phennetton was shot and killed at 8 o'clock tonight by an old German named Victor, who lives in a small cabin on the "Island," near this city. Phennetton had occasion to go to Victor's cabin, and the German blew the side of his head off with a double-barreled shotgun. No motive for the crime is known.

NO PARADE AT ASTORIA.

But Memorial Day Will Be Properly Celebrated.

ASTORIA, Or., May 20.—(Special.)—The committee of Cushing Post, G. A. R., appointed to make arrangements for the observance of Memorial day, has about completed its plans. On the morning of Memorial day the members of the G. A. R. and the Woman's Relief Corps will visit Greenwood cemetery and decorate the graves of the departed veterans.

There will be no parade, but in the afternoon appropriate exercises will be held in Foard & Stokes' Hall, the address being delivered by Hon. George Noland. During the coming week committees from the G. A. R. post will, in accordance with their usual custom, visit the various schools in the city.

OFFICERS OF GRAND LODGE.

Elected by the Knights of Pythias at Seattle.

SEATTLE, May 20.—At today's session of the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias, the following Grand Lodge officers were elected, Grand Chancellor A. W. Bowman being the only retiring officer:

Grand chancellor, J. R. Stevenson, of Pomeroy; grand vice-chancellor, W. F. Magill, of Kalama; grand prelate, J. W. McArthur, of Spokane; grand keeper of records and seals, A. Beamer, of Spokane; grand master of exchequer, M. Harris, of Olympia; grand master-at-arms, H. D. Cooley, of Everett; grand inner guard, Orno Strong, of Tacoma; grand outer guard, Donald B. Olson, of Seattle; supreme representative, M. G. Martindale, of Spokane.

GAVE AWAY TOO MUCH.

Mistake by Provincial Government Is in Square Miles.

VANCOUVER, B. C., May 20.—By a curious mistake in the Provincial Department of Lands and Works, the Island Power Company was granted 480 square miles of timber lands over and above the tract applied for. The discovery has been made and acknowledged by W. S. Gore, Deputy Minister of Lands and Works.

According to the Gazette columns the Island Power Company was granted 540 square miles in a certain area. What the company should have reserved there by the terms of its application, it is stated, was 60 square miles of territory.

How the government will rectify this error is not yet announced.

PICKPOCKETS GIVE BAIL.

Released by Oregon City Authorities for Small Amount.

OREGON CITY, Or., May 20.—Thomas O'Brien and George Wilson, alias St. Paul Kid, were released from custody late this afternoon upon payment of $100 cash bond each. Authorities have probably seen the last of the men, who, it is charged, picked the pockets of J. D. Dynes yesterday on the Southern Pacific train.

Bail was fixed at $500 each, then reduced to $250, and finally to $100. The men went to Portland.

DEAD UNDER THEIR ENGINE.

How Northern Pacific Engine Was Wrecked Is Not Known.

CHESTNUT, Mont., May 20.—Engineer Tracy and Fireman Guy Hodson were killed in the wreck of a Northern Pacific light engine today near the Muir tunnel. The engine was found ditched by the track at the mouth of the tunnel.

Both the crew being dead, no one can say how the accident happened. The engine had fallen over upon them, and they had evidently tried to jump at the critical moment. The engine was backing up from Bozeman to the Muir water tank. It is supposed it jumped the track at the mouth of the tunnel.

Engineer Tracy is the second of his family to meet a tragic death. His sister, Miss Agnes Tracy, was killed two years ago in a Northern Pacific wreck at Mission, below Bozeman.

FRUIT TREES FEEL FROST.

Early Crops Badly Damaged About Baker City.

BAKER CITY, Or., May 20.—(Special.)—A killing frost blighted the prospects for an abundant fruit crop in this Valley last night. The extent of the damage is not fully developed, but it is known that all the early fruit is badly damaged, and in some localities all the fruit is killed.

So far as known, there has been no frost in Pine and Eagle Valleys, or down on the Snake River, below Huntington. These portions of the county comprise the principal fruitgrowing sections of the county. Until last night the prospects were favorable for the greatest fruit crop ever known in this, the Powder River Valley.

HEADED TOWARD BURNS.

Construction Work on Sumpter Valley Road to Begin.

BAKER CITY, Or., May 20.—(Special.)—Chief Engineer Joseph West, of the Sumpter Valley Railroad, is here prepared to begin the work of extending the road. The rails and other material for the extension have begun to arrive and the sawmills are busy cutting ties for the new road.

Just how far the road will be built this season is not stated, but it is certain that it will penetrate some distance into Grant County in the direction of Burns, the county seat of Harney County.

OFFICERS FROM MANILA.

Rogers Home to Retire—Humphrey to Accept Advancement.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 20.—Quartermaster Humphrey, of the Army, and Brigadier-General Rogers arrived today on the transport Sherman from Manila. General Rogers is coming home to be retired. He was formerly Colonel of the Thirtieth Infantry.

General Humphrey, who was recently appointed to succeed General Ludington, is on his way to Washington to assume office.

ONE BODY IN SIGHT.

Rescuers Digging for Overwhelmed Miners.

HELENA, Mont., May 20.—The rescue party at the Eglaval mine today got within sight of the body of one of the three men buried by Sunday's cave-in of the tunnel. Owing to the soft nature of the ground, and the fact that every foot of excavation has to be tunneled, it may be hours before the body is reached.

Wisner Paid Dishonored Check.

BAKER CITY, Or., May 20.—(Special.)—F. L. Wisner, who was arrested in Pendleton last week and brought back here on the charge of passing a bogus draft on Joe Buckley, settled the difficulty, so far as Mr. Buckley is concerned, by refunding the money yesterday. The draft was drawn on the Canadian Bank of Seattle, for $68.

Wanted in Honolulu.

BUTTE, Mont., May 20.—A Billings special to the Miner says that Guy Landers, Jr., under arrest there for obtaining money under false pretenses, is a long-sought-for forger, according to advices received from the Bank of Honolulu. Landers presented a draft here drawn on the Honolulu Bank for $1688 and a check on a Honolulu jewelry firm for $123, both of which are forgeries. The Pinkerton detective agency has made a request for the prisoner.

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