FIRE AT SILVERTON

Early Morning Blaze Caused Loss of About $12,000.

INCENDIARISM IS SUSPECTED

Originated in Building Occupied as a Store—Portland Fire Department Was Called Upon and Went by Special Train.

SILVERTON, Or., Dec. 8.—This town was menaced early this morning by a fire which bears the evidence of having been incendiary in origin. The Portland fire department came promptly to the rescue, and tonight the citizens have mingled feelings of gratitude to the Portland firemen for their effective work, and of thanksgiving for the averted danger, which threatened every business block in the town.

The fire broke out in Cooledge & McClaine's building, at 4 A. M., this morning. It was occupied by I. Benjamin, of Portland, who carried a stock of general merchandise, and was under the management of Ben Wise. The fire was first discovered by Dr. P. A. Davis, who gave the general alarm by ringing the city firebell. Dr. Davis, whose residence is across the street from the building, heard some one splitting wood in the rear of the building shortly before the fire occurred, and on going to the window saw smoke issuing from the store.

At one time it looked as if the whole business portion of the city would be burned and word was sent to the Chief of the Fire Department of Portland, who sent a fire engine and Assistant Chief M. Laudenklos to Silverton, and when the train arrived from Portland the fire was about under control, but the people breathed a sigh of relief and feel very grateful to Portland for the timely aid. The loss is as follows:

Cooledge & McClaine, building	$8000
Odd Fellows' Hall	2000
Knights of Pythias' Hall	500
Woodmen of the World	100
I. Benjamin, general merchandise	500
C. F. DeGrive	200
Postoffice, T. W. Riches, P. M.	100
F. E. Wray, jeweler	100
Pacific States Telephone	100

Benjamin Wise, manager of the store located in the building where the fire originated, hired a team and buggy from one of the livery barns soon after the blaze started, and departed for Woodburn. Word was sent to the Chief of Police there to arrest him. Sentiment here is strong against him, and it is believed that he can tell how the fire originated.

PORTLAND TO THE RESCUE.

Engine and Crew of Firemen Hurried to Silverton's Relief.

The Portland Fire Department responded quickly yesterday morning to the appeal for help received from the Mayor and citizens of Silverton. Chief Campbell received the call shortly after 5 o'clock, and in a few minutes engine No. 1 and its crew were on their way to the Southern Pacific freight yard for embarkation on the special train. The relief party was in command of Assistant Chief Laudenklos, and the other members were Foreman Creighton, Engineer McMullen, and Jackson, Kissel, Hart, Aspland, Stinson and Gildard. No difficulty was had in loading the heavy engine on the flat cars. The engine was driven on a platform on a level with the train and rolled aboard on skids. The special train was furnished by the Southern Pacific, and consisted of an engine, two flat cars and a caboose. A quick run was made, without incident, save several stops for hand cars and calves strolling on the track. By 8 o'clock the company had arrived in Silverton and was ready for work.

The people at Silverton were fighting the fire as best they could, and were doing effective execution with a bucket brigade. The fire was pretty well under control. The Portland firemen were struck with the nerve of one Silverton woman, who stood on top of the fire wall, calmly serving hot coffee to the workers. In a few seconds the Portlanders had a heavy stream pouring on the flames. The engine was not taken off the car, but connection was made with the mains and pumped through the 500 feet of hose. In a couple of hours the fire was completely extinguished.

The citizens of Silverton gave the Portland firemen a royal reception. They were greeted on their arrival with cheers, and after the fire was out the whole town turned out to extend them hospitality. They were dined by the Mayor and invited to a ball in the evening. The company returned in the afternoon on the special train, every member enthusiastic over the hospitality shown by the Silverton citizens.

ARRESTED FOR STARTING BLAZE.

Six Men Arraigned at Salem—Trial Will Be Held Monday.

SALEM, Dec. 8.—Benjamin Wise and F. Moreley, the two men arrested at Woodburn today on the charge of starting the Silverton fire, were tonight arraigned before Justice of the Peace O'Donald. Wise was represented by P. H. D'Arcy, while Moreley appeared without attorney. Deputy District Attorney McNary appeared for the state, while Bingham and Adams assisted in the prosecution on behalf of Coolidge & McClane. By consent of all parties, the hearing was postponed until Monday at 1 P. M., in order that witnesses might be procured. The court fixed bail bonds at $2000. Moreley gave bonds and was released. Wise offered a bond with J. Wolf and L. Robinson, of Portland as sureties. The court refused to approve the bond, and being unable to find other bondsmen by 10 o'clock tonight, Wise was committed to jail.

