

MORE FIRE DAMAGES \$47,400

Elrod Two-Story Brick Completely Guttled by Early Morning Blaze.

NEARBY BUILDINGS SAVED

Coating of Ice on Adjoining Structures Prevents Spread of Flames. W. F. Schuller, Merchant, Is Among the Heaviest Losers.

MORO, Or., Jan. 23.—(Special.)—Fire destroyed the Elrod two-story brick in this city early this morning, entailing a loss of over \$47,400. But for the fact that the water thrown on nearby buildings and roofs formed a coating of ice, other structures would have added fuel to the flames.

file the first argument to be published and distributed by the state for the information of voters.

GETS CINCIN; RAISES RATE

Complaint Made by Logging Company Against Great Northern.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Jan. 23.—(Special.)—The Great Northern Railway has filed with the Railroad Commission a tariff showing the rates on logs hauled exclusively within the state.

In 1903, when this company was induced by the railroad to abandon river shipments, there was about 400,000,000 feet of timber tributary to its camp.

It is said that this prohibitive rate is a part of a new policy of the company to refuse to handle any logs, and

OPERATE PACIFIC LINERS AT LOSS

Boston Company Can't Compete With Traffic Handled by the Orientals.

STEAMERS WILL BE SOLD

Ships Tremont and Shawmut Are Offered to United States Government for Isthmian Transport Service.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—The Boston Towboat Company has offered to sell the steamships Tremont and Shawmut of its

present. The California delegation, if that state is represented, will likely be small. It is thought by some of the growers here that the Oregon contingent will have the most to say as to the proposed limiting of each year's crop.

HALF-TON OF ORE AS EVIDENCE

Senator Bourne's Case Up for Hearing in Wallace Court Today.

WALLACE, Idaho, Jan. 23.—(Special.)—The case of Senator Jonathan Bourne, of Oregon, against Sierra Nevada Mining Company, which was sent back by the Circuit Court for additional evidence, after a hearing had last Fall, comes up tomorrow before J. H. Peiffer, referee, in the United States Court, and Judge Woods, of the District Court.

FATHER WILLING TO FORGIVE

Secures Attorney for Son He Has Arrested as a Thief.

PENDLETON, Or., Jan. 23.—(Special.)—

LUMBER IS CHEAPER

British Columbia Mills Announce Cut in Prices.

READY CASH IS NEEDED

Over Half of Last Year's Cut Still on Hand, and Fear Is That American Mills Will Soon Flood the Market.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Jan. 23.—(Special.)—At a large meeting of lumbermen representative of manufacturers both in the mountain district and on the coast, held here today, important reductions in prices were decided upon.

The situation was undoubtedly forced by the banks clamoring for a reduction of overdrafts and insisting that the present large stocks be sold off.

JONES COMPLAINT IS HEARD

Railroad Commission Takes Evidence at Toledo.

TOLEDO, Or., Jan. 23.—(Special.)—The State Railroad Commission met in Toledo today to hear evidence in the case of B. F. Jones vs. the Corvallis & Eastern Railroad, E. F. Jones appearing for the plaintiff and J. K. Weatherford for the railroad.

J. K. Weatherford was sworn to try to ascertain who owns the road, but farther than that he is chief counsel, and a stockholder in the company, he could not throw any light on the ownership.

Yakima Police Resigning.

NORTH YAKIMA, Wash., Jan. 23.—(Special.)—The entire police force, except one patrolman, has resigned since A. N. Short was appointed chief of police on Monday night.

JASTRO MADE PRESIDENT

Livestock Convention Will Meet Next at Los Angeles.

DENVER, Jan. 23.—H. A. Jastro, of Bakersfield, Cal., was unanimously elected president of the American National Livestock Association at the closing session of its eleventh annual convention today, succeeding Murdo Mackenzie, of Trinidad, Colo., who had served two terms and declined a re-election.

Another resolution was adopted asking Congress to establish a minimum rate of 20 miles per hour for stock trains, except where physical condition prevents.

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NEW DAM OF ELMA LIGHT & POWER COMPANY. The new dam of the Elma Light & Power Company is shown in the accompanying picture and was taken on January 13, the first day the water power was used by the company.

FAVOR A CASH VALUATION

Idaho Assessors Place Themselves on Record Before Adjourning.

