MEET IN OCTOBER

Railroad Presidents and Farmers of Palouse.

THEY WILL DISCUSS RATES

Heads of Three Great Railroads Plan to Get Close to People and Away From Politics—Farmers Hope for Reduction in Rates.

COLFAX, Wash., July 27.—(Special.)—An effort is being made to arrange another meeting between Presidents Hill, of the Great Northern; Mellen, of the Northern Pacific, and Mohler, of the Oregon Railroad & Navigation Company, and the farmers of Eastern Washington, to talk over freight rates and ascertain if more amicable relations cannot be had between the railroad magnates and the producers, instead of trying to attain that end by political deals. Mr. Hill, of the Great Northern, has agreed again to meet the farmers of Eastern Washington, and expressed a desire to attend the annual picnic at Elberton, which was addressed by Governor McBride on the railroad commission question, but could not arrange to attend at the time arranged, and his request that the picnic be postponed until he could arrive was not granted. Mr. Hill then agreed to visit Whitman County early in August to discuss freight rates, but has again been unable to come West at that time, and it is now proposed to have him visit this country early in October and meet the farmers and shippers at Pullman, when the question of freight rates will be discussed at length.

It is understood that Presidents Mellen and Mohler will also be present, although the first intimation that such a meeting was desired came from a representative of Mr. Hill, and he alone was mentioned as a probable visitor. In a letter from this representative asking that the date be postponed until October, he says: "Try to arrange a meeting at a convenient point early in October between the railroad presidents and the farmers." As the plural is used in presidents, it is inferred that the heads of the three transcontinental lines who met the farmers here in August last year will be present at the October meeting.

The project has been kept secret by those in charge, but has now been given to the public. It was originally intended to have a meeting of representative farmers and shippers at Garfield last Saturday to arrange a place and date, and it was thought that the place might be the largest grain warehouse in Garfield, which would hold several thousand people. But when it became known that the meeting cannot be held until October, when this warehouse will probably be filled with wheat, Garfield withdrew its claim and Pullman has been suggested as the most central point, being on both lines of railroad, and having a good opera-house and good hotel accommodations.

The two men who were in communication with Mr. Hill's representatives are Hon. J. C. Lawrence and Hon. R. C. McCroskey, of Garfield, who were on the committee which arranged last year's meeting, at which Mr. McCroskey presided. These men had printed a circular letter which they had intended sending out to prominent farmers throughout the county, asking them to attend a preliminary meeting at Garfield to arrange a meeting with the railroad magnates, but when it was learned that the conference could not be held until October, these were not mailed. The letter reads:

Last year the meeting between the railway presidents and the farmers resulted in a reduction in rates on farm products. There was a tacit understanding at that time that similar meetings would be held in the future. In accordance with this understanding the suggestion was made to Mr. James J. Hill to appear before the farmers at the Elberton picnic. Owing to his absence on an ocean voyage he was unable to be with us then, but on his return he has signified his willingness to meet the farmers of the Palouse country at an early date.

You have been selected as a representative of your community to be present at a preliminary meeting to be held in Garfield, Saturday, July 25, at 1 P. M., to make arrangements for such meeting. Be sure to attend.

That the meeting of the railroad magnates and the producers held in Colfax last August was productive of much good no one familiar with the conditions here can doubt. A reduction of 10 per cent in the then existing freight rate was voluntarily given, applying to all farm products shipped in carload lots. It resulted in an advance of 2 cents per bushel in the price of wheat from the day the reduction went into effect, namely, August 15, 1902. On the 10,000,000-bushel crop of Whitmen County last year this meant $200,000 given to the farmers on one wheat crop alone, to say nothing of hay, potatoes and other products shipped in vast quantities. R. C. McCroskey, who is an extensive wheat-grower, says it was a gift of more than $300 to him on last year's crop. The fact that Hill has agreed again to meet the farmers to discuss freight rates is considered by those who have learned of his desires in this respect to mean that a further reduction is contemplated. It is likely that Pullman will be called upon to entertain one of the biggest crowds in its history on the occasion.

