

PROFIT IN COINAGE

Government's Income for Year \$10,541,371.

MINT DIRECTOR REPORTS

Figures Represent Difference Between Face Value and Price of Metals—Other Statistics on Coinage in United States.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—The Government made a profit during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1908, of \$10,541,371 on the coinage of silver, nickel and one-cent bronze pieces.

Coinage Record for Year.

The coinage executed by the mints during the fiscal year 1908 amounted to \$17,238,477 in gold, of which \$10,182,420 was in double eagles, and \$4,525,900 in eagles of the design prepared by the American sculptor, the late Augustus St. Gaudens.

Estimates on Production.

The director estimates the production of the precious metals in the world during the calendar year 1907 to have been \$10,555,399 in gold and \$18,014,623 fine ounces of silver of the commercial value of \$122,000,000 at the average price of silver for the year.

WATER FOR 2000 ACRES

WHITE SALMON FARMERS TO ISSUE \$60,000 BONDS.

Fruitgrowers Form Union and Propose to Erect Cold-Storage Warehouse—Town's Rapid Growth.

WHITE SALMON, Wash., Dec. 13.—(Special.)—Yesterday was busy day for White Salmon. Two important events took place which mark a new era for the town and valley.

2 KILLED; HOUSE WRECKED

be present at the orgy planned for this evening for the benefit of Alderman Michael Kenna.

Joining the storage house in the rear where two men are believed to have lost their lives. This little structure also was practically wrecked by the explosion, and all that remained standing were portions of three sides of the structure.

Church People in Panic.

The congregations of Grace Episcopal and Wabash-avenue Methodist Episcopal churches and guests of nearby hotels rushed to the streets in a panic.

OREGON COLLEGIATE DEBATING LEAGUE ARRANGES SCHEDULE.



Grover C. Birtchet, President. ALBANY, Or., Dec. 13.—(Special.)—Grover C. Birtchet, president of the Collegiate Debating League of Oregon, has begun arrangements for the league's debates during the coming season.

source of contention, Last week Rev. W. O. Waters, rector of Grace Episcopal Church, which adjoins the Coliseum on the north, sought and failed to secure an injunction to prevent the holding of the ball on the ground that it was prejudicial to the morals of the community.

The ball is supported by "First Warders," who are represented in the City Council by Michael Kenna and John Coughlin. The proceeds of the ball, estimated at from \$15,000 to \$25,000, annually given, are used for the campaign expenses of the Alderman whose term expires the following Spring.

AGED COUPLE CELEBRATE GOLDEN WEDDING



IONE, Or., Dec. 12.—(Special.)—Mr. and Mrs. Ferdinand Balsiger celebrated their golden wedding at the home of their son, Paul Balsiger, in this city, November 26.

FORGER IS ARTIST

Turns Cell in County Jail Into Studio.

MODEL IS FEMINE FORGER

Pretty Girl Comes Into Prominence by Deserting Husband on Wedding Day and Signing His Name to Bad Check for \$300.

HILL STEAMERS FOR BAY

colonization. The trade of the Orient is now in the hands of Germany and Great Britain. The United States hardly figures. While conditions remain as they are, the American merchant marine will remain as it is, and the Oriental trade will continue to go to other countries.

Towns Growing Rapidly.

KLAMATH FALLS, Dec. 13.—(Special.)—Klamath Falls, Bonanza and Merrill are enjoying a substantial growth. Particularly is this true of this city, the business district of which is rapidly being transferred towards the depot.

Leaves Property to Saloonman.

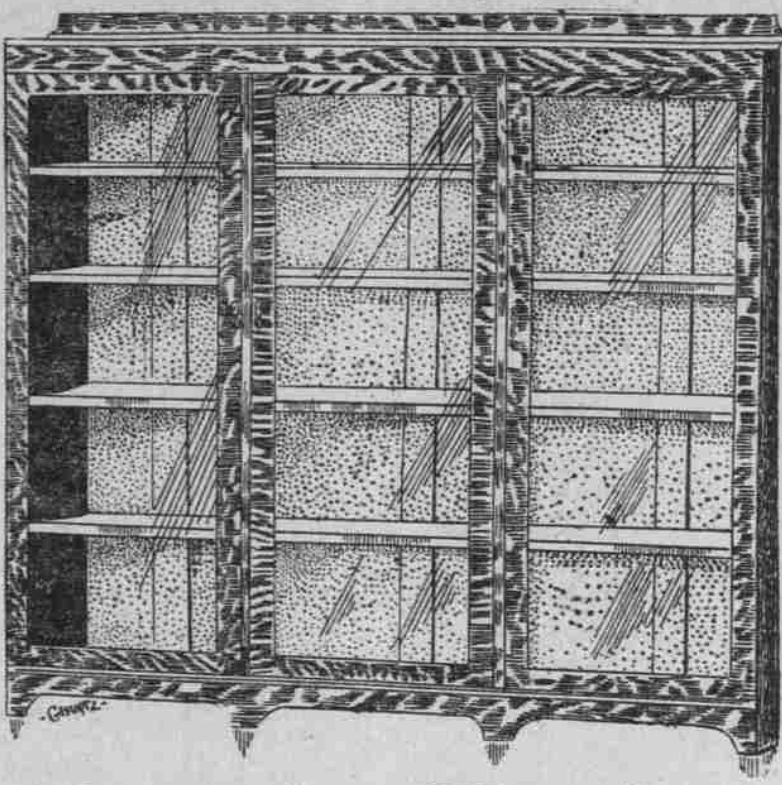
VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 13.—(Special.)—Maxwell Payne, 65 years old, died here today at St. Joseph's Hospital, the result of an operation several days ago. Payne had no known relatives and has left property in Vancouver valued at \$1000 to Barney Bohan, a local saloon-keeper, who frequently befriended the old man.