The prosecution evidently regards Wise as the chief defendant and will center the fight on him. Wise is known in Salem, where he conducted a dry goods store two years ago. He attempted to ship his goods away one night and was attached while loading his goods on a truck. While in the custody of Deputy Sheriff Colbath today, he told that official that he left Silverton this morning because he was afraid of being mobbed.

WILL BE BATTLE ROYAL.

Shall Forest Grove License Saloons? Issue of Coming Election.

FOREST GROVE, Or., Dec. 8.—There will be two tickets in the field at the coming city election to be held the first week in January, and a contest of unusual interest is promised. The saloon question will be the main issue. While this matter has been a bone of contention here for several years, the lines will never be drawn so closely as at the coming election. One element will support the licensing of saloons at $1000 per annum; the other will oppose it. The prohibitionists have been in the majority for a number of years, and do not propose to surrender their supremacy without a struggle.

The town requires a yearly revenue of $1620 per year to pay the interest on its bonded indebtedness, and many who bitterly opposed saloons 12 months ago are among its supporters. The revenue derived from the water and light plant only pays the running expenses of the municipality, and instead of a sinking fund of $1620 being created each year to pay off the city's bonded indebtedness when due, about 15 years hence, this amount each year is accumulating, and instead of the obligation being reduced, it is growing larger each year. With a saloon license of $1000 per year, and $300 which the city will save by contracting with E. W. Haines, who agrees to furnish light and water $25 per month less than the present cost, a sum would be saved which would nearly pay the yearly interest of the city's debt.

WILL GO OVER CASE AGAIN.

Commissioner Hermann Calls for Return of Warner Valley Decision.

LAKEVIEW, Dec. 8.—Commissioner Hermann, of the General Land Office, has called for the return of his decision in the case of J. L. Morrow et al. vs. the State of Oregon and the Warner Valley Stock Company. The following dispatch to the local land office is self-explanatory:

"Please return letter of this office of the 6th inst., in the case of J. L. Morrow et al. vs. the State of Oregon and Warner Valley Stock Company, which is hereby temporarily recalled for examination. If the parties in the case have been notified by you, please promptly advise them of this action."

The decison was against the settlers of Warner Valley, who have been striving to gain a title to their homes for 10 years. Some think that any change will be in the interest of the appellants, while others hold that the Commissioner desires to make his opinion more explicit.

Centralia Farmers' Institute Closed.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Dec. 8.—The attendance at the Farmers' Institute today was considerably larger than yesterday. The first speaker was Professor S. W. Fletcher, who took as his subject "Problems in Planting and Early Care of an Orchard." Next came Professor W. J. Spillman, who spoke at some length on "Principles of Feeding." In the afternoon Dr. S. B. Nelson spoke on "The Horse's Foot." Dr. A. B. Lechenby followed with a talk on "Grasses and Forage Plants."

The Institute adjourned at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Circuit Court at Hillsboro.

HILLSBORO, Or., Dec. 8.—Judge McBride has excused all Circuit Court jurors for the term except seven, kept for talesmen for jury trials next week. Verdicts for the defense were given in the cases of Alonzo Emmons and J. K. Boyd vs. Nichols & Hamilton, Dilley lumbermen. The plaintiffs sued for balances alleged to be due for labor performed. The court authorized the assignee of the estate of Anton Pfanner, insolvent, to sell at private sale to the City of Forest Grove four lots for the sum of $100.

Match Game of Basket-Ball.

M'MINNVILLE, Or., Dec. 8.—Last evening the girls' basket-ball team of St. Helen's Hall came up and played the McMinnville College team a game, which resulted in a victory for the home team by a score of 14 to 23. There was a large attendance, and brilliant plays of both teams were heartily applauded.

Due to Domestic Troubles.

HILLSBORO, Or., Dec. 8.—A. H. Garrison, the aged pioneer who swallowed corrosive sublimate with suicidal intent yesterday, was today examined for insanity and allowed to take his departure. It developed that family discord prompted the act.

Oregon Notes.

A brass band is organizing at Woodburn.

Heppner has issued $4000 in refunding bonds.

Woodburn has purchased a $700 chemical fire engine.

