BROUGHT UNDER A RECENT LAW

If All Interest in Such Cases Hust Be Repaid, It Will Take More Than \$75,000.

SALEM, March 10.-Officials of the State Land Board say that they do not know the exact amount that depends upon the decision of the Williams mandamus case, begun yesterday against the State Land Board, but those who profess to know say that a decision against the Board will cost the state \$75,000 to \$30,000. Board will cost the state 3,000 to 3,000. The mindamus proceeding is founded upon section is of the act of February 18, 1889. This act was known as Senate bill No. 126, and was introduced by Senator Daily, of Benton County. The section referred

to is as follows: 'Any person who has paid to the State Land Board any money on lands to which the State Land Board could not and cannot convey title, shall be entitled not only to the repayment of the amount paid by vided by section 17 of this act per annum from the date of payment to the date of warrant for repayment, and the board shall compute said interest and order the same paid to said purchaser, his heirs or assigns, from the interest of the fund which received the benefit of the payment; provided, no interest shall be allowed or paid where the purchaser, by season of his payment to the state, had use or could have had the use and possession of the land on which the paymont was made.

It appears from the records in the present case that in 1873 and 1883 Dr. B. F. Hutchinson made payments aggregating \$339 on land in Lincoln County, to which \$30 on land in Lincoln County, to which the State Land Board could not convey flile. The money was used by the state in the payment of outstanding swamp-land warrants bearing 8 per cent interest, thus saving the state 8 per cent interest on the money for the time it was used by the state. The money was repaid in two payments made in 1833 and 1896. but no interest was paid. Dr. Hutchinson died, and Helen Williams, as his helr. presented her claim to the board for interest on the money, as provided in the new law. The board took the question under consideration, and on February 27, 2900, rendered a decision, in which this

entry was made: is the opinion of the board that the act under which this claim is made sec tion 18 of the act approved February 18, 1898-does not authorize the payment of in-terest in those cases where the principal had been repaid prior to the passage of that act, and for this reason it is or-dered that the payment asked for in the petition be not made."

nied by the board, Helen Williams brought the mandamus proceeding in the Circuit Court to compel the board to compute the interest and order the same paid from the fund which received the benefit of the payment of the purchase price of the

The question whether the state is holden for interest on such payments of pur-chase money was decided against claimants by the State Land Board of the last administration. The question was never taken to the courts, hence there is nothing but the decision of the board bearing on the legal phase of the matter prior the passage of the present act. The board is of the opinion that the Legis-

during the last 20 years, but only for board, and the Governor made a requ money repaid after the passage of the act. An inspection of the Senate proceedings shows that there was very little opposi tion to the bill, and that there was no attempt to amend the portion of the bill providing for the payment of interest. The bill passed by an almost unanimous you. The State Land Board has not yet determined officially what action will b taken in regard to the mandamus pro-ceeding, but it is certain that the board will not pay the interest until compelled to do so. The matter will come before the board at a meeting to be held Monday and it will then be decided what course will be pursued. As this is not a case against the state, neither the District Atorney nor the Amorney-General will con

New Oregon Incorporations. Articles of incorporation were filed in the office of the Secretary of State this

week as follows: Ontario Opera-House Company, Ontario Malheur County; \$500; E. H. Test. J. J. Cartright, John Babcock, Charles Carter, J. H. Wright, Frank Welsh. E. A. Frazier, A. I. Sprowi, J. M. Brown, R. Bolan, James Farley, L. Adam, Erwin Reiger, Daniel Purcell, S. P. Newman. Coriander Mining Company, Express, Saker County; \$2,600; J. D. Voss, F. S.

Bubb, Joseph Wirsch.
The Dalles Scouring Mills Company The Dailes; \$25.000; Grace E. Russell, J. M. Russell, N. W. Rountree; object, to

Sumpter Gall-Borden Gold Mining Com-pany, Sumpter; 110,000; Ernest Barton, F. W. Brooks, I. B. Holaman, Parriand Development Company, Port-Portignd Development Company, Port-land; \$160,000; R. R. Hoge, S. M. Mears,

cantile busines Monarch Gold Mining & Dredging Com-pany, Portland; \$12,000; I. M. Arneson, I. Beeman, A. C. Smith; object, to operate mines in Oregon, Washington, California, Idaho, Montana and Alaska, and particu-

larly at Cape Nome. Oregon Brass Works, Portland; \$10,000; David M. Moore, A. J. Harper, William H. Moore; object, to operate a brass foun-dry at Portland.

