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WALLA WALLA, Wash., Jan. -17.

RE-ELECT OLD OFFICERS

ADOPT RESOLUTIONS.

Reduction of Freight Rates, Rate

Regulation and Reclamation of

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by the contractor.

## THREE LOSE LIVES IN THE OPP MINE

Blown to Pieces in the Explosion of Fifty Pounds of Giant Powder.

NOISE HEARD FOR MILES

Night Shift Was Just About to Enter the Tunnel in Southern Oregon Property When the Crash Came.

JACKSONVILLE, Or., Jan. 17 .- (Spe. cial.)-Three men were blown to pieces by an explosion of giant powder tonight shortly before 6 o'clock in the Opp mine a mile and a half from this city. The dead are:

BILL BROAD BERT COFFMAN. FRED JOHNSON,

So far the officials of the mine are un able to determine just what caused the explosion, but it is believed that the men killed had either dropped a box containing 50 pounds of glant powder, or that the explosion followed an attempt by some one of the three men who were torn into shreds by the explosion to break open the box containing the explosive.

The Opp mine is one of the best-paying properties in Southern Oregon, and the owners are in the middle of extensive improvements. The explosion occurred in tunnel 18. Work had progressed until the drift was in 300 feet. A gang of 60 men had been at work on the tunnel for the past month digging the tunnel and placing ten new stamps in the mill.

Tonight, just as the night shift was going to work, Broad, Coffman and Johnson, who did the blasting, entered the shaft with a box containing the powder. Fortunately they started several minutes before the rest of the gang were ready for work, or the death list would have been greater. The terrific explosion occurred just as the rest of the miners were about to enter the tunnel. The noise of the explosion could be plainly heard in Jacksonville and it shook the mountainside until many of the miners thought it would cave in

News of the death of the miners and the explosion reached here within a few minuses after it occurred. Word was at once telephoned to District Attorney Reames, at Grant's Pass, and he at once notified Justice of the Peace Henry Dox, who, in the absence of the Coroner, hurriedly empaneled a Coroner's jury and visited the scene of the accident. With the assistance of the miners and the owners of the mines they entered the tunnel and brought out the remains of the men who

Johnson's body was literally torn to pieces, and his remains were so badly nangled that but for the fact that he was known to have been with Broad and Coffman it would have been impossible to have identified him. The bodies of Broad and Coffman, while they were terribly mangled, could easily, be recognized. Broad was one of the best-known miners in this section of the country. He left a large family in this city. Johnson was equally as well known. His family lives at Gold Hill. Coffman left a widow, whom married only two months ago.

morrow.

### PEOPLE'S VOICE THEIR GUIDE Randall and Carter Will Heed Direct Primary Law.

OREGON CITY, Or., Jan. 17.-(Special.) -George Randall and E. P. Carter, both Republicans, are the first candidates for election to the State Legislature to pledge themselves to vote for the candidate for United States Senator that receives a plurallity of votes cast for that office at the primary election in April, regardless of individual preferences. These gentlemen are candidates for the Republican nomination for Representative, and among the several assignate for this containing the appreciation of the delegation for the treatseveral aspirants for this nomination, they are the first to subscribe to this provision of the direct primary nominating law. In addition, Mr. Randall pledges, if nominated and elected, to advocate and work for laws compelling railroad companies to furnish seats for passengers and sufficient cars for traffic, and for a law providing for the inspection and control of private banking institutions of the state. He favors the reapel of the law relative to the burning of slashing as amended at the last legislative session, and will work for a law for the just taxation of express, telephone, telegraph and electric and private corporations and companies.

## WISH COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL Clackamas Residents Will Vote on

Question in June. OREGON CITY, Or., Jan. 17.-(Special.) -The establishment of a county high school will be among the subjects to be submitted to a popular vote of the people of Clackamas County at the general elec-tion in June. The committee that was re-cently appointed by the Barclay High School Alumni Association, of this city, to circulate a petition asking that such an institution be established and maintained, has already secured more than the requi-site number of signatures. Additional names, however, will be enrolled when the petition will be filed with the County Clerk preparatory to having the subject placed on the official ballot

## IN FAVOR OF A DIRECT PLEDGE

Judge McBride Says Legislative

Candidates Should Go on Record. OREGON CITY, Og. Jan. 16.—(Special.)
—"I am distinctly in favor of exacting from every Legislative candidate a pledge to vote for the candidate having a plurality of votes for United States Senator." said Circuit Judge T. A. McBride today in liscussing this important feature of the lirect primary nominating law. The

I was one of the committee that frame-I was one of the committee that framed the direct primary law, and in our circular soliciting votes for that measure we stated our interpretation of its effect in these words: "The Legislature will simply ratify the people's choice for Senator in much the same way that the President is elected."

