DRY DAYS IN COOS

Judge Hamilton Gives Warning to Law-Breakers.

NO LIQUOR SOLD OPENLY

"Reuben" Who Is "Rolled" in Town Goes Back to the Ranch to Work and Vote for Prohibition.

MARSHFIELD, Or., Sept. 21.—(Special.)—"Erected to the memory of John Barleycorn. Died at Coquille City, Oregon, September 9, A. D. 1905. Age unknown."

Such is the inscription on a significant monolith standing in front of the saloon door of the Hotel Coquille, in the center of a little square of earth that in the rainy season is a lawn.

The grass is all dead now. The hillsides are as brown as the deserts of Nevada. It has been one of the driest Summers ever known in Coos County. But this drouth is as nothing to the one inaugurated by Judge Hamilton at the opening of the September term of the Circuit Court.

The saloon men of the county stood before His Honor and pleaded guilty to violation of the provision of the local option law. The court talked to the culprits in a fatherly way and advised compliance. He said he would suspend sentence until the case now on appeal before the Supreme Court is decided. If the decision upholds the legality of the local option election he will administer the minimum fine of $50 for the first offense. But he held out the warning that if they came before him again on a similar charge the fine would be ten times as great with a term in prison.

With this admonition the offenders returned home and with long-drawn faces viewed the scene of happy days, turned the picture of the Parisian maiden with its face to the wall, locked the saloon door from the outside, never to open again.

That is, if you wish to believe this fiction, all right. It takes some time even for a blind pig to get its eyes open. A day was spent in storing away liquors, and then the joints opened up with purely temperance drinks. The mahogany that once shone resplendent with port and bourbon was now degarded to the use of buttermilk and soda water.

Surprise of the Old-Timer.

Imagine the disappointment of the old-timer as he leaned up against the bar and called for "something" when he was handed out a weak solution of soda and told that was all there was in the shop. Bad news should be broken to him gently.

For 32 years the historic town of Empire had been ready to welcome the stranger with a drink. Now, for the first time in more than half a century, its saloon doors were closed, and the only relief for the visitor, no matter if his throat was aflame, was to jump in the bay. Empire is dry with not even buttermilk on sale.

But this story has not proceeded in chronological order. There is a ray of relief in this picture of gloom. The court held that the amended charter of Marshfield passed by the Legislature last Winter after the local option election gave the town Council jurisdiction over the liquor traffic. Many a life has been saved in the last few days by an early morning tramp over the swamps to Marshfield.

The city of North Bend is dry as a bone, that is, if you believe the saloon men themselves. And no doubt some of them have closed up in good faith. But the open charge is made that others are "bootlegging." And if one knows the ropes he can manage to take on board a comfortable jag without going beyond the city limits.

This foreboded only trouble. It is merely a question of time till some one is caught and punished. If the prohibition law is to stand in Coos the authorities will enforce it. That can be depended upon. They put a stop to the operations of the blind-pig at Myrtle Point after it had been in existence and successfully defied their efforts for several months.

Big Struggle Next June.

All this is but the forerunner of the titanic struggle that is to come. No matter which side wins in the Supreme Court the battle will be fought over again next June. The question now before the court is as to the validity of the last election. It is alleged that there were irregularities in the election notice, and on this ground the court may set the election aside.

If this is done the prohibition forces will make sure next time that the petition is filed in ample time for the County Court to give due notice. And the liquor men will take the same precaution in case the decision goes against them. They have a feeling of extreme confidence that Coos County will reverse itself on the local option issue with another trial.

But will it? If the election was held today there would hardly be change of a dozen votes from the result last time. The Coos County people are not changeable in matters of conviction. The rural communities are opposed to the liquor traffic and nothing has occurred to alter their determination. In fact the opposition to the enforcement of the law has made them only more rigid in their purpose.

And who is responsible for the present condition of affairs? Every candid observer will say that it is the saloon men themselves. If they had been content with a legitimate profit, had conducted orderly houses, it is safe to say that the local option question would not today be a disturbing factor in Coos County politics.

The saloon has not been content to sell its victim a poor quality of goods, but it must first "dope" him and then "roll" him. For 80 years the "Reubs" from the farm and the mines have been coming into town. Pitiful are the tales that are told of a Summer's wage gone in a night, of the wife and children left at home without bread.

"Reub" Goes Home Mad.

