SCHOOL LIBRARIES

Bill for Introduction in Oregon Prepared

BY STATE SUPERINTENDENT

Will Be Introduced at Coming Session of Legislature—The Proposed Measure Represents Careful Study of Other Systems.

SALEM, Dec. 22.—The following is the text of a public school library bill that has been prepared by Superintendent of Public Instruction Ackerman, to be introduced at the coming session of the Legislature. This has been drawn up after a study of the library laws of other states; and will be submitted for discussion at the meeting of the State Teachers' Association, at Albany next week:

"The county courts of the several counties of this state are hereby required to levy, at the same time they levy other taxes, a tax upon all taxable property in their counties for school library purposes which shall aggregate an amount which shall be no less than 10 cents per capita for each and all the children within the county between the ages of 4 and 20 years, as shown by the then last preceding school census, which shall be collected at the same time, and by the same officers as other taxes are collected; and such aggregate sum, when so levied and collected, shall be known as the general school library fund of the county, and such fund shall be set aside and used for no other than school library purposes, in the manner hereinafter provided for.

"It is hereby made the duty of the County Treasurer to certify to the County School Superintendent, on the first Monday of August of each year, the total amount in the general school library fund in his hands subject to apportionment by the County School Superintendent.

"The County School Superintendent shall, on the first Monday of August of each year, make an apportionment of the entire general school library fund, provided for in this section, then in the county treasury, in the following manner: Of the general school library fund collected in pursuance of the general school library levy of the county court, he shall apportion to each district in his county that has reported to him according to law, in proportion to the number of persons in each district over 4 and under 20 years of age, as shown by the last school census. When such apportionment has been made he shall immediately notify the districts of their respective shares.

"Between the first Monday of August and the first Monday of November in each year the directors of each district, with the assistance of the County Superintendent, shall expend all or a part of the entire proportion of the general school library fund at the disposal of the County School Superintendent as provided for in this section, in the purchase of library books for the use of the school district, which books shall be selected from the lists prepared by the State Board of Education; and when a list of books has been selected in accordance with the provisions of this section, it shall be the duty of the County School Superintendent to draw a warrant on the County Treasurer in favor of the district for the payment of such list; provided, that the amount of such warrant shall not exceed the amount apportioned to such district from the general school library fund for the current year. Provided, further, that the Superintendent shall not issue nor transmit any such warrant to the clerk of any district until the clerk's bond shall have been received, examined and approved by the County Superintendent and filed with him as a part of the records of his office; provided, further, that if the entire school library fund apportioned annually to each district by the County Superintendent as provided for in this section shall not be expended and exhausted for school library purposes within and during the year for which such apportionment is made, such unexpended balance shall be forfeited to the general school library fund of the county, and the Treasurer shall place said sum to the credit of the general school library fund of the county, and the County School Superintendent shall reapportion said balance at the first annual apportionment of the school library fund thereafter.

"It is hereby made the duty of the State Board of Education to prepare annually or biennially from lists submitted to it by the President of the State University, the President of the State Agricultural College, and the presidents of the several Oregon state normal schools, a list of books suitable for use in school libraries. Said list shall also state the wholesale, retail and mailing price of each book. It shall be the duty of the State Superintendent to furnish County Superintendents copies of said lists for distribution to school officers.

"It shall be the duty of each clerk to keep in a record-book furnished by the district for that purpose, a complete record of the books purchased and distributed by him, together with the purchase price of said books.

"Unless the district board shall elect some other person, the clerk shall act as librarian, and shall receive and have the care and custody of the books, and shall loan them to teachers, pupils and other residents of the district, in accordance with the rules and regulations prescribed by the State Board of Education for the control and management of school libraries. Each librarian shall keep a complete record of the books furnished by the Board of directors. During the periods that the school is in session, the library shall be placed in the schoolhouse, and the teacher shall be responsible to the district for its proper care and protection. The district board shall have supervision of all books, and shall make an equitable distribution thereof among the schools of the corporation.

"It is hereby made the duty of the State Board of Education to formulate and prescribe rules and regulations not inconsistent with the provisions of this act, for the control and management of all school libraries that may be purchased in accordance with this section."

LEAK IN STATE SCHOOL FUND.

Foreclosure of Mortgages in Clackamas County Has So Proved.