Tempest Mining Company, Baker City \$500,000; M. F. Bennett, N. Bennett, T. E. Beach Mining Company, Portland; \$5000

J. Griffin, E. Bairth, A. Smith; object, to conduct beach mining in Alaska. Cured Fruit Association of the Pacific Northwest, Portland; \$500; William Gallo-way, E. S. Craven, C. R. Smead, C. E. Stewart, Wilbur K. Newell; object, to buy, pack and market cured fruits, and to act as the agent of individuals in handing the same

Woodmen Hall Association. Palsley, Lake County; \$1000; A. A. Witham, F. M.

McCormack, E. F. Witham, M. E. Campbell, P. M. Conn, J. S. Kelsay; object, to construct a lodge hall.

East Creek Ditch Company, Wallowa County; \$150; Thomas Morgan, Albert Morgan, Etta Morgan; object, to con struct an irrigation disch opening from East Creek and emptying into Imnaha River near Fruita Postoffice, Wallows

City; \$230,600; L. W. Nelson, H. L. Nelson, O. L. Miller. Supplementary articles were filed by the

Northern Wharf & Warehouse Company, of Portland, increasing the capital stock of the company from \$100,000 to \$250,000, Three Managers From Gregon.

Governor Geer today sent to William B. Buchanan, Director-General of the Pan-American Exposition, the names of Mrs. Abigail Scott Duniway, of Portland; Mrs. H. B. Thielson, of Salem, and Mrs. Charles E. Sitton, of Portland, with the recommendation that they be commissioned honorary members of the executive board of women managers of the exposition. These nominations were made in response to a request from the board of directors of the exposition, that two women of this state be designated by the Gov. ernor to act as honorary members of the executive committee. The first two ladies

that a third delegate, Mrs. Sitton, be allowed from this state. The exposition will be held in Buffalo, N. T., beginning

May 1, 1901. Taxes of Insurance Companies. Insurance companies filed reports of met

Pennsylvania Fire Ins. Co. 312,57 65 1253 55 Lancashire Ins. Co. 3,034 12 139 25 Lancashire Ins. Co...... Provident Savings Life Assurance Society St. Paul Fire & Marine.... Pacific Mutual Life..... Union Assurance Society... Law, Union & Crown Ins. 5,627 51 612 5 Union Caspalty & Surety

The 5 Per Cent Road Fund. According to a law passed by the legis-lature of 1893 the Secretary of State should, on the first Monday in March, apportion among the various counties the state 5 per cent road fund. rtionment was not made on that date for the reason that the money has not yet been received by the State Treasurer. This fund is composed of 5 per cent of the proceeds of sales of public lands in this state. The money is apportioned to the counties on the basis of acreage. The money is expected to arrive soon, and will

be distributed immediately after being Held for Illegal Liquer-Selling. P. McCarty, a saloon-keeper at Gates, in the Santiam country, was today arrested on a charge of selling liquor to a minor.

He waived examination and was held un-der \$350 bonds, which he furnished. Capital City Notes, Captain S. B. Ormsby, supervisor of the United States forest reserve, is waiting anxiously to hear from the Governmen on the question of issuing permits to graze sheep on the public domain. He has a number of applications for permits, but can neither grant nor deny them until he has instructions from the Land Depart-

The State Land Board today approved 22 applications for loans, aggregating \$31.00a Applications to the amount of \$500 were

FISHING OUT OF SEASON. Net Seized Opposite Oswego, but Ne

Owner Claims It. OREGON CITY, March 10 .- Deputy Fish ommissioner McCown, who has been pa-rolling the Willamette and Clackamas Rivers for the past week, selzed a fishner

opposite Cawego last night. The owner of the net is sol known, but it is evident that an attempt was being made to vio-Burglars Got a Gold Watch

J. F. Clark's residence was entered by burglars last night, and Mrs. Clark's gold watch and several dollars in money taken. House burgiaries are numerous of

Clacksmas County Pensions. The County Clerk has already acknowledged vouchers for 115 pension claimants for this quarter's work, and a few more already represented for the quarter, seon to be received by Clackamas County sioners, is about \$3800. As many of the roun newcomers, the Clerk expects that to be received in this county will be larger next quarter.

