BASE IS INVALID

General Odell Loses His Lieu-Land Case.

MOTION FOR REVIEW DENIED

Large Number of Purchasers Who Failed to Protect Their Titles Are Out and Injured—General Will Not Repay.

SALEM, Or., Sept. 12.—(Special.)—General W. H. Odell has lost his lieu land case in the Department of the Interior, a final decision having been rendered by the Acting Secretary. Under this decision all hope for the approval of the thousands of acres of state lieu land selections on mineral base has vanished, and those purchasers who have not already protected their titles by securing their land from the Government are likely to be out and injured.

The final decision was received by Attorney General Crawford today, and the litigation is closed. The selections were rejected by the department in January, but a motion for a review of the decision was filed and the case prolonged. The act of the department which ends the controversy is an order denying the motion for a review.

The lands in question are situated in every part of the state. They were selected by State Land Agent L. B. Geer upon mineral base furnished by General W. H. Odell. Intending purchasers of lieu land secured the "base" from Odell and furnished this to the State Land Agent with which to make the lieu selection. As soon as the selection had been made they purchased the lieu land from the state, receiving certificates of sale or deeds. Now that the base lands have been declared invalid, the selections fail, and the state having had no valid title, its conveyances are also worthless, and the purchasers have no claim upon the land. General Odell received from 75 cents to $1.25 per acre for the base furnished, and claims that he is under no obligation to repay the money when the base proved to be invalid. The state received $2.50 per acre, or a partial payment thereon, and must repay the purchase price. Just how much land is involved is not known, but the motion filed by Attorney-General Crawford indicates that the total is nearly 90,000 acres.

Former Clerk Got Busy.

The selections which have been disapproved were made chiefly in 1900 to 1902, after W. H. Odell had retired from the office of clerk of the State Land Board. L. B. Geer was State Land Agent, and General Odell occupied a desk in his office a portion of the time. Persons who applied to the State Land Agent for lieu land were told that the state had no base, but would select land for them if they would furnish the base. The intending purchasers usually found their way to General Odell, who made a business of supplying mineral base. They made their own bargains with Odell, the state having no part whatever in that part of the transaction, except so much as the purchaser might infer from the fact that Odell transacted his business in one corner of the State Land Agent's office. Having procured base, the land was selected, and as soon as the selection had been approved by the local United States Land Office the clerk of the State Land Board issued a certificate of sale for the lieu land.

How Base Was Secured.

Mineral base was secured by General Odell through the assistance of men employed by him. He sent experienced men into the mountainous portions of Eastern Oregon to find school sections that were mineral in character. Witnesses would be found who could testify that the land was known to be mineral at the time of survey, and the testimony thus adduced was submitted to the local Land Office, where it was in almost every instance accepted as sufficient.

Under the Federal grant of school land to the state it is provided that if any of the 16th and 36th sections are mineral in character, they shall not pass to the state, but shall remain the property of the Government, and the state shall be permitted to take other lands in lieu thereof. When it is said that General Odell furnished the base, it is meant that he secured the evidence and conducted the proceedings by which the mineral character of the land was established. Upon this proof the state was permitted to select lieu land. General Odell charged purchasers for the service he performed in securing the base, and it is understood that the price he received averaged about $1.25 per acre. Out of this he paid the surveyors sent out by him, and the fees and expenses of witnesses and the cost of proceedings in the local Land Office.

Grabbed Too Much.

All went well in these extensive transactions until an attempt was made to use as base a large number of school sections that the state had already sold. The state had sold the school sections to men who paid the legal price, and about the same time General Odell undertook to prove that these sections were mineral and did not belong to the state. This raised a conflict as soon as it was discovered, for it was apparent that the state could not sell the school sections and also relinquish them to the Government because of their mineral character. This conflict of interest resulted in a contest in the General Land Office and the Department of the Interior, with the result that General Odell's proof was held insufficient, the base was declared invalid and the selections were cancelled. In the meantime, however, the state had issued certificates of sale or deeds for the lieu land, and the complication was increased.

Invalid for Two Reasons.