OREGON CITY, Or., Dec. 22.—The Oregon City Enterprise has called attention to the fact that loss to the state school fund is occasioned by the cost of foreclosing mortgages on account of unpaid loans, but gives no data concerning the matter. The records of Clackamas County show that the State Land Board holds 26 mortgages and owns six tracts of land acquired by foreclosure. The attorney fees on four foreclosures made during the past two years aggregate $650. In November, 1898, a decree of foreclosure was ordered against Thomas Charman & Son to recover $1800. At this time the accumulated unpaid interest on the principal was $78, and the attorney fee $200. In November, 1898, a decree of foreclosure was entered against George Phister to recover $2000. The taxes and costs paid by the board amounted to $122 62, and the attorney fee $200. A foreclosure suit sale against David L. McLane et al. to recover $250 was confirmed in April, 1900. The attorney fee was $50. In the foreclosure proceedings against D. W. Howard et al, the principal of the mortgage was $5178 17, and before the board could secure a clear title to the land, after bidding in the property, prior judgment amounting to a total of $288 20 had to be paid off. People who live in the vicinity of this property, near Canby, assert that the land cannot be sold for what it cost to secure it, and the state school fund will be the loser.

A prominent resident of this place who is familiar with money-loaning says that in many instances when the rate of interest on school funds was reduced from 8 to 6 per cent the old mortgages were canceled and the unpaid accrued interest added to a new principal and mortgage. It is not believed, however, that Gordon E. Hayes, the State Land Agent, and attorney for Clackamas County, canceled any of the old mortgages without the accrued interest being paid in full.

A summons is being printed in a local paper in the foreclosure suit of the State Land Board against G. B. Dimick, administrator of the Bode estate, in which the amount of the mortgage is $82, and an attorney fee of $150 is asked for.

People who have negotiated loans from the State Land Board in some instances state that they were required to pay an advance fee of $50, presumably to pay the expense of getting an abstract of the property. Under the existing conditions there is really no incentive for the Land Agent to be particular in making safe loans, as it is much more profitable to secure the fees allowed in foreclosure suits, which are rarely contested by the defendant.

WASHINGTON NATIONAL GUARD.

Principal Items in Biennial Report of Adjutant-General.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Dec. 22.—State Adjutant-General Fox's biennial report has been submitted to Governor Rogers, as Commander-in-Chief of the National Guard of Washington. It shows the present strength of the National Guard to be 79 commissioned officers, 783 enlisted men, or a total of 862.

General Fox's report shows the expenditure for the past two years to have been as follows:

Salary of Adjutant-General	$ 2,000 00
Incidental expense	1,122 07
Clerk hire	1,966 65
Armory rent and maintenance of militia	14,358 40
Total expended	$19 147 12

The last Legislature appropriated $24,000 for the maintenance of the National Guard. The expenditure of $19,147 12 therefore leaves an unexpended balance remaining of the appropriation of $4852 88.

General Fox asks for the following appropriation for the ensuing biennial term:

For incidental expense of guard	$60,000
Supply of 1000 new overcoats	11,000
Equipment and maintenance of medical and hospital corps	2,000
Copies of rolls from Bureau of Rebellion Records	800
Total	$72,000

General Fox, in his report, recommends that a battery of artillery be placed at Seattle, as the location of a battery of artillery at Fort Lawton by the general Government would offer the membership of the troop, if located at Seattle, the advantage of receiving instruction from regular Army officers.

A recommendation by General Fox that will touch the hearts of every patriotic citizen in the State of Washington is that the unexpended balance of a $10,000 appropriation made by the last Legislature be used toward the erection of a suitable monument, sacred to the memory of the state's soldier dead who are now, or who may be buried beneath its shadow.

Washington State Fair Report.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Dec. 22.—The report of the Washington State Fair Commission for the fair of 1900 has been received by Governor Rogers. The report gives a detailed list of the receipts and expenditures of the annual state fair, also a complete list of the premiums awarded.

Secretary T. B. Gunn recommends that the date of the opening of the fair be set at least one week later in the season than the third Monday in September, which date is now set by law.

It is also recommended that the Legislature appropriate the sum of $6000 annually to defray the expenses of officers, superintendent, and to guarantee the awarding of good premiums. If the state would give this annual fund of $6000, the gate receipts and fair ground concessions would realize another $6500, which sum of $12,000 would insure a fair the state could take pride in. The total income of the fair for the Fall of 1900 was $6785 22.

Sale of Pooled Wheat.

CORVALLIS, Dec. 22.—The sale of a pool of over 6000 bushels of wheat in the Finley warehouse, 12 miles up the Willamette River, has been consummated. The lot brought 52 cents per bushel, and one of the local mills was the purchaser.

Hopgrowers Part With Crop.