Eagle Point and vicinity complains of many coyotes.

J. J. Wiley has been appointed Deputy Sheriff at Shaniko.

The bonds of the new Baker City officers have been approved.

Dallas merchants will close their stores at 8 o'clock after New Year.

The three Junction City Sunday schools will have a union Christmas tree.

Villard memorial services will be held at the University of Oregon Wednesday.

The Dallas Council is considering an ordinance prohibiting hypnotic exhibitions.

Ione has let a contract for construction of a City Recorder's office, adjoining the Fire Hall.

The Ashland Normal team will play football next Saturday with the Eagle Point eleven.

The Junction City Council has passed an act regulating the fees of the Recorder and Marshal.

The Booth-Kelly Lumber Company contemplates establishing a hospital at Eugene for its employes.

The Cottage Grove High School has challenged the Eugene High School to play a game of football.

A Chinaman of Grant's Pass was fined $50 for keeping an opium joint. The money was added to the school fund.

William Lane, of Comstocks, who mysteriously disappeared recently has showed up at Azalea, where he is employed.

While William Riley, of Baker City, was walking to his home Wednesday an artery of his leg ruptured and he nearly bled to death.

It is said that an effort will be made to induce the Legislature to form a new county out of that portion of Jackson lying north of Rogue River.

Eleven hundred dollars has been raised to improve the road between Heppner and Monument. The Heppner Council has appropriated $100 for the purpose.

Clinton Hunnicut was sentenced at Eugene Friday to 90 days in jail for shoplifting. His brother was taken to the Reform School for the same offense.

Following is the result of the city election held at Amity Monday: Councilmen, E. P. Wallace, P. P. Durrant, W. Rea, Frank Ferguson and B. Good; Treasurer, J. J. Putman; Recorder, G. A. Graves; Marshal, Burt Keys.

Members of the Junction City W. C. T. U. took the three saloons by surprise simultaneously last Sunday night, and caused a great deal of consternation, says the Times. Their object was to gather evidence for enforcement of the Sunday closing law.

Wagon travel over the upper Elk River road, in Curry County, has almost entirely suspended, owing to the bad condition of the grade down the north side. There is a good grade leading up from the Elk River side, but on the other the grade is too steep for use in Winter. A movement is now being made to change that part of the road and place it on a 15-inch grade. Almost enough money and work has been subscribed to build the road.

Frank Howe had an exciting adventure and a narrow escape from drowning Thanksgiving evening, says the Port Orford Tribune. He rode into the surf at Battle Rock to wash off his horse. His horse fell and rolled over in a breaker. He hung to the bridle and both horse and rider went out through the breakers, but after a time the horse headed for shore and brought the half-drowned man safely to the beach.

City Treasurer Apperson, of McMinnville, submitted his annual report to the Council at its last meeting. This report shows a balance of $1240 58 cash on hand, and a total indebtedness of $5639 17, exclusive of the bonded debt, which leaves a floating debt of $4398 59. The cost of building, operating and maintaining the plant for the past 11 years has been $117,264 72. If the plant is worth what it cost ($20,000), then the expense of maintaining and operating has been $97,264 72. Of this amount the consumers have paid $55,819 31, leaving a balance of $41,445 41 paid or to be paid by the city for water and light during a period of 11 years, or an average annual cost of $3767 76. The water and light collections for the year have been $5676 11, leaving a balance of $1908 35 in favor of the city.

IS AGAINST PORTLAND

ENLARGEMENT OF POSTOFFICE HELD TO BE NEW WORK.

Not Likely to Be in Building Bill Which Will Be Passed Before Holidays.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—It is learned today that the public buildings committee is to report two bills, one before the holidays, making provision for extending appropriation on buildings heretofore authorized, and one after the recess providing for new buildings.

The chairman of the committee takes the position that the enlargement of the Portland Postoffice is new work, and should be included in the latter bill, but Mr. Moody is endeavoring to have it made a part of the former, contending that it merely provides for an extension. It is quite evident that the former bill will be pushed through the House at an early day, but the latter may fail in the press of other urgent legislation.

Treaty With Klamath Indians.

The Indian Office today transmitted to Congress the treaty recently negotiated with the Klamath Indians, whereby they are to relinquish all claims to their reservation as described in the treaty of 1864, compromising 621,824 acres, for which the Government is to pay $522,000.

TO GET WARSHIP CONTRACT.