As to some of the base lands, they were held invalid for two reasons—that the mineral character had not been proved, and that the state had already sold the school lands in place. To this General Odell replied, in the name of the state, that proof was sufficient under the rules of the Land Department at the time the testimony was submitted, but that the department had since adopted more stringent rules, requiring a higher degree of proof, and that these subsequent rules should not be applied to cases begun prior to their promulgation. The department took a different view and called upon General Odell to submit further proof, filling the requirements of the department, and showing that the land was actually valuable for its mineral deposits and more valuable therefor than for other purposes. It was held that the mineral upon the land was of such a character and quantity as to warrant a miner in undertaking development work. This evidence was not produced.

Upon the other objection, that the state had sold the school sections, General Odell replied that, if the land was mineral, the state had no title, and hence could not convey. He argued, also, that many of the sales by the state were made after he had begun proceedings to establish the mineral character of the land, and should not prejudice the lieu land selection. Finally he argued that the state had issued deeds in only a few instances, but had merely granted certificates of sale, which carried no color of title.

Conflict Caused by State.

The department had already ruled upon this question in general, and in the decision upon the motion for review, nothing further is said regarding the proof of the mineral character of the land. The decision says, however, upon the other point, that, though it is true the certificates of sale would not carry color of title if the lands were of the known mineral character now claimed for them, yet in every instance where the state has contracted to sell such lands it has thereby openly asserted that they were not of mineral character, that they are not the property of the United States, but are the property of the state. Because of this uncertainty, the opinion says, the United States will be embarrassed in the disposition of such lands as mineral, not only because of the asserted claim of the state thereto, but because of the equitable claim of parties who have contracted with the state upon the faith of such assertion and claim. "Inasmuch as this condition was brought about by the state, the Land Department must insist that it be corrected before it recognizes any claim on behalf of the state for indemnity for these lands."

In transmitting this decision, the General Land Office instructs the local Land Office that the case is closed.

Many of the purchasers of lieu land from the state acted promptly when they found that their titles were insecure and protected themselves by taking the same land with scrip or under the homestead or timber laws. How many have thus protected themselves is not known, for the records here do not show it. The state has been sending out relinquishments and advising the holders of certificates of the condition of their title, so that they can save themselves if possible.

Want Their Money Back.

Strong and vehement are the demands received from some that the state shall repay the money they paid to General Odell. To these the reply is given that the state will repay every dollar it has received on land to which the state could not give title. Purchasers are given to understand that if they bought base from any person acting in a private capacity, and the base proved invalid, their claim, if any, is not against the state.

One large purchaser, who resides in Minneapolis, would not be satisfied with the reply he received, but wrote a fierce demand to know whether the state intended to rob him. He declared that he paid his money in good faith to a man he found doing business in an office in the State House, over the door of which office hung the sign "State Land Agent," and he wanted his money back.

General Odell has taken the ground that he did not guarantee the validity of the base, but sold it upon the approval of the local Land Office. He disclaims any obligation to repay the money paid to him. One suit is now pending in the Circuit Court here for the recovery of money paid for mineral base.

Large Speculators Bitten.

One of the amusing features of this momentous case is that a number of experienced timber speculators invested in lieu land selected upon invalid base. When the base was rejected, individuals filed upon the land under the timber or homestead act, and the big operators are having trouble to save their lands. As a rule, however, the large operators protected themselves by using scrip.

In dollars and cents, the state has lost nothing in this transaction. While it must pay back the money received, it is merely paying back money to which it had no right in the first instance. The repayments probably amount to $100,000 or more.

MULLINS PUT THEM OUT.

Clash Between Heinze Democrats and Regulars at Butte.

BUTTE, Mont., Sept. 12.—When the executive committee of the Silver Bow Democracy sought the Auditorium today to open the County Convention they found the hall occupied by the Heinze Democrats, who had taken possession of the place at 8 o'clock this morning. The Heinzeites refused to move, and as the regulars had hired the hall and paid for it, they appealed to the Mayor.

Mayor Mullins, with 30 policemen, hurried to the Auditorium and tried to induce the Heinzeites to leave. They refused, whereupon the Mayor ordered the riot alarm sounded. For the first time in ten years, since the railway riots, the great bells in the City Hall pealed forth the call. Fifty policemen from outlying districts responded, and with this force Mayor Mullins returned to the hall and cleared it by force.