CAN'T BELIEVE HIS EYES.

Settler From Iowa Astonished at Crops in Palouse.

COLFAX, Wash., July 27.—(Special.)—"I can scarcely believe my eyes when I look at the fruit on the trees in my orchard. I never believed so much fruit of such fine quality could grow on trees until I saw it growing, and then I am sometimes tempted to believe my eyes deceive me. Why, this is the greatest fruit and agricultural country I ever saw. I thought of cutting off a limb or two from my cherry trees and sending them to my old home in Iowa to show how fruit grows here, for the people would not believe me if I told the truth, and I am sure they will feel anxious to see if some of the fruit is not tied on when they see it on the limbs."

This is the statement of John Kirkman, who, with several grown sons, came here from Iowa last Spring and bought several hundred acres of the 4000-acre farm of Edgar Torrance, ten miles west of Colfax. Mr. Kirkman is enthusiastic over the fertility of the soil of the Palouse country and declares that by modern methods and a diversity of crops this will become the greatest agricultural district in the world. Last Spring, before he became accustomed to the hills and the difference in climate and social conditions here and at his old home, Mr. Kirkman was much discouraged, but he has recovered from this feeling and is now happy and contented. Continuing, Mr. Kirkman said:

"I have a field of wheat which is the best I ever saw before coming to this country, and my neighbors tell me it will yield 40 bushels an acre, and I believe it will. At present prices that means $24 an acre, which is almost what I paid for the land. I believe this is one of the best agricultural districts in the world, and I intend to try diversified farming. Instead of Summer fallowing a part of my land each year, and thus losing a crop, I will raise corn on it and raise from 75 to 100 hogs and milk about 20 cows, feeding them the corn and fodder, and will thus make as much money from my Summer-fallowed land as from my wheat crop. I am raising corn this year, and it is doing finely and will produce a good crop."

Adjoining the farm of Mr. Kirkman is a tract of 400 acres which Mr. Torrance sold last Fall to Mr. Dudacek, of Elma, Ia., who was a neighbor of Mr. Kirkman before the latter came to Washington. This land is in wheat, sown last Fall, and has one of the best crops seen in Whitman County this year. Many estimate the yield at 50 bushels an acre. Mr. Dudacek gets one-third of this crop. In speaking of this, Mr. Kirkman said: "When he gets the money from his third of the crop it will take his breath away. No one in our country had ever seen such wheat, and it will require the cash to convince him that such a crop has ever grown on his land. When people back in Iowa learn of the wonderful fertility of this soil there will be a big immigration to the Palouse country from Iowa."

A colony of people from near Elma, Ia., bought a large part of the Torrance ranch and other lands in the same locality, and all are delighted with their investments and will urge former neighbors to sell their lands in Iowa and come to Washington, which they declare is a much better state than Iowa for agricultural purposes, as well as fruitgrowing and stock-raising.

ADOPTED WRONG METHOD.

Corporation May Not Reduce Capital by Buying in Stock.

OLYMPIA, Wash., July 27.—(Special.)—The Supreme Court today reversed the King County case of Hugh A. Tait, as receiver of the Bay Lumber & Shingle Company, appellant, vs. William Piggott, respondent, and therein declares that it is unlawful for a corporation to attempt to reduce its capital stock by purchasing the stock of one of its stockholders.

Piggott was a stockholder and trustee in the Bay Lumber & Shingle Company, and in 1899 sold to the company his stock for $834.50. The company afterwards went into the hands of a receiver, and this action was commenced to compel Piggett to pay back into the assets of the company the amount he received for the capital stock.

A demurrer by the respondent to the complaint was sustained in the lower court, and the appellant elected to stand on his pleadings and judgment was entered dismissing the case. The appeal is from this judgment. The Supreme Court declares that the act complained of is in violation of section 4365, volume 1, Bellinger Code, which provides that it is unlawful to "in any way pay to the stockholders or any of them any part of the capital stock of the company."