Seattle Firm Urges Claim to Recognition by Government.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—Robert Moran, of Moran Brothers, of Seattle, accompanied by Senator Foster and Representative Jones, called today on the Secretary of the Navy to urge that his firm be given a due hearing to show why it should receive the contract for building one of the unsheathed cruisers for which bids were opened yesterday. It is pointed out while Morans' bid exceeds that of the Union Iron Works, the former bid on the complete ship, the latter omits many particulars, and to specify on this basis, it is though Moran's bid is considerably lower than the other.

Recommended for Interpreter.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—The entire Oregon delegation has united in recommending Seid Back, Jr., of Portland, for Chinese interpreter for the North Pacific Coast, at $4 a day.

BRIGHT FOR WEST OREGON CITY.

Likely to Get Lights and Sidewalks Without Incorporating.

OREGON CITY, Or., Dec. 8.—The residents of West Oregon City are now in a way to receive electric light and sidewalk improvements without the formality or expense of incorporating. The West Side has a population of 600 or 700, and the advocates of incorporation contended that it was necessary to form a municipal government of their own to prevent Oregon City from reaching out and taking that section of taxable property in its limits. The station of the Portland General Electric Company and the paper mills were to be included in the boundaries of the proposed new city. When the meeting was called for the purpose of considering the move to incorporate, one property-owner voted for and 51 against. Mr. Lang, superintendent of the Willamette Paper Mills, had assured the people that they should have help in building sidewalks, and that he would furnish one electric light. The light has been installed, and he has given an order for several thousand feet of lumber to be used in constructing the sidewalks. It also is understood that the Portland General Electric Company and the Crown Paper Company will each furnish a light.

Teachers' Meeting Called.

T. J. Gary, president of the Clackamas County Teachers' Library Association, today called a meeting of the subscribers, to be held next Monday night. Already several books have been donated, and a number have paid the membership fee of $1 each. The headquarters of the association will be at the office of the County Superintendent, and the library will circulate among its members. The Superintendent will officiate as secretary and librarian.

TO REFORM ELECTIONS.

Representative Dresser Has Bill in View for Squelching Bossism.

OREGON CITY, Dec. 8.—Hon. A. S. Dresser, Joint Representative for Clackamas and Multnomah Counties, is thoroughly investigating primary and direct nomination election laws, with a view of presenting to the Legislature a bill that will effectually put a stop to the influence of bossism at the primaries. He was three days in the State Library, at Salem, this week, studying the laws passed by other states, with this end in view, and found it to be a fact that not a state in the Union has a direct nomination law. Minnesota has a direct nomination law applying only to one county of over 200,000 population—that of Minneapolis. Here the direct nomination law applies only to the officers elected within the county. However, the matter has been agitated of making a similar law that would apply to the entire state of Minnesota. Other states have made laws providing for the direct nomination of delegates to county conventions, usually on the local option plan, making its enforcement discretionary with the city, district or county.

Should the next Legislature pass a general law governing primary direct nominations, Oregon will be the first state to lead off in a universal reform. In 1897, the California Legislature made a general law providing for the direct nomination of delegates at primaries, but the act was declared unconstitutional by the State Supreme Court, on the ground that the qualifications of a voter could not be restricted. Now California is submitting an amendment to the state constitution to establish the legality of primary election laws. Mr. Dresser is giving the matter thorough attention, and will submit a practical bill covering the needed reform.

NOT EQUALED IN TEN YEARS.

Big Price Received for Sheep by Lakeview Stockman.

LAKEVIEW, Or., Dec. 8.—What is believed to be the highest price paid for a band of mutton on the Pacific Coast within the past 10 years was received by Charles E. Sherlock, a local sheepman, this week at Gazelle, Cal. Thirteen hundred 1, 2 and 3-year-old wethers netted him $4 80 per head. Just before election Mr. Sherlock disposed of 1500 ewes at $3 60 per head. He could do little better at that time with the remainder of his flock so held them. It will thus be seen that McKinley's success, or at least that is what the purchasers allow credit for the advance in prices, bettered Mr. Sherlock's fortune the neat sum of $1500.

WILL LAW WITH SALEM.