The "Reub" knows his weakness. He comes to town and gets full, but he goes home and votes for local option. If he was sure of being able to go off on a little spree without being robbed the result might have been different.

It was North Bend that lost the election for the saloons last time. This may seem paradoxical when it is known that North Bend gave a larger majority, two to one, against local option than any other town. North Bend maintains a hurdy-gurdy. It was the flaunting of this vice in the face of virtue that turned the respectable element against the liquor traffic.

It is not too much to believe that if the saloons of the county had been conducted as they are in Marshfield, Coos County would today be "wet" instead of "dry." Marshfield prohibits gambling, the slot machines and the dancehall. Marshfield regulates the saloon and places it upon a plane of decency.

It is a far distance between the radicals of both sides, the prohibitionists and the dive keeper. The one wants total abstinence and the other free license. Between them thre is no compromise, but between them also is a temperance element that controls the situation. This element would favor a saloon run under strict regulations, or it would approve of a moderate use of stimulants even with local option. It will vote for prohibition to do away with the dives and it will supply its own needs from a private decanter at home. The fight against the saloons is not necessarily opposition to whisky.

Prohibition Is the Issue.

The present dilemma keeps the politicians guessing. It will take a diplomat with the art of John Hay to win a nomination next year. The question will not be is he a Republican or Democrat or Socialist, but is he prohibitionist or anti-prohibitionist? Those whose views are known and those whose activity in the past has savored of the pernicious stripe are marked for slaughter. It will be a stable of dark horses that get the word "go" next April.

In the meantime the cemetery in front of the Hotel Coquille with its dry goods box draped in black surmounted by a whisky bottle, bearing silent tribute to the deceased Barleycorn, correctly represents the verdict of the Coos County people at the present time. But if Marshfield is allowed to run while the other precincts must remain dry it is fair to predict that the whole county will be thrown wide open at the next election.

ELECTRIC CARS TO SOUTH BEND

Portland Capitalist Asks Franchise From the City.

SOUTH BEND, Wash., Sept. 21.—(Special.)—Application has been made by J. W. Mackenzie, of Portland, and L. M. Dooly, of Hoquiam, for a franchise for a streetcar line for South Bend and to run to Raymond, three miles up the Willapa River. The line in South Bend is to be completed in a year and extended to Raymond in two years. A $500 forfeit will be put up.

The South Bend line will haul freight cars on its tracks and make available for mill sites several tracts below town which have not been accessible for rail shipments heretofore. For several years the Simpson Lumber Company has been hauling its lumber through the city streets to the depot at great expense, and the car line will be a great convenience to them. The line to Raymond will be an expensive one to build, but Mr. Mackenzie says he has the capital ready to build.

ASKED TO ARREST M'LEAN

PREMIER M'BRIDE PASSES REQUEST ON TO THE NAVY.

Consul Smith Will Apply to Shearwater's Commander to Seize the Carmencita.

VICTORIA, B. C., Sept. 21.—Captain Alex McLean, whose arrest is sought by the United States Department of Justice, through the United States Consul at Victoria, A. E. Smith, on a charge of conspiracy in fitting out the sailing schooner Carmencita, in San Francisco, in violation of the sealing laws, has not yet been arrested.

Premier McBride this afternoon informed Consul Smith that his government could not act in the matter, and that such action should be taken by the Imperial naval officers at Esquimalt. All the vessels being absent from the Esquimalt station, nothing was done. The Consul notified the Washington Government to this effect.

His Majesty's ship Shearwater arrived at Comox this afternoon from Behring Sea, and is due at Esquimalt tomorrow. The Consul will then apply to the commander of the British vessel to seize the Carmencita and arrest McLean.

WAR ON THE WISHKAH RIVER

Ranchers Object to the Log Monopoly in the Stream.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Sept. 21.—(Special.)—James Stewart, owner of a large amount of water front on the Wishkah River, is circulating a petition among the ranchers of the Wishkah River Valley which is to be sent to the Secretary of War when sufficient signatures have been obtained. The petition requests an inspection of the river and the maintenance of a 30-foot channel, in order that the ranchers may have the opportunity of getting their produce to market, which is now denied them, it is alleged, by the Wishkah River Dam Company, which is using the stream for the conveyance of its logs to the mills on Gray's Harbor to the detriment of commerce.

Some time ago the ranchers brought suit in the United States Court to determine their rights, and Judge Hanford decided that the river was not a navigable one. The Court of Appeals, sitting in San Francisco, overruled this opinion, and the case then went to the United States Supreme Court, where it is held up. The action in the way of the petition is to secure immediate relief if possible.

