IDLE MONEY AT WORK

School Fund Surplus Is Being Put Out at Interest.

ALL WILL BE GONE IN A YEAR

No State Warrants Will Draw Interest This Year, Unless Right of Way for the Celilo Canal Is Secured Before April 1.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 6.—(Special.)—The semi-annual report of State Treasurer C. S. Moore shows a heavy decrease in the surplus of money lying idle in the common school fund. A year ago, the balance in that fund was $724,772.25. In January 1, 1904, the balance was but $562,177.53. Since January 1, about $10,000 has been sent out on loans and $90,000 will be paid out in a few days on the Portland School District bonds.

Applications have been approved for loans to the amount of over $60,000 more, so that it appears that the state has now but $400,000 which it can offer to those who wish to borrow upon gilt-edged real-estate security at 6 per cent interest. If the present demand for loans from the school fund continues, the balance will be out at interest within a year. The loaning of this fund, and consequent decrease in the amount of the idle surplus, means an increase in the revenue for school purposes. The interest on this fund is apportioned among the counties annually according to school population.

The report also shows a balance of $85,640.55 in the general fund, from which the ordinary expenses of the state are paid. State Treasurer Moore said today that a large portion of this amount will be used in paying the claims for the last quarter of 1903. During the next three months, however, nearly $40,000 will be received from insurance companies under the law requiring them to pay a 2-per-cent tax on their net receipts, and this sum will be sufficient to pay the ordinary expenses of the state until state taxes begin to come in, about April 1.

If the Celilo Canal Commission should succeeded in securing the right of way for the canal before April 1, it would be necessary for the state to pay therefore and this might require $50,000. In this case warrants would have to be indorsed until the counties begin to send in their proportion of the state taxes. It is not likely that the canal right of way will be secured before April 1, and the amount of indorsed warrants, if any, will be small.

The treasurer's report is as follows:

Balance on hand July 1, 1903	$1,278,096.42
Receipts—	
General fund	$ 339,277.45
Common school fund, principal	348,741.87
Common school fund, interest	124,793.39
Agricultural College fund, principal	17,113.55
Agricultural College fund, interest	5,284.36
University fund, principal	6,548.79
University fund, interest	3,211.81
Swamp land fund	16,992.71
State Agricultural College, tax fund	4,869.82
Oregon Soldiers' Home, National fund	1,066.66
Hatchery fund, Dist. No. 1	5,300.25
Hatchery fund, Dist. No. 2	2,254.08
Pure food fund	100.00
State Board of Examiners' fund	674.00
Oregon Stove Foundry fund	3,403.11
Penitentiary betterment fund	7,462.12
Total receipts	$946,953.43
Grand total	$2,225,049.85
Disbursements—	
General fund	$ 564,966.14
Common school fund, principal	594,559.22
Common school fund, interest	235,800.94
Agricultural College fund, principal	34,815.00
Agricultural College fund, interest	5,728.10
University fund, principal	350.00
University fund, interest	7,503.75
Thurston monument fund, interest	40.08
Swamp land fund	13,083.34
State Agricultural College, tax fund	12,500.00
Oregon Soldiers' Home, National fund	1,676.66
Bounty fund	2,366.24
Hatchery fund	56.25
Hatchery fund, Dist. No. 1	11,307.75
Hatchery fund, Dist. No. 2	2,115.55
Pure food fund	189.00
State Board of Examiners fund	728.97
Oregon Stove Foundry fund	3,036.87
Penitentiary betterment fund	4,438.17
Sewer fund	674.50
Total disbursements	$1,405,847.53
Balance on hand January 1, 1904	$ 819,202.32
Balances December 31, 1903—	
General fund	$ 85,640.55
Common school fund, principal	562,177.63
Common school fund, interest	85,903.36
Agricultural College fund, principal	5,580.29
Agricultural College fund, interest	5,224.76
University fund, principal	8,384.44
University fund, interest	1,898.72
Thurston Monument fund, principal	120.38
Swamp land fund	9,392.20
Tide land fund	19,673.63
State Agricultural College tax fund	6,259.84
Oregon Soldiers' Home, National fund	6,144.68
Bounty fund	2,611.45
Hatchery fund	1.00
Hatchery fund, Dist. No. 1	7,346.16
Hatchery fund, Dist. No. 2	4,281.79
Pure food fund	49.03
State Board of Examiners' fund	118.34
Oregon Stove Foundry fund	3,372.10
Penitentiary betterment fund	4,419.65
Sewer fund	208.44
Total	$ 819,202.32

APPLIES FOR APPORTIONMENT

Pilot Butte Company Wants to Begin on 10,000 Acres.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 6.—(Special.)—A. M. Drake, president of the Pilot Butte Development Company, has applied to the State Land Board for an apportionment of the lien upon some 10,000 acres of the land for the reclamation of which his company has a contract. The company has a contract for the reclamation of 86,000 acres and the contract price is $10 per acre.