The primary law was adopted with this understanding. When the people almost imanimously voted for it they believed that one decisive step had been taken toward the election of United States Senators by the people, and no man should be elected to the coming

Legislature who is not willing to piedge him-self absolutely to ratify the people's choice. It is suggested that by making such a piedge a Democratic member might be placed in a position where he would be compelled to support a Republican for United States Sena-tor, or, perchance, a Republican member might have to support a Democrat. Well, if the people choose a Democrat for Senator, their servants in the Legislature ought to ratify and give effect to that choice, and if they select a Republican Senator, Democratic milfy and give effect to that choice, and if they select a Republican Senator, Democratic members ought to do the same. This is the loxical effect and true intent of the direct primary law and just what the voters intended when they adopted it and just what the framers of the law intended when it was drawn. The guestion new is Shall the law be upheld and shall prospective candidates be compelled to uphold it or shall we be treated to the usual 40 days' scramble over the election of a United States Scnator after the voters of the state have distinctly indicated their choice at the polic?

I am in favor of pledging every candidate I am in favor of pledging every candidate and making the pledge unequivocal and dis-tinct.

RAILROAD FIGHT IS ON.

Southern and Western Pacific Companies Enter California Court.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 17.-The fight between the Southern Pacific Company and the Western Pacific Company for terminal rights on San Francisco Bay began in earnest today as far as the Federal authorities are concerned when the taking of the deposition of Louis J. Leconte. Assistant United States Engineer, was begun before United States Commissioner Heacock. Attorneys Cutcheon of New York, Vail of Denver and Marcel Cerf, local representative for the Western Pacific, and R. A. Moore, counsel for the Southern Pa-cific, were present. Attorney Cutch-eon conducted the examination. Many con conducted the examination. many details regarding the construction of the jettles were brought out during the examination of the witnesses.

BEAVER PILGRIMS ENJOYING CALIFORNIA HOSPITALITY.

Stanford University Visited, Where Students Give a Noisy and Cordial Welcome.

SAN JOSE, Cal., Jan. 17 .- (Special.)-With a brilliant reception at the Hotel Vendome tonight the Oregon Development League delegation terminated one of the most interesting days of the pilgrimage into California. The special reached here soon after 1 o'clock this afternoon and after luncheon at the Vendome, which had been turned over to the party as headquarters, the entire personnel boarded trolley cars for a circuit of the Santa Clara Valley.

Leaving San Jose the route was west

through the valley to Saratoga. After a short stop at this place the journey was continued to Congress Springs; thence by way of Campbell to the starting point. Representatives of the San Jose Chamber of Commerce accompanied the visitors and explained such methods of farming and brigation as were new to the Ore-

Returning to the city the delegation wa received at the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce, where some time was spen in an inspection of the exhibits of citrus and other fruits, the principal variety be ing prunes, of which it is estimated th ual crop in the Santa Clara Valley i 120,000,000 pounds.

Following dinner at the hotel in the evening a formal reception was held there under the auspices of the Chamber of Commerce. Mayor Worswick delivered the welcoming address, in which he referred to the changes in the way of advancement on the Pacific Coast which had resulted from the Lewis and Clark Fair. Secretary S. R. Clarke, of the Chamber of Com-merce, presided, and in turn he called on Tom Richardson, of the Oregon Develop-ment League, and J. H. Albert, a banker

Mr. Albert interested his hearers with a are Albert interested in Beach and a recital of the conditions which governed the markets of the Pacific Coast at the time of the discovery of gold in the Bear State, explaining that ten years previous to that time orchards had been planted in Oregon, wheat was being produced and clothing manufactured by the ploneer women, a large share of which formed a bulk of the supplies hauled into the Calimines in preference to the shipments from the Atlantic Coast by way of the Horn. Mr. Albert referred to the historic trade as an illustration of the

growth of the two states. Governor Chamberlain advised the residents of San Jose to strive for a union of interests of the portion of California in interests of the portion of California in line with the sentiment expressed at other cities with those of Oregon, laying stress on the good that could be accomplished for the entire district in Congressional matters if the Pacific Coast would present

a solid delegation.