Mr. Stewart has also brought suit against the Wishkah Dam Company for alleged trespass and damages by reason of the use of the rivers banks, to which his property extends, which he alleges are used for the rafting of logs. This case will be heard in the Superior Court of Chehalis County.

NO MARKET FOR SOCKEYES

Thousands Caught in the Fraser Bring Small Price.

NEW WESTMINSTER, B. C., Sept. 21.—(Special.)—Thousands of sockeyes were caught today in the Fraser River, but there is no market. The Japanese were selling at 3 cents and some at 2 cents.

The tug Erie, with 10,000 sockeyes in a scow, was struck by heavy winds off the sand heads, while trying to make Blaine last night. The Erie get back to Steveston, but the scow and fish struck. The steamer McCullough, with 10,000 fish, also struck on the sand heads in the gale.

The tug Fearless got to Blaine, but the market had closed on Fraser River salmon, and the entire shipment were sold at about 2 cents each.

Fishermen estimate the past week that fully three-quarters as many salmon have gone up the river as did during the entire season of four years ago.

Sues for Burned Wheat.

SALEM, Or., Sept. 21.—(Special.)—S. S. Brownell brought suit against Salem Flouring Mills Company to recover the value of 1000 bushels of wheat destroyed by the mill fire in 1899. A similar suit involving a larger quantity was brought through the Supreme Court and the farmers won. The question involved is whether the wheat belonged to the company or the farmers when it burned.

Low Water Retards Mill Work.

LA GRANDE, Or., Sept. 21.—(Special.)—From the Grand Ronde Lumber Company at Perry comes the report that work at the sawmill is considerably retarded by the low stage of water in the river. The water supply is insufficient to float the logs down to the mill.

LOW-RATE SIDE-TRIP TICKETS.

Holders of Lewis and Clark tickets sold east of Pocatello, Pocatello or Butte and the western boundary of Arizona, are entitled to 15-day one-fare tickets to certain points on the O. R. & N. Particulars by asking at Third and Washington streets, Portland.

LEVY IS THE SAME

Agreement Reached by Majority of Equalizers.

MEAD FAVORS THE PLAN

If Sum Raised Is Insufficient for Running Expenses of Washington, School Fund Will Be Resource.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Sept. 21.—(Special.)—On the basis of classifications practically agreed upon by the State Board of Equalization, the assessed valuation of the state will be fixed at $320,000,000 in round numbers, and the levy will remain the same as last year, 2½ mills for the general fund, with the levies for the school and military funds as prescribed by law at 5 mills and 1-10 mill respectively.

This valuation will raise for the general fund $800,000, or about $200,000 less than the apparent amount necessary to be raised by taxation in order to prevent an increase in indebtedness.

It is understood that the valuations about to be adopted are favored by the three members of the tax commission and Land Commissioner Ross, forming a majority of the board. Secretary of State Nichols and Auditor Clausen favor the adoption of last year's classifications to the increased valuations returned by the county boards as near as practicable and the increasing of the levy so that $1,000,000 will be raised to provide for the full amount of running expenses.

The work of the board is being done in informal session, but behind closed doors. The stand taken by the majority of the members of the board is the result of a conference summoned by Governor Meade, a few days ago, at which it was agreed that it would be policy not materially to increase either the levy or the valuation and await another year the efforts of the tax commissioners to increase the amount of property on the tax rolls, borrowing, if necessary, from the permanent school fund for general state expenses.

The valuation of $320,000,000 is practically that returned by the county boards of equalization, but is $32,000,000 more than the valuations fixed by the state board last year. On a valuation of $320,000,000 the amount raised for the school fund will be $1,650,000 and for the military fund $33,000, making a total with the general fund of $2,483,000 to be raised by the counties of the state, or an increase over last year of about $250,000.

MURDER TRIAL ON AT VALE

Henry Megorden Accused of Killing His Wife Last March.

VALE, Or., Sept. 21.—(Special.)—The September term of the District Court for Malheur County convened at Vale on the 11th inst., Judge George E. Davis presiding. A number of minor cases have been disposed of, seven of which were divorce cases.