A distinction is drawn by the court between this case and one cited by the respondent. In the latter a bank, to protect itself against loss, purchased the stock owned by a stockholder, but with the purpose of reissuing it. In the case at bar the complaint charges that the stock purchased was retired. The law provides a way for corporations to reduce their capital stock, but the above method is not in accordance therewith. The court says:

"We think the complaint stated such a case as required the respondent to return to the corporation the money he received from it, that it may be available for the benefit of the creditors."

The case is remanded with instructions to the lower court to overrule the demurrer.

LIKE A SCOTCH SABBATH.

Saloon Men Stop All Sunday Trading in Vancouver.

VANCOUVER, Wash., July 27.—(Special.)—Sunday closing as promised by the Saloon Men's Association was pretty thoroughly carried out in this city yesterday, and every business house in the city was closed, excepting possibly a couple of lunch counters, and these may cause trouble. The saloon-keepers notified the business men Saturday to close, and they generally obeyed, with the result that the city appeared dull. All the cigar and confectionery stores were closed. Most of the people left the city, and not a few excursionists who came here were sadly disappointed at not being able to amuse themselves. Not an article could be had in the city.

Where the fight will end no one can tell, but the saloon men are obdurate in their demands that if they cannot keep their doors open not a single business place will be allowed to open.

Not a single milk route was run, and families suffered for want of milk. The bakeries could not sell bread, and none but hotels could serve meals; consequently many went hungry, as all could not secure meals at regular meal time. It is currently reported that the officers of the ferryboat plying between this city and Portland were warned not to continue operating the boat on Sundays, under penalty. It is proposed to stop all baseball and sports. There has been talk of trying to stop the management of the electric light plant from operating on Sunday. In fact, it seems the determination to prevent a single operation from being performed in the city on the Sabbath day. The church people seem to applaud the position, and, while affected as much as any one, are bearing their share of the annoyance with patience. Vancouver has never had such an experience before.

MUST NOT CHOKE UP HARBOR.

Olympia Millmen Required to Dispose of Refuse Otherwise.

OLYMPIA, Wash., July 27.—(Special.)—A semi-official intimation has come from the War Department at Washington that, unless the mills of Olympia cease throwing refuse into the harbor, the harbor improvements provided for by Congress will not be carried out. The millmen were notified some time ago that they must dispose of their refuse, sawdust and slabs in some other way, but only one has fully complied with the notification. Interviews with the other millmen since receiving the last intimation bring out the statement that they are preparing to construct burners to take care of the refuse. After the passing of several dates on which the work in the harbor was to begin, the dredger arrived this morning, and is getting ready for work.

Prosperous Farmers' Warehouse.

GARFIELD, Wash., July 27.—(Special.)—The Farmers' Warehouse Company of Garfield has held its 14th annual meeting and elected officers for another year. The old board of directors was re-elected, but the board has not yet completed its organization. The directors are: B. Westacot, W. H. Gwin and W. P. Lawrence. J. C. Lawrence was re-elected manager and Thomas H. Hale agent. The manager's report for the past year showed satisfactory conditions and bright prospects for business this year. This is the oldest farmers' warehouse company in Eastern Washington, having been organized in 1890. It has paid many times the original stock in dividends, and stockholders have made good money by pooling their grain and getting an advance over the ruling price. It is operated on the co-operative plan.

Postal Business of Small Cities.

OLYMPIA, Wash., July 27.—A comparative statement received by W. T. Cavanaugh, Postmaster of Olympia, shows that Everett and Whatcom lead a dozen of the second-class postoffices of the state in the amount of receipts for the year ending June 30, 1903. Everett's receipts were $50,881, and Whatcom's $47,537. North Yakima is third, with $28,757, and Olympia fourth, with $23,770. The other offices in the list are those at Ballard, Aberdeen, Colfax, Ellensburg, Fairhaven, Hoquiam, Vancouver and Walla Walla. The smallest receipts were from Hoquiam, $14,556. Everett showed the largest percentage of increase for the last six months, and Whatcom the second largest, while Aberdeen stands third and North Yakima and Olympia fourth and fifth, respectively.