H. M. Cake, of Portland, made remarks ment accorded the members since entering the state

Palo Alto proved somewhat of a devia-tion for the excursionists. The faculty and students of the Stanford University med them royally and two hours were spent at the institution. From the station the party was escorted in carriages and before meeting the faculty was driven through the principal portions of the grounds. At the assembly hall the students greeted the Oregon visitors with college source and yells, some of the latter. college songs and yells, some of the latter having been composed for the occasion. Governor Chamberlain talked on the principles of citizenship, the duty each office-holder owed the people and his office-holder owed the people and his country, in which connection he referred to recent scandals in different states as

resulting from dishonesty in office.
Dr. Henry W. Coe, of Portland, spoke of the value of the university to the Pacific Coast, especially to California and

Oregon.

Before departing the party entered the magnificent chapel and enjoyed a short organ recital. At 11:30 o'clock the special left San Jose for Del Monte.

WRECKAGE TELLS SAD TALE

Sea Casts Rudder of Lost Ship on Granville Beach.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Jan. 17 .- (Special.) ABERDEEN, Wash. Jan. II.—(Special.)

Reports continue to be received here of portions of a supposed wreck coming ashore at Point Granville, on the Quin-ault Indian Reservation. Indians bring news of having seen flashes of light Tuesday night as if from a versel in distress. A rudder which was driven on the beach Tuesday leads the people of Granville to think that a ship must certainly have gone down in the sorm tainly have gone down in the storm which has prevailed on the Pacific for

### several days. Juniors Advertise Oregon.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Jan. 17 .-(Special.)—Some time ago the junior class decided to issue a class pamphlet, by way of advertising the university. The pam-

of advertising the university. The pamphlet is not to partake of the nature of an annual, but is to be essentially an advertiser, and copies will be sent to every high school student in the state.

Manager Rafferty has already secured sufficient funds to make the venture a financial success, and today announced that the regents had contributed a bonus of \$15 to aid in carrying out the extention. of \$55 to aid in carrying out the enter-price. Edward Lister is editor-in-chief, and has already started preliminary work. The plan of the junior pamphlet has the full support of the faculty.

# STATE HAS MONE

Treasurer Moore Makes Semi-Annual Report.

DISBURSEMENTS ARE LESS

School Fund. Is Doubled in Seven Years and Now Shows More Than \$4,550,000 in the Treasury.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 17 .- (Special.)-The semi-annual statement of State Treasurer C. S. Moore, for the last half of the year 1905, shows a heavy decrease in disburse ments, as compared with the corresponding period of the preceding year; this decrease being due chiefly to the fact that an appropriation bill was held up by a referendum petition, thus preventing expenditure of the money. The general fund disbursements for the last half of 1904 were \$623,874.00, while for the same period this year they are but \$358,421.95. The receipts credited to the general fund show no material change.

Heavier receipts to the common school fund principal and heavier disbursements in the form of loans, are also shown. with a decreased amount of idle money in this fund. A year ago the cash in the common school fund was \$201,862.68, but although the fund has been growing the loans have been increased, leaving EU. 868.27 in the treasury in that fund now. The disbursements of common school fund interest (divided among the common ols of the state) increased from \$248. 661.21 to \$266.542.82, but the growth of that fund has been steady, and notwithstandfund has been steady, and notwithstand-ing heavier disbursements, the balance now accumulated is 100,124.4, as com-pared with \$84,229.43 last year, or a gain of 30 per cent. Other features of the statement show no important changes. In addition to his senti-annual state-ment recoursed by law. State Treasurer

Moore has prepared a statement of the condition of the assets of the irreducible common school fund. This statement shows the following interest-bearing se-Pirst mortgage loans. \$3,403,241.17 School district bonds. 307.675.00 Deferred payments on sales. 567.622.37 Value of farms on hand. 161,892.33

ment required by law, State Treasure

Total 84,580,431.47
To this may be added the cash in the common school fund, \$11,868.27, showing a total of over \$4,550,000 in the irreducible school fund. In January, 1896, the Irreducible school fund assets amounted to only \$2,000,000, so it will be seen that the fund has doubled in seven years. In January, 1896, there was \$500,000 of idle money in the school fund.