WOODBURN, Or., Dec. 22.—Martin Archer today sold 100 bales of choice hops to Faber & Nels, of Albany, at 15½ cents per pound. There are about 260 bales remaining unsold in this vicinity. These are held for higher prices.

Slot Machine Rifled of Its Contents.

CHEHALIS, Wash., Dec. 22.—A slot machine was stolen from the Germania saloon some time between 3 and 6 o'clock yesterday morning. The machine was recovered a few blocks away, but it had been rifled of about $8 in money.

Chehalis Hop Sale.

CHEHALIS, Wash., Dec. 22.—John Dobson has sold his 286-bale lot of hops to Isaac Pincus, at 15 cents. Another lot has been reported sold which will leave only four lots in the Chehalis district.

Oregon Notes.

An Order of Pendo has organized at Baker City.

The streets and sidewalks of Wasco are being improved.

Students of the Eugene High School have formed an athletic club.

The Eugene Loan & Savings Bank will move into its new building this week.

Tom Edwards, a blacksmith of Milton, was robbed of $100 at Pendleton Thursday.

Several sidewalks were afloat at Eugene last week as a result of the heavy rain.

A chief and assistant chief of the Heppner fire department will be elected January 7.

State Biologist Washburn has made his biennial report, which has been received at the capital.

The United States patent to the townsite of Granite has been received at the La Grande Land Office.

The Medford City Council has raised the price on water used by the Southern Pacific Company from $20 to $40 per month.

George Chambers has disposed of his 1900 clip of wool at Ontario, amounting to 12,500 pounds, to Boston buyers, at 11¼ cents.

J. T. Taylor, Treasurer of Jackson County, gives notice that he has funds on hand with which to pay warrants protested up to July 5, 1892.

C. S. Hoover of Camas Valley, while hunting stock, found himself lost in the fog. He happened upon a horse, which guided him out of his predicament.

The Postoffice Department is advertising for contracts for carrying mails between Sumpter and Alamo, six times a week, via Lawton and Granite. The service will begin February 1.

Thomas B. Kay and Mrs. C. P. Bishop, co-executors of the estate of Thomas Kay, deceased, have filed their final report in the Probate Court at Salem. The report shows that the total claims presented to the executors have amounted to $4913 97, and the total expenditures have been $3809 22. The total amount of money received by the executors is $6256 66. The appraised value of all the personal property of the estate is $53,238 66. County Judge Scott fixed the time for hearing the report for Wednesday, February 6, 1901.

CORBETT FOR SENATOR

THE CHOICE OF REPRESENTATIVE PEARCE, OF MARION COUNTY.

Considers the Portland Man Only Logical Republican Candidate —Favors Caucus.

SALEM, Dec. 22.—Hon. Lot L. Pearce, a member of the Oregon House of Representatives from Marion County, is free in declaring himself a supporter of H. W. Corbett, of Portland, for United States Senator. He says he not only hopes to see Mr. Corbett elected, but he feels confident that the Republican members of the Legislature will decide upon Mr. Corbett as their candidate without any hesitation. In speaking of the Senatorial question yesterday, Mr. Pearce said:

"I favor the election of Mr. Corbett because he is plainly the only logical candidate of the Republican party. In all the years of his residence in Oregon he has been a constant and effective worker for the best interests of the state and of the Republican party. Looking back over his record, we see that he has always been plain-spoken in defining his position upon any and all public questions, and his position has always been in harmony with the principles of his party.

"In his own private business he has demonstrated his ability as a man of affairs and has accumulated a competence by honest methods, and without being even so much as charged with grafting public funds. The people are justified in having confidence in a man who has worked with them and for their interests in the past; who has faithfully served them as a public official, and who has made a success of his own business in private life.

"There are two circumstances that give us assurance that he will make a faithful representative of the state—his clear past record and the fact that a man of his age and financial standing has no inducement to consider any interests other than the public good. I regard Mr. Corbett's age as very much in his favor. A man who reaches his age in life and retains his activity in mind and body, never loses that energy and force of character until he loses life itself. I regard him an abler man today than he was 10 or 20 years ago. He is a man of great experience and one to whom National legislators will listen with respect.

"Of course, I believe the Republicans should go into caucus to decide upon their Senatorial candidate, and, having selected a candidate, should stand by him to a man. While I favor Mr. Corbett's election, and will support him in the caucus, I will support any other man whom the caucus may select. The Republicans have a majority in the Legislature. The people expect, and have a right to expect, that the Republicans will elect a Senator and do it promptly."

MISSING MAN LOCATED.

