

WARRANTS UNSOLD

Washington Capitol Commission Has No Offers.

ADVERTISING TIME IS PASSED

Extensive Improvements Planned Will Have to Be Given Up-It Is Said Money Can Be Invested at Greater Profit.

OLYMPIA, May 9.—(Special)—The \$75,000 in Capitol building fund warrants, the issuance of which was authorized by the last Legislature, and which must be sold at par before the new Capitol building can be completed, are going begging, and it is now feared that the only chance for the sale rests with one of Olympia's banks.

The warrants in question draw only 4 per cent interest, and as the security for their payment is the Capitol land grant, which is practically unsold and will be undisposed of for a number of years, the time of the payment of the warrants is an indefinite matter. The interest, however, is guaranteed by the state and will be appropriated out of the general fund every two years if not provided by the sale of the lands.

Two years ago, when the purchase of the Thurston County Courthouse and the building of the annex was authorized by the Legislature, the \$250,000 in warrants on the Capitol building fund were sold at par to the Capital National Bank of this city. These warrants were exactly similar to the ones now offered for sale, except that they drew 5 per cent interest. Following their sale there were vigorous complaints made against the Capitol Commission on the ground that would-be purchasers were not given an opportunity to bid for the warrants. It was claimed that they would have sold at a high premium and some of the newspapers of the state made charges that \$250,000 to \$300,000 had thus been thrown away by the Capitol Commission.

This year, remembering previous experiences, the Capitol Commission advertised for sealed bids for the purchase of the \$75,000 warrants appropriated. The bids were advertised to be opened May 5, but the 5th has passed and there is not a single offer for the warrants in the hands of the secretary of the commission.

There is, however, still some hope, for the reason that prior to the 5th the Capitol Commission decided to extend the time for receiving bids to May 12. This was not advertised, but several possible bidders were notified of the action. The 12th is now so close at hand that there is alarm expressed over the lack of offers for the issue.

JAM NEAR WHITE HORSE.

Tukon River Opens Slowly-Picking Out Alaska Timber.

SEATTLE, May 9.—A special dispatch to the Post-Intelligencer from Skagway says: Everything here now is depending on the opening of the Yukon, the report given was that Fifty-Mile River, in front of White Horse, was open to Lake Labarge. The report today is that a big ice jam formed at White Horse, a distance of five miles, and also between the ice jam and Labarge there is much ice. The jam opposes all navigation as yet. Dozens of saws are bound from White Horse to Labarge to not permit penetrate the ice. All shippers just up from Seattle have got their stuff through from White Horse and are now leading every day to get out, and across the river, where steamers are loaded to go to Dawson as soon as the river opens.

Advices from Juneau are that the grand jury finished its labors yesterday, doing nothing startling. Work has begun on the new \$50,000 Courthouse.

JUDGE SUSPECTS PERJURY.

Prosecuting Attorney Requested to Lodge Information.

WHATCOM, Wash., May 9.—At the conclusion of the Stewart divorce case today Judge Senter called prosecuting attorney Ellis into the courtroom and announced to him that he was satisfied that a number of witnesses had perjured themselves, and requested that he examine the transcript of the case immediately, and lodge information against the offending persons. The court handed the prosecutor a list containing the names of five witnesses whom he believed had perjured themselves.

Hansen Olset's testimony was the climax which brought down the wrath of the court. On Thursday he testified that prior to the commencement of the case Mrs. Stewart had offered him \$100 to testify in her favor. Friday he stated that he desired to correct his testimony of the previous day, and then swore that Mrs. Stewart had never offered him a cent. The testimony in this case was the quickest ever adduced in a court in this county.

UNION STANDS BY STATION.

Citizens Will Do All in Their Power to Further Employment Work.

UNION, Or., May 9.—(Special)—The state experiment station superintendent has been desirous of having certain streets leading from the city to the station grounds opened, and Professor Lockenby protested against the tardiness of the authorities in complying with his request, and complained at the manner in which certain persons appeared to regard his work. At a meeting of representative citizens a resolution was unanimously adopted endorsing Professor Lockenby

and asking the City Council to open all streets leading from the city to the station grounds as rapidly as possible.

The meeting also expressed a desire and intention to co-operate with the station management in every way possible to further the interests of the experimental work of the state here.

TIMBER LOSS OVERESTIMATED.

Fire Did Not Do Damage Thought in Clark County.

VANCOUVER, Wash., May 9.—(To the Editor)—The forest fire which raged through the northeastern part of Clark County in the "big timber" district did not do damage to the extent of reports furnished by timber cruisers who visited the fire region before the dense smoke had cleared away sufficiently to determine the exact extent of the damage. In townships 4 and 5 the fire came from the southeast and ran through a narrow belt in a westerly direction. In the territory considered at that time totally destroyed a larger portion of the fire traces are scarcely discernible, since vegetation started to grow again after the warm April showers.