The receipts, disbursements and bal-ances, as shown by the report, follow:

|        | BECEIPTS.  |                      |
|--------|--|----------------------|
| s<br>f | General fund   | 307,004,<br>307,733, |
| Ř.     | Agricultural College fund, prin-                                 | -                    |
| 100    | Agricultural College fund, inter-                                | 15,795               |
| e      |  | 6.829.               |
|        | University fund, principal                                       | 8,633.               |
|        | University fund, interest  | 2,585.               |
| e      | A. B. Burbank trust fund, inter-                                 | 421.                 |
| t      | est  | 788.                 |
|        | Swamp land fund  | 208.                 |
| e      | 5 per cent U. S. land sales fund.                                | 28,212               |
| å      | Inheritance tax fund.<br>State Agricultural College tax          | 3,881                |
| à      | fund<br>Oregon Soldiers' Home National                           | 6.221.               |
| 9"     | fund   | 3,165.0              |
|        | Hatchery fund, district No. 1                                    | 3,552.               |
| ts.    | Hatchery fund, district No. 2                                    | 3,462.3              |
|        | Pure food fund   | 250.                 |
| v      | Game protection fund   | 18,106.              |
|        | State Board of Examiners' fund.<br>Portage Railway operation and | 708.                 |
| a.     | maintenance fund   | 5,597.               |
| đ      | Oregon stove foundry fund  | 733.3                |
|        | Penitentiary betterment fund                                     | 6,276.               |
| e<br>r | Total receipts   | 1,087,636.           |

Total ..... DISBURSEMENTS. Common school fund, principal. 340.467.72 Common school fund, principal. 340.467.72 Common school fund, interest. 206.342.82 Agricultural College fund, principal cipal
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OLDEST ACTIVE EMPLOYE IN

POSTAL SERVICE,

Pratt R. Skinner

ALBANY, Or., Jan. 17 .- (Special.)-

The United States Government yester-

day lost its oldest active employe in

the mailing department of the postal

service. Pratt R. Skinner, of Albany,

who in his 87th year was an active mailing clerk on the Corvaills & Eastern Railroad, having charge of

the run between Albany and Detroit.

the eastern perminus of the road, died

yesterday after an illness of but one

week. Although the old gentleman

had been ailing all Winter, his rugged

enabled him to maintain his position

For 22 years Mr. Skinner has been

in the postal service, the past 10 years

having been spent on the run out of Albany. He was a veteran of the

Civil War and a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, baving joined

that patriotic organization in Port-land. During the war Mr. Skinner

was First Lieutenant of the 48th Regiment, United States Colored Vol-

record and of the war record of his

ancestors. A member of the Sons of the Revolution, he boasted of a fam-

every war of our early history, be itis. In Mr. Skinner's papers were

found genealogical records showing

came over in the Mayflower and have

since been identified with the coun-

try's growth.

that his ancestors of the direct lin-

and gave his friends hope that he

constitution and indomitable energy

land.

Bounty fund.

Hatchery fund, district No. 1.

Hatchery fund, district No. 2.

Pure food fund.

Game protection fund.

State Board of Examiners' fund.

Portage Railway operating and
maintenance fund.

Oregon stove foundry fund.

Penitentiary betterment fund... 625.51

Total disbursements ..... \$1,057,469.53 Balance on hand Dec. 30, 1905.\$ 903,478.33

BALANCES. Seneral fund . . Common school fund, principal.
Common school fund, Interest.
Agricultural College fund, principal
Agricultural College fund, interest 171,808.27 100,124.44 22,280.36 University fund, principal...... hurston monument fund, prin-A R. Burbank trust fund, prin-120.34 847.22 A. R. Burbank trust fund, interest fund, in-swamp land fund. Tide land fund. 5 per cent U. S. land sales fund. Inheritance tax fund. Slate Agricultural College tax fund. fund bregon Soldiers' Home National fund 6,250,66

Bounty fund
Hatchery fund, district No. I.
Hatchery fund, district No. I.
Hatchery fund, district No. 2.
Pure food fund
Game protection fund.
State Board of Examiners fund
Portage Railway operating and
maintenance fund
Oregon stove foundry fund.
Penitenitiary betterment fund.
Sewer fund. Total .....\$ 903,678.23

DEMOCRAST PREPARE TICKET Clackamas County Politicians Will

Vote Straight in June. OREGON CITY, Or., Jan. 17.—(Special.)