The trial of Henry Megorden for the murder of his wife at Nyssa, Or., March 24, is now on. Much trouble was experienced in securing a jury. Over 70 jurors were examined before there were 12 jurors in the box. The defense in this case will be temporary insanity. The most important witnesses are Robert and Olive Megorden, who were at home when the tragedy occurred, and are now called on to testify against their father.

Robert Megorden, who is but 15 years old, while his sister is only 13, witnessed the tragedy, and when Megorden was abusing his wife struck his father on the head with a gun.

The next case on the docket is that of Henry Dobey, charged with attempting to extort money from Charles Becker, one of the largest cattle owners in the county. Dobey is alleged to have sent letters through the mail to Becker threatening to burn his hay and kill him, if he did not leave $750 at a place designated at 1 o'clock A. M. on a certain date.

The grand jury has returned true bills against Randal Sage, a wealthy stockman in the southern part of the county, for cattle stealing; Morris Fitzgerald, of Burns, for forgery; Charles Madden, Frank Jones and John Blanton, of Westfall, for allowing gambling in their saloons and also for selling liquor to minors, and against Ben Payne for assault with a deadly weapon.

POLES AND WIRES DISAPPEAR

Telephone Company Returns Much Less Mileage in Idaho County.

BOISE, Idaho, Sept. 21.—(Special.)—State Auditor Bragaw is in receipt of a letter from Assessor Daggett, of Nez Perces County, asking what became of part of the poles and wires assessed to the Pacific States Telephone & Telegraph Company last year. The mileage then was 268 miles, and is this year only 187. Mr. Bragaw, in an interview, says the assessment is made by the State Board, on the sworn statement of District Manager Bush. Continuing, he says:

"If, as County Assessor Daggett points out, there are more miles of telephone line belonging to the Pacific States Company than are shown in the statement signed and sworn to by Mr. Bush, I believe that it is the duty of the authorities of that county to take the matter up for investigation The law governing the duties of the board make no provision for a subsequent assessment, and now that the equalization has been effected and the assessment against the company announced by the board, there is no remedy, so far as I know. It appears to me that it is up to the County Assessor of Nez Perces County and the Board of Commissioners of that county to look into the matter."

The Board of Prison Commissioners today let a contract for putting in the steelwork in the new cellhouse at the penitentiary. The walls of the structure were erected six years ago, and it has remained in that condition. The contract for the steel was secured by Whitehead & Kallis Iron Works, of Detroit. The price is $9040. Others bids ranged as high as $14,800. The building is badly needed, all the cells of the two others being crowded.

PENITENTIARY FOR FORGER

Judge McBride Sentences John Bramer at Astoria.

ASTORIA, Or., Sept. 21.—(Special.)—Eight years in the penitentiary was the sentence given by Judge McBride to John Bramer, who pleaded guilty in the Circuit Court today to the charge of forgery. Bramer a few months ago forged 12 checks and cashed them at various stores and saloons in this city. He is only about 25 years of age, but is said to have a criminal history. Before coming to Astoria he was placed under bonds in Portland to await trial on a charge of assault with intent to commit robbery. In that city he gave his name as George Sullivan. He is also said to have served time in Denver.

Adolph Seaborg, who was indicted yesterday on the charge of larceny in a warehouse for stealing salmon from the Lindenberger cold storage plant, pleaded guilty this afternoon and was sentenced to 14 months in the penitentiary. John Edwards, who was Seaborg's boatpuller, turned State's evidence and will be released.

An information was returned today against Joseph Burke, of Cathlamet, charging him with assault with a dangerous weapon on John Hagbloom. Burke pleaded not guilty, and his trial was set for October 3. This case grew out of trouble over driving a fishtrap at Hunter's Island, when Burke is said to have driven Hagbloom away with a revolver.

An information was returned against W. A. Stockton, charged with forgery in passing a bogus check for $35 on Ben Smith at Seaside. Stockton was allowed until Saturday to plead.

EXPLOSION FIRED SNOWSHEDS

Car Laden With Gasoline Causes Disastrous Blaze.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 21.—According to reports received at Southern Pacific headquarters in this city, a long section of that company's snowsheds at Crystal Lake, Cal., with a number of cars and one or two station structures, were destroyed by fire last night.

When Brakeman C. H. Brown opened a car door preparatory to unloading some freight for Crystal Lake station an explosion occurred in a car laden with gasoline. The car caught fire and the flames soon spread to the snowsheds. Six outfitting cars with carpenters' tools and 10 empty boxcars were burned, snowsheds about 2500 feet long were reduced to ashes and the blockhouse and watertank at Crystal Lake were destroyed.