The committee adjourned to the County Courthouse, where a convention was held on the steps this afternoon.

Butte Saloon Held Up.

BUTTE, Mont., Sept. 12.—Five masked men held up and robbed the saloon of George Cooper at 1101 East Talbot avenue early this morning and secured $114 in cash. Bartender S. J. Cummings was hit over the head and received a severe scalp wound. Three of the men entered the saloon, while the two others stood guard at the outside doors. Those who entered carried two guns each. Five men playing cards in the saloon were compelled to throw up their hands and face the wall. The robbers brought a jimmy with them and worked for about ten minutes trying to force the safe open, but gave up in disgust. There was over $1000 in the safe. The bandits refused to take watches from the victims.

Run Over by Heavy Wagon.

ASTORIA, Or., Sept. 12.—(Special.)—The 16-year-old son of William Chadwick, a rancher living on Clatsop Plains, was probably fatally injured this morning. He was driving a team attached to a heavy farm wagon, and, while no one saw the accident, it is supposed the team ran away, throwing him out, and that the wagon wheel passed over his head. When found the boy was unconscious and he was taken to the hospital at Fort Stevens, where an examination showed that his skull had been badly fractured. There is no hope of his recovery.

Bullet Misses Man and Hits Horse.

PENDLETON, Or., Sept. 12.—(Special.)—In an altercation tonight between Ralph Ward and Miles Kemler, the former took a shot at Kemler, but fortunately the bullet missed its mark. The bullet, however, struck the horse which Kemler was riding. The two had been having trouble over a financial matter earlier in the evening and as Kemler was going home he was met by Ward. Spectators say Kemler hurled a rock at Ward, who then pulled his pistol and fired. Ward then disappeared, and is not yet apprehended.

Mistaken for a Deer.

BUTTE, Mont., Sept. 12.—A Neihart special to the Miner says that, mistaken for a deer, Charles Wiltala was instantly killed yesterday by Matt Sands. The two men were members of a camping party, and Wiltala, thinking to bag an animal in the early morning, was leaving camp, when Sands, aroused by his friend's movements and thinking him to be a deer in the uncertain light, blazed away with a 30-30 caliber rifle, sending a bullet clear through Wiltala's head.

Rushing Traffic Into Yukon.

VICTORIA, B. C., Sept. 12.—News has been received in this city that a great rush of traffic into the Yukon is taking place. In August the tonnage of the White Pass Railway exceeded last year's by 75 to 80 per cent, and steamers from southern points are still loading to their full capacity.

Accused of Forgery.

PENDLETON, Or., Sept. 12.—(Special.)—John Wilson was arrested today for forging a check of $27 on J. S. Todd, a farmer. Wilson had been employed by Todd during harvest, and Saturday night came to the city. He spent his wages for liquor and last night forged the check. He is a stranger here.

Rural Carriers for Sublimity.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Sept. 12.—Bernhard Prange was today appointed regular and Joseph Prange substitute rural free-delivery carrier at Sublimity, Or.

LIQUOR MEN ARE UNITED

A CONCERTED MOVEMENT FOR TURNER AT TACOMA.

George Stevenson's Influence With the Saloonmen Being Felt in the State Campaign.

TACOMA, Wash., Sept. 12.—(Special.)—The Turner campaign among the liquor dealers is reflected in Tacoma more than in any other city of the state. This city is Democratic in its municipal administration, and, through police supervision, keeps a check on the liquor dealers that has its effect in political times. But it is the result of the state movement to swing the liquor vote more than the administration's effort that is felt.

There is a strong undercurrent of sentiment among the liquor dealers in favor of a concerted movement. A natural division on political lines has resulted in the Turner movement gaining strength among those saloonmen who fought the Republican administration in the city campaign last Spring.

Thus far no actual work has been done by any of the saloonmen, but there is money offered on betting propositions by saloon interests that heretofore kept out of political fights, which shows that the crusade is having some effect. Such saloon leaders as Sidney Dundas, John Malone, Henry Thomas, John Batsche and one or two others have a decided Turner leaning.

These men are, as a rule, Democratic in politics by inclination, but anything to win by profession. To be in on the winning side has been the chief concern of most of them in the past. To assert what is termed their power is the temptation offered now.