—The placing of a straight Democratic ticket in the field at the coming June election was unanimously agreed to at a meeting of the Clackamas County Democratic Central Committee, at a meeting held here today. The meeting was one of the most largely attended and enthusiastic ever held by the minority party in this county, 18 of the 49 precinct committeemen of the county being present. In this county, is of the 60 precinct commit-teemen of the county being present, in addition to a large representation of Democrats from many of the precincts. O. D. Eby was continued as chairman of the organisation.

W. B. Stafford, J. E. Jack, H. E. Dra-

W. B. Stafford, J. E. Jack, H. E. Dra-per, H. F. Latourette and J. A. McGla-shan were appointed a committee to ar-range the details of a banquet and Demo-cratic love feast to be held at Oregon City, Thursday, February 8, when there will be addresses by Governor Chamber-

the party.

It was decided to make an effort to secure the registration of all voters before the time for holding the primary election in April, and to that end it was ordered that each precinct committeeman arrange for the holding of meetings in his precinct, when the details of the primary and registration laws can be explained. Precinct committeemen to fill vacancies in the County Central Committee were named as follows: Eagle Creek, J. J. Judd. Boring, James Stone; Harmony, Alired Clarke. The passing of the hat at today's meeting netted \$7.55 for incidental expenses. Valuation in Washington Is Raised 50 Per Cent.

GENERAL RATE IS FIXED Prospective candidates for county officers were not suggested at the meeting although the mention of J. E. Hedges, of

this city, as the probable candidate of the Democracy for State Senator was enthu-Convention of State Assessors De-VERY UGLY CHARGE IS MADE cides That 60 Per Cent of Actual Worth Is the William Glasford Accused of Accept-Proper Basis.

(Special.)-A sensation was sprung this ning when a local paper printed the prominent property owner of the city, and in favor of William Glasford, who holds the two offices of Councilman and building inspector. The facsimile of the check is accompanied by a sworn statement from F. D. Motter, who draw the check is accompanied by a sworn state-ment from P. D. Mottet, who drew the check, to the effect that he paid the building inspector that amount to see that a contract was being compiled with The intent of the article seems to be to convey the idea that Glasford, who receives a salary of \$60 per month from the city as building inspector, was also re-ceiving a sulary from private parties whose interests might be contrary to

The principal increase in valuations is

The schedules of valuation per mil WASHINGTON LIVESTOCK MEN

1A \$14,529 1B \$10,340 2 \$7,920 3 \$4,752 4 \$2,112 5 \$1,326 \$7,920 7,920 5,808 3,606 2,900 1,320 \$7,920 7,920 5,508 3,696 2,000 1,320

SPOKANE, Jan. 17 .- The second annual convention of the Washington Livestock Association was adjourned this afternoon. The association will meet for its next convention in Spokane some time in December. The executive officers of the association were unanimously re-elected. They value of the railroad.

Edwin F. Beuson, of Prosser, president; A. J. Splawn, of North Yakima, vice-president; Levi G. Monroe, of Spokane, treasurer; F. M. Rothrock, of

permanent decrease in the levy, as alleged by the Tax Commission.

J. W. Morrow, for the O. R. & N., said Spokane, secretary.

The livestock convention today adopted resolutions petitioning the State Railway Commission of Wash-ington to take steps to secure a 10 per cent reduction on freight rates on livestock to correspond with a simi-lar reduction on wheat three years ago; also, indorsing the bill pending in Congress which has for its object to the railroads and their representatives.

The Assessors this morning adopted a resolution providing for a unithe extension of the 28-hour shipping

the extension of the 28-hour shipping law to 36. The resolutions continue:

We beartly indoese the attitude of President Roosevelt regarding freight rate regulation, and we favor giving power to the interstate Commerce Commission to enforce its decisions, subject to ratification of a court of competent jurisdiction.