Telephone Company Objects to Paying Business Tax.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 8.—The Pacific States Telephone & Telegraph Company today began a suit against the City of Salem to enjoin the city officials from attempting to enforce the ordinance requiring telephone companies to pay 5 cents per 'phone per month for the privilege of operating in this city. The company alleges that it pays the usual taxes on its property, and claims that this 5-cent tax is a violation of the constitution, and that it isposes unequal taxes. The City Council passed this ordinance for the reason that it believed the company is not bearing its share of the burden.

The company's property is assessed at about $1600. Assessor Hobart says he knows this is not near enough, but he has been unable to get a statement from the company or its agents regarding their property. Recently there has been a disposition in Salem to tax corporations having franchises, and it is expected that the present suit will determine the city's right in that respect.

In Order to Close Out Our Retail Department Without Further Delay, We Have Inaugurated the

Most Aggressive Furniture Sale

Ever Held In the Northwest.

$40,000 worth of furniture to be sold regardless of price or value! What an opportunity for homefurnishers and bargain seekers!

Thousands of articles appropriate for Christmas gifts! Hundreds have already availed themselves of this great privilege to buy at marvelously low prices, and you should lose no time to join the rush.

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Don't glance over this ad. carelessly, and let it pass from your mind. Consider the importance of this great sale, and call at your first opportunity to get quotations and the proof that the sale is genuine.

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Elegant golden-oak bedroom suits, beautiful parlor pieces, couches and lounges of every description, choice buffets and sideboards, iron and brass beds, at prices from 10% to 40% lower than any furniture house in the Northwest. Everything must go without delay. We want to close out the stock this month. Thousands of articles appropriate for Xmas gifts.

OREGON FURNITURE MFG. CO.

208-210 First Street, Between Taylor and Salmon

Quotations of Mining Stocks.

SPOKANE, Dec. 8.—The closing quotations for mining stocks today were:

	Bid.	Ask.		Bid.	Ask.
Blacktail	9	9¾	Ramb. Car	..	26
Butte & Bos.	1½	2½	Republic	.50	60
Crystal	3½	4½	Reservation	3	5
D. T. Con.	2¾	2½	Ross. Giant	2½	2½
Evening Star	3	6½	Sullivan	14½	14½
Gold Ledge	1½	1¾	Tom Thumb	11⅝	12½
Golden Harv.	⅝	⅝	Waterloo	2	2½
I. X. L.	..	20½	Winnipeg	..	7
Iron Mask	..	31	Conjecture	3¾	4½
Jim Blaine	3	8½	Amer. Boy	8	10
Mtn. Lion	19	27	Trade Dollar	2	4
Morn. Glory	5¼	5¾	Rainbow	..	4½
Morrison	2½	3¾	Hercules	3	3½
Noble Five	..	4	Juno	3¾	4¼
Prin. Maud	1	1⅝	Miller Creek	2	2¾
P. M. Tunnel	13	18	Wonderful	1	2
Quilp	20	25	Gold Standard	8¼	9½

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 8.—Official closing quotations for mining stocks:

Alta	$0 05	Justice	$0 01
Alpha Con	2	Mexican	17
Andes	2	Occidental Con	4
Belcher	15	Ophir	68
Best & Belcher	27	Overman	11
Bullion	2	Potosi	14
Caledonia	30	Savage	7
Challenge Con	26	Sag. Belcher	2
Chollar	15	Sierra Nevada	25
Confidence	57	Silver Hill	50
Con. Cal. & Va.	1 35	Standard	3 10
Crown Point	11	Union Con	22
Gould & Curry	50	Utah Con	5
Hale & Norcross	20	Yellow Jacket	21

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—Mining stocks today closed as follows:

Brunswick	$0 10	Ontario	$6 00
Chollar	12	Ophir	85
Crown Point	10	Plymouth	8
Con. Cal. & Va.	1 20	Quicksilver	1 25
Deadwood	55	do pref	7 25
Gould & Curry	47	Standard	3 00
Hale & Norcross	15	Union Con	17
Homestake	65 00	Yellow Jacket	20
Iron Silver	80	Sierra Nevada	30
Mexican	10		

BOSTON, Dec. 8.—Closing quotations:

Adventure	$ 6 00	Humboldt	$25 00
Allouez M. Co.	2 50	Osceola	71 50
Amal. Copper	91 25	Parrott	47 50
Atlantic	26 00	Quincy	174 00
Boston & Mont.	325 00	Santa Fe Cop.	6 25
Butte & Boston	77 62	Tamarack	281 00
Cal. & Hecla	810 00	Utah Mining	33 25
Centennial	15 75	Winona	3 25
Franklin	15 00	Wolverine	45 50

Oregon Mining Notes.