Southern Pacific Buys Coal.

TACOMA, Wash., July 27.—A contract has been closed by which the Southern Pacific Railroad Company will take the entire output, averaging 20,000 tons a month, of the Carbon Hill coal mines in Pierce County, tributary to Tacoma. Hitherto a portion of the coal mined has been sold to steamship lines.

SAYS MERRILL IS ALIVE

STRANGE STORY TOLD BY A PRISON COMPANION.

He Says Man Killed in Washington Was Not Merrill but Was Victim of Both Outlaws.

BAKER CITY, Or., July 27.—(Special.)—Two ex-convicts, Gale and Barclay, who served a ten-years' sentence in the penitentiary at Salem, and who were there when Tracy and Merrill escaped, tell an interesting story to the effect that Merrill is still alive. Gales, who was formerly a resident of this county, tells the story.

He says that he had charge of the prison baths and knew Merrill well. Merrill, he says, had very little hair on his body, scarcely any on his breast. Merrill had two upper false teeth and two gold ones in front. The body of the man which was brought in and buried as Merrill's had a heavy growth of hair on the breast and all the upper front teeth were gone. Gale says that the man supposed to be Merrill was decoyed to the place where he was killed and shot by both Tracy and Merrill.

Merrill, according to Gale's story, wished to leave the country, but Tracy was anxious to meet a woman whom he knew and who hovered around his neighborhood all the time he was keeping up the running fight with the officers.

HUSBAND'S BARREN VICTORY.

Secures Reversal of Divorce Decree, but New Trial Is Ordered.

SALEM, Or., July 27.—(Special.)—The Supreme Court today rendered opinions in seven appeal cases, three of which were reversals and the balance affirmations. The most important were two of the reversals, both of which were appealed from Marion County, one being closely allied to the other; in fact, both of them emanate from the same case, and are made more interesting from the fact that the legality of the decree of divorce, which was granted a Mrs. Elizabeth McFarlane from A. McFarlane, is the question at issue, Mrs. McFarlane having since become the wife of W. D. Claggett, of this city. A brief digest of the substance of these two cases follows:

McFarlane vs. McFarlane.

Elizabeth McFarlane, respondent, vs. A. McFarlane, appellant, from Marion County; R. P. Boise, Judge; reversed. Opinion by Chief Justice Moore.

This is a proceeding to open a decree of divorce, in order that the respondent may obtain alimony to the amount of $1000, $200 attorney's fees, and $50 per month for the support of their children, the defendant having left the state prior to the commencement of the suit, the summons being served by publication, and the defendant not having returned or answered, a decree was rendered dissolving the bonds of matrimony, awarding the plaintiff the custody of the minor children, one-third of the real property and her costs and disbursements, without other relief. The defendant remained out of the state for over 3½ years, and, upon his return, the plaintiff, by an order of the court, caused him to appear and show cause why the alimony, attorney's fees, etc., should not be allowed her, and she demanded that the decree of the court be modified so as to require him to pay the sums asked. The defendant moved to set aside the proceedings, on the ground that the court had no jurisdiction of the subject matter or of his person, but the trial court overruled the motion and granted the plaintiff the decree prayed for.

While the Supreme Court reverses the decree of the lower court, it is practically a victory for the plaintiff in that the case is simply sent back for the taking of testimony to establish the facts alleged, upon which the cause of action is based. The Appellate Court, in reversing the decision of the lower court, holds that the plaintiff was not obliged to take a decree in this suit, but, having done so, she waived her right to alimony, costs, etc., and, as the statutes of Oregon contain no provision allowing the court jurisdiction to pass on these questions, the court erred in awarding the plaintiff any sum whatever on account of alimony, etc., in the original suit. In concluding, however, the court says it had no doubt the lower court had authority, upon the presentation of the petition, to issue a citation to the defendant requiring him to appear and show cause why he should not be required to assist in supporting the minor children, and hence no error was committed in overruling the motion to set aside the service, but, as no testimony accompanies the transcript, the order appealed from was reversed and the cause remanded for the taking of the testimony in the case.