We heartly commend the interest President Roosevelt has shown in the reclamation of the arid lands; also the work of the reclamation service, and we urge upon Congress the appropriation of sufficient funds to carry on the work. work.

We urge upon the Secretary of the Interior the necessity of immediate action on all feasible projects in the State of Washington. To accomplish this we believe the National Government should lend to the reclamation service the necessary funds to complete the work and without unnecessary delay. he opposition, the commission annot

the constitution and the law direct that given to Great Northern agents on the terian Church took place this even-ing with appropriate services, attending with appropriate services, attended by a large number of people. Sevthe true value shall be the basis of aseral of the pastors of the local churches assisted in the services, as lows, and is considered by the conventi to throw full responsibility for its adop-tion upon the members of the Tax Comdid a number of ministers from Port-

In other matters of assessment the convention adopted the following methods: Banks, market value and not par value of stock to be taken on the basis of assessment; live stock, abandonment of the heretofore adopted schedules and the adoption of the new basis of 50 per cent. on the true valuation; mines and miner-als, assessment of every mine to be ar-rived at as follows: Enrollment of the claim and improvements and assessment thereof as adjoining real estate and improvements; addition thereto of the gros value of measurable and marketable ore both in the mine and at the surface based upon a sworn statement from the manager or owner, and estimated upon the current or market value.

Heavy Rains in Mountains Cause Water to Forsake Channel.

County.

All that is needed now to make destructive high water is a Chinook. The worst storm of the Winter has been raging for atorm of the Winter has been raging for four days, rain day and night, sending down torrents of water. But the tem-perature has been low, the cold, raw weather here indicating snow in the mountains. Before this storm began, people from the mountain regions re-ported one of the old-time deep Winter snows, drifts being many feet deep in the canyons. Should the temperature turn warm before the end of this storm, and warm rain fall as extensively as has been warm rain fall as extensively as has been the cold rain of this week, the Willam-

OLYMPIA, Wash., Jan. 17 .- (Special.)-A schedule of valuations on railroad property that will show an increase over last year's assessed valuation of nearly 50 per cent, or \$10,000,000, when figured out on last year's mileage, was adopted by the convention of State Assessors at tonight's session. The schedule was agreed upon by the railroad committee in execu-tive session, lasting all afternoon, during which the railroad representatives occu-pled chairs in an adjoining room and waited in vain for an invitation to appear and discuss the matter with the con

upon transcontinental main lines. The same classifications as have been used for several years were adopted, with the ex-ception that about 15e miles of O. R. & N. track between Spokane and Wallula, is taken from the second class and given a class of its own, called first

as adopted this year and as followed in 1904 and 1905, follow:

Figured out on the basis of present mileage the assessed value of railroad tracks in 1905 should be \$22,000,000, while in 1905 it was \$22,225,67 as equalized by the County Boards. Rolling stock is to be assessed as follows: First class A, \$3168 per mile: first B, \$2660; second class, \$2112. This puts rolling stock at about \$500,000 higher than last year, when it was \$6,433,500. It was announced by the committee that it believed these valuations to be about 60 per cent of the true market

The increase was plainly a shock to the railroad men, and John Snapp, of the Great Northern, spoke at length on the subject, contending that a general increase in valuation would not result in a

he believed the convention had done what it believed to be right, but he was not prepared to say that the O. R. & N. would pay taxes upon such a valuation until it was shown that other property had also been raised to the 80 per cent value. Jay Sedgwick with apparent sarcasm simply thanked the convention for its courtesies

a resolution providing for a uniform assessment of 69 per cent. of the true valuation on all real and personal property in the state. While the tax commission yesterday went no farther than to suggest this course, the opposition to the movement became so strong today that were the property of today that upon the suggestion of As-sessor Allea, of Snehomish, the leader of that it not only suggested, but advised and directed the convention to adopt the 60 per cent basis. After the resolution had been made to show that it was di-rected by the tax commission, the opposition to it was removed and it passed

mission:

Resolved, That we will for the 1906 assessment of both real and personal property give exoctal and renewed effort to comply with the statutes as we have been advised and directed by the State Hoard of Tax Commissioners, and that we will assess all the property within our respective counties at not less than 60 per cent of the actual market value as advised and directed by the state tax commission.