Fugitive From Justice.

SEATTLE, March 10 .- Nicholas Infantino, the San Jose, Cal., fugitive arrested here yesterday, was arraigned in court today on the charge of being a fugitive from justice. His hearing was set for Friday, by which time it is expected a San Jose officer with extradition inture did not intend by the new law to make the state liable for interest on sums of money paid the state at various times of sums of money paid the state at various times or sum of money paid the state at various times or sum of money paid the state at various times or sum of money paid the state at various times or sum of money paid the state at various times or sum of money paid the state at various times or sum of money paid the state at various times or sum of money paid the state at various times or sum of money paid the state at various times or sum of money paid the state at various times or sum of money paid the state at various times or sum of money paid the state at various times or sum of money paid the state at various times or sum of money paid the state at various times or sum of money paid the state at various times or sum of money paid the

STICK TO GOLD STANDARD

PIERCE COUNTY REPUBLICANS DE-CLARE THEIR PRINCIPLES.

President McKinley's Administration Is Indorsed, and a Ship Subsidy Favored-Philippines Plank.

TACOMA, March 10 .- Pierce County Republicans today held a convention for the election of delegates to the State Con-

The platform calls attention to the that the Washington Republicans took the first pronounced stand for the gold stand-ard in 1896, and the same position is reression of the Philippine insurrection emanded, and this plank is added:

"We are in favor of the retention by the United States of the Philippine Islands and assert that the sovereignty of the United States should be extended over those possessions, giving the inhanttants thereof such local self-government as is best for their welfare and consistent with the welfare of the people of

the United States."

President McKirley's Administration is indorsed, and a ship subsidy bill is asked. General J. M. Ashton, one of the most indorsed for National Delegate, and in declarations of the platform.

Jackson County Republicans.

JACKSONVILLE, Or., March 10.—The Republican County Central Committee med here today, with 22 out of 27 delegates present. The primaries were appointed for March 24, and the county convention was called to meet at Medford March M. Rep resentation was based on the vote cast for Governor T. T. Geer. Precincts were al-lowed two delegates at large and one for each 25 votes and major fraction thereof. Much interest was ter of registering. interest was manifested in the mat-

Yambili Republican Dates. M'MINNVILLE, Or., March 16 .- The Republican County Central Committee met the primaries and April 6 for the county convention to elect delegates to the state wention, the county convention to con-

sist of 165 delegates. The property on which 1888 taxes were delinquent was sold today by Sheriff Henderson. Only a small amount was deinquent, and the county bid it in.

Republicans of Josephine. GRANT'S PASS, Or., March 10.-The

Republican County Central Committee met this afternoon in this city, with a ful attendance. Entire barmony prevailed throughout the meeting. Primaries were set for March 28, and the county convenon, to consist of 50 delegates, set for pril 5. The political situation is very April 5. favorable for the Republicans of Josephin

CUTTING THE LEDGES. Developments on the Claims of the

Lawton Neighborhood. LAWTON, Or., March 9.-A big ledge has just been opened up in the Con-tunnel. Miners have been working in

tunnel for about six weeks towards the extension of one of the Red Boy veins. The side of the ledge was opened at about 188 feet. The ledge is about 12 feet wide. is no question as to values, being one of Hoy people have taken a good-sized for

The Concord people are working three eight-hour shifts, and will continue operations, expecting to find another of the -10 mills, the city will lose \$74 20 in rev ledges known to run through all the nue this year, a reduction of one-third.

chaims for a distance of several miles.