Brakeman Brown was hurt about the head and face and was taken to the Sacramento Hospital for treatment. Eastern trains have been delayed, but the line will be open this evening.

Expensive for the State.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Sept. 21.—(Special.)—The state law which makes it a criminal offense to cheat a boarding-house-keeper is sometimes expensive for the commonwealth. A stranger who left a bill of $90 for board at the Crescent Hotel was located in Bellingham. He was brought here from that place and fined $10 and costs, which he could not pay, so that the hotel man has his unpaid account still and the state is out the costs of getting the man here.

LOSES BAG OF JEWELS

BAY CITY JEWELER ROBBED OF TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS.

Well-Dressed Stranger Who Paid Short Call Is Suspected of the Robbery.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 21.—F. H. McConnell, a jeweler at 14 Post street, this morning sent his clerk to the safe deposit vaults, where he had deposited his valuables over night. When the clerk returned with a bag containing $10,000 worth of watches and jewelry, it was placed under the counter. A few minutes later it was gone, and no clew to the thief has been discovered.

McConnell occupies part of the real estate office of Hooker & Lent. He lives in Berkeley, and his assistant, F. A. Leonard, has for ten years past brought the box from the safe deposit vaults and placed it under the counter, where it remained until McConnell arranged the goods in his window.

Leonard left the room for a short time this morning, and during his absence a collector for the real estate firm who was in the place says that a well-dressed stranger entered and asked for a renting list. He looked at the list, but did not take it, and soon walked out. When Leonard returned, the box with its valuable contents was gone.

SURVEYORS ARE IN THE FIELD

Working on Line to Connect Salem With Dallas.

SALEM, Or., Sept. 21.—A party of surveyors is at work in the field between this city and Dallas, Polk County, making the preliminary survey upon a prospective railroad between these points. It will connect at Dallas with the Salem, Falls City & Western road. It is not positively known, but from the facts obtainable it is believed the party is in the employ of the Southern Pacific.

Want Payday Twice a Month.

ANACORTES, Wash., Sept. 21.—(Special.)—Because the members of the Shingle Weavers' Union employed in the mills of the Anacortes Shingle Company, P. E. Berard and Burke & McLean, struck for a bi-monthly payday, 100 people were thrown out of employment today, as the owners of the three mills refused to change from a monthly payday. The question of wages does not enter into the cause of the walkout.

The other three shingle mills are still running, the employes having no grievance in the matter of paydays.

Such a Polite Robber.

TACOMA, Wash., Sept. 21.—Three saloons in the business section of this city were held up and robbed by a genteel highwayman between the hours of midnight and 2 o'clock this morning. The man wore a black mask and carried a large revolver, which he flourished in a firm but apologetic manner. In each instance he politely requested the bartender and patrons of the place to hold up their hands, and when he had lined them up with backs toward the bar, the robber rifled the cash register and disappeared.

Fire Wardens Called In.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Sept. 21.—(Special.)—The State Fire Warden called in all deputy wardens today in a letter sent out from his office. He announced therein that the closed season for burning slashings, choppings, etc., is terminated, and that it will not be necessary to secure permits for burnings during the remainder of the Fall. The announcement is due to the recent rains and the lack of funds to carry on the fire warden service.

Protection Costs Him His Job.

NEW WESTMINSTER, B. C., Sept. 21.—(Special.)—Chief of Police J. B. Murchison, of Steveston, was today dismissed from his position by the Council. Acting Chief Thompson states that the dismissal is on account of alleged bribery in the matter of certain gambling houses in Steveston.

Collins Case at Ottawa.

VICTORIA, B. C., Sept. 21.—A special from Ottawa says the Minister of Justice yesterday received from Chief Justice Hunter the reports with all papers and evidence in the Collins extradition case. It was at once placed in the hands of the department for report.

BEACH RATE REDUCED.

Three Dollars for Round Trip Announced by O. R. & N. Co.

The every-day round-trip rate from Portland to North Beach points has been reduced by the O. R. & N. Co. from $4 to $3, tickets on sale until October 15, with final return limit October 31.

Particulars and O. R. & N. Summer book by asking at Third and Washington streets, Portland.

CHURCH LIKE WIFE

One Creed Not as Good as Another, Says Dr. King.

