ROADS ARE LACKING

Clearwater-Snake River Section Cannot Market Crops.

RICH DESPITE ITS DRAWBACKS

Population of Towns Is Increasing Rapidly, and Numerous Banking Institutions Show There Is No Lack of Money.

LEWISTON, Idaho, Dec. 6.—(Special.)—The Oregon and Washington railroads are built and the country developed afterwards. In these states, dairying, farming, fruit-raising, stock-raising and other industries are established or fostered by the roads to create a tonnage that they may haul to market.

Here the process is reversed. In the Clearwater-Snake River country the tonnage is here, and annually growing as it waits for railroads to come and get it. It is estimated there are 360,000,000 pounds of wheat, oats, barley and flax seed to be moved out of the Clearwater country. To move it would require 15,000 cars, making a train over 100 miles long and reaching from Lewiston to Spokane. Allowing 20,000 pounds to the car and 20 cars to the train, it would require 300 trains or three trains a day for nearly every day of the year to move out the annual grain yield, to say nothing of the fruit, livestock, hay, lumber and mineral products begging for an outlet.

Growth in Wealth.

The inadequacy of transportation facilities is a threadbare theme with Lewiston people and there is palliation in the fact that the country has grown rich under the existing conditions. Keeping pace with the tributary country, Lewiston has within the past five years jumped from a village of 1500 to a population of 8000, and during the same period the town of Clarkston, with 2500 population, has sprung into existence just across the river. Both towns, which are practically one, are still forging ahead with nothing in sight to impede the progress of their growth.

Lewiston has in course of construction a $50,000 opera-house and a $33,000 high school building. A sewerage system, costing $80,000, is also being put in and work on a new Supreme Court building that is to be located here will be in progress shortly. The court building will cost $15,000. Negotiations are also on for the erection of a cannery on either the Lewiston or Clarkston side of the river.

Money Is Plentiful.

There is no scarcity of money in the country and the banking institutions of which Lewiston is the center rank high in financial circles. Lewiston has four banks and they are now carrying $1,250,000 in individual deposits. Across the river at Clarkston are two more banks and at Asotin, six miles up the river, is another.

Culdesac, a town of 500 population at the end of the branch road and out in the reservation, has two banking institutions, while Nez Perces, a town not little larger, 15 miles from a railroad out in Nez Perces Prairie, has three banks. At Mehler, another point back in the grain section of the prairie, with scarcely 100 people, two more banking establishments are going up. Money follows the thrifty fruit and graingrowers and is easy.

Great Attendance at Fair.

The fair held here in October was a very good exemplification of the wealth-producing possibilities of the Clearwater-Snake River empire. There were exhibited grasses, grains, fruits, vegetables, livestock, products of the mines and quarries that were revelations to the stranger. There was timothy higher than a horse's back, wheat that produced 60 bushels and upward to the acre, oats that yielded over 100 bushels to the acre, and there were peaches, pears, grapes, apricots, apples and prunes that rival California and Oregon's best.

There were specimen ores from the tributary mines, including Buffalo Hump, Thunder Mountain and Imnaha, and there were specimens of polishable granite and marble from the big mines between Huntington and Lewiston, on the Snake River, and samples of coal from the same locality, all representing certain but unmeasured wealth, that will not be developed until the transportation problem is solved.

There were also poultry and livestock exhibits in proof of the fact that the industries of stock and poultry raising can be and is successfully carried on in this inland empire. The attendance at this fair, made up largely of farmers who had to come by private conveyance, was from 5000 to 8000 a day.

Market Must Be Had.

It is not reckless to assert that the products of this vast and rich territory will force their way to market and that market will be the one to which they commercially belong. The matter of a better outlet has been a question of growing seriousness for years and there is a restlessness under present conditions. The O. R. & N.'s nearest point to Lewiston is at Riparia, connecting with Lewiston from that section by river boats which require a day to make the up trip between the two points.