A. McFarlane vs. G. B. Cornelius.

A. McFarlane, respondent, vs. G. B. Cornelius, appellant, from Marion County; George H. Burnett, Judge; reversed and new trial ordered. Opinion by Chief Justice Moore.

The principal question at issue was upon the introduction of the decree of divorce between A. McFarlane and his former wife to show that Cornelius owned one-third of the real property in question, he having bought it from Mrs. McFarlane, but the trial court held the decree of divorce was invalid, for the reason that the affidavit of the printer as to the decree as evidence of the title in Cornelius shows that the publication of the summons was not made within six months of the date of last publication, as required by law. The Supreme Court holds that the law requiring the affidavit to be made within six months is directory merely, and not mandatory; and that the decree of divorce is valid and binding, and that the trial court erred in refusing to admit the affidavit. The decision is reversed and a new trial ordered.

This practically disposes of the case, however, as it leaves the parties to the action tenants in common of the real property in question, and one such tenant cannot maintain action against the other, unless the one in possession denies the rights of his cotenant.

The other cases passed upon by the court follow:

F. B. Waite vs. J. H. Grubbe, et rex. F. B. Waite, executor of the estate of Fendal Sutherlin, deceased, respondent, vs. J. H. Grubbe and Kate Grubbe, appellants; from Douglas County; J. W. Hamilton, Judge; reversed. Opinion by Justice Wolverton.

Charles Wagner, respondent, vs. George A. Dorris, George Fisher, Joseph Pepiat, A. Hixson, J. Pick and T. Pick, appellants; from Lane County; J. W. Hamilton, Judge; affirmed. Opinion by Justice Wolverton.

State of Oregon, respondent, vs. A. J. Neilson, appellant; from Lake County; H. L. Benson, Judge; affirmed. Opinion by Justice Bean.

The Beaver Flume & Lumber Company, a corporation, respondent, vs. William Eccles, William Lusk, John Snow and William Wallace, appellants; from Columbia County; T. A. McBride, Judge; affirmed. Opinion by Justice Wolverton.

J. E. Ferguson and Charles L. Houston, respondents, vs. George Kaboth, appellant; from Clatsop County; T. A. McBride, Judge; affirmed. Opinion by Justice Bean.

MISS ZELPHA M. KNIGHT

PRINCIPAL OF THE FOREST GROVE PUBLIC SCHOOL.

FOREST GROVE, Or., July 27.—Miss Zelpha M. Knight, who has just been elected principal of the public school here, is one of the few women in Oregon who are at the head of a large school. She will have seven assistants. Miss Knight is a native of Iowa, was graduated from the Fremont, Neb., Normal School, and for five years has been teaching in the public schools of Denver, Colo. Her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. J. Knight, reside in Forest Grove.

Mr. Edmond Carlton, of the Albany High School, was elected by the Directors here when Mr. Martin, an Indiana teacher declined the principalship, but the Albany Directors made an offer of increased salary, which induced Mr. Carlton to remain. Miss Knight happened to be in town on her vacation, and the Directors persuaded her to take the position. There will be one more assistant teacher than last year, and an addition of four rooms will probably be made during the vacation, one being finished at the present time, so that the expenditure will only be about $2000.

BREAW'S BAIL DOUBLED.

Business Men Intercede for Hallock, Who Suffered Through Him.

BAKER CITY, Or., July 27.—(Special.)—The bail bond of George Breaw, the defaulting cashier of the local O. R. & N. office in this city, who was bound over in the sum of $500 last week to await the action of the Circuit Court, was raised to $1000 by Judge Messick this morning. Breaw telegraphed to friends in the East and secured the additional sum.