The reclamation company holds a lien upon the land for the cost of construction. The lien upon each acre is not uniform, however, but is to be apportioned upon each 40-acre tract according to the relative value of the land. Thus one 40-acre tract may bear a lien of $15 an acre, while another, not so valuable, will bear a lien of but $5. An intending settler is required to pay to the company the amount of the lien, whereupon he receives a deed from the state. The contract provides upon this subject:

"It is further mutually understood and agreed that of the lien hereinbefore created upon lands reclaimed, for cost of reclamation, each smallest legal subdivision shall bear such proportion as the true value of the subdivision bears to the value of the whole tract subject to the lien, and that for mutual convenience as soon hereafter as the land can be examined and the value thereof estimated and reported upon, and the report approved in writing, and the lien apportioned and designated by the State Land Board, the amount of the lien against such respective tract, as so designated, shall be fixed and determined and not thereafter subject to change except by mutual consent.

"It is further agreed between the parties hereto that from the date of the execution of the contract between the Secretary of the Interior and the State of Oregon, any bona fide settler who is a citizen of the United States, or who has declared his intention to become such, desiring to settle upon or become a purchaser of not more than 160 acres of any of the lands set out and described herein, shall sign an application in duplicate with the party of the first part, one copy of which shall be filed with the State Land Board; and when such applicant shall file his release of lien for reclamation, the deed of conveyance to him from the state shall be issued without further payment."

The land upon which Mr. Drake wants the lien apportioned lies adjacent to the ditch which will be constructed next Spring. A number of persons are desirous of filing applications for the purchase of lands in that portion of the Pilot Butte Company's tract. The board has not yet apportioned the lien, but has directed Mr. Drake to have his engineer report his opinion of the manner in which the lien should be apportioned, and the board will then submit it to the State Engineer.

RITCHIE'S DESKS DID NOT SUIT

Turned Down by the Legislature, He Wants Capitol Commission to Pay.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Jan. 6.—(Special.)—The bill of W. A. Ritchie for designing the new furniture of the House and Senate chambers, which was rejected by the last Legislature, has been presented to the State Capitol Commission by attorneys representing the architect. The bill called forth considerable oratory in the two Houses last Winter and was rejected principally because the members did not like the style and size of their desks.

The commission claims the designs were prepared with the understanding that the architect should look to the Legislature for payment and the bill, which amounts to $1569, has been rejected.

The Goss Construction Company, engaged in building the Capitol annex, has drawn all but $11.53 of the amounts due under their contract, except 20 per cent of the contract price, which, the contract provides, shall be retained by the commission until the building is completed. The company has petitioned the commission to pay $15,000 on estimates out of this reserve and additional estimates if they come in future, claiming that they will be embarrassed in the completion of the building without the payment of the reserve to them.

The company's sureties consent to the payment, and it is contended the state is fully protected by the company's bond. The commission has not reached a decision in the matter.

VICTORY FOR THE HOPGROWER

Buyer Other Than Contractor Recovers on Property on Replevin.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 6. — (Special.)—One more victory for the hopgrower in a suit arising out of a hop contract was the result of the trial of the case of George A. La Vie vs. Walter L. Tooze, et al. The case was tried here yesterday before Judge Burnett and the jury brought in a verdict this morning in favor of the defendant.

The grower had contracted the hops to La Vie at 10½ cents a pound. He refused to deliver to La Vie, but delivered to Tooze. La Vie brought a replevin suit and secured possession of the hops. This the Supreme Court held could not be done upon a contract such as that under which La Vie claimed title, and the case was tried again to ascertain the amount which Tooze should recover because of the taking of the hops.

The jury brought in a verdict for Tooze for $1140.90, which is the value at 15¾ cents.

GRADE RIPARIA-LEWISTON ROAD

O. R. & N. Contractors Are Rushing Men and Supplies to Texas City.

COLFAX, Wash., Jan. 6.—(Special.)—W. H. Stuart, founder of Texas City, on the Snake River opposite Riparia, is in Colfax today, buying hay for teams to be engaged in grading the Riparia-Lewiston extension of the O. R. & N. Mr. Stuart says the contract for grading has been let to Deeks & Deeks, of Portland, who are rushing men, teams and supplies to Texas City, and will begin grading in a few days.

A lot of horses bought in the vicinity of Colfax during the past few days are said to be for this work. Mr. Stuart bought six carloads of hay. He says the work will begin at once and camps will be established at various points between Riparia and Lewiston.

Baker City Officers Reappointed.

BAKER CITY, Or., Jan. 6.—Mayor Carter has named W. H. Kilbourn as chief and Thomas Merrill, R. H. Vandicar, C. Y. Kellogg and W. F. Hunter, as patrolmen of the police force of this city for the ensuing year. Other officers named were:

Joseph Heilner, City Attorney; W. C. Boyd, Poundmaster; O. C. Stearnes, Water Superintendent; A. T. Merwin, Street Superintendent; Dr. W. L. Parker, City Physician.