A branch of the Northern Pacific touches the Clearwater country, but it's circuitous route and over a steep grade it gets out, and then finds itself between the Rocky Mountains on one side and the Cascades on the other. A Lewiston-Clarkston paper, referring to the unsatisfactory outlet which, the editor claims, is without good excuse on the part of the transportation companies, says:

"Heroic treatment must soon be applied or else the commercial slavery that is now being fastened upon the people will result in a resort to measures that are not pleasant to contemplate."

This is probably pulling it a little strong, but there is not the slightest doubt that the adjustment of the courtesy, jealousy, understanding or whatever it may be between the two roads so as to permit of the extension of one or both roads to give this country a river grade outlet to the sea is a boon earnestly wished for.

If not disposed to extend the co-operation that is exerted in behalf of other sections in encouraging industries, people of the Clearwater and Upper Snake River country would ask the transportation companies to meet them half way and provide a way of expeditiously handling tonnage that is offered and has been produced without any aid from the companies."

BALLES POINTER A WINNER.

Best Dog on Exhibition at San Francisco Show Just Closed.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 6.—(Special.)—The dog, poultry and cat show at Mechanics' Pavilion came to a close last night. In every respect the exhibition was the most successful of its kind ever held in the city.

The grand closing event was the judging for the best dog in the show, and the banner crowd of the season was on hand to watch the proceedings. The lucky dog happened to be Minnesota Joe, the superb pointer, many times a prize-winner, and the property of Henry F. Ziegler, of The Dalles, Or. He won from a large field. Against Minnesota were pitted two St. Bernards, John Riplinger's English setter, Elloree, which was the reserve dog; two poodles, a Mexican hairless dog, an Irish setter and a Scotch collie. The judges were: James Cole, of Kansas City, and John X. Dewitt, of this city. N. K. Stewart, of San Jose, acted as the referee.

DETERMINED TO END LIFE.

Aged Man Cuts His Throat and Then Hangs Himself.

OREGON CITY, Dec. 6.—(Special.)—Twice attempting suicide, Valentine Adams, 65 years old, a bookkeeper in John Strauf's sawmill, near here, succeeded in the second attempt last night.

After supper last evening Adams retired to his room. Here he tried to take his life by slashing his throat with a dull knife. He did not cut any large artery, and though bleeding seriously, would have doubtless survived had he not been determined to end his life.

From his room Adams went to an old outhouse and there, obtaining a piece of rope, hung himself to a rafter. He was found this morning. No reason is known for his determination to suicide. Coroner Holman held an inquest. As the knife was found in his room, the jury rendered a verdict stating the above facts.

MAY MAKE NATIONAL BODY.

Delegates From Railway Expressmen Unions Gather at San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 6.—A preliminary meeting was held last night for the purpose of organizing an International Union of Railway Expressmen. Three local unions were represented, namely, Portland, Los Angeles and San Francisco. It was decided to hold another meeting next Wednesday evening at No. 4 Eddy street, when the new body will be formally launched.

The scheme is a big one, but the delegates believe a definite, permanent organization is necessary in order to gain for themselves the advantages they desire.

BROKE THROUGH THIN ICE.

Skater on Lake Near Wilbur, Wash., Drowns Before Friends.

SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 6.—(Special.)—Rudolph Butzaw, a stenographer in the employ of M. E. & E. T. Hay, merchants, was drowned in a lake about seven miles south of Wilbur, Wash., this afternoon. Butzaw was skating with a party of friends when he went through the thin ice. Efforts to rescue him were fruitless. The body has not been recovered. The parents of the deceased live at Lodi, Ill.

Special Delayed at Dunsmuir.

ASHLAND, Or., Dec. 6.—(Special.)—President E. H. Harriman's special train of three cars arrived at Dunsmuir on the way to Oregon this evening at 5 o'clock, and was detained there a short time by the slight illness of one of the members of the party, for whom it was necessary to consult a physician.