It is, of course, an open secret that George Stevenson, who has been fighting for Turner for months, has a strong influence among the Tacoma liquor dealers. In fact, he has a pull with the state organization, and to his efforts more than anything else can be charged the movement toward an interference in state affairs.

There is a small faction of Tacoma voters that can be swayed by saloon interests. In the lower part of the city, scattered along Pacific and Puyallup avenues, is a floating population which heeds the saloonmen's advice. This is the vote that is being played for. Certain of the saloonmen can never be won over to the campaign, and this will in a measure offset the result of other work.

As a matter of fact, though, conceding a strong saloon influence upon the vote for the state ticket, Pierce is not in a bad shape. Turner advocates talk in general terms of the slump in Pierce County, but when it is sifted down there is not the showing that one would expect to find.

Simmered down, the so-called Pierce County revolt, with the city administration at its back to whip into line the liquor and sporting elements, is not a serious defection. Pierce County gave, in round numbers, a majority for Hadley two years ago of 3500 out of a total vote that did not reach 10,000. To overcome this majority, if the Democratic and Republican votes alone are considered, the Democrats would have to change more than 1800 votes, and then would do no better than break even. When it is remembered that in the Rogers campaign, when Pierce gave Rogers a majority, the country districts returned normal Republican majorities for the entire ticket, the task the Democrats have set for themselves is appreciated.

As a matter of fact, the Democratic claims for a majority in Pierce are not to be taken seriously. Such a thing might occur, just as landslides are always possible in politics, but that an ordinary campaign could win is to be seriously doubted.

The Democrats have decided to put to the front the railroad commission plank. This is the basis for the fight in a county where approximately 2500 railroad employes reside. In other words, 20 per cent of the entire vote is that of railroad men, who are bitterly opposed to the railroad commission movement.

PROTEST FROM WHEAT COUNTRY

Assessor of Douglas Takes Issue With King Taxpayers.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Sept. 12.—(Special.)—C. F. Will, County Assessor of Douglas County, in addressing the State Board of Equalization today, took issue with the King County Republicans in their contention that the wheat counties of Eastern Washington are not meeting a just share of state taxes. Mr. Will admitted that a great portion of the wheat crop is harvested and shipped out of the state before the Assessor can visit the farms, but he contends that it is taxed in a way, as the money for the wheat remains in the state, and if not expended by the farmer is taxed as money in banks, and if expended finds its way on the tax rolls in the shape of improvements on real estate, wagons, farm machinery, livestock, sewing machines, household furniture, diamonds and jewelry, etc. He declared that it did not look well for the County of King to come before the State Board with high and inflated values and expect the board to cut them down, as the county ought to be willing to stand on its own assessment. Douglas County was willing to stand on its own assessment, and he asked the board to take the County Board's figures and leave the classification the same as last year.

The hearing of Spokane County will be deferred for several days, to enable a correction to be made in the transcript of real property of that county.

PIONEER OF UNION COUNTY

LA GRANDE, Or., Sept. 10.—(Special.)—Joseph A. McWhirter, one of the early pioneers of Union County, died at his home in this city Friday morning, after an illness of several weeks, aged 71 years. He was born in Mercer County, Pa., in 1833, was educated in the common schools and learned the harness and saddlery trade there. In 1853 he nerved himself with a good trade and started for Oregon, landing in Portland, then a small village in the woods. He later went to Corvallis, then called Marysville, where he engaged himself in the harness trade. He interested himself in several mining ventures, and went to California, and while there heard of the new mines in Lewiston. He started overland for this place and on his journey came to Auburn. Later he purchased a packtrain and engaged in transporting supplies from Walla Walla to Auburn. This packtrain then led through the Grand Ronde Valley. Its green meadowy appearance and fertile soil attracted his attention and he purchased 240 acres of wild prairie a few miles from La Grande, opened a harness shop in La Grande, and operated it and his farm successfully for 30 years, when he retired from active business with a competency.

Late Joseph A. McWhirter, La Grande.

In 1870 he married Miss Helen M. Henderson, who lived but a short time thereafter, leaving a daughter, who died at 17 years of age. In 1872 he married Miss Kate Tantlenger, who, with two children, Mrs. A. V. Andrews and W. W. Berry, all of La Grande, mourn his loss.