Portland Firm Sues Kiggins.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 13.—(Special.)—Papers in a civil suit brought against John P. Kiggins, Mayor-elect of Vancouver, for an alleged debt, were filed in the Superior Court this afternoon. The suit is brought by Marshall Wells Hardware Company, of Portland, to collect \$177.77, which it is claimed.

Seasonable Gifts for Men

The sensible man appreciates a gift that conduces to the comfort of his everyday existence—an article of utility in the office or at his fireside. Nothing so perfectly fills this requirement as a piece of furniture, and our immense stock and low prices offer exceptional opportunities to the conservative, careful buyer.



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- No. 505 is a golden oak bookcase; 4 1/2 feet high, 24 inches wide, single glass doors, movable shelves; quarter-sawn and polished; special price, with the same easy terms, \$15.00. No. 506 is a quarter-sawn golden oak bookcase, 4 1/2 feet high and 30 inches wide, with four shelves, like the cut; double-thick glass doors, handsomely polished; special price, \$20.00.

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1st and Yamhill 6-SONS 2d and Yamhill



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WILL PROTECT FISH

Oregon and Washington Plan Uniform Laws.

SALMON MAY HAVE CHANGE

Neighboring State Adopts Recommendations Framed by Columbia River Fishing Interests at Recent Meeting.

With the adoption by the Washington State Fisheries Commission of the recommendations of the Columbia River fishing interests for longer closed seasons, the enactment of protective salmon legislation by the Legislatures of Oregon and Washington this Winter is believed to be assured.

These recommendations were first made at a conference held in this city last Friday, between the members of the subcommittee of the Washington Fisheries Commission, to which had been referred the subject of Columbia River fishing, and the interested fishermen operating on that river.

At the Seattle conference, however, Ed Rosenburg, representing the fishing interests at Astoria, appeared before the Commission, and renewed his opposition to those features of the recommendations which proposed extensions in the closed season, including that of a weekly closed season from March 1 to May 1 and for a closed Sunday from May 1 to August 31, were endorsed by the Commission and included in its report and recommendations as to fish legislation made to Governor Mead.

RECORDS MAY BE BARED

Ident over his Secret Service sentiments. Early tomorrow morning an organized effort will be made, among both Republicans and Democrats to postpone action on the part of the Senate. This is partly due to the point-blank refusal of the Senator selected to introduce the resolution to perform the duty assigned to him.

Action Started in Committee Room.

Whatever may be the real reason for the lamblike attitude contemplated in the movement to delay action, the situation is described this evening by one of the Senators who will take an active part tomorrow in unloosening the wet blanket in soak tonight for the hot-headed proponents of the resolution in these words:

"The amendment over which the row started originated in the House in Jim Tawney's committee-room. It was referred by the Senate and the bill went to conference. Twice the Senate conferees refused the amendment and the two houses could not agree. Finally it was reported and became a law.

"Now the House has in a very dignified way adopted a resolution couched in temperate language which covers the question of difference. There is no reason why the Senate should follow this lead and also pass a resolution and name a committee. It will accomplish the same purpose if the Senate awaits the result of the House inquiry and if it reports in favor of the action, the Senate can accept its investigation and join in the ultimate action."

Hale Bitter Against President.

One singular feature of the anti-resolution movement is that it will be actively entered into by Senators who have been classed as anti-administration. It does not, however, include all of this class. It promises to encounter the opposition of Senator Hale, who has just been made the titular leader of the Senate, and who has repeatedly said that the reference made by the President cannot be passed over. Whether he will consent to have the Senate remain quiescent until the House committee has made its investigation and report, is something that will be investigated early tomorrow.

TOWARD RODENTS

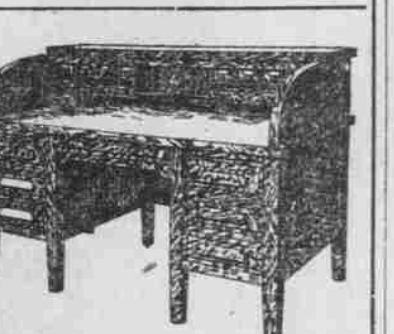
Rats Said to Menace Health of City.

REALLY BOARD WILL ACT

Extermination of Pests Will Be Considered at Meeting Called for Tomorrow Night at Commercial Club.

The Portland Realty Board is to hold a meeting tomorrow night to discuss the rat question. According to information received by the Board, countless numbers of rodents infest the dump near the city garbage crotomatory, and according to expert testimony furnished the real estate men, these rats are a decided menace to the health and property of this city, especially in view of a probable rise in the Willamette River next Spring. It is intended to create an agitation whereby means can be provided for exterminating the pests.

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