The party will make the run from Ashland to Portland by daylight tomorrow, arriving at the metropolis in the evening. General Manager Kruttschnitt accompanies President Harriman, and Manager Kohler and Superintendent Fields, of the Oregon lines, met them at Dunsmuir today.

One Ticket at Independence.

INDEPENDENCE, Or., Dec. 6.—(Special.)—A convention was held in Independence by the citizens here on Saturday evening, for the purpose of placing in nomination a ticket for the city government. The ticket will be elected Monday. Citizens were nominated by acclamation as follows: For Mayor, J. S. Cooper; Councilmen, W. A. Messner, D. B. Taylor and Charles Mattison; Recorder, W. G. Sharman; Marshal, A. J. Tupper.

The ticket was satisfactory to all parties in Independence, and no other ticket will be placed in the field.

Narrow Escape From Death.

ALBANY, Or., Dec. 6.—(Special.)—Ed Hughes, a resident of Pendleton, who had been visiting relatives in Albany yesterday, started for the depot on the way home, and arrived there just as the train was pulling out. He endeavored to swing aboard the moving train, but missed his hold on the railing and fell to the ground. In falling the car steps struck Hughes and turned him over in his descent to the ground, causing him to alight dangerously near the iron rails of the track. Hughes escaped serious injury.

Fresh Cases at Stanford.

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, Cal., Dec. 6.—Two more suspected cases of diphtheria developed today. With the exception of these two cases the situation remains unchanged.

Both President Jordan and University Health Officer Snow stated tonight that the situation is well in hand and there is no cause for alarm. Of the 12 cases of diphtheria none are dangerously ill.

Ex-Governor May Be Editor.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 6.—(Special.)—It was announced today that ex-Governor T. T. Geer has acquired an interest in the Salem Statesman and will become managing editor tomorrow. It is understood that R. J. Hendricks, the present manager, still holds a controlling interest in the paper.

NORTHWEST DEAD.

Isaac Mattison.

INDEPENDENCE, Or., Dec. 6.—(Special.)—Isaac Mattison died at his residence in Independence, December 4, at the age of 81 years. The funeral services were held in the Presbyterian Church, and under the direction of Rev. B. J. Thompson today.

Mr. Mattison was born in Oswego, N. Y. He went from there at the age of 25 to Canada, where he married Miss Livena Parker in 1847. In 1852 he came to Oregon and settled at Independence, near which place he has continuously lived since that time.

Mr. Mattison was a member of the Presbyterian Church. He left a large family of children and grandchildren. Five survive him and are living in Oregon, and all have families. His wife is aged and feeble. Mr. Mattison is well known here by all, and was, when active, one of the moving spirits in the best citizenship and the welfare of this county.

George A. Black.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Dec. 6.—George A. Black, ex-City Clerk, and one of the best known and most popular men in the city, died today, aged 48 years, of typhoid-pneumonia.

Mr. Black was a member of the Masonic, Woodmen, Maccabees, United Workmen, the Elks and other organizations, and acted as secretary for nearly all of them. He was married three times. His second wife, who died nearly two years since, was the sister of Mrs. Bryan, wife of the State Superintendent of Public Instruction. He was married about a month ago to Mrs. Paine, who is prominent in social circles. He carried a large insurance. The funeral will be under the auspices of the Elks.

Perry B. Brown.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 6.—(Special.)—Perry B. Brown, who for 17 years was superintendent of construction of the Pacific States Telephone Company, is dead. Heart failure was the cause of death. He was taken ill about two years ago, and all that time was confined to his home.

When he was in active service with the telephone company, he constructed the line from San Francisco to Los Angeles and from this city to Portland. He left a widow and a brother in this city, and a father, two sisters and a brother in Pennsylvania.

Destructive Fire at Santa Paula.

VENTURA, Cal., Dec. 6.—The west end of Santa Paula's business section was completely destroyed by fire early this morning, causing a loss of $60,000.