All of these appointments were confirmed by the Council. With the exception of Patrolman Hunter, all of the officials of last year were reappointed.

The City Council has entered into a contract with the local electric light company to furnish 40 street lamps for the next three years for a monthly rental of $7.50 per month, per light, and for each additional light over 40 the monthly rental will be $7 per light.

There was opposition to a three-year contract, but a saving of $480 per annum was the argument that won the three-year contract over the one-year proposal.

Clackamas Tax Levy Is Much Less.

OREGON CITY, Or., Jan. 6.—(Special.)—The Clackamas County Court today made the annual tax levy. It aggregates 20½ mills, and is made up of the following items:

For county purposes, 6 mills; road, 4½; school, 5; state, 5.

The levy for county purposes is exactly one-half of the levy that was made last year. The road tax last year, 9 mills, was also double that of this year.

But there is an increase in the state and school levies. With an assessment roll of greatly increased values, practically the same amount of taxes in the aggregate will be raised.

The total levy for municipal purposes in Oregon City is 6 mills, and with a 2-mill tax for the city schools, the Oregon City property-owners will this year be called upon to pay a total tax of 28½ mills, as against 40 mills a year ago.

In Court at Oregon City.

OREGON CITY, Or., Jan. 6.—(Special.)—Judge McBride today overruled the motion of the defendant for a nonsuit in the suit of the Gladstone Real Estate Company against Sheriff Shaver and Clackamas County. Evidence was presented by the defendants and Monday was set as a time for hearing arguments in the suit. This is an injunction suit brought to restrain Sheriff Shaver from selling for delinquent taxes for the year 1901, the property of the plaintiff corporation.

In the divorce suit of Galbraith vs. Galbraith, the court awarded to the mother the custody of the minor daughter, and to the father was given the two minor sons. The property interests were equally divided.

In the divorce suit of Howlett vs. Howlett, the defendant was directed to pay to the plaintiff the sum of $30 with which to conduct her suit.

One Ticket at Forest Grove.

FOREST GROVE, Or., Jan. 6.—(Special.)—The following persons comprise one of the tickets selected today to be voted for at the city election here next Tuesday: For Mayor, Hon. David Smith; Councilman for two years, Jacob Wirtz; for re-election, W. A. Billinger and Bedford Laughlin. The following three for re-election: Recorder, J. C. Clark; Treasurer, W. B. Hudson; Marshal, P. W. Cronin.

BOARD DENIES BOOM

Clearwater in Idaho to Be Unobstructed.

ENGINEER REPORTS AGAINST

Desired Franchise Not Necessary for the Proper Development of the Lumber Business of That Section of the State.

BOISE, Idaho, Jan. 6.—(Special.)—At a meeting held today the State Land Board, after reading the report of the State Engineer, Wayne Darlington, upon the subject, adopted a resolution denying the application of the Idaho River Improvement Company for permission to construct booms and holding works on the Clearwater River. The application was filed some months ago by Francis Jenkins, B. F. O'Neil, G. G. Pickett and others.

After detailing the results of his inspection of the stream and the locations for the proposed works, which was very thorough, the State Engineer concluded his report as follows:

"The proposed improvements would be of no benefit to the rafting of logs, but would be of limited advantage in driving single timbers, as it would keep them from lodging on the bars protected, and would not extend the season of driving beyond the time when driving is possible without improvement. The sorting works would cause unnecessary expense and delay to rafts destined for points on the main river beyond, for which the owners would receive no compensating advantages.

"In comparing the estimated cost of these proposed improvements, $35,000, which is a liberal figure, with the enormous volume of timber which can only find its way to market through this waterway, it appears that this franchise would yield a revenue for which no compensating cost is involved nor compensating benefits obtained by the individual citizen or the state at large.

"I do not consider the granting of this franchise as asked for on the plans and specifications submitted as a necessity for the development of the lumber industry in that region; nor will the refusal to grant it impede the development of the country in any way."

The company asking for this franchise came into existence last Winter, at the time of the great fight in the Legislature over the Lewiston boom bill. That bill was defeated, some of its bitterest opponents in and out of the Legislature became interested in the new company that afterward sought the franchise that has now been denied.

PORTLAND MINISTER WILL SUPERINTEND MISSIONS IN UTAH

Rev. Henry J. Talbott.

Rev. Henry J. Talbott, of Taylor-Street Methodist Episcopal Church, will leave this city about the middle of next month to assume his new duties as superintendent of Methodist mission work in Utah, a position which he was recently offered by Bishop Cranston. Dr. Talbott has been pastor at Taylor-Street Church for two and one-half years, as the successor of Rev. Dr. H. W. Kellogg, and has made many friends here, who view his departure from this city with regret. Representatives of the official board of the church announced yesterday the fact that Dr. Talbott had resigned as their pastor, and that a new pastor had not yet been chosen.