WILLAMETTE IS ANGRY RIVER

ALBANY, Or., Jan. 17 .- (Special.)-The Williamette River, at Albany, is slowly rising, and is carrying loads of debris and tree trunks, showing that the waters have in the bottom lands broken from the accustomed channels. The storm is just such a one as caused the extreme high water of three years ago, when considerable damage was done to property along the river bottom, and the session of the Oregon Legislature was thrown into a flurry by the fear that a United States Senator other than the leading candidate would be elected, a number of the legislators being water-bound south of the Williamette River in Southern Linn

ette River will be on a rampage again.

COUGAR LEGS CAUSE FRIGHT

Murder Mystery Turns Into Harmless Relic of Garbage Barrel.

LEWISTON, Idaho, Jan. 17.—(Special.)— The mystery or supposed crime which grew out of the finding of a forearm which had been declared to be that of a woman is a mystery no longer. It has dissolved into thin air, but while it lasted, excitement among residents of this city ran high, and this morning there were fresh developments which were sufficient to augment the already intense interest. This new discovery was the finding by Chief

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of Police Masters and Deputy Sheriff Monroe of another forearm about a half-block
from where the first one was found. It
was picked up within a few feet of the
County Courthouse.

Half a hundred people were there assisting officers in searching the neighborhood, when the discovery was made.
To make the find all the more intensely
interesting, was the fact that it was a
duplicate of the one discovered Monday.
It was another right arm, and the police
and the "wise ones" compared notes and
concluded that there must have been two
murders.

murders.
The discovery was immediately taken to The discovery was immediately taken to police headquarters. The news spread like wildfire, and the town was thoroughly aroused. Indignation was expressed on every hand over the possibility of the fact that the human mind could conceive such wholesale crime. Officers immediately went into consultation, and a number of hysicians were summoned with the rephysicians were summoned, with the re-sult that it was concluded to hold a post-mortem in order to determine the age of the victims.

The new find was carried to the office of Dr. C. W. Schaff, and he, with Dr. Hurlbut, began a close examination. The hand was cut into pieces and the fingers severed. It was then put through a boiling process and chemicals added, in order to soften the ligaments.

ing process and chemicals added, in order to soften the ligaments.

At this point the physicians discovered that in the wrist, where there should be eight bones there were but two. There was more serious thought turned to the object, and within a few minutes they gave their opinion that the members were those of a cougar. The mystery was solved, and tonight the local police are congratulating themselves over its solution. The presence of the grewsome finds in the neighborhood of the Courthouse is explained by the County Recorder, who a few days ago paid bounty for the delivery of two right forelegs of cougars by a rancher from Nez Perces County. The legs, after being skinned, were thrown into a garbage box and probably carried from these bedseen. garbage box and probably carried from there by dogs to the place where they were discovered.

## MEN BATTLE WITH COUGAR

BIG BEAST ATTACKS UNARMED LOGGERS IN TENT.

Monkey Wrench" Breaks Animal's Neck After Desperate Struggle for Life.

SPOKANE, Wash., Jan. 17 .- (Special.) --A fierce battle between two half-armed men and an angry cougar took place at dawn today in a tent near Newman Lake. Hammers, wrenches and stovewood were pitted against teeth and claws in the desperate struggle, the cougar being killed. Silas Cook works in a logging camp for the Otis Lumber Company. This morn-

ing Cook went to call Charles O. Scott, who was asleep in a tent. The tent has been used as a cookhouse, and provisions are stored in it. As Cook entered the tent he saw the cougar helping himself to entables. Cook was unarmed, and there was no gun at the camp, so he tried to scare the brute away. The animal showed fight and attacked Cook, who started to defend himself with a stick of stovewood. at the same time arousing Scott. The lat-ter hurled a big hammer at the animal,

which landed with good effect.

The two men fought the infuriated beast with wrenches, hammers and pieces of stovewood. Scott was scantily attired, and what few clothes he wore were nearly torn from his body, and Cook's apparel was torn in shreds. They succeeded in breaking the cougar's front legs, and a well-directed blow by Cook with a mon-key wrench broke the animal's back. The animal is stated to have measured eight feet and four inches from tip to tip.

HILL ROAD BUYS PROPERTY Rumor That Great Northern Has

Acquired Tacoma Terminals. TACOMA, Wash. Jan. 17.—(Special.)