HARRIMAN COMES NORTH

PRESIDENT OF SOUTHERN PACIFIC ARRIVES TONIGHT.

Merchants of San Francisco Wanted to Give Him a Banquet, but the Railway Magnate Declined.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 6.—(Special.)—President E. H. Harriman, of the Southern Pacific Company, left today by special train for Portland, Or. He will be accompanied by Julius Kruttschnitt and some other railroad officials.

After a few days spent at Portland, Mr. Harriman will go East over the Oregon Short Line. Late Saturday Mr. Harriman held a long conference with A. B. Hammond, the lumber magnate, who made a hurried trip down from Portland to meet the railroad president and talk over their joint interests in the northern part of California, and later Mr. Harriman and President Markham, of the Houston & Texas Railroad, who came North to meet the former, were closeted together for some time.

It was stated by one of the officials of the Southern Pacific to-day that Mr. Harriman's stay in this city had to be cut short owing to pressing business in the East.

It was the wish of the merchants of the city to give Mr. Harriman a banquet while he was here, but the railroad magnate, in a polite but firm manner, intimated that he would rather be excused. Harriman is strongly adverse to banquets, and hates to be called upon to make a public speech.

CHEMAWA NEEDS BUILDINGS.

Hermann's Position on Indian Affairs Committee Will Be Beneficial.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 6.—(Special.)—The appointment of an Oregon Representative on the House committee on Indian affairs, in Congress, is very satisfactory to the people of this section. The Chemawa Indian Training School is rapidly becoming one of the largest institutions of the kind in the country, and its growth requires frequent appropriations from the Federal Government. The mildness of this climate, the ease with which nearly all articles of consumption may be produced, and the proximity to a number of Indian reservations make this a desirable location for the maintenance of a large Indian training school, for here the cost of maintenance can be reduced to the minimum.

The growth of the school in the past two or three years has been so great that additional buildings have been necessary and still more must be had. Superintendent Potter has recommended the construction of two new buildings, both of which are greatly needed. He asks for the construction of a two-story brick building to be used as a hospital, and another building, also of brick, for an auditorium. The structures needed would cost about $18,000 each. Congressman Hermann, as a member of the House committee on Indian affairs, will be able to look after the interests of the school in this regard.

The plan outlined by Superintendent Potter is to construct a new building for a hospital and to convert the present hospital into an industrial building for girls. At present the work of the girls' industrial department is distributed through a number of buildings, because of want of room, and the best results cannot be attained. The present auditorium, or chapel, as it is called, is on the second floor of one of the training school buildings. The seating capacity is only about 600, which is the population of the school. Whenever public exercises are held it is necessary to repeat the exercises, so that both the public and the pupils may witness them.

There is need of more classrooms and in order to secure them it is Superintendent Potter's plan to construct an auditorium with a seating capacity of 1000 and then divide the chapel into class rooms. With the changes he has suggested to his superiors, the needs of the educational department would be supplied, and the institution would also secure an up-to-date hospital and auditorium.

GREAT INTEREST AT MEETINGS

Interstate Y. M. C. A. Holds Closing Sessions at Forest Grove.

PACIFIC UNIVERSITY, Forest Grove, Dec. 6.—(Special.)—The Interstate Young Men's Christian Association held its closing meetings today, and they proved to be of even greater interest than those held earlier in the session. E. T. Colton, the international college secretary, who is recognized as one of the most able religious speakers in the country, was present for the first time and delivered two stirring addresses.

The attendance was larger than yesterday, as more delegates arrived on last evening's trains. The people of Forest Grove also turned out in large numbers to attend the services.

At 8:15 A. M., the delegates gathered in Marsh Hall for the "quiet hour" an early morning prayer meeting. H. W. Stone, of Portland, the traveling secretary of the association, had charge of the service, and F. B. Willis led the singing. Mr. Willis has a National reputation as a musical director, and the song services conducted by him are one of the most attractive features of the convention.