WADE'S LIABILITIES ARE HEAVY

Well-Known Eastern Oregon Man Lost in Mining Ventures.

PENDLETON, Or., Jan. 6.—(Special.)—Charles B. Wade, for the last seven years cashier of the First National Bank of this city, today executed the papers whereby he turned over all his property interests to W. F. Matlock and T. C. Taylor, to satisfy his creditors. It is estimated that Wade failed for $300,000 or $250,000, although W. F. Matlock, one of the trustees, says he does not believe the liabilities will exceed $150,000.

Mr. Wade has resigned his position as cashier of the First National and is at his home stricken with nervous prostration.

The Wade failure is one of the biggest and involves the greatest number of people of any failure ever scheduled in Pendleton. While his personal friends declare the estate will pay out, the general public is skeptic and fears are entertained that 20 cents on the dollar will be all that can be expected.

Wade was a heavy investor in Baker mines. He owned about $100,000 in Golconda and it was this that ruined him. He had a deal on for several months for the sale of this property to Eastern capitalists for $2,500,000, but two weeks ago the Easterners backed out and Wade has been forced to the wall.

The news that he had failed leaked out Saturday, and Monday there was a run on the First National, of which he was cashier. Levi Ankeny, the president, was telegraphed for, but could not come. W. J. Furnish, of the Savings Bank, was called home from California, but the bank soon stopped the run, when it assured the depositors that Wade's business was entirely separate.

Wade was also a heavy stockowner and had many ranches. Colonel J. H. Raley is receiver, and C. H. Carter is attorney. Mrs. C. B. Wade assigned the property in her name along with her husband's. They have lived here 21 years.

BIG HOGS OF THE GRAND RONDE

J. W. Spencer Raises Animal That Weighs About 870 Pounds.

LA GRANDE, Or., Jan. 6.—(Special.)—J. W. Spencer now holds the honor of having raised the largest hog in the county, which is 870 pounds. Dexter Eaton has always held the championship as the grower of hogs, the largest being 780 pounds. His neighbors, John McAllister and J. W. Spencer, entered into the hog-raising business also and today the two latter gentlemen brought two monster hogs in from their ranches near Island City and had them weighed at Bock & Thomas meat market, McAllister's weighing 775 pounds, and Spencers 870, which breaks all former records in the weight of Grand Ronde Valley hogs.

The hogs attracted much attention in the city today and Mr. Spencer has been receiving many congratulations.

PROFESSOR LAKE RESIGNS.

Long With the State Agricultural College—Land Bought by Regents.

CORVALLIS, Or., Jan. 6.—(Special.)—E. R. Lake, professor of horticulture and botany in the Oregon Agricultural College, tendered his resignation at a meeting of the Board of Regents here this afternoon, to take effect at the end of the college year. Professor Lake has filled the position acceptably for the past six years. The executive committee was authorized to select a successor. All the members of the board were present at the meeting except Governor Chamberlain, Secretary Dunbar and Regent Cotton.

A report of the building committee announced the purchase of 30 acres of land adjoining the college farm, and known as the Hogg tract, at a cost of $6000, and the action was ratified by the board.

WANTS THE CHINESE CHILDREN

Portland Chinese Mission Would Care for Albany Orphans.

ALBANY, Or., Jan. 6.—(Special.)—W. S. Holt, of the Portland Chinese mission, is in Albany to secure the nine children left by San Wa, a Chinese laundryman, who died recently. Although the youthful Celestials are said to be destitute, Albany Chinamen vigorously oppose giving them up, and Judge Palmer seems reluctant to sign the order.

Tillamook Water Supply Up.

TILLAMOOK, Or., Jan. 6.—(Special.)—The first meeting of the new City Council was held Monday night when Mayor C. W. Talmage appointed Clyde Clements health officer; Hiram Crenshaw, fire warden, and Carl Haberlach, city attorney. Councilman C. E. Reynolds was elected presiding officer in the absence of the Mayor.

After Mayor Talmage had read his message, an ordinance was introduced and passed to its second reading, to have the bonding and water question resubmitted to another vote of the taxpayers, voted down three weeks since. The present water company put in a proposition to put in iron pipe in their system. Both of these matters will come up again at the next meeting.

Dividend by Prune Association.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 6.—(Special.)—The Willamette Valley Prune Association today declared a dividend an the Petite prune crop handled by the association in the Salem and Roseburg districts this season. Payments will be made next Saturday.

The total amount handled of this variety was 635,000 pounds. Net prices to the grower, 40s, $0.0395; 50s, $0.0362; 60s, $0.0308; 70s, $0.0267; 80s, $0.0210; 90s, $0.0155; 100s and over, $0.0099.

These prices gave the growers a net basis price of a little less than 2 3-8 cents.

Murder Below the Dead Line.