ADDRESS AT CONFERENCE

Districts Will Not Be Changed This Year, and Portland Methodist Pastors Will Probably All Retain Pulpits.

ALBANY, Or., Sept. 21.—(Special.)—"The man who belongs to our church but says he thinks just as much of another is apt to think just as much of another man's wife," was an opening sentence in a brief but forceful talk delivered this afternoon by Dr. J. M. King, D. D., corresponding secretary of the Church Extension Society and one of the most prominent men in American Methodism. He was addressing his remarks to a mixed gathering at the annual Oregon conference, now in session here.

"Some people say that one creed is as good as another," he continued, "but such statement is a lie. They are equally good when based upon the Scriptures. I believe most firmly in sensible devotion to the creed and the denomination."

Dr. King, who is nearly 70 years old, was greeted with loud "amens" from all sections of the church, and continued until he outlined the six "couth-conquering doctrines" of Methodism, as taught by John Wesley, and which must now be preached, he said, if the church has any power. Dr. King's address was a feature of the day, and tonight he delivered another, commemorating the anniversary of the Church Extension Society. His addresses will rank among the best of the conference.

That this conference will not redistrict its territory, that the Methodist churches of Portland will remain divided according to the windings of the Willamette River, are statements that may safely be made now. At the conference in Eugene last year Bishop Spellman reduced the number of districts from four to three, making the Willamette River the dividing line; the entire "west side" constituting one district, the "east side" south to Harrisburg another, and Southern Oregon a third. This division divided the City of Portland, with three churches on the west side and 11 on the East Side, and almost resulted in breaking up the organized work of the Epworth League and kindred societies.

In the laymen's conference last year it was stated that the object was to increase the salaries of elders by lessening their number, and a strong protest against the change was made. Bishop McDowell is unacquainted with conditions in Oregon, however, and feels some reluctance to reverse an order made by an older bishop, and that within a year of the change. Because of this, Portland Methodists who are anxious to have the old districts reinstated, uniting Portland, will drop their fight this year, with the understanding that next year, when Bishop Moore, of Portland, presides at the conference, the number of districts will be increased to four, with the entire City of Portland in one.

The City of Portland will retain the same Methodist ministers next year, as far as can be judged at present. Assignments will not be made until the last of this week or the first of next, but there seems a disposition to leave Portland charges unchanged. A possible exception to this is the talked-of exchange of places between Rev. S. E. Meminger, of Mount Tabor, and Rev. L. F. Young, of the Central Methodist Episcopal Church.

Portland's Methodist Churches will, in all probability, be increased numerically within the next year. Dr. Ford, of Sunnyside, is urging the necessity of a church at Lents, and the Church Extension Society has indicated a willingness to put $250 into such a fund. With this start a new church for the suburb is practically assured.

Dr. I. D. Driver, one of the best-known characters in Oregon, and a pioneer Methodist, was today transferred from the effective to the superannuated class in the ministry. Dr. Driver, although past 80 years of age, is an active figure at the conference. The laymen's conference, a meeting that had its inception last year, will convene tomorrow in the Christian Church.

ATTRACTED BY FARM COURSE

Largely Increased Attendance at Pullman College.

PULLMAN, Wash., Sept. 21.—(Special.)—Today the Washington State Agricultural College opened for examinations. For ten days students have been coming in from all parts of the state, and for the past few days there has been an unprecedented rush. Few old students have returned, as they are not required to take the examinations, and will not need to report for enrollment until Monday, but an unusually large number of old students will return and have already engaged all the rooms in the two dormitories.

Agriculture seems to be the favorite study of the new students now entering the school, and promises to be more popular than any other branch. Mechanical and electrical engineering are second in preference, while the other departments are running about equal. There is a marked increase in applications for enrollment in the school of business, and it is noticeable that a large number of the new students in this department come from Tacoma and Seattle.

It will be several days before any accurate estimate of the enrollment can be secured, but Registrar Nalder declares there are twice as many new students as on any previous opening day.

McMinnville College Opens.

M'MINNVILLE, Or., Sept. 21.—(Special.)—Active school work began at McMinnville College today and indications are bright for a very successful year. Yesterday nearly 100 students were enrolled for regular work, and each incoming train brings a good quota of students. The number of old students returning is unusually large. The college building has been renovated. The facilities for the boarding club in the basement of the main building has been extended, and that institution will accommodate many students this year.

A. C. Davis, head of the department of chemistry, has arranged for a new course in organic chemistry.

PACIFIC COAST DEAD.