The prayer meeting closed the morning session of the association, and the delegates attended services at the various churches of the city. Mr. Willis delivered the sermon at the Congregational Church, Mr. N. Wilbur Helm spoke at the Methodist Episcopal Church, and Secretary Allen, of Seattle, filled the pulpit at the Christian Church.

As a result of a house-to-house canvass, many of the young men of the city met with the delegates in a men's mass meeting at 3:30 this afternoon, under the direction of E. T. Colton. At the same hour, the delegates from the boys' association met, under the leadership of Secretary Stone, and Miss McElroy, of Portland, led a women's meeting of the same character.

DIMICK WILL SUCCEED HIMSELF

Only Contests at Oregon City Will Be for Councilmen.

OREGON CITY, Or., Dec. 6.—(Special.)—Contrary to all elections in years gone by, the annual municipal election to be held here tomorrow will be a tame affair. Mayor Grant B. Dimick will be re-elected Mayor without any opposition, and there will be but slight contests for Alderman.

Mayor Dimick has served three consecutive terms, and his renomination and assured re-election for the fourth time is considered a flattering indorsement of his administration of municipal affairs. In the First Ward an interesting contest will be waged between Hiram Straight and Walter L. Little for the vacancy in the Council, resulting from the expiration of the term of Dr. J. W. Powell.

A. Knapp, W. A. White, Mark Chapman and William Miley are the candidates for the Council from the Second Ward, to succeed C. G. Huntley, term expired, and William Fheister, resigned. In the Third Ward Mat Justin has no opponent, and will be elected to succeed E. W. Scott.

POLICE SHOOTS HOLD-UP MAN

Bullet Passes Through Bandit's Leg and Fatally Wounds a Boy.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 6.—A man entered the saloon at Howard and Fourth streets tonight and with drawn revolver held up six men, whom he robbed of about $30. None of the victims tried to molest him, but as the thief was emerging from the door Policeman C. K. Skelley called on him to surrender.

The thief warned the patrolman to keep away. Skelley advanced and a shot was fired at him, but the bullet went wide. The robber then tried to escape, but stumbled and fell and was about to fire again, when Skelley shot him.

The bullet passed through one of the fellow's legs, and striking upon the sidewalk was deflected upward and entered the abdomen of George King, aged 15 years, who was witnessing the encounter.

Skelley then overpowered the criminal, who gave the name of Harry Howard. The boy may die of his wound.

BAY CITY WILL BE HUNGRY.

Restaurant-Keepers Decide Not to Open Today.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 6.—This city, or that portion of it embraced in the wholesale and shopping districts, has a prospect of being hungry tomorrow. The Restaurant-Keepers' Association, at a meeting today, decided that they would not reopen their restaurants tomorrow morning, and would keep them closed until the labor difficulties are adjusted. When the eating-houses are reopened they will be on a nonunion basis.

The association has about 70 members, and they will be joined in the closing movement tonight by about 200 nonunion restaurant-keepers who are in sympathy with the movement. Most of the Italian and French restaurants will have closed doors, as a mark of affiliation with the men who are opposing the demand of the Cooks' and Waiters' Union.

BUY CALIFORNIA WOOLEN MILLS

Oregon Capitalists Said to Have Secured Property at Napa.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 6.—(Special.)—A party of Oregon capitalists has been in San Francisco for some days, with the purpose of selecting some spot in California to establish extensive woolen mills. Today the party was taken to the Napa woolen mills by E. H. Tryson, and were so well impressed that they straightway opened negotiations for their purchase. Tonight it is asserted that the deal has been closed.

The new owners, whose names have not been divulged, are known to be the owners of large plants in Oregon. They will double the capacity of the Napa mills and operate them in conjunction with their northern holdings.

CHARGED WITH BOY'S MURDER

Fleeing Youth Rides Horse Until Fingers Are Frozen.