The O. K. group, adjoining the townsite of Lewton, is making a good showing in gold and copper. A large body of ove has been uncovered by drifting on the ledge. The owners of this property think they have a big thing. It has been demonstrated beyond question that the mountains on both sides of Clear Creek are full of veins of valuable ore, and every claim has

reins of valuable ore, and every claim has a part of one or more ledges. It is said that at least six new mills will be erected in what is known as the Red Boy dis-trict this year. Many tunnels are be-ing driven, where other mills will be placed in the near future. Lawton stands at the door of all these mines, and their prosperity is her's also.

Quotations of Mining Stocks. EPOKANE, March 10 .- The closing bids for

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SAN FRANCISCO, March 10. - The official

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NEW YORK, March 10 .- Mining stocks today

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BOSTON, March 10.-Closing quotations: Botton & Mont \$2 95 |Parrott\$0 454

Progress at Granite. GRANITE, Or., March 9.-Many people are flocking to Granite for the purpose investing in real estate and mines. franchise has been let to Portland people for an electric plant, and it is understo a gas plant and waterworks system will be established soon. Building is going for-

ward rapidly.

Mines About Alamo, ALAMO, Or., March 2.-There are arge number of promising propertie large nun around Alamo, among which are the Lit-

tie Giant, Strasburg, Oro Fino, Alamo, Last Loaf and Pix. These properties furnish employment for more than 100 mes and the roll will be increased as fast as they can be used. New Ledge Opened.

SUMPTER, Or., March 9.-A large, new ledge has been opened up about one mile west of town, on the Bourne road. It is good-appearing ore, and it is said bears

Forest Grove's Reduced Taxes. FOREST GROVE, Or., March 10 .- The City of Forest Grove is experiencing the disadvantage at which all public corporations receiving a fixed percentage in reduction in assessments, resulting from the different parts of the state trying to get the best of each other in evading taxes. The total assessed valuation in this city on the 1838 roll was \$24,255; for 1890, \$155,865, a reduction of \$74,690. As for both years the city levy has been at the limit ills, the city will lose \$744 90 in reve-

HAMMOND BUYS

TAKES 400 FEET OF WATER FRONT AT NEW ASTORIA.

Improvements Are Stipulated to Ec Made This Year-Other Changes in Astoria Property.

closed yesterday afternoon, whereby A. B. Hammond purchases 400 feet of water frontage at New Astoria from J. H. Smith and Dr. Alfred Kinney. The sale has no special significance, so far as can be learned, although it is understood the deeds require the property to be improved within two years. The price is \$650. From present indications it is certain that several transfers of water-front property in Astoria will be made in the near for ture. It is known that what is termed the Truckee Lumber Company property done in the interest of Spokane men. Ne

ASTORIA, Or., March 10 .- A deal was

in Uppertown, consisting of 1000 feet of frontage near the old Eagle cannery, has been bonded. This is said to have been ns are also in progress for the purchase of a strip of water front near the Co-operative cannery, and another in the center of the city, but so far as can be ascertained, neither has as yet been closed. The prospective purchasers each case are outside people.

Kill Rats and Cuts.

The physicians of this city are still actwe in urging every one to kill the rats about their premises, as a precaution against the plague. In speaking of the matter today, Dr. Aug. C. Kinney said: "That is the most important thing for Astoria, Portland and all the Pacific Coast cities to do now for their own protection and the protection of the whole United States. Give a bounty if you wish, but at any rate kill the rats and when they are all destroyed it would be a little better to kill the cats too."

The doctor thinks there is grave dange of a plague epidemic in this country, and does not deem it wise for the people upon quarantine measures alone.

Sea Lions Wanted.

J. E. W. Macfarland, superintendent of the new oil and guano factory, is going to try an experiment this summer, that will meet the approval of fishermen and the fishing interests generally. be willing to pay a good price to fisher-men for all the sea lions that they may kill, as he believes that he can extract oil from them profitably, for they are always very fat when they come into the river. The matter will be brought up at the next meeting of the Fishermen's

Notes of Astoria

C. J. Trenchard, receiver of the Astoria Pootball Club, opened bies this afternoon for the purchase of all the assets of the The only bid presented was by W. F. McGregor, trustee of those having claims against the club. The bid was the face value of the claims, and included a full receipt for every one. The bid will be referred to the directors of the club, and will probably be accepted.