A petition signed by the leading shippers of this city was forwarded to the O. R. & N. officials at Portland today, protesting against the removal of Mr. Hallock, the agent, on account of Breaw's defalcation. It is alleged that Hallock was in no way responsible for Breaw's defalcation as cashier, and besides that Breaw's reputation was known to be tarnished, he having been guilty of some misconduct in the office here before. Hallock was appointed agent, but Hallock did not know about it. Hallock recently came here from Pendleton and had just purchased a home and moved his family here. He is well thought of in business circles.

J. P. Hedrick, who stabbed M. J. Conway last week, was bound over today in the sum of $500 to await the action of the Circuit Court.

Weinhard Wins Either Way.

ASTORIA, Or., July 27.—(Special.)—Although the injunction suit brought by the O. R. & N. Company against James W. Welch to restrain him from driving piling on the property adjoining the roadway leading to the company's wharf in this city and incidentally to settle the question of title to the property, has not been settled or even argued, a compromise having been reached so that the proposed improvements can proceed. The lot had been leased by Mr. Welch to Henry Weinhard, of Portland, and the latter was preparing to erect a building on it. The O. R. & N. Company has now approved the lease, so that, no matter who is finally determined by the courts to be the rightful owner, Mr. Weinhard will still have a lease on it. It is understood that he will proceed with the construction of the building at once.

Incendiary Fire Costs $4000.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., July 27.—(Special.)—Walla Walla had a $4000 fire this morning, when the notion store of W. H. Osborn burned from what is suspected of being an incendiary source. Osborn claims the above damage, and has $2000 insurance. A small fire occurred tonight in the Gilbert Hunt Company's shops, doing little damage.

PRINTERS ON A STRIKE

THEY DEMAND ADVANCE FROM SPOKESMAN-REVIEW.

Arbitrators Failed to Agree and President Lynch Refused to Join in Selection of Umpire.

SPOKANE, Wash., July 27.—The Morning Spokesman-Review failed to appear today. The union printers in its composing room struck last night, although the strike was in violation of their signed arbitration contract with the Spokesman-Review, binding them to submit to arbitration all differences regarding wages and hours. The men struck for an advance of 50 cents a day, and the union informed the office that unless the increase was paid and it signed a contract to pay the advanced scale for two years the men would not return.

The contract was signed by President James M. Lynch, of the International Typographical Union, and by the publishers of the Spokesman-Review as a member of the American Newspaper Publishers' Association. Under this contract the union and the Spokesman-Review recently submitted their differences to a local board of arbitration. The decision went against the union, and the union appealed to the National Board of Arbitration, consisting of President Lynch, of the International Typographical Union, and Commissioner Frederick Driscoll, of the American Newspaper Publishers' Association. The National Board came to Spokane, heard the evidence from both sides and failed to agree. Commissioner Driscoll, as provided by the arbitration contract, then proposed that they choose a third disinterested arbitrator and proceed with the union's appeal. President Lynch refused, and immediately returned to Indianapolis. It is believed that the union in striking followed his instructions.

The arbitration contract binds the union, during the lifetime of the contract, which runs to May, 1907, not to "strike, walk out, boycott or engage in any other form of concerted interference with the operation of the office of the contracting publisher."

The Spokesman-Review has been offering through its columns for several days to submit all differences to arbitration, including any difference as to the meaning of the contract.

HOT CONTEST FOR LAND.

Heavily-Timbered Section Near Corvallis in Question.

OREGON CITY, July 27.—(Special.)—A contest of more than usual importance was begun in the local Land Office this morning. Important is the contest because an entire section of heavily-timbered land located near Corvallis, Benton County, is involved. It is estimated that the section contains 16,000,000 feet of fine timber. There are four entrymen, each having filed upon a quarter section, and there are as many contestants on the ground that the entrymen abandoned and did not prove up properly on the land.