QUORUM FAILS TO APPEAR.

Vacancies to Be Filled on Idaho State Democratic Ticket.

BOISE, Idaho, Sept. 12.—(Special.)—When Chairman Jackson, of the Democratic State Committee, called that body to order this morning, the attendance failed to show a quorum. In fact, there were only six or seven members present, these having three proxies among them. It was stated there would be more here by tomorrow, and the meeting thereupon adjourned for the day.

Ex-Senator Heitfeld, candidate for Governor, arrived this evening, and also a few more members. It has been said that Senator Dubois would be here, but he has not appeared. There is little light on the subject of filling the three vacant places on the ticket, for which the meeting of the committee was called. It is said that B. F. Clay, of Caldwell, a former preacher, will be put up for Congress. He formerly was pastor of the Christian Church of Boise and is now engaged in the real estate business. He was in Salt Lake City at one time, and took a very active part in the Mormon agitation. G. A. Suppiger, of Kendrick, is also talked of for Congress. For Attorney-General, A. A. Fraser and Guy C. Barnum are talked of. For Auditor three names are heard, Russell Hitt, of Idaho Falls; John Dodds, of Pocatello, and Charles Brooks, of the same place.

Boring for Oil Near Bandon.

BANDON, Or., Sept. 12.—(Special.)—The Bandon Oil Company is quietly, persistently and determinedly boring for oil on the coast south of this place. The drill is now down 1100 feet, and the expert in charge of the work confidently expects to encounter oil at a depth not greater than 1400 feet. The drill has passed through the first and second strata of oil sand and a lake of salt water. The flow of gas is so strong that it blew the sand pump out of the well. It has been cased off at three different points. A hat held over it before it was shut off would be carried some distance in the air. The Bandon Oil Company is capitalized for $40,000. The stock is held principally by Bandon people. The greatest confidence is felt that an oil lake will be tapped and another industry added to Coos County's resources.

Boy Kills His Father.

STOCKTON, Cal., Sept. 12.—Harry Buckner, aged 15 years, shot and killed his father today because the latter struck the boy's mother. The young parricide gave himself up to the authorities.

PROGRESSIVE PIONEER OF UNION COUNTY

The Late Major John R. Kellogg.

LA GRANDE, Or., Sept. 12.—(Special.)—Major John R. Kellogg, one of the earliest pioneers of Union County, died at his home, several miles from the city, Monday morning, after an illness of several months. He was born in 1830, and was educated at Oberlin College, Ohio. The Major was an Oberlin man of the days when President Finney was in his greatest glory. He taught school in Wayne County, Iowa, where he was married to Miss Rosa Ann Hill. When the Civil War broke out he was one of the first to enlist under General Hunter, and he served as fife major, and was said to be the Civil War Veterans' best fifer.

In the early '60s he moved to Union County, where his drum corps for many years took the place of the brass band. Here he taught vocal music to the early settlers, among his pupils being ex-Governor Geer and Professor Horner, of the Oregon Agricultural College. He has been Sunday school superintendent in one community for over 35 years, which is the longest service of the kind ever given by any person in Oregon.

Mr. Kellog early foresaw the fruit possibilities of Eastern Oregon, and was one of the first to introduce fruit culture in this section, and his efforts were crowned with success, as he made a comfortable fortune here.

The Major passed the threescore-year-and-ten mark with scarcely a gray hair in his head, and there never was a more noble character in the county. He was buried Wednesday from the M. E. Church in this city, under the auspices of the G. A. R., and was interred in the I. O. O. F. Cemetery. The funeral was largely attended by people from all parts of the county.

ASSIGNED TO CHARGES

APPOINTMENTS OF PUGET SOUND ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

Rev. George A. Landen Chosen as Presiding Elder in Place of Rev. J. E. Williams, Who Resigned.

MONTESANO, Wash., Sept. 12.—(Special.)—The Puget Sound Methodist Conference finished its session this evening after transacting a larger volume of business than has ever before come before that body at any of its sessions. There has been quite a number of vexatious matters up for settlement and the committees have been driven overtime with their work. In fact, so great has been the amount of business that it was thought this morning that it was almost certain the work would not be concluded today.