SEATTLE, Jan. 6.—Gorgette Flynn, better known as Nugget, was murdered in her own room in the restricted district tonight, shortly before 9 o'clock. The left side of the head was crushed in by some blunt instrument, and there were seven wounds in the neck that look as if they were made with a stiletto.

A gold watch and chain are missing. The woman was murdered on her bed, and so quietly was the work done that no sound of a scuffle was heard in the next room.

Dean Hawley Given an Ovation.

WILLAMETTE UNIVERSITY, Salem, Or., Jan. 6.—(Special.)—The opening exercises after vacation were held in the chapel this morning. Rev. W. C. Kantner being the speaker of the occasion. Dean W. C. Hawley attended chapel and was received with a big demonstration. He appeared rather weak after his month of serious illness. He will resume all his class work next Monday.

Damages for Bridge Accident.

EUGENE, Or., Jan. 6.—(Special.)—The County Board of Commissioners met today and will be in session the remainder of the week. The damage case of J. S. Cole was heard today and he was allowed $400, on a claim for $560.

The claim is the result of an accident which occurred some time ago, when Cole was crossing the Row River bridge, east of Cottage Grove, and the bridge gave way, the whole outfit falling to the creek bed and being badly wrecked.

Pierce Would Go to Congress.

BAKER CITY, Or., Jan. 6.—(Special.)—The choice of a candidate for Congress is the principal topic of conversation among politicians. Senator Pierce, of the Union-Umatilla district, has been mentioned as a possible Democratic Congressional candidate in some quarters. He is a hold-over Senator. So far as known, Mr. Pierce is not an avowed candidate for Congressional honors.

Nonunion Men Ask for Cards.

BAKER CITY, Or., Jan. 6.—(Special.)—The strike of the plumbers on the Adler-Lommer building was brought to a sudden end by the nonunion pipefitters' helpers applying for membership in the union.

There is considerable building going on in this city at this time, and there was great anxiety felt lest a general building-trades strike should be precipitated.

Orders in the Supreme Court.

SALEM, Jan. 6.—(Special.)—Orders were made in the Supreme Court today as follows:

H. A. Johnson et al., respondents, versus Washington National Building, Loan & Investment Association, appellant; ordered that appellant have until January 25 to file brief.

Agnes Kalyton, appellant, vs. Mary Kalyton, respondent; ordered that respondent have 20 days additional to file petition for rehearing.

Examinations in Arithmetic.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 6.—(Special.)—Superintendent of Public Instruction Ackerman has announced that hereafter mental arithmetic will not be given as a separate subject in eighth-grade examinations, but there will be two examinations entitled "arithmetic."

Marriage Licenses of Clatsop County.

ASTORIA, Or., Jan. 6.—(Special.)—During the year 1903, 122 marriage licenses were issued in Clatsop County. The largest number was in December when 26 licenses were issued, and the smallest number was in January, when there were but four.

NEW CHARTER IS A FARCE

INDEPENDENCE COUNCIL CANNOT BE ORGANIZED.

Patchwork Document Passed by the Last Legislature Is a Comedy of Errors.

INDEPENDENCE, Or., Jan. 6.—(Special.)—The City Council has been unable to organize in this city. Two efforts have been made, but of no avail. The trouble arises from the defects in and poor construction of the new charter passed at the last session of the State Legislature. Not less than seven or eight whole sections of the document conflict with each other. Hon. J. S. Cooper was duly installed as Mayor of the city, and resumed the chair.

Discussion followed as to the right of the newly-elected members to hold their seats under the new constitution; of an appointive Councilman to hold over; and regarding the filling of a vacancy of a newly-elected Councilman who would not qualify.

There were three Councilmen whose terms should expire by duration of time, and the new charter states that the Councilmen shall hold until their successors are elected and qualified. The point is raised, who succeeds the Councilman who does not qualify? The old charter elected its members from wards; the new charter at large, and no one can state which of the three, if any, is entitled to the vacant place. Then there is one section of the charter which states that when the member elected shall not qualify before a certain date, the office becomes vacant, and part of the Council claim that the only method to fill the vacancy is by election or appointment, while others state that the vacancy can be filled by the holding over of the Councilman who preceded him.

At any rate, the city is unorganized, and probably it will be impossible to do any legally effective work until after the matter is brought into court and an official decision returned upon the conflicting sections and the rights of members.

The charter as passed by the Legislature, it is stated, is the combination of two drafts of a charter, one written by a Dallas attorney for one of the Councilmen, and one written by a Salem attorney for the ex-Mayor. The Council could not agree on either charter, and so took parts from both charters and combined them into one charter, which is the one that was passed by the Legislature and became the law for the city.

There are other sections which have not been discussed and brought to the notice of the public, and which when so brought out may be considered as violating the rules and laws as laid down in the constitution of the state.

The city government is tied up completely and the laws so badly mixed that the city can never be straightened out properly until a new charter can be made to take the place of the old one which is now in force. The city has never been in such a condition as at the present time, and whether a satisfactory construction will ever be made of the matter depends upon the courts, if the same is taken to them.