Two carloads of machinery arrived at Baker City Thursday for Sumpter mines.

It is stated that J. Frank Watson, of Portland, has a 60 days' option on the Golconda mine.

The Gypsy King mine will be incorporated and capitalized at $1,000,000. The ledge is the same as that of the Gypsy Queen.

Matt Barroch, of Denver, who represents a Colorado syndicate, has consummated a deal for the purchase of the Uncle Dan mine, in the Virtue district.

J. M. Webster, formerly a mining operator in British Columbia and Spokane, has acquired the Gordon, Gordon Extension and Great Western mineral claims, together with the water rights, which, it is said, are the only water rights to be had after the stream leaves the North Pole mill. These claims are located on Cracker Creek, four and one-third miles from Sumpter, and are now being developed by Mr. Webster. The work done consists of a crosscut tunnel of 85 feet, and 125 feet of work directly on the lead. Fair samples have been had, running from $3 13 to $27 63.

Northwest Postal Orders.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—A postoffice has been established at Nicolai, Wasco County, Oregon, on the route from Hood River to Vlento. George H. Nicolai has been appointed postmaster.

An office has also been established at Bushpoint, Island County, Washington, with John C. Farmer as postmaster.

Kaarsberg a Popular Coach.

EUGENE, Or., Dec. 8.—Football Coach Lawrence Kaarsberg left Eugene this afternoon for Snoqualmie, Wash., where he goes to accept a position with an electric light company. He was escorted to the train by a large number of students, and given an enthusiastic send-off. No coach has ever been more popular with the students, and Kaarsberg carries with him the best wishes of the Oregon team and its many friends.

Washington Notes.

The number of entries at the Walla Walla land office in November was 139.

The building used as a pesthouse at Davenport was burned to the ground Tuesday.

The Northern Pacific will lay a water main along the Tacoma water front for free protection.

Officers and crew of the United States revenue cutter Hugh McCulloch were paid off at Port Townsend Friday.

Several cases of scarlet fever are reported at Port Townsend, and many people are complaining of lack of quarantine.

William Pickard fell from the platform of a Great Northern car at Everett Thursday. His nose was broken and a knee was injured.

The Pacific States Telephone & Telegraph Company has begun the construction of a telephone line from Medical Lake to Edwall.

McElroy & Lee have ordered the cable for their tram from their Silver Gulch property to the depot, which they expect to have in operation by the middle of the Winter.

J. W. Carpenter, J. E. Olinger and C. L. McAlexander have instituted suit at Walla Walla against the O. R. & N. for damages, alleging maltreatment by the company's employes.

The biennial report of Ernest Lister, Commissioner of State Institutions, shows that there will be a deficiency at the State Penitentiary, Soldiers' Home and probably at the Reform School.

The city election at Waterville resulted as follows: R. S. Steiner, Mayor; J. L. Kelly, Treasurer; L. E. Kellogg, W. H. Kneemeuer, A. Guibert, A. L. Maltbie and Frank R. Corbaley, Town Councilmen.

The Shelton Council has levied no tax for the past three years, as the revenue from licenses has been ample for city affairs, and has left a balance to be paid on its bonded water system debt of $9000.

A traveling man was robbed of $10 at Pasco Thursday night by a lone highwayman. The victim when told to throw up his hands held up also a roll of bills, and the robber got only what was in the man's pocket.

The municipal election held Tuesday at La Conner resulted as follows: Mayor, Olof Polson; Councilmen, W. E. Schricker, C. P. Otis and James Gaches; treasurer, E. K. Anderson. There were two tickets in the field and the largest vote ever cast at a town election was polled. The main fight was between W. E. Schricker and W. G. Turner.

Lorenzo Stayton is suing W. L. McCabe and Edward S. Hamilton, the stevedores, in the Superior Court at Tacoma for $10,000 damages. Stayton was employed by McCabe and Hamilton in loading the steamship Glenogle in February, 1899, and, while covering a hatch, fell through to the bottom of the ship below, suffering serious injuries, incapacitating him, he alleges, to support his family. He first brought suit in the Federal Court against the Glenogle, but the action was dismissed.