All four cases are being hotly contested, several attorneys being employed on either side. Hedges & Galloway appear for the contestants, while W. D. Fenton and R. A. Miller are counsel for the entrymen, who are Charles W. Spaulding, Lillian E. Spaulding, Edna M. Spaulding and Charles A. Spaulding. The fact that Mr. Fenton is associated with the case in defense of the original entrymen gives rise to the suspicion that the Southern Pacific Company is interested in the land, and the further fact that the railroad company owns two adjoining sections strengthens this belief.

DISOWNED AS AN AGENT.

J. B. Mason in Jail on Charge of Working a Swindle.

ROSEBURG, Or., July 27.—J. B. Mason, a man past middle age, is an occupant of the County Jail in this city, awaiting no answer to the charge of obtaining money under false pretenses. Mason, it is claimed, has been traveling over California and Southern Oregon representing himself as an agent for the Standard Pattern Company, of San Francisco. His method of working was to establish agencies in different towns and then collect from his victims small sums of money for transportation expenses. The Standard Pattern Company issued circulars of warning against Mason, and through them Mason was detected, after having operated at Glendale and Riddle. He passed Roseburg, and tried to work Oakland, but, failing there, started northward on foot and was captured at Rice Hill by Sheriff Parrott Saturday evening. Mason is said to have served time in jails at Santa Cruz and Bakersfield.

NORTHWEST DEAD.

H. D. Laundern, Union.

UNION, Or., July 27.—H. D. Laundern, a pioneer of this valley, died suddenly after a short illness of dropsy, July 25. Deceased was born at Mount Vernon, Ill., in 1850, and came West in 1875. He was married to Miss Jennie Richards in 1876, and besides a widow left five children. The funeral was held Sunday from the Presbyterian Church, of which he was a devoted member.

Mrs. Lucy E. Wright, Linn Pioneer.

ALBANY, Or., July 27.—(Special.)—Mrs. Lucy E. Wright, widow of the late A. H. Wright, a Linn County pioneer of the early '50s, died at her home in Shedd, Sunday night, at the age of about 75 years. Mrs. Wright, with her husband, crossed the plains to Oregon by oxteam and settled in Linn County on a donation land claim near Shedd long before the town of Shedd was founded and when Albany was but a hamlet.

Mrs. Mary G. Smith, Oregon City.

OREGON CITY, Or., July 27.—(Special.)—Mrs. Mary E. Smith, widow of Joseph R. Smith, died at her home on the West Side Sunday evening, July 26, aged 58 years, of tuberculosis. Funeral services will be held Tuesday, and burial will be had in the Clackamas cemetery. Mary E. Tennison was born in Tennessee, and was married in 1866 in Arkansas to Joseph R. Smith, who died several years ago. She removed to Oregon in 1879, and had resided here ever since. She is survived by three sons, Erastus A. and Thomas A., both of this city, and Matthew S. Smith, of Bandon, Or.

John Wilson, of Gales Creek.

FOREST GROVE, July 27.—(Special.)—John Wilson, aged 76 years, died today at Gales Creek, where he had lived for the past 42 years. He was born in Missouri and came to California in 1851, and ten years later came to Washington County. A wife and the following children survive him: Mrs. Laura Allen, Beaverton; Alonzo Wilson, Grant's Pass; William, Walter and Fred, Gales Creek; Mrs. Ella Castcel and Edward Wilson, Springfield; Mrs. Sarah York and Denny Wilson, Kelso; Mrs. Reales and Mrs. Emma Stanton, Portland.

John Wilson, Gales Creek.

FOREST GROVE, Or., July 27.—John Wilson, aged 76 years, died at Gales Creek today. A widow, five sons and five daughters survive him.

JUST LIKE FOREIGN SHIP

American Vessel Is Treated at Manila—Custom-House Roasted.