The amount of timber damaged will not exceed 20 per cent of the area traversed by the flames, and as a spur track of 12 miles is building into the burned region, and which will be completed early in October, the loss, if any, will be a mere

SALEM'S SKNOTTY PROBLEM

SHALL IT INVITE COMPETITION IN ELECTRIC SERVICE.

City Council Will Decide Monday Whether Two Companies Would Serve Public Better Than One.

SALEM, Or., May 9.—(Special)—The City of Salem is wrestling with the problem whether it is advisable to grant a franchise to an electric light and power company which proposes to enter this field in competition with the present company. The question is not only of paramount importance to the members of the City Council, but is receiving the close attention of nearly all the citizens of Salem. A special meeting of the City Council will be held Monday evening, when the matter will probably be definitely decided one way or another. The whole controversy hinges upon the question whether it is good busi-

ness to be denied an opportunity to profit by its enterprise.

Business men and property-owners generally are taking sides one way or another, for it is felt that the questions involved are of serious importance to the business interests of the city. On the one hand, there is a desire not to destroy permanently any enterprise of a semi-public nature, and on the other a wish to make it certain that Salem consumers of light and power will be given the best possible service at the lowest reasonable cost. The meeting of the Council on Monday evening will likely be an interesting one, and will be largely attended by citizens of Salem.

TOP OF HEAD BLOWN OFF.

Brookfield Boy Drops Rifle With Fatal Results.

ASTORIA, Or., May 9.—(Special)—Telford McDonald, the 11-year-old son of M. T. McDonald, was accidentally killed at the family home in Brookfield last evening. The boy was in a room alone when his brother, who was in an adjoining room, heard some heavy object fall on the floor, followed almost immediately by a gunshot and running into the room he found Telford lying on the top of his head blown off and a smoking rifle by his side.

The boy had evidently dropped the gun, when it went off, the bullet entering his brain and causing instant death. The funeral will be held from the family residence tomorrow, with the interment in Brookfield cemetery.

SEVERED HEAD IN YELLOWSTONE.

Woman Seen Disembarked Body Floating in River.

GARDINER, Mont., May 8.—Men are searching the Yellowstone River for portions of the body of a woman evidently murdered in the park. Mrs. Annie Paul, living near here, reports seeing a woman's head, apparently severed by some sharp instrument, and an arm and hand float slowly by her place. In the ears were diamond earrings, and handkerchiefs were on the fingers, showing that robbery was not the motive.

The crime may have been committed months ago. The body cut up and the pieces thrown into the stream, where they were held until the ice broke up.

Child's Neck Broken.

ANACONDA, Mont., May 8.—While playing in a swing at his home yesterday, Earl Livingston, aged 18 months, slipped and caught his chin on the rope, breaking his neck.

FALLING LIMB CRUSHES SKULL.

Expert Timber-Feller Dies Soon After Accident in Woods.

ASTORIA, Or., May 9.—(Special)—John McDonald, a timber-feller employed at the Masten logging camp, near Stevens, met with an accident about 3 o'clock this morning that resulted fatally a few hours later. He was felling a tree, and was standing clear for the fall, when one of the limbs hit an adjoining slipped and, breaking off, came down, striking McDonald on the head, crushing his skull in a terrible manner.

The victim was brought to this city on the noon train and taken to the hospital, where he died this evening. McDonald was an expert at felling timber, and the accident was another of many similar ones that have resulted lately during the past few years, and which are considered impossible to avoid.

He was a single man, 38 years of age, and a native of Massachusetts. He had no relatives in this vicinity.

Vancouver Military News.

VANCOUVER BARRACKS, Wash., May 9.—(Special)—Private F. T. Deppe, Company I, Eighth Infantry, and Private Thomas Clark, Artillery Corps, were tried by court-martial and found guilty of drunkenness and insubordination and desertion. Private Deppe was sentenced to be dishonorably discharged, to forfeit all pay and allowances and be confined at Alcatraz Island for six months. Private Clark was sentenced to be dishonorably discharged, to forfeit all pay and allowances and to be confined at hard labor for three years.

Major Alexander B. Dyer, Captain Harry L. Hawthorne and Captain William L. Kenly, Artillery Corps, are ordered to meet at Fort Stevens, Oregon, and conduct the examination of officers in the Artillery Corps at the close of the present school term. The board has been in session the past week.

Private Harry Green, Troop F, Ninth Cavalry, has been granted a furlough for three months upon re-enlistment in his present organization.