There was a hard contest on to decide who would get the appointment as presiding elder to fill the position made vacant by the resignation of Rev. J. E. Williams, who had lately been elected as president of the University of Puget Sound. The matter has been settled by the appointment of Rev. George A. Landen, of Tacoma. Some of the members of the conference were excused today, and have left for home or on visits to neighboring towns. Following are the appointments announced by the bishop this evening:

Centralia District—G. A. Landen, presiding elder; Aberdeen, W. E. Thompson; Bay Center, R. C. Hardley; Boisefort and Adna, to be supplied; Camas, J. C. Read; Castle Rock, F. M. Clark; Centralia, J. W. Miller; Chehalis, F. Pearson; Chinook, W. McWaters; Cosmopolis, W. H. Gooderham; Elma, J. Lewtas; Fishers, F. E. Smith; Gray's Harbor, A. M. Brown; Hoquiam, E. Benedict; Ilwaco, E. T. Parker; Kalama, N. M. Temple; Kelso and Catlin, R. E. Wolfe; Bayfield and New Waukam, E. L. Bower; Montesano, W. O. Benadon; Oakville, B. T. Hughes; Pe Ell, J. F. Redfern; Pioneer and La Centre, W. J. Gilbert; Pleasant Valley, to be supplied; Shamoqua, A. M. Brown; South Bend, C. S. Ravelle; Toledo, F. W. Tisdale; Vance, E. L. Bower.

Seattle District—W. S. Harrington, presiding elder; Ballard, A. J. Joslyn; Bothel, supplied by M. F. Murphy; Bremerton, C. A. Williams; Colby, G. Anderson; Issaquah, S. J. Buck; Kent, F. B. Drake; Kirkland, J. M. Weaver; Manette circuit, A. B. Robert; Port Orchard, H. Carlyon; Rainier Beach, J. R. Ball; Renton, R. Hughes; Seattle, Battery Street, O. H. McGill; First Church, F. L. Wharton; Fremont, William Park; Grace, George Gable; Green Lake, R. C. Glass; Haven, C. M. Goulder; Madison, E. E. Morris; Trinity, M. Evans; University, W. H. Leach; Wesley, Henry Ward; York and Hillman, J. H. McIntosh; City Missions, J. N. Dennison; Snoqualmie, H. P. Waldron; South Park, R. Benjamin; Sunny Dale, R. W. Paul; H. D. Brown, Children Home Society; C. F. West, Seaman's Friends' Society.

Swedish District—John Ovall, presiding elder; Cedar Home, Joseph N. Burdell; Everett and Edmonds, Emanuel Johnson; Fremont, John Ovall; Norsh, Albion and Idaho, G. E. Corison; Olympia, C. Johnson; Pleasant Ridge, J. H. Levedahl; Portland, Erick G. Falk; Seattle, John Bronson; Skagit City, K. O. Bergmund; South Bend, C. V. Abrahamson; Spokane, Oslan Johnson; Tacoma, A. J. Gustafson.

Tacoma District—B. F. Brooks, presiding elder; Auburn, R. Z. Fah; Buckley, J. T. McQueen; Bucoda, W. M. Ludwig; Burton, Harry K. Kline; Dungeness, G. F. Graham; Eatonville, Edgewood and Gig Harbor, to be supplied; Hadlock and Chimacum, A. Davis; Little Rock, R. J. Irwin; Olympia, J. W. Satterthwaite; Orling, Joel Orvigus; Parkland, J. M. Wilder; Port Angeles and Clallam, H. Willitson; Port Angeles circuit, to be supplied; Port Townsend, J. A. Sutton; Puyallup, William McMillan; Rainier, to be supplied; Sequin, A. J. McNamee; Shelton, S. J. Jones; Shelton circuit, to be supplied; South Prairie, Harry Kline; Summit, William Welch; Sumner, Abi Gallerman; Tacoma, Asbury, B. G. Lesourd; Bismarck, F. L. Tuttle; Central, Fearnes Clubow; City Missions, to be supplied; Epworth, E. H. Todd; Fern Hill, J. N. Wilder; First Church, to be supplied; Fowler, G. L. Cuddy; Grave, to be supplied; Mason, M. A. Covington; Park, H. L. Tuttle.