BOISE, Idaho, Jan. 23.—(Special.)—The County Assessors' annual meeting adjourned today, after passage of resolutions. Through the Assessors and the State Board of Equalization failed to get together on the proposal to assess all property, including railways, on a cash valuation, in which the Assessors were supported by Governor Gooding.

ROSEBURG, Or., Jan. 23.—(Special.)—

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MRS. CONNERS COMING HOME

Portland Bride Deserts Husband Because He Is Cruel to Her.

NORTH YAKIMA, Wash., Jan. 23.—(Special.)—Mrs. Alma Conner, the bride of a week, who mysteriously deserted her husband New Year's day in Portland, was overtaken today by her father, Alexander Frame, whose country home is just over Marquam Hill from Portland.

Six Divorces Granted.

OREGON CITY, Or., Jan. 23.—(Special.)—Circuit Judge McBride today handed down the following decrees of divorce: Gertrude E. Spaulding vs. Frank A. Spaulding, Herbert Platts vs. Mary Platts, Albert Smith vs. Sadie Smith, Robert W. Brown vs. Lella Brown, Gordon E. Hayes vs. Anna Hayes, Susie Williams vs. James Williams.

Good Run of Salmon.

ASTORIA, Or., Jan. 23.—(Special.)—Water Bailiff Settem has returned from a visit to points on the upper river and reports that salmon and steelheads are running quite well in the Clackamas and Willamette Rivers.

Forger Located in Alaska.

NORTH YAKIMA, Wash., Jan. 23.—(Special.)—Mrs. Alice Conner, who is wanted here for raising a check of \$5 to \$6 last Summer, is now at Fort Flager, where he is member of the signal corps. He is under arrest and Sheriff Edwards will immediately go to bring him back for trial.

Inspect Rosenthal's shoe store windows get busy.

Perfect fitting glasses \$1 at Metzger's.

THREE MEN TO WEAR STRIPES

Judge Hamilton Passes Sentence at Roseburg.

ROSEBURG, Or., Jan. 23.—(Special.)—Three penitentiary sentences were passed today by Judge Hamilton in the Circuit Court. John Skelly pleaded guilty to attempted robbery of Josephson's merchandise store, and was given two and a half years to ponder over his unlawful conduct.

DEAD OF THE NORTHWEST

George Davidson, Pioneer of 1853, and Ex-Clatsop Judge.

Robber's Wound Fatal.

SPOKANE, Jan. 23.—Frank Evans, who is supposed to have been a hold-up man, died in the hospital today. Evans was shot last Sunday night, presumably by his partner, during a quarrel that followed a robbery.

Economize on Exclusion Work.

SPOKANE, Jan. 23.—An attempt is being made by President George F. Staub, of the Spokane branch of the Asiatic Exclusion League, to bring about the amalgamation of the league with the European Exclusion Association of the East, forming a national society for the restriction of undesirable immigration from all countries.

Officers of Roseburg Association.

ROSEBURG, Or., Jan. 23.—(Special.)—At the annual meeting of the Roseburg Merchants' Protective Association last night, the following officers were elected: President, M. F. Rice; vice-president, J. F. Barker; secretary, E. L. Cannon; treasurer, B. W. Strong; directors—Henry Richardson, L. Wolton, Robert Kidd, C. S. Frye and H. D. Graves.

Friends of Bill Come First.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 23.—(Special.)—Attorney-General Crawford has ruled that the friends of a bill, and not the filers of a referendum petition, have the affirmative of a question submitted to the people and therefore that they should

ALL CUT GLASS AND SILVERWARE 1/2 Price FRIDAY AND SATURDAY JEWELRY SECTION I. GEVURTZ & SONS ON YAMHILL

OREGON ELECTRIC RAILWAY CO. "WILLAMETTE ROUTE" "THE ROAD OF COURTESY AND SERVICE" OPEN FOR BUSINESS -WITH- 2 DAILY TRAINS BETWEEN PORTLAND AND SALEM

THE NEW POLICIES OF THE COLUMBIA LIFE & TRUST CO. Are Ideal Life Insurance Contracts Issued by a Home Company

Living in a Trunk BUREAU TRUNKS Pull Out a Drawer The Portland Trunk Mfg. Co. 54 Third, Cor. Pine 2 STORES 2 107 Sixth, Near Stark