BUTTE, Mont., Dec. 6.—Antone Contario, who yesterday, it was charged, shot and killed Godfrey McNeill, a boy 14 years old, because the latter would not give him a cigarette paper, was captured by the Sheriff's officers near Whitehall this afternoon.

Contario had ridden a horse until the fingers of his hands froze and then he walked. He declares the killing was the result of an accident. Contario is 18 years of age.

Exercises at The Dalles.

THE DALLES, Or., Dec. 6.—(Special.)—The hall of the Cascade Lodge, No. 308, B. P. O. E., was crowded this afternoon with members and friends of the lodge to witness the annual memorial exercises. The hall was handsomely decorated with palms, cut flowers, electric lights and the purple and white colors of the lodge.

Exalted Ruler Henry L. Kuck, presided from a handsome dais, draped and trimmed to represent a hunter's lodge, at one end of the hall. An eloquent and touching eulogy was delivered by Fred W. Wilson, of this city, upon the departed members of this lodge: Owen Williams, O. S. Waud, T. W. Lewis, George H. Clacking and L. M. Davidson.

Hon. E. S. Blanford, of Walla Walla, who was to have delivered the address of the day, was prevented from being present by illness, his place being filled by Rev. D. V. Polling, of this city. The soloists of the exercises, which were characterized by more than the usual number of musical selections, were Mrs. Harry Taylor, Miss Elizabeth Born and Miss Myrtle Michell.

Fight Ice Jam in Missouri.

GREAT FALLS, Mont., Dec. 6.—All day until 5 o'clock this evening 100 men with dynamite battled against an immense ice jam on the Missouri river. The mass of ice blockaded the flumes of the Black Eagle dam, shutting off the water and stilling the machinery of the electric light plant, causing the street-cars to stop and the lights to go out.

The soft ice afforded little resistance to the dynamite and it was necessary to pick new channels for the water. A recurrence of the danger is threatened.

Many at Elks' Memorial Services.

ASTORIA, Dec. 6.—(Special.)—Astoria Lodge of Elks held its annual memorial services this afternoon. The hall was beautifully decorated for the occasion and was taxed to its utmost by the large crowd attending. The services, which were most impressive, were under the leadership of Exalted Ruler G. F. Fox. George C. Fulton delivered the address.

DAILY CITY STATISTICS.

Marriage Licenses.

Augustus Vanderwalker, 37; Jane Guthrie, 41.
Levi Pond, 54; Angie C. Hines, 42.

Building Permits.

W. H. Wilton, Vancouver avenue, between Failing and Beech, cottage, $1600.

Births.

November 14, boy, to the wife of —, Hayward, 129 Sellwood.
November 20, girl, to the wife of William George, 799 Beech.
November 24, boy, to the wife of Walter Rogers, 849 Going.
November 3, boy to the wife of A. A. Manship, 156 Arthur.
November 26, girl, to the wife of H. E. Gale, Woodlawn.

Contagious Diseases.

Juanita Tucker, 1447 Moody, scarlet fever.
Gertrude Towne, Laurelwood, measles.
Milton and Grover Hughes, 796 Williams avenue, measles.
William E. Brooks, Jr., 20 East Sixteenth, scarlet fever.

Real Estate Transfers.