Whatcom District—S. Sulliger, presiding elder; Anacortes, W. S. Hanlin; Arlington, C. A. Owen; Ace, S. S. Guller; Bay View, R. M. Schoomaker; Bellingham circuit, Bellingham, Fairhaven, B. W. Erickson; First Church, J. W. Flesher; Trinity, C. F. Todd; Blaine, George A. Shear; Burlington, J. W. Kern; Coupville, C. B. Seely; Crescent Harbor, W. H. Michner; East Sound, to be supplied; Everett, A. B. Chapin; Ferndale, C. J. Kalligin; Friday and Roche Harbor, C. C. Pratt; Hamilton, Henry Harpst; La Conner, George Arne; Lang and Espex, B. M. Galbraith; Lynden, E. N. Rhinehart; Marysville, H. G. Ward; Monroe, William J. Rule; Mount Vernon, A. W. Brown; Nooksack, to be supplied; Nooksack Indian Mission, F. J. Brown; Sedro-Wooley, J. H. Carter; Snohomish, C. B. Sears; Stanwood, E. B. Reese; Sumas, J. H. Kevan; Wallace and Sultan, S. H. Greenlee; Tract Society agent, A. H. Massey.

WRECKED ON JETTY ROCKS.

C. Timmons and Son, of Astoria, Narrowly Escape Drowning.

MARSHFIELD, Or., Sept. 12.—C. Timmons, the Astoria canneryman, and his son Frank had a close call from a watery grave yesterday afternoon. They left Coos Bay early in the morning in the gasoline launch Dixie, which Mr. Timmons intends to press into service carrying fish to his cannery on the Coquille River. Notwithstanding the foggy weather, everything went well until the last breaker struck their frail little craft in crossing the Coquille Bar. This so veered their course that they struck the jetty rocks with great force, the rocks crushing holes in the bottom.

Timmons and his son managed to escape with difficulty, and later the life-saving crew extricated the boat from the rocks and towed her remains into the inner harbor.

STATE PAPERS GRANTED.

Certificates and Diplomas From Board of Education.

SALEM, Or., Sept. 12.—(Special.)—The State Board of Education granted state papers today to the following teachers who took the recent examination:

State certificates—Peter M. Nash, Arlington; Francis A. Stejer, Portland; Maude E. Logsdon, La Grande; Charlotte Shipley, Heppner; James M. Powers, Salem; Daisy Watkins, St. Helens; Leiah L. McGee, Burns; Henry N. Goode, Salem; H. Carl Baughman, Eugene; Bernice E. Logsdon, La Grande; James E. Mitts, Aurora; Lillian Briggs, Portland; Smith B. Holt, Blaine; Evarda E. Ericksen, Roseburg; Edith Robeens Harrison, Ona; Emma B. Kleinsmith, Clarks; Ivy G. Burton, Independence; Olga Olsen, Portland; M. Lou Grubb, Ashland; Vewa A. Gardner, Stafton; Mary C. Whealdon, The Dalles; Florence L. Turner, Astoria; Martha C. Whealdon, The Dalles; Atta L. Gibson, Monmouth; Ellen E. Johnson, Silverton; Lena G. Denyer, Turner; Sophia B. Townsend, Fossil; William R. Rutherford, Monmouth; Ida L. Stewart, Ashland; Mabelle E. Crofutt, Prosser, Wash.; Della S. Wall, Summerville; Ella M. Wall, Early; Edith Hogue, Albany; Avis J. Fleetwood, Lebanon; Jamie R. McKillop, Ashland; Sadie A. Sears, McCoy; Claude L. Anderson, Lents; Amba I. Daniels, McMinnville.

State diploma—Lewis B. Gibson, Creswell.

State life diploma—Janette Clark, La Grande; Anna Warmoth, Brownsville; Annie J. Young, Milwaukie; Zuda Owens, Wellen; Mrs. Anna Read, Woodstock; Frank A. Myers, Salem; L. A. Wiley, Hood River; Mrs. Clara Anderson, Seaside; Minerva Hemenway, Springfield; Adona Cochrane, Independence; R. W. Airey, Gravelford; Mrs. Ella M. Sackett, Bandon; Mrs. Julia McDaniel, Portland.