New Council at Oregon City.

OREGON CITY, Or., Jan. 6.—(Special.)—H. E. Straight, A. Knapp, Mark Chapman and Mat Justin, newly elected members of the Oregon City Council, were sworn in as members of that body tonight.

City Recorder Bruce C. Curry was re-elected by the Council without opposition to succeed himself. This makes Mr. Curry's fifth successive term.

Mayor Grant B. Dimick announced the following appointment of subordinate city officials: Chief of Police, Charles E. Burns; night police officer, Ed Shaw; City Attorney, George L. Storey; Street Commissioner, John Green; City Engineer, E. P. Rands. These appointments were all ratified by the Council. Chief Burns has served efficiently at the head of the police department since 1889, with the exception of two years. William Sheahan was elected president of the Council. Mayor Dimick was authorized to employ a special policeman whenever such an officer is deemed necessary.

The Council turned down the petition of the Woman's Club of this city asking the city to purchase at a cost of $2500 a block of land for a public park.

An increase in receipts for 1903 of $954 over that of 1902 was shown in the annual report of the Board of Water Commissioners. A profit of $3000 was produced to the city from the water system during 1903.

The annual report of City Auditor Curry gave the expenses of the city for 1903 at $9394.21, while the receipts aggregated $12,177.31. Of the receipts, the saloons of the city paid licenses amounting to $4900. The bonded and warrant indebtedness of the city is $97,507.08.

Seaside Officers Installed.

SEASIDE, Or., Jan. 5.—(Special.)—The newly elected officers of the town of Seaside assumed the duties of their respective offices last night. A. E. Miller, Mayor; Phillip Condit, Recorder; F. A. Moore, Treasurer, William Burke, Martin Anderson, Edward Johnson and J. E. Alacraz, Councilmen, were sworn in. The report of the Treasurer for the year 1903 shows receipts $2201.30 and expenditures $1469.88, leaving a balance in the treasury on January 1 of $731.32.

No taxes are levied in Seaside for municipal purposes, the revenue being derived from licenses. During the year the Council has purchased a hand fire engine, hose cart, hydrants and 400 feet of fire hose.

W. N. Smith and C. G. Palmberg, of Astoria, have applied to the Council for a franchise to put in a water system. The water will be brought from Crites and Thomas Creeks, and the mains laid throughout the town and over into the grove on the west side of the Necanicum. The franchise will probably be granted at a meeting of the Council to be held Saturday night.

Seaside is working under a new charter, which divides the town into two wards and provides for the election of five Councilmen, two from each and one at large. The Mayor will appoint the fifth Councilman, a Marshal, Attorney and Surveyor at the meeting Saturday night.

POSTAL CARD CONVEYS THREAT

Received by County Attorney Breen, Investigating Butte Explosion.

BUTTE, Mont., Jan. 6.—At the inquest this afternoon over the remains of Samuel Olsen and Frederick Divel, who were killed by an explosion in the workings of the Michael Devitt mine January 1, County Attorney Breen declared that he had today received a threatening postal. The missive was unsigned, but it threatened him for his part in the inquest, in which he has endeavored to bring out all the facts, he says.

Little of importance developed at the inquest today. One witness testified that the relations between the miners in the Rarus, Heinze's property, and the Michael Devitt, where the Federal inspectors were at work when the explosion occurred, had been friendly. The inquest will last some days yet. So far, nothing to incriminate any one has been elicited.

Detectives started to work this afternoon on the postal received by Mr. Breen. It is believed to have been sent by a fanatic.

SHEPHERD SOLD HIS SHEEP.

Animals Found in Possession of Railroad Help by Owner.

WEISER, Idaho, Jan. 6.—(Special.)—Peter Christenson, a sheeptender for Mark Hindman, a prominent sheepman, had a preliminary hearing today before Judge Jeffreys, on the charge of grand larceny. Near where the sheep were being fed, a few miles west of Weiser, a number of Italians, employes of the Oregon Short Line Railroad, are staying in cars. Saturday Mr. Hindman was passing near the cars when he discovered four of his sheep in a pen. Upon investigation he discovered that Christenson had been selling his sheep to the railroaders.

A warrant was sworn out for his arrest, and he had a preliminary hearing today. He was bound over in the sum of $300 to appear before the District Court. In default of bail he was placed in jail.

NORTHWEST DEAD.

William Dungey.

OREGON CITY, Or., Jan. 6.—(Special.)—William Dungey, aged 64 years, of this city, died at Butteville last night from the effects of injuries received during the afternoon when he was struck by a falling tree. Dungey, for more than a month, had been engaged at cutting wood near Champoeg and late Tuesday afternoon was caught by a falling tree and suffered a broken leg and other serious injuries. The deceased is survived by a wife and ten children. They are:

Robert Dungey, of California; Mrs. Anna Priester, Mrs. Ida Beatty, Ira, Martha, James, Minnie, Nellie, Walter and Ed Dungey, all of this city.