Sweet Home Farmer Has Been Camping—Actions a Mystery.

LEBANON, Or., Dec. 22.—W. J. McMullon, who mysteriously disappeared several weeks ago, and it was feared had been foully dealt with, has been located, about a mile from Sodaville in a dense forest, where he has established a camp. It will be remembered he left his home for Albany, on business, and stated that he would return at once. After several weeks had elapsed without his putting in an appearance, friends became alarmed and began to inquire his whereabouts. They could find no trace of Mr. McMullon after he left Sodaville. A man who visited his camp says he thinks McMullon is somewhat demented. He is camping out in an isolated place, without even a tent, and is wading around in mud. McMullon said he had been camping there for several weeks. He had camped near Jefferson for two weeks. He had not been to Albany as reported. He has promised to return to Sweet Home, where he owns a good farm of several hundred acres, and good house and barns. Why he would go out and camp like he did can only be explained by the general supposition that he was suffering from temporary aberration of the mind.

INTEREST IN NEXT LEGISLATURE.

Considerable at Albany—Representatives Have Little to Say.

ALBANY, Or., Dec. 22.—The coming session of the State Legislature is creating some interest here, particularly in view of the election of a United States Senator and legislation needed in certain fields. The Senators and Representatives from Linn County are almost noncommittal. Senator Kelly does not desire to give his choice for United States Senator at this time, believing it possible for circumstances to arise which would make it injudicious. In the matter of new laws, he intends to work in the interest of the people, and, as in last session, against pernicious legislation of all kinds. Senator Clem and Representative Whitney will not vote for the successful candidate for United States Senator, being in the minority, and at the present time do not know who will receive the customary complimentary vote. They are both interested in reform legislation in the interest of the people, and though having no pet measures, are much in favor of a new assessment and taxation law. They are pronounced against graft legislation of all kinds.

NO TRACE OF MURDERER.

Diligent Search for Washington County Assassin Unrewarded.

HILLSBORO, Or., Dec. 22.—Diligent search has so far brought no results in the Dahlberg murder case. The citizens of Reedville, near which place the murder occurred, are actively engaged in trying to locate the criminal. The reward of $500 has stimulated public interest, but apprehension seems no nearer than the next day after the crime was committed. It is now figured that Dahlberg could not have had more than $30 or $40 in his possession when he was killed.

Washington County, within 15 years, has furnished eight mysterious murders, and in one case only has the murderer been brought to justice. That was the case of the murder of John Ledrick, for which Gus Wachline was captured after several years tried and hanged. In the eight cases herein mentioned, each of the victims was living alone.

Slow but Sure.

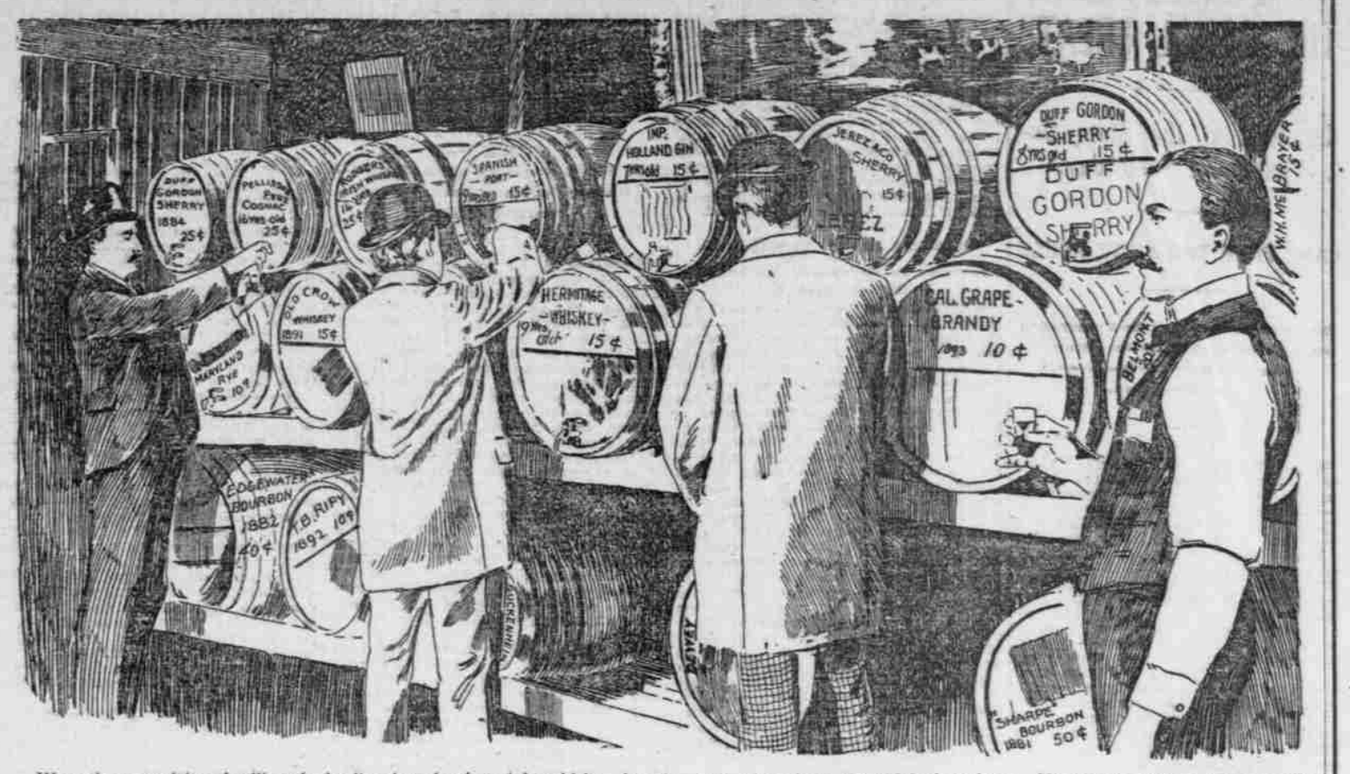
Eugene Register.