D. E. Wheeler to M. J. and J. A. Williams, parcel land, beginning southwest corner lot H, M. Patton Tract	$400
J. A. Williams to M. J. Williams, parcel land, beginning 100 feet south of northeast corner lot H, M. Patton Tract	800
James Richey and wife to Rose Heiney, 27½ acres, Benjamin Thomas' D. L. C.	1,000
Mary E. Swigert, trustee, to N. W. Rowland, lot 10, block 3, North Villa	1
Deer Land Company to P. G. Walsh, part block 104, Carnthers' Addition	850
R. W. Fisher and wife to I. A. Peters, lot 7, block 14, Cleverdale Extension No. 2	200
Multnomah County to J. E. Scott, W. ½ of N.E. ¼, section 15, T. 1 S., R. 2 E.; N.E. ¼ of S.E. ¼, section 11, T. 2 N., R. 2 W.	16
Multnomah County to J. E. Scott, lot 1, block 4; lot 1, block O, Portsmouth Villa Extended	8
Multnomah County to J. E. Scott, lot 11, block 1; lot 5, block 18; lot 6, block 6, Kinzel Park	90
Agnes Kennedy et al. to H. E. Noble, lot 12, block 2, Cook's Addition	1
J. E. Scott and wife to Jessie Ferguson, lot 8, block 13, King's Second Addition	1
Terwilliger Land Company to M. E. Swigert, part lots 15 and 16, block 12, Terwilliger Homestead	1
H. E. Pope et al. to I. A. Peters, lots 3, 4, 5 and 6, block 18, McMillen's Addition	5,500
M. A. Ashley to Sarah Grayson, lot 4, block 10, Central Albina	200
Elizabeth Ryan to Mary S. Leach, north 4 feet of lot 6, block 21, Irving's Harbor View Addition	110

Persons suffering from sick headache, dizziness, nausea, constipation, pain in the side, are asked to try one vial of Carter's Little Liver Pills.

RUSH FOR COAL LAND

John Day Visited by Many Prospectors.

CROPPINGS ARE NUMEROUS

Searchers for Coal Veins Are Generally Very Reticent, and Usually Represent Themselves as Stock-buyers or Timber-Locators.

JOHN DAY, Or., Dec. 6.—(Special.)—Interest in the prospective coal fields along the John Day River is beginning to cause considerable activity among the inhabitants of the valley, and to spread to other sections. Many leading citizens of the county are quietly taking over large areas which may later prove to be underlaid with coal beds, but which now expose no croppings or other indications of being coal lands.

A good many strangers have also passed through towns going in the direction of the James Small discoveries with the evident intention of locating vacant lands of possible coal value if they can do so, and of securing options on patented land if they fail to secure public land. Some of these outside locators claim to be sheep and cattle buyers, but are careful to make no offer that stockmen could accept. Others claim to be timber cruisers and seekers of timber land, but their appearance is of coal miners and their conversation is of veins and their familiarity with coal conditions is remarkable. As a resident locator expressed it, "Timber men don't talk of their claims as having 'veins and croppings.'"

A company of six Eastern men came into town one evening this week, representing themselves to be timber men and engaged a local liveryman to take them bright and early the next morning to James Small's place, which is the center of recent coal excitement, with no growing timber in less than a dozen miles of it.

The reason for such hurried and quiet action in taking land is found in the fact that probable coal lands may be taken under some special act other than the United States coal land entry, which places the entry at $10 per acre, while timber and stone, desert or homestead are all much cheaper. But if coal is known to exist in bodies large enough to make mining profitable there would probably be considerable difficulty in securing a patent from the Government on any application other than as coal land.

It is considered significant here that a number of Boise people are coming into this coal region, as it was in Boise where the favorable report of the coal expert, Downs, was made. It is reported by persons who claim to have viewed the face of the tunnel now being driven by Mr. Downs that there is now exposed a seven-foot vein of coal of good commercial quality.

The surprising thing about the coal territory in this valley is its wide distribution. Hon. W. H. Johnson, who, in connection with the Johnson Bros., operates a placer mine in Spanish Gulch, 60 miles below this place, says that last Summer their mining crews uncovered coal beds of very good quality. Ex-County Judge Laycock has also found coal beds on his and adjoining places, about 15 miles above the Small discovery. He says there are, to his knowledge, three veins, the best of which is four feet to four and one-half feet thick. He is burning samples of it in his forge and says it gives very satisfactory results.