STAGE UPSET ON MOUNTAIN.

Driver Seriously Hurt and Ex-Marshal Houser Also Injured.

BAKER CITY, Or., Sept. 12.—(Special.)—A phone message from Tipton says that the Tipton-Canyon City stage was upset Sunday afternoon on the road between Tipton and Canyon City. The horses became frightened and ran away down the side of the mountain. The driver, Pruitt, was thrown out, and sustained severe internal injuries, the effects of which will not be known for a day or two. He is now at Tipton, in a very precarious condition.

Zoeas Houser, ex-United States Marshal, was in the stage, with six other passengers. He was considerably bruised about the head and upper part of the body. His injuries are not serious. The other passengers escaped injury.

Water Proposal Not Accepted.

CORVALLIS, Sept. 12.—(Special.)—An offer by the Corvallis Water Company to supply Corvallis with water brought from the Coast Mountains was presented at a meeting of the City Council tonight. The proposition is on an estimated cost of $50,000, and proposes that the city lend the company $25,000, the city in lieu of interest on the loan to have free use of water for fire protection and sewer flushing. The city is to take the plant at the end of 20 years at a price to be fixed by multiplying the net income by 10, the original loan to apply as part of the purchase price. The offer was not accepted by the city, and is not likely to be in its present form. Engineers have estimated the cost of the system at $50,000 and higher, and the estimated income is $8000 to 10,000.

Sugar Beet Harvest About to Open.

LA GRANDE, Or., Sept. 12.—(Special.)—The plowing and pulling of sugar beets in the Grand Ronde beet fields will begin Wednesday forenoon. Many Umatilla County Indians are now camped on the grounds near the city waiting for the work to begin. The Indians are mostly hired by the different farmers in the valley. Japanese are continually imported from the West by the sugar company to work in the fields, and many of these are recently from Japan, but upon being examined for war were either too small, their sight found wanting, or something that would prevent their fighting for their country's cause. The sugar factory will begin on the fall run of beets early next week, and this will be one of the most successful runs in the history of the factory.

Despondency Leads to Suicide.

TACOMA, Wash., Sept. 12.—R. F. Bennet, a sawyer, shot himself in the head this morning and died a few hours later. Discouraged with inability to secure work and with a wife and two daughters to support, it is thought the man's mind gave way to despondency and led him to the fatal deed.

New Smelter to Be Blown In.

WEISER, Idaho, Sept. 12.—(Special.)—The new smelting plant constructed by the Ladd Metals Company at Landore, in the Seven Devils copper district, in the northern part of this county, will be blown in this week. Charles E. Ladd, president of the Ladd Metals Company; Zera Snow, managing director, and G. M. McDowell, general manager of the company, left this city for Landore this morning and will remain until the plant is in successful operation. The plant is of 75 tons capacity.

Stole Government Cattle.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Sept. 12.—(Special.)—Charles B. Russell and Dixon C. Walsh, who were convicted of stealing cattle from the Government Reserve pastures and selling them at the local butcher shop, were sentenced today by Judge A. L. Mills, of the Superior Court, to serve a term of three years each in the State Penitentiary at Walla Walla.

Guy F. Phillipps, who was arrested here for an attempt at passing a forged check for the amount of $15.35, was also sentenced to a term of five years.

Accepts Option Petition.

LA GRANDE, Or., Sept. 12.—(Special.)—The County Court, which was in session in La Grande the past few days, has accepted the petition for submitting Union County as a whole, under the local option law. Regarding the other petition, which includes all the county except Precinct No. 3, in La Grande, the court has deferred action until it could be submitted to District Attorney Lomax, relative to taking final action.

Chinook Salmon Burned Out.

ASTORIA, Or., Sept. 12.—(Special.)—The building at Chinook belonging to the Eli Anderson estate and occupied by J. A. Moller as a saloon was destroyed by fire about 3 o'clock this morning with its contents, excepting the safe, desk and cash register. How the fire started is not known, but it is believed to have been incendiary. The loss is about $2500 and the building and its contents were insured for $1500.

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