Governor Geer has a level head. He is going about the selection of a text-book commission in the proper manner. Having asked the people of Oregon to name the men they think are fitted and qualified for the responsible position, he has a big list to select from. Of course, no matter whom the Governor selects, there are bound to be a few kickers. But the method employed in securing a list to select from will make the choice as near a public one as possible without the commission being elected by a direct vote of the people.

Militiamen Won Football Game.

COTTAGE GROVE, Or., Dec. 22.—A hard-contested football game played here today between Company C, of Eugene, and the Bohemia team, of this place, resulted in a score of 6 to 0 in favor of Company C. The game did not begin until 4 P. M., and it was quite dark before it was finished.

Louis Patnaud, of Everett, has drafted a bill providing for establishment of a school of mines, and Senator Sumner with father the measure at the coming session of the Legislature.



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MINING LAWS OF ALASKA

INCONSISTENCIES SHOWN BY WELL-INFORMED SALEM MAN.

Alien Locators Sell "Nothing" for "Something" and Thus Aid Speculators to Gain Their Ends.

SALEM, Dec. 22.—M. E. Pogue, a Salem attorney who spent the past Summer at Cape Nome, and who is still connected with the law firm of Pogue, Grimm & Cochrane, at that place, on being asked for a statement with regard to the administration of Judge Noyes, at Nome, and the applicability of American mining laws to the District of Alaska, said:

"With regard to the conduct of Judge Noyes, although I know much of the alleged irregularities of that court, and am professionally interested in some matters wherein the officers of the court have subjected themselves to criticism, I do not desire to make a statement as to those matters at this time.

"However, the committee recently appointed by the United States Senate to investingate that matter is particularly asked to answer the question whether the mining laws, as they now exist, are applicable to the District of Alaska. Upon that question I must say that the mining laws as construed by the District and Supreme Courts of the United States, become not only a nullity, but in some respects a farce, when the courts attempt to apply them to the conditions existing in that district.

"To begin with, the district is swarming with alien residents—foreigners who are there in the Summer time only, and who scatter to the four corners of earth in Winter.

"By section 2318 of the general statutes, all valuable mineral deposits are declared to be free, and open to exploration, occupation and purchase by citizens of the United States or those who have declared their intention to become such. In spite of this provision, which was manifestly for the sole purpose of preventing alien location and occupation of the public domain for mining purposes, it has been held quite uniformly by the courts that although an alien could not locate a mining claim, if he attempted to locate one, and thereafter sold his attempted location to a citizen, before intervening rights had vested, that it passed title in the land to the citizen purchaser. And this, regardless of the number of claims owned by the purchaser, and regardless of the question whether the purchaser had exhausted his own right to locate mining claims. The effect of this is to enable the transient aliens to make attempted locations of mineral claims, and sell them to speculators for nominal sums, without having prospected or developed them. In other words, the alien acquires nothing by his location, but he sells that 'nothing' for 'something,' and the speculator who perhaps could not have located the claim himself, acquires what the courts are pleased to call 'a good title.' This is undoubtedly a plain violation of the spirit of the law, if not its letter.