One of these coal veins lies in the bottom of the river, and Chinamen went into the water and with crow-bars pried chunks of coal from the bed of the stream. This coincides with the theory of increased thickness of vein with increased depth—a theory apparently verified by the fact that the gold dredge near John Day occasionally brings huge chunks of coal from a depth of 20 feet beneath the river bed.

Near this city, fully 40 miles above the Spanish Gulch discoveries, the most widely diffused croppings have been found. The local company, composed of P. A. Snyder, Frank Foster and the Dexter brothers, has announced that it has secured options and 99-year leases on nearly 5000 acres, 2000 acres being under the long lease. This company is now sinking a shaft about one mile from town and has purchased machinery to carry the shaft down to a depth of 200 or 300 feet, if it should prove necessary.

Altogether several thousand acres of land have been secured by various persons or companies with a view to its possible value as coal land, and investigations are not likely to be suspended until it is proven beyond doubt that immense beds of coal underlie a vast section of territory in the John Day Valley.

Oldest Lodge West of Missouri.

OREGON CITY, Or., Dec. 6.—(Special.)—Multnomah Lodge, No. 1, A. F. & A. M., of this city, is preparing for a social celebration to be held on the night of December 18, in celebration of the cancellation of all indebtedness standing against the organization. This is the oldest Masonic lodge west of the Missouri River.

The original charter was brought across the plains in an ox-cart by the late Captain Kellogg. The charter was burned up a few years later, and with the reorganization of the order the local lodge became the first in the state.

CORPSE WAS SITTING UP.

Body of James Connell Is Found in Life-Like Position.

While lighting a lamp in a room at the Barr Hotel Saturday night James Connell, 75 years old, dropped dead, and was found yesterday at noon sitting upright on the floor, grasping in one hand a bunch of matches and in the other two burned ones with which he had tried to light the lamp upon the near-by stand.

Connell, who had lived in the hotel for several years, had been unwell for the past two weeks. Saturday he appeared as strong as usual and made no complaint of pain. He retired to his room, and on his not coming down as usual in the morning an investigation was made, which disclosed him dead upon the floor of the room he had used for years. Deputy Coroner A. L. Finley decided that he had died from natural causes, and no inquest will be held.

The owner of property on the East Side valued at several thousand dollars, Connell, who was formerly the floor manager of the Oregon Transfer Company, retired from active business a few years ago. He was unmarried, and left no heirs, so far as known.

Though Connell had lived in Portland for more than 40 years, he did not foreswear his allegiance to the King of Great Britain and Ireland until a year ago. He left Ireland in 1846. From the number of firemen's badges which decorated the walls of his room he had evidently been a volunteer fireman in the early days of Portland.

ITALIAN OFFICER KILLED.

Shell From Somaliland Fort Answers Fire From Armed Dhow.

ADEN, Dec. 6.—Lieutenant-Commander Grabau, an Italian officer, commanding an armed dhow, landed a party of friendly natives at Darbe, Somaliland, Africa, and ordered the Italian flag hoisted on the fort. The commandant of the fort refused to permit the order to be carried out unless it had the sanction of the Sultan.

Lieutenant-Commander Grabau thereupon gave the commandant two hours in which to obey the order, and at the expiration of that time, the commandant not having complied, fired upon the fort. The fort replied with shell, killing Grabau.

The dhow then put to sea and was picked up by an Italian cruiser, which landed the officer's body here.

Convicts Applaud Mrs. Booth.

JOLIET, Ill., Dec. 6.—Mrs. Maud Ballington Booth caused an unusual demonstration today at the prison chapel. She secured 150 recruits for her Prison Volunteer League, and spoke so eloquently that the 1200 convicts broke the usual Sunday rules and applauded.

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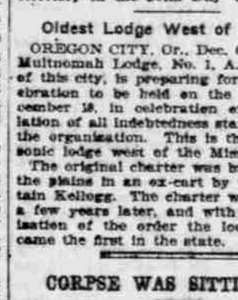

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