

TO TAKE MUCH CASH

Import of Claim Against State Land Board.

BROUGHT UNDER A RECENT LAW

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

SALZEM, 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...

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...

It appears from the records in the present case that in 1873 and 1883 Dr. B. F. Hutchinson made payments aggregating \$200 on land in Lincoln County...

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during the last 20 years, but only for money repaid after the passage of the act. An inspection of the Senate proceedings shows that there was very little opposition to the bill...

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. F. Carrington, John Babcock, Charles Carter, J. H. Wright, Frank Welsh, E. A. Fraider, A. I. Sprowl, J. M. Brown, R. Bolan, James Parley, L. Adam, Erwin Reiger, Fred Purcell, S. J. Newman.

Beach Mining Company, Portland; \$500; J. Griffin, E. Baird, A. Smith; object, to conduct beach mining in Alaska.

East Creek Ditch Company, Willamette County; \$100; Thomas Morgan, Albert Morgan, Etta Morgan; object, to construct an irrigation ditch opening from East Creek and emptying into Imnaha River near Fruita Postoffice, Willamette County.

Supplementary articles were filed by the Northern Wharf & Warehouse Company, of Portland, increasing the capital stock of the company from \$100,000 to \$300,000.

board, and the Governor made a request that a third delegate, Mrs. Sifton, be allowed from this state. The exposition will be held in Buffalo, N. Y., beginning May 1, 1901.

Taxes of Insurance Companies. Insurance companies filed reports of net receipts and remitted state taxes this week as follows:

Pennsylvania Fire Ins. Co. \$12,775 1253 32
Lancashire Ins. Co. 5,014 12 139 28
Provident Savings Life Assurance Society 5,166 24 302 32

According to a law passed by the legislature of 1893 the Secretary of State should, on the first Monday in March, apportion among the various counties of the state 5 per cent road fund.

Held for Illegal Liquor-Selling. P. McCarry, a saloon-keeper at Gates, in the Santiam country, was today arrested on a charge of selling liquor to a minor.

Capital City Notes. Captain S. B. Ormsby, supervisor of the United States forest reserve, is waiting anxiously to hear from the Government on the question of leasing permits to graze sheep on the public domain.

Net Seized Opposite Oswego, but No Owner Claims It. OREGON CITY, March 10.—Deputy Fish Commissioner McCown, who has been patrolling the Willamette and Clackamas Rivers for the past week, seized a fishnet opposite Oswego last night.

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 were taken. House burglaries are numerous of late.

Clackamas County Pensioners. The County Clerk has already acknowledged vouchers for 115 pension claimants for this quarter's work, and a few more will yet come in.

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.

STICK TO GOLD STANDARD

PIERCE COUNTY REPUBLICANS DECLARE THEIR PRINCIPLES.

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

The platform calls attention to the fact that the Washington Republicans took the first pronounced stand for the gold standard in 1896, and the same position is reaffirmed.

President McKinley's Administration is indorsed, and a ship subsidy bill is asked. General J. M. Ashton, one of the most prominent Republicans in the state, was indorsed for National Delegate, and in a speech of acceptance he emphasized the declarations of the platform.

Jackson County Republicans. JACKSONVILLE, Or., March 10.—The Republican County Central Committee met here today, with 22 out of 27 delegates present.

Yamhill Republican Dates. McMENVILLE, Or., March 10.—The Republican County Central Committee met today and fixed March 11 as the date for the primaries and April 8 for the county convention to elect delegates to the state convention.

Republicans of Josephine. GRANT'S PASS, Or., March 10.—The Republican County Central Committee met this afternoon in this city, with a full attendance.

Cutting the Ledges. LAWTON, Or., March 9.—A big ledge has just been opened up in the Concord tunnel. Miners have been working in this tunnel for about six weeks towards the extension of one of the Red Boy veins.

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.

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 taxes have been put by the wholesale reduction in assessments, resulting from the different parts of the state trying to get the best of each other in evading taxes.

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tion was seated to an elaborate banquet at the noon hour.

The County Clerk reports 1283 registers as having been filed in the office since the books were opened. This is over one-third of the vote.

J. W. Goodin, of Glencoe, has a contract for the delivery of 200 telephone poles to be used in the construction of a line between this city and that place.

La Grande has a school population of 137 between the ages of 4 and 20.

Miss Ora Waldrop, actress, is the daughter of Rev. Joe Waldrop, of Prineville. Leading hotels at Baker City were unable to accommodate all their guests on Saturday.

A Portland buyer has just secured a carload of fat cows at Echo; price, 25 cents per pound.

Walter Benn, a Siletz Indian, is under bonds at Toledo to answer a charge of grand larceny.

A number of strangers are investigating the timber resources in the mountains west of Pelee.

The Dalles Times reports that "Henry Hawk has sold to Albert Domes 100 acres of land for \$300."

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

Samuel Harrison, of Pilot Rock, died on the 8th inst. He was a highly respected citizen. A wife and two sons survive him.

Mrs. G. McLaughlin, of Buena Vista, has lost portions of a thumb and finger by the discharge of a "loaded gopher gun," which she was having repaired.

The Brownsville Times says the Calapooia 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 \$75 per month, but the female teachers get but \$44.

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

Referee J. R. Shepard sold the 234-acre Walling farm in Spring Valley, Polk County, last Wednesday, to W. M. Toner, for \$300. The other bidders were D. G. Henry and J. L. Purvine, the lowest bid being \$400.

Among the progressive farmers of its section who will build silos this coming season, the Brownsville Times has heard mentioned the names of R. M. Fletcher, A. W. Siamard, 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 committee, to succeed Judge Sanders, deceased, E. Staples was chosen over J. W. Knowler by a vote of 14 to 13. Staples was nominated by Prescott, of Antelope, and Knowler by Scriber, of La Grande.

McCoy is the banner woman's right school 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. A. Elm, Mrs. J. C. Fletcher and Mrs. Paul Kinzston, Directors, with Mrs. C. Merritt as Clerk.

"Take up the loose ends," the little ailments, to prevent sickness, by taking Hood's Sarsaparilla.

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When they can buy the best wheel on earth—the Rambler With Heavy-Tread G. & J. Clincher Tires at \$40

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