"By this means individual speculators have been known to acquire over 100 claims, while the bona fide American miner and prospector is compelled to prospect, if he prospects at all, upon lands thus fradulently held by others, and if he finds gold, is compelled to pay an exorbitant rental for the privilege of working the claim, while in many instances the land is sold over his head to capitalists and speculators, and the industrious prospector, who is entitled to the protection of the law, loses the benefit of his labors. The spirit of the law is to restrict individuals to such number of mining claims as each can develop and work, thus doing the greatest good to the greatest number. Such has been the ruling of the Land Department in the construction and application of the homestead, pre-emption and timber laws; why should it not be so with the mining laws?

"Another, and more important fault, and one which makes a nullity of the law restricting the location of mining claims to American citizens only, is this: The courts hold that the question of citizenship can be raised only in a suit in the nature of 'office found,' and that the proceedings for patent constitute such a suit. Under the law the locator must do $100 annual assessment work upon his claim, until he has expended in all $500, when he is entitled to apply for a patent. Most mining claims in Alaska are worked out in less than five years, and it is not probable that one in every 10,000 will ever be patented. Judge James H. Beatty, in a recent case tried before him as Judge of the Ninth Circuit, thus charged the jury in an action of trespass:

"'As a general rule it is true that citizens only of the United States can locate mining claims, but it has been held by the Supreme Court, which, of course, is our guide, that this is a question which can be asserted or claimed only by the Government. In a contest between individuals, as in this case, which is an action of ejectment, that question does not arise. But when a party applies for a patent, the Government is interested in a case of that kind, and the citizenship of the parties must be shown before the party would be entitled to a patent. But this is not an action for a patent, it is an action of ejectment for the possession of the ground, and I instruct you in this case that that question cannot be considered. It is only for the Government to make the objection on the ground of noncitizenship.'

"Such also was the holding of the United States Supreme Court in the case of Manuell V. Wolff, reported in 152 United States, page 505.

"It follows that a man cannot apply for a patent until after he has completed $500 worth of assessment work upon his claim; he cannot raise the question of citizenship until he applies for the patent; an alien locates a claim which a citizen desires to locate. The citizen cannot bring an action of ejectment on the ground of noncitizenship; he cannot apply for a patent because he has not done the required assessment work, and he cannot do the assessment work because an alien is in possession. Autumn comes, the alien sells his claim ('nothing') to some industrious speculator for 'something'; the alien leaves the country, while the honest, industrious American miner and prospector, who has the moral right to locate the claim, but was without a legal remedy, returns to his family in the States, penniless, and perhaps in broken health. The law as it now exists serves to build up a class of middlemen, or jobbing miners, who receive goods from the Government with which to rob the bona fide American miner, upon whose energy the circulating medium of the country in a great measure depends.

"For example, one man held 137 claims during the past Summer, which claims he had either located or purchased from alien locators. He did not expect to do the assessment work on many of them—that alone would cost him $13,700—but he was willing to hire them to miners for 50 per cent of what they took from the ground; or would sell them upon substantial payments, the remainder of the purchase price to be taken from the bedrock. All work done on any claim was sworn in as assessment work by this pretended owner; and the prospector who did the work generally had the blessed premise that he would receive a lay on the claim should he be able to find gold. This, of course, was good business on the part of the speculator, but it is just the thing which the mining laws should prevent.

"There are many minor respects in which the laws should be amended in order to make them apply to the District of Alaska, but the two faults above named should by all means be corrected."

Quotations of Mining Stocks.

SPOKANE, Dec. 22.—The closing quotations for mining stocks today were:

	Bid.	Ask.		Bid.	Ask.
Blacktail	8¾	8¾	Quilp	20½	20½
Butte & Bos.	1	1¾	Lamb. Car	24½	25¼
Crystal	4½	5½	Republic	58	63
D. U. No. 2	1¾	2¼	Reservation	3¼	5
Evening Star	5¼	7½	Ross. Giant	2	2¾
Good Ledge	1	1½	Sullivan	13¾	14¼
I. X. L.	18½	20½	Tom Thumb	10	11½
Iron Mask	23½	32	Waterloo	2	3
L. P. Surp.	6¾	7¾	Amer. Boy	9¼	10½
Min. Lion	15	25	Conjecture	4	4¾
Morn. Glory	7½	8½	Dewey	2	3
Morrison	2½	3½	Miller Creek	2	3
Prin. Maud	1½	1½			