Isaac McElmurray.

ALBANY, Or., Jan. 6.—(Special.)—Isaac McElmurray, one of the most prominent and wealthy farmers of Linn County, died at his home seven miles south of Albany today. The deceased was born in Missouri, December 22, 1826. From there he moved to Arkansas, thence to Oregon, in 1869, locating in Polk County. For several years past he has lived in Linn County. Mr. McElmurray is survived by six children: S. H. McElmurray, of Independence; H. W. McElmurray, of Linn County; Mrs. J. A. Compton and Mrs. W. N. Alexander, of Independence, and Mrs. Allie Curry and Mrs. Willard Cauthorn, of Linn County.

Funeral of John Thomas.

ASTORIA, Or., Jan. 6.—(Special.)—The funeral f the late John Thomas was held this afternoon from his former residence on Clatsop Plains and the interment was in the Old Pioneer cemetery. The services were under the auspices of Temple Lodge of Masons and were attended by a number of Indian War veterans and members of the Pioneer and Historical Society. The deceased was born in South Wales, August 17, 1826. He came to California in August, 1848, and to Oregon on January 25, 1849.

John W. Dooly.

NORTH YAKIMA, Wash., Jan. 6.—(Special.)—John W. Dooly, one of the best-known and a successful farmer of the Yakima Valley, died at his home, eight miles southeast of Zillah, Monday night, aged 69 years. Death was caused by the accident which occurred November 15. He was born in Hickory County, Missouri, and came to this state in 1892. Three years ago he bought a farm in the Sunnyside country.

John D. Zurcher.

ENTERPRISE, Or., Jan. 6.—(Special.)—John D. Zurcher, an old and respected pioneer and prominent G. A. R. man of this city, died at his home here January 3. Mr. Zurcher was formerly owner of the townsite where Enterprise now stands.

The Corpse Woke Up.

THE DALLES, Or., Jan. 6.—It was reported that an Indian had died of smallpox at the settlement on Mill Creek in the lower part of town. Steps were at once taken by County Judge Blakeley to have the corpse buried, and today an expressman was sent with a coffin and disinfectants to attend to the interment.

On entering the tepee, however, as he started to put chloride of lime on the body, the expressman was startled to see a pair of black eyes fastened on him, and the Indian began talking in the Chinook jargon. He was broken out with the disease, but was not dead, as the Indians had reported. They were instructed to take good care of the sick man, and the settlement is strictly quarantined.

Becomes Instructor at St. Xavier's.

VANCOUVER BARRACKS, Jan. 6.—(Special.)—Captain Evans M. Johnson, of the Nineteenth Infantry, was yesterday informed by telegraph from Washington that the authorities of St. Xavier's College, New York City, had applied for him as military instructor of the school. Captain Evans promptly accepted the offer and expects to leave for New York with his family in the next few days.

Lieutenant-Colonel Sedgwick Pratt, Artillery Corps, Artillery Inspector and acting Inspector-General, left today for San Francisco, where he will be retained as Inspector-General for the Division of the Pacific.

Attempted Block on Contempt Trial.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 6.—The United States Circuit Court of Appeals has denied the motion to set aside a writ of supersedeas, which was asked with the object of staying the execution of a judgment against F. Augustus Heinze, Josiah H. Trerise and Alfred Frank for an alleged violation of a contempt of the United States Circuit Court of the District of Montana, the contempt consisting in the refusal on behalf of the parties charged, to permit an inspection and examination and suvey of the underground workings of the Butte & Boston Consolidated Mining Company's property, situated in the State of Montana.

Trousers Rifled of Coin.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Jan. 6.—(Special.)—Robert Duvall and Herman Bonk, who occupy a room together at a residence on the corner of Ninth and East B streets, were robbed of $52 last night. There are a number of roomers in the house, which is always left unlocked, so that access to the rooms was easy.

The two men awoke in the morning to find their trousers gone, and upon search the missing garments were found on the sidewalk, with the pockets rifled. Mr. Bonk lost his month's wages, just received, amounting to $50. There is absolutely no clue to the robbers.

Boy Bandits in the Province.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Jan. 6.—The 15 and 13-year-old bandits, Darwin and Willy Wood, have led the provincial police of New Westminster a busy chase, but have managed to cross the line in safety. The latest exploit of these dime-novel criminals was to steal a fast-going horse and rig and make for the land of the free via Blaine. They are under suspended sentence for cattle stealing. Darwin Wood is known as the local Mozart. When a boy of 12 he played the organ in a city church, and he has given several recitals.

Telegraph Company Wins Suit.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 6.—(Special.)—The damage suit of Frazier & Long, real estate agents, against the Western Union Telegraph Company was decided in favor of the company today, at the close of plaintiff's evidence. The suit was brought to recover $400 damages for delay in delivering a telegram and was dismissed because plaintiffs failed to show that the delay was the cause of their not making a sale of the property as alleged.