The County Court today, at the request of the City Council, appointed James F. Kearney as supervisor of the road district in the city limits. The object of this was to provide for the collection of road poll taxes. Mr. Kearney is the superintendent of streets, but his authority to collect taxes as such officer was ques

Washington County Notes.

HILLSBORO, Or., March 10 .- The Wash ington County Convention of Granges met in this city today and elected the following delegates to attend the state convention: J. C. Smock, Mrs. M. E. Smock, Sherwood; W. S. Tilton and Mrs. are: H. O. and Mrs. Jennie Hays and Dr. A. W. and Mrs. H. Vincent. The conven-

tion was seated to an elaborate banquet a

the moon hour.
The County Clerk reports 1295 registers as having been filed in the office since the books were opene third of the vote. opened. This is over one-

J. W. Goodin, of Glencoe, has a contract for the delivery of 180 telephone poles to be used in the construction of a line be-tween this city and that place. Delivery will be made by June L and the line will be in operation by the 15th of that month Glencoe is situated four miles north of this place, and is in the heart of a fine

Oregon Notes.

Polk County has 2508 voters; of them, 1154 The Dullas News has been consolidated

with the Independence West Side. . La Grande has a school population of 1277 between the ages of 4 and 20. Miss Oza Waldrop, actress, is the daugh-ter of Rev. Joe Waldrop, of Prineville.

Leading hotels at Baker City were un-

to accommodate all their guests on the 8th. A Portland buyer has just secured a carload of fat cows at Echo; price, 2% cents

Walter Benn, a Siletz Indian, is under conds at Toledo to answer a charge of

grand larceny. A number of strangers are investigating the timber resources in the mo

west of Pedee. The Dalles Itemizer reports that "Henry Fawk has sold to Albert Domes 170 acres of land for \$5300."

Papers throughout Oregon are still urg-ing voters to register. More than half of them are not yet on the books.

Samuel Harrison, of Pilot Rock died on the 5th inst. He was a highly respected citizen. A wife and two sons survive him. Mra G. McLaughlin, of Buena Vista, has lost portions of a thumb and finger by the discharge of a "loaded gopher gun," which she was handling.

The Brownsville Times says the Calaola River continues to make inroads on land in the eastern part of town, though the water is not high,

Nineteen school teachers are employed by La Grande. The four male teachers are paid an average of \$76 per month, but the

A Seventh-Day Adventist is giving Bible readings at Hilgard. With the aid of a chart, he is endeavoring to illustrate and trace the prophecies of Duniel.

Referee J. R. Shepard sold the 394-acre Wailing farm in Spring Valley, Polk County, last Wednesday, to W. M. Toner, for \$500. The other bidders were D. G. Henry and J. L. Purvine, the lowest bid being \$4000. Among the progressive farmers of its

section who will build siles this coming season, the Brownsville Times has heard mentioned the names of R. M. Fletcher, A. W. Stanard, Peter Bither and Henry Bateman. No doubt there are several others who will do likewise.

A. F. Garr is a Toledo man who went to the residence of his wife, from whom he had separated, and "while she was absent

at church, broke open the door with an ax, loaded a wagon with what he wanted and took it away." Mrs. Garr will take legal proceedings against him. Union County Republicans have fixed March 27 for primaries and April 7 for the convention. For chairman of the com-mittee, to succeed Judge Sanders, de-ceased, E. Staples was chosen over J. W. Knowles by a vote of 14 to 13. Staples was nominated by Prescott, of Antelope,

and Knowles by Scriber, of La Grande McCoy is the banner woman's right district in Polk County, and perhaps in the state, all its Directors and the Clerk being women. The Dalles Itemizer predicts that they will give as satisfactory an administration as the district ever had. They are: Mrs. J. A. Finn, Mrs. J. C. Fletcher and Mrs. Paul Kingston, Directors, with Mrs. C. Merritt as Clerk.



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