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 22.—Official closing quotations for mining stocks:

Alta	$0 04	Justice	$0 01
Alpha Con		Kentuck Con	1
Andes		Mexican	29
Belcher	12	Occidental Con	4
Best & Belcher	25	Ophir	60
Bullion	2	Overman	9
Caledonia	45	Potosi	12
Challenge Con	14	Savage	14
Chollar	13	Seg. Belcher	2
Confidence	55	Sierra Nevada	24
Con. Cal. & Va.	1 45	Silver Hill	46
Con. Imperial	1	Standard	3 05
Crown Point	16	Union Con	18
Gould & Curry	32	Utah Con	5
Hale & Norcross	17	Yellow Jacket	16

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Mining stocks today closed as follows:

Adams Con	$0 20	Little Chief	$0 15
Alice	20	Ontario	6 00
Breece	2 60	Ophir	55
Brunswick Con	14	Phoenix	10
Comstock Tunnel	4	Potosi	10
Con. Cal. & Va.	1 30	Savage	20
Deadwood Terra	55	Sierra Nevada	23
Horn Silver	1 10	Small Hopes	55
Iron Silver	65	Standard	2 90
Leadville Con	5		

BOSTON, Dec. 22.—Closing quotations:

Adventure	$ 10 50	Humboldt	$ 50 00
Ahouse M. Co.	2 50	Oscesola	73 50
Amal. Copper	93 00	Parrott	49 00
Atlantic	27 00	Quincy	174 00
Boston & Mont.	321 00	Santa Fe Cop	6 25
Butte & Boston	82 00	Tamarack	329 00
Cal. & Hecla	820 00	Utah Mining	33 50
Centennial	21 50	Winona	4 12
Franklin	15 00	Wolverines	46 75

Exchange closed until December 26.

Oregon Mine Notes.

The Vindicator Mining Company has sold its placer mines in Ramsey Flat, Josephine County, to H. Snow.

J. J. Houck, who operates a custom mill near Gold Hill, has fitted it up with a new and improved concentrator.

A clean-up of 22 tons of ore was made at Kubli & Co.'s Golden Standard mine, situated in Gall's Creek district.

J. T. Hagan, owner of the McDonough mine, in Fort Lane district, which has produced a large quantity of gold, is sinking a new shaft on the property.

Simmons, Cameron & Co., whose mines are located in Waldo district, will make a bigger run than ever this season. They are already piping with two giants.

Theodore Payne has taken a contract to run a shaft 50 feet deep in the Exchequer mine, on Applegate, which property has been bonded by the Monarch Mining Company, of Tacoma.

J. L. Pennington, C. F. Hasty and Mrs. J. H. Martin, who own the Independent and Norris ledges, situated on Brittsan Gulch, west of Ashland, have bonded them to a California company for $5000. Development work will soon be begun.

WILL PAY SCALP-BOUNTY TAX.

Clatsop County Instructs Treasurer to Forward It.

ASTORIA, Dec. 22.—The County Court today instructed Treasurer Thompson to remit to the State Treasurer the scalp-bounty tax for the year 1899, amounting to $699 34. This money has been retained for some time, owing to the controversy arising from the fact that certain counties in the state made no levy for that purpose. The County Court has decided, however, that the tax is authorized by law, and has not only ordered the 1899 tax turned over to the state, but has also made a scalp-bounty levy for 1900.

New Mining Corporation.

Articles of incorporation of the Copperhead Mining Company were filed in the County Clerk's office today. The capital stock is $100,000, and the incorporators are: W. W. Whipple, C. G. Palmberg and Alex Grant. The principal office of the company will be in Astoria, and its object is to engage in mining in the State of Washington.

Barkeepers Organize Union.

A barkeepers' union, called the Barkeepers' Alliance of Astoria, was organized here last evening with about 25 charter members. It is a branch of the International League, and will be affiliated with the American Federation of Labor.

PORTLAND MAN PARDONED.

Served Three of Twelve Years' Sentence in Oregon Penitentiary.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 22.—Governor Geer today commuted the sentence of Fred I. Copeland, who was received at the penitentiary from Multnomah County in 1897 on a 12-year sentence for forgery. Copeland raised a $10 check to $17. The commutation gives him his liberty, but does not restore his citizenship.

State Treasurer Moore today received $1282 14 from Grant County to apply on the scalp-bounty tax.

Salem Much Disappointed.