The Federal census, which gives Stevens County a population of 10,543, raises the county from the 30th to the 18th class. The salaries of the newly elected county officers are thereby raised. The County Auditor, heretofore receiving $1500, will hereafter get $1800. The County Clerk's salary has been raised from $1200 to $1600, Treasurer from $1200 to $1600, Sheriff from $1500 to $1800, Attorney from $350 to $1400. The Superintendent of Schools will receive $1400 in the future.

Idaho Notes.

Work will start immediately at the Middleman mine at Pearl.

Boise is suffering an ice famine, due to a breakdown in its factory.

Nearly $3000 is subscribed for the proposed Y. M. C. A. at Boise.

Chris Weisgerber, of Lewiston, shipped 1000 pounds of ice to Moscow one day last week.

A committee has been appointed to solicit subscriptions for the Boise fair next year.

Preparations are being made for active placer mining operations near Grand View, on Snake River.

An artesian well will be sunk in Normal Hill, near Lewiston, by the Idaho Investment & Banking Company.

Ore from the Bird mine at Pine, Elmore County, is being milled in the Franklin mill, and with excellent results.

The Pittsburg Mining Company is the name of a Utah corporation that has filed its articles with the Secretary of State. Its capital stock is $500,000, and its principal place of business is Salt Lake.

C. L. Clark, who owns placer ground on Clear Creek, Boise County, has leased it for the Winter to individuals, who are bound to do certain development, taking their pay from the gold they extract.

A scheme is on foot to purchase the Caldwell ditch and enlarge it. The cost of the ditch will be $48,000. The promoters are sanguine of the success of their enterprise and stock is being subscribed liberally.

Work is progressing on the Hidden Treasure. The showing is said to be good. This is the property adjoining the famous Mattie mine, in what is known as the Willow Creek section, four miles from Idaho City.

Work has begun on the Confederate mine at Quartzburg. This is an adjoining property to the Gold Hill, owned by Robert Grayson, of San Francisco. It was worked to the 250-foot level some years ago, but operations now are not so deep, owing to water.

The Blackstone mine, in the Volcano district, Elmore County, has closed down for the Winter. The season's work on this property has been very favorable to the mine. Ore has come out averaging 127 ounces silver, $47 gold and some lead. Early in the Spring operations are to be resumed on a larger scale.

James M. Knowles, defeated Democratic candidate for Probate Judge of Bannock County, has filed contest in the District Court. Thomas Johnston, Republican, was elected to the office by the narrow majority of 10 votes, and Knowles in his complaint alleges that this result was due to "malconduct, fraud and corruption" in the First Pocatello precinct.

If the Commissioner of the General Land Office shall refuse to open a part of the Bitter Root forest reserve in Central Idaho, the issue will be carried into the United States Court, and the legality of the reserve challenged. The contest will be waged by Judge W. B. Heyburn, of Spokane, on behalf of the mining men of the Buffalo Hump and Dixie mining districts.

The Kettenbach Grain Company, of Lewiston, purchased from S. B. Sweeney 20,000 bushels of bluestem and club wheat. This wheat is stored in the Lapwai warehouse, and represents Mr. Sweeney's harvest for the season. The Clearwater Grain Company during the day closed a deal with George Ruddell, of Waha, for 10,000 bushels of bluestem. The Ruddell wheat was later sold to the Lewiston Milling Company.

The Red Warrior Mining Company, of Rocky Bar will begin, early in the Spring, one of the greatest enterprises of Elmore County. It will drive a tunnel through the hill after which the company is named, and tap all the ledges in it. This mountain, from the creek flowing through the town of Rocky Bar to the summit, is fully 2000 feet high, and the tunnel will be as deep, while its length as projected will be 3000 feet.

The Supreme Court has affirmed the judgment of the District Court of Bannock County in the case of Enoch Johnson et al. vs. Oregon Short Line Railroad Company. In the lower court a judgment of $340 was secured for the killing of seven head of horses on the railway. The case involved the obligation of the railway company to fence its right of way where it passed through or contiguous to private lands, and the decision is of much importance.

A. A. Greer, who lives six miles northeast of Moscow, took a revolver Wednesday evening and went out to shoot a coyote. The cylinder would not revolve unless the weapon was hold pointing downward. Mr. Greer was getting the firearm in readiness, when it exploded. The bullet struck him about six inches above the right knee, ranged downward, tore off a piece of the kneecap and lodged about four inches below the knee on the inside of the leg, near the calf. He went into the house, took a knife and cut the bullet out and will recover.

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