ASTORIA, Or., July 27.—(Special.)—The four-masted American schooner Mabel Gale arrived in last evening, 61 days from Manila, and will load lumber. Captain Hellquist, her master, says he went to Manila from Everett, Wash., with a cargo of lumber, and on arrival was treated the same as a foreign vessel coming from a foreign port. When he went to the custom-house to clear for Astoria he was compelled to clear as a foreign vessel.

Captain Hellquist protested on the ground that his schooner was flying the same flag as the one over the custom-house, but his protest was without avail. In most emphatic language he describes the Manila custom-house as "rotten," and says it is recognized by shipping men of all nationalities as the worst in the world.

School Census of Columbia County.

ST. HELENS, Or., July 27.—(Special.)—County Superintendent I. H. Copeland today completed his annual report and forwarded it to the State Superintendent of Public Instruction. The report shows an increase in the number of school children between the ages of 4 and 20 of about 250, and there is a corresponding increase in the number of legal school voters. The total number of children of school age is 2610, while the number of legal school district voters is 1428. Ninety-five female and 19 male teachers were employed during the year, and the average salaries paid were $40.77 for the latter and $34.75 for the former. There are 57 school districts and 59 school buildings, of a total value of $35,350, which are insured for $22,615. The average number of mills of district tax levied was 7.18. The report further shows that $5460 was paid out for new schoolhouses and seats.

County Superintendent Copeland is making arrangements for the annual County Teachers' Institute, which will be held in St. Helens August 18-20. City Superintendent Frank Rigler, of Portland, and President E. D. Ressler, of the State Normal School at Monmouth, have been secured as instructors, and State Superintendent Ackerman will be present for one day.

Railroad Land Sales Stopped.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 27.—Preliminary to the impending consolidation of the land departments of the Central Pacific and Southern Pacific Railroads, which event is to follow the approaching retirement of Jerome Madden, now land agent of the Southern Pacific, President Harriman has ordered the withdrawal from sale of all Central Pacific timber lands in Oregon and Washington and all Southern Pacific oil lands in California.

Telegraphic instructions have reached the heads of departments to that effect, and henceforth no lands of this description will be sold without the sanction of President Harriman. The consolidation of the land departments of the two roads will take place during the coming month.

Great School of Salmon Coming.

ASTORIA, Or., July 27.—(Special.)—Captain C. S. Gunderson, the bar pilot, who came in yesterday after several days' service on the pilot schooner San Jose, says there is an immense school of salmon outside the Heads and during his many years on the bar he has never seen so many of them at any one time. This is considered an indication that a large run of fish will enter the Columbia within the coming few days.

Hide Heads While Being Robbed.

BUTTE, Mont., July 27.—A Miner special form Pocatello says:

At 3:30 o'clock this morning two burglars entered the home of Tim Farrell, a conductor, and compelled Mr. and Mrs. Farrell to hold their heads under the bedding while they went through their clothing. They took Mr. Farrell's watch and $190 in money. The officers believe they will be captured.

Ready for Steel Bridge.

ASTORIA, Or., July 27.—(Special.)—The approaches and center pier for the Lewis and Clark draw bridge have been completed and are ready for the steel draw when it arrives from the East. It has been on the road for several weeks and is expected within a few days.

For Selling Bad Milk.

TACOMA, Wash., July 27.—About 20 restaurant-keepers were arrested today on complaint of Deputy Food Commissioner Haskell for selling adulterated milk or milk deficient in the quantity of butter fat required by the law. They will have a hearing before Justice Griffin.

Seth Austin, of Viola.

OREGON CITY, Or., July 27.—(Special.)—Seth Austin, aged about 60 years, died at his home near Viola, this county, today. He had been a resident of Clackamas County for 30 years, and leaves a large family.

Gunner on the Boston Dead.

VALLEJO, Cal., July 27.—Frank V. Demuth, Gunnery Sergeant on the United States cruiser Boston, who had been ill with scarlet fever, died today. He was a native of Philadelphia.

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