The people of Salem were much disappointed tonight by the information that the Frawley Company could not be here to play at the Grand Opera-House this evening. Local Representative T. O. Barker reports that the sale of seats for the presentation of "Secret Service" is by far the heaviest since the opening night, in spite of the fact that all business houses will be kept open until very late. Theater-goers express the hope that "Secret Service" may yet be played here by the Frawley Company.

MITCHELL WAS DISCHARGED.

Not Guilty of Recent Mysterious Shooting at Salem.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 22.—Rose Jerome, the woman who was shot through the body some three weeks ago, last night swore out a warrant for the arrest of Lee Mitchell, charging him with assault with a dangerous weapon. Mitchell was given a hearing today, and was discharged. It appears that the shooting was accidental, and that the arrest was made in an effort to compel Mitchell to pay the doctor bill. This is the case that attracted attention on account of the mysterious efforts to keep the shooting secret.

Fine Birds at Corvallis Poultry Show

CORVALLIS, Dec. 22.—Bad weather has interfered materially with the attendance at the poultry show the past two days, but a fairer sky today brought out a very good crowd. The heaviest attendance, however, is expected tomorrow.

The award of prizes has not been completed. The highest scoring bird is a white Wyandotte pullet, entered by Frank Hulburt, of Linn County. It received a marking of 96, which, as poultry experts know, is unusually high. Eight other birds entered by Mr. Hulburt averaged above 92. Five birds from Mr. Hulburt's coops were purchased by Scorer Downs at $5 each.

Centralia in Darkness for a Night.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Dec. 22.—Centralia was in darkness last night on account of high water, which interfered with the operation of the electric plant. The water is now rapidly subsiding. One of the largest sawmills here has been shut down temporarily on account of high water.

Released on Bail.

CORVALLIS, Or., Dec. 22. — Chester Rust has been released on bail. He has been in the county jail for the past 10 days in default of bonds for his appearance at the April term of the Circuit Court. He killed a neighbor's cow and sold the hide and a portion of the flesh.

Skamokawa Residence Burned.

SKAMOKAWA, Wash., Dec. 22. — The dwelling-house and outbuildings of E. D. Brooks, of this place, were totally destroyed by fire last night. A defective flue is thought to have given origin to the blaze. The loss is about $900; insurance $700.

Oregon Industries.

The Monmouth mill, in Sumpter district, started up Tuesday.

Charles Butler shipped five carloads of beef cattle from Shaniko to Portland last week.

W. O. Minor, of Morrow County, has imported two thoroughbred Shorthorn heifers, which cost him $2500.

Erwin Seffert, who lives below Deer Island, has floated his cut of logs out of Tide Creek. He has nearly 500,000 feet.

J. H. Kinsman shipped a carload of beef cattle from Heppner to Portland Tuesday. Bud Willingham shipped a carload of mutton sheep.

A survey is being made for the ditch and flume of the Hood River Electric Light Company. As soon as the survey is completed construction will be pushed vigorously.

Workmen engaged in blasting off rock for straightening the railroad east of Hood River, and making fills, have unearthed a bed of stone coal on the land of C. Welds, says the Glacier. The big hill at milepost 67 shows outcroppings of coal in several places.

Articles of incorporation of the Melrose Investment Company, with principal office at Melrose, have been filed with the County Clerk. The object of the corporation is to be a general livestock and land business. The capital stock is $5000, divided into 500 shares of $10 each. The incorporators and principal stockholders are: John R. Daniels, Hanna Daniels, Rees P. Daniels, Daniel T. Daniels, David P. Daniels, Morgan R. Daniels and Martha Daniels.

The question is often asked, "How much return in cash can be expected from an acre of strawberries in Hood River Valley?" says the Hood River Glacier. P. D. Hinrichs informed that paper that his strawberry crop of about four acres returned him last season $1017. His cash expense for picking, packing and crates was $240. The work was all done by his own family, except the picking and part of the packing. His total crop amounted to 577 crates. This gave him about $150 an acre to pay for his own work and that of his children and team.

The Mac's Luck Gold Mining Company has been organized at Sumpter, with the following officers: F. A. E. Starr, president; D. E. Wheeler, vice-president; Otto Harlocker, secretary and treasurer; J. H. McCallum, manager; Walter R. Allen, superintendent. It has a capital stock of $150,000, divided into 1,500,000 shares of the par value of 10 cents each. The company owns the Mac's Luck, Isabelle, Mother Lode, Colorado View Fair and Golden Crown, all full claims, 600x1500 feet, and lying contiguous, giving an area of about 120 acres. This property is located on Deer Creek, about 4½ miles northeast of Sumpter.

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