—The sale of the property of the Far
West Lumber Company, at East D and Installed in Astoria Pulpit.

ASTORIA, Or., Jan. 17.—(Special.)—
The formal installation of Rev. W. S. Gilbert as pastor of the First Presby
Installed in Astoria Pulpit.

ASTORIA, Or., Jan. 17.—(Special.)—
The opposition came from those asserts that the property of the Factorian Company, at East D and Twenty-first streets is believed to mean that the property has been bought for the Great Northern interests. It is also said today that an option has been the constitution and the law likest that plant and property of Derickson & Co., near the Far West mill. The price is said to be in excess of \$100,000.

Report has also been current that the Hill interests desired the property as the site for a new station and depot in Tacoma. The building now in use for these purposes is admittedly inade-quate. It is also stated in real estate ircles that the recent flurry in Seattle tide lands was due to speculation and that the majority of all reported sales were really nothing but options on a 10 per cent basis. It has been found that Joseph Hellen, who was taking the options, was not the Joseph Hellen who is Harriman's private secretary and general factotum.

ROBERT CALLISON IS DEAD

Lane County Pioneer, Aged 87, Succumbs to Long Illness. EUGENE, Or., Jan. 17.—(Special.)—Rob-ert Callison, one of the early Lane Coun-ty pioneers, died at his home at Pleasant Hill last night at 11 o'clock, after an ill-ness of several weeks, duration of the

ness of several weeks' duration, at the age of over 87 years. "Uncle" Robert Callison, as he was familiarly known, was born in Adair Coun-ity, Ky., June 5, 1818. His parents died while he was quite young, and, in com-pany with his uncle and family, he drove overland with an ox team to Illinois in 1833. He was married December 5, 1829. to Miss Polly Bristow, who survives him.
They located on a farm in McDonough
County III. and resided there nine years. In 1848 they joined a party coming to the Pacific Coast, driving an ox team the en-tire distance. They came directly to Lane County, settling at Pleasant Hill, taking up a donation claim. Several years later they bought a splendid farm of 540 acres, comprising the W. W. Bristow donation claim, and made extensive improvements, all of which have increased in value from

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the most modern and productive properties in Lane County. As carly settlers on their farm, Mr. and Mrs. Callison had but two neighbors. Besides his wife and two children. Mr. Callison left a number of grandchildren and great-grandchildren and numerous relatives.

year to year, and which now forms one of

DR. CLARKE IN CHARGE.

Vancouver School Running Smoothly Under New Management.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Jan. 17 .- (Special )-Thomas R Clarke the newlypointed superintendent of the School for Defective Youth, at this place, has taken full charge of the work and the affairs at the school are progressing nicely. There are the same number of classes as under the old management, and, with just a few changes, the routine of the work co-ues as before.

At a meeting of the Puget Sound Association of the Deaf, a resolution was passed to the effect that the president of the association be instructed to convey to Mr Clarke the hearty congratulations of the association upon his selection to the superintendency of the Washington State School for the Deaf and Blind. The resoschool for the Deaf and Blind. The reso-lution states in part that most of the members of the association have known Mr. Clarke and his work by reputation and that they have the fullest confidence that he will place the Washington school at the front rank among similar institu-

Ministers Hold Conference.

WOODBURN, Or., Jan. 17 .- (Special.) A highly interesting and successful conference of the East Portland District Preachers' Association was con-cluded in the Methodist Episcopal Church here this afternoon. Ministers who were in attendance were Revs. B. F. Roland, D. D., J. W. McDougall, Wilfred Smith, F. S. Cleme, J. C. Gregory, G. O. Oliver, Alfred Thompson, Henry Spiess, R. C. Blackwell, W. H. Heppe, D. D., Harold Oberg, W. T. Kerr, W. H. Selleck, D. D. E. Gittins, A. D. Wagner, C. E. Crandall, Joseph Patton, James Hunrod, Thomas Maxwell, D. L. Rader, D. D., T. S. McDaniel, J. H. Coleman, D. D., W. J., Hollingshead, D. D., D. H. Leech,

Hawley Files Notice. SALEM, Or., Jan. 17.—(Special.)—W. C. Hawley today filed notice of his candidacy for the Republican nomination for Congressman in the First District. He

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6.349,362.63
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