Harvey W. Hawley.

BERKELEY, Cal., Sept. 21.—After an illness of seven years, Harvey W. Hawley, aged 48, a well-known newspaper publisher and manager, died today. Hawley started his newspaper career on the Northwestern Miller at Minneapolis. From 1889 to 1892 he published the Denver Sun, and then took charge of the Chicago Record-Herald. In 1893 he was called to San Francisco and did managerial work on the Examiner.

Mrs. Thomas Davies.

OREGON CITY, Or., Sept. 21.—(Special.)—Jennet, wife of Thomas Davies, died last night at the family home at Maple Lane. Jennet Howell was born in Glamorganshire, South Wales, G. B., November 14, 1842. She was married to Thomas Davies at Liverpool, May 4, 1865, and immediately started for America, reaching New York in the Fall of that year. After living in a number of Eastern states, Mr. and Mrs. Davies and family in 1882 came to Oregon, overland, and located on a farm at Maple Lane. She is survived by five children: J. R. Davies, Molalla; Thomas, Lewis, Mary and Sarah, all of Oregon City. Mrs. J. W. Jones, Mrs. J. D. Renner and Mrs. T. B. Hankins, of Oregon City, and Mrs. Sarah Sears, of Portland, were nieces of the deceased.

Mrs. Martha Jane Alldredge.

OREGON CITY, Or., Sept. 21.—(Special.)—Mrs. Martha Jane Alldredge died at the home of her son, John, in this city yesterday, aged 75 years, from cancer of the stomach. Mrs. Alldredge came to this state from Kansas with her husband 23 years ago. She is survived by seven children: Mrs. Mary Boylan, of Stafford; Joseph, Alonzo, Reuben, William, John and Frank Alldredge, all of this city.

Thomas Duncan.

HELENA, Mont., Sept. 21.—Thomas Duncan, of Virginia City, a pioneer of the state, died today aged 54 years. He came to Montana in 1864. Mr. Duncan was one of the Montana Republican electors at the last Presidential election. He had been for several years the cashier of the Elling State Bank at Virginia City.

Doyle Cannot Give Bail.

OREGON CITY, Or., Sept. 21.—(Special.)—In default of $500 bail, J. C. Doyle was today committed to jail, awaiting the convening of the Circuit Court in November, when he will plead guilty to a charge of obtaining money under false pretenses. Doyle was arrested here yesterday for having passed a check for $12.50 on a local saloon, when he had no money in the bank on which the check was drawn.

Mastodon Tusk From Alaska.

SEATTLE, Sept. 21.—B. H. Svendsen, of Alki point, has brought to Seattle a mammoth tusk of a mastodon, found twenty feet underground on Paradise Hill, Hunker creek, Alaska. The tusk, of purest ivory, is of greenish hue and weighs 300 pounds and is twelve feet in length.

IS MAD OVER GAMBLING

CAMBRIDGE INSTRUCTOR TOILING FOR GOLD IN ALASKA.

When He Gets a Stake He Will Try to Break the Bank at Monte Carlo.

SEATTLE, Wash., Sept. 21.—(Special.)—H. Chester Doerfeld, an Atlin mining man, brings south a remarkable story of a former Cambridge instructor's years of study over the percentages of the gambling table and his intense ambition to attempt to break the bank at Monte Carlo.

William C. Cameron, formerly an instructor in dead languages at the English University, is said by Doerfeld to have exiled himself for the sole purpose of studying out a system which will beat the game. On his shelves in the professor's cabin in the Atlin district are several volumes written in Sanskrit, Greek and Latin, which give him occasional solace, but most of his time has been spent on tables or percentage.

"He has a number of pretty good claims, some of which I have attempted to buy," said Doerfeld. "But Cameron will not sell until he gets his price. He wants money enough to test his 'system.' He told me his passion for gambling is hereditary and responsible for the loss of position and friends. But he is as eager now as ever for another trial. His ruling passion is an ambition to break the bank at Monte Carlo.

"I asked him one day how he expected to beat the bank. He went to a trunk in a corner and took therefrom a mass of papers wherein had been inscribed a record for fifty years of the losses and profits of the Monte Carlo games. In some instances he had the results by days. From this mass of figures he has evolved his table of percentages, indicating the numbers he believes will win oftenest at roulette. He is only waiting in the Atlin district to sell his claims and get money enough to put the system to a trial."

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