Horsethieves in Wallowa County.

ENTERPRISE, Or., Jan. 6.—(Special.)—Horsethieves are again operating in this county, one animal having been stolen from the barn of W. H. Boyd, near Wallowa last week and one from the stables of J. S. Wagner, of this city, a few days before. Rewards are out for information leading to their recovery.

HOLY ROLLERS GET AWAY

FEATHERED APOSTLES HAVE LEFT CORVALLIS.

Citizens Pay a Second Nocturnal Visit to the Beach Home, but "Holy" Men Have Fled.

CORVALLIS, Or., Jan. 6.—(Special.)—It leaked out today that a crowd of citizens visited the Beach house during last night, with further designs on the Holy Roller apostles. Great secrecy was observed in their movements, the party crossing the river in small boats and by different routes, to prevent observation.

It is understood that the visit was based on a report that both Creffield and Brooks had returned to the Beach house, and that the citizens went there for the purpose of making good their promise to accord worse treatment in case either of the apostles returned to the vicinity. On arrival at the house the party laid in wait for a considerable time, but later entered the house, passing through the various rooms.

The search, however, failed either to reveal Creffield or Brooks. Six women, most of them young girls, were the only occupants of the place. These paid but little attention to the movements of the intruders, answering only such questions as they saw fit.

It is now known that, after the marriage of Creffield and Maud Hurt at Albany at noon yesterday, the bridal party returned and for a short time were at the Beach house. They traveled in company with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hurt. They arrived at the place late in the afternoon, and, it is supposed, left later for some point along the Southern Pacific to the eastward, where they are believed to have taken a train.

Creffield was so frightened by the demonstration of Monday night that it is not believed he will attempt to return to this vicinity to remain. He is represented as having given away to tears and sobs repeatedly during the march to the bridge, and while the process of tarring and feathering was on, and to have manifested many outward signs of abject fear. Warnings have been repeatedly given him that violent demonstration was sure to come if he persisted in his fanatic zeal and methods, and this doubtless contributed to his fright.

Concerning the whereabouts of Brooks nothing is known. He has not been heard from since he started northward after the affair of Monday night.

No sympathy whatever is felt here for either of the men. Creffield in particular is held in general contempt. The great mass of citizens believe him to be wholly bogus, and that he affects extreme zeal for other and sinister motives. All citizens declaim against violence and violent methods, but are ready to rejoice if the latest exploit has driven the apostles from the vicinity. In some instances men, poor in this world's goods, have been rendered much poorer by the acts of wives or relatives in the destruction of needed furniture. These cases are, however, very few.

There is no question but the men who had a hand in Monday night's affair, some of whom have suffered deeply from the presence of the zealots, are determined that the apostles must remain away from here.

DRUNKARD, BUT NOT INSANE.

Testimony of the Late Alexander Dunsmuir's Physicians.

VICTORIA, B. C., Jan. 6.—Dr. A. S. Thorne, of San Francisco, was on the stand all afternoon in the Hopper-Dunsmuir will case, his cross-examination being then concluded. The questions had reference to the visits made to Mrs. Dunsmuir and Mrs. Wallace, charges, etc. Dr. Thorne said he charged $2000 for attending Mrs. Dunsmuir in May and June, 1901. He held that Mrs. Dunsmuir had never suggested to him that Alexander Dunsmuir's mind was impaired.

Dr. E. R. Sill, of Oakland, gave evidence of attending Dunsmuir when suffering from drinking bouts. He said there was never anything wrong with Dunsmuir's mind, and Mrs. Dunsmuir had never suggested there was.

Mr. Garden, medical expert for defendant, will be examined tomorrow.

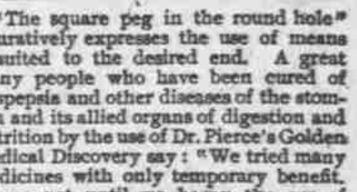
Raise in Flour Rates.

SEATTLE, Jan. 6.—Flour rates between Pacific Coast points and the Orient will be raised on February 1 to $4 per ton. This action has been agreed upon by all the steamship lines engaged in the trans-Pacific carrying trade. The advance covers the month of February, but it is certain that it will not be reduced by further trouble with the China Commercial Company.

It is possible that a further agreement will be made to increase the rate to $5 per ton, though this will not be done at present.

Dr. Hillis Sure to Come.

OREGON CITY, Or., Jan. 6.—(Special.)—The managament of the Pacific Coast Chautauqua Assemblies has received a letter assuring the appearance as a lecturer at the Chautauquas next Summer of Rev. Dr. Newell Dwight Hillis, pastor of the Plymouth Church, of Brooklyn. Dr. Hillis is considered one of the most eminent pulpit orators in America, and he will probably be heard at the Willamette Valley Chautauqua meeting in three sermons and lectures.



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