The post commanders at all posts in this department have been ordered to submit to department headquarters the names of officers recommended by them for a course at the General Service and Staff College, at Washington, D. C.

Union Talks of Automobile Line.

UNION, Or., May 9.—(Special)—The preliminary work is being done here looking to the establishment of an automobile omnibus line between this city and the Hot Lake, a distance of about four miles. The patronage of the Hot Lake is being rapidly increased, and as Union is a most delightful place in summer for those seeking rest, recreation and health, it is believed the line would be well patronized, and be of mutual benefit to the two places.

Hollander Goes Insane.

ASTORIA, Or., May 9.—(Special)—A man named Jacob Greenway, who has been working on a Lewis and Clark ranch for the past two years, was adjudged insane by the County Board today and was taken to the asylum in Salem this evening. The man is afflicted with heart trouble, appears to have lost control of his memory, and imagines every one is endeavoring to injure him. He is about 50 years of age, and a native of Holland.

Death of James W. Coffman.

GRANT'S PASS, Or., May 9.—(Special)—James W. Coffman, a well-known resident of this city, died suddenly at his home

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trifle. Eighty men are at work clearing right of way, and grading will be rushed as rapidly as possible. The Weyhauser Company expects to begin removing timber from a portion of the burned district in about two months.

The new town of Yaocot, the present terminal of the P. V. & G., is having quite a boom. A depot and hotel have recently been built, and several business houses are under construction, and a population of 500 inhabitants is anticipated in the next two years. Sixty carloads of logs are hauled over the road daily, besides doing a considerable amount of passenger and freight traffic.

In all, there will be 1000 men on the payroll in the Yaocot vicinity by July 1.

Issue of More Certificates.

SEATTLE, May 9.—Judge Hantord today authorized the Pacific Packing & Navigation Company to issue receiver's certificates in the additional sum of \$50,000. Certificates in the sum of \$70,000 were issued with the court's approval in March last, and the order today permits a total loan of \$1,200,000. The certificates are a first mortgage upon the company's various properties.

Const. Congressional Congress.

SEATTLE, May 9.—The second day's session of the Pacific Coast Congressional Congress was devoted to the reading of papers on various subjects under the general topic of "Christian Nurture" at the morning session, which was the only one of the day. In the afternoon the delegates chartered a steamer for a sail around Lake Washington.

Millions of Shingles Burned.

WHATCOM, Wash., May 9.—Fire at 7:30 tonight destroyed the Dryden and shingle shed and 4,000,000 shingles stored in them belonging to the Hastings Shingle Company, whose headquarters are in Vancouver, B. C. The amount of insurance cannot be ascertained here. The loss is \$38,000.

Zidmar Gets a New Trial.

LIVINGSTON, Mont., May 9.—Martin Zidmar, sentenced to hang for the murder of George Reider two years ago, and burning his body, was today granted a new trial. Zidmar killed Reider because he said the latter had ruined his daughter.

ness policy for a city the size of Salem to permit competition in electric light, power and street railway service.

Some time ago A. B. Kurtz, of the Union Light & Power Company, of Woodburn, which owns a water-power at Silverton, asked for a light and power franchise at Salem, and a special committee of the Council was appointed to investigate the matter. The committee recently reported in favor of granting the franchise for a term of 15 years, the franchise to be nontransferable except with the consent of the Council, the grantee to give a \$5000 bond for the performance of its agreements and to pay an annual license fee of 2 per cent of the gross earnings of its business in this city. It is upon the adoption of this report that the fight in the Council will center next Monday evening.

Since the new franchise was applied for, the old company has addressed a communication to the City Council promising to continue the present rates of city lighting after the present contract expires next year, to improve the present service and to make better rates for commercial business. The argument made against the granting of the new franchise is that there is not a large enough field here for two competing companies, and that if the new company be permitted to come in and take the best of the business by cutting rates, the old company will not be able to maintain good street-car service. It has been asserted that if the new company should be permitted to enter the field, the old company would tear up its street-car tracks.

In favor of the granting of the franchise, it is argued that competition will improve the service and keep rates for light and power at a reasonable figure; that competition will prevent the old company from putting up rates for city lighting. It is argued that although the present owner of the old plant has agreed to maintain the present rates, this agreement would not be binding upon any company to which he might transfer his property and franchise. It is said further that the application for a new franchise by a competing concern was what caused the old company to promise a continuance of the low rates for city lighting and better service for the public, and since the fear of competition has accomplished this, the man who proposed the competition

last evening, Mr. Coffman was in his usual work at the house. He complained of a slight pain in his breast and lay down to rest himself. In a moment he was dead. The funeral services will occur tomorrow afternoon from the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Coffman was born at Lewiston, Ill., December 28, 1842. He has been a resident of this city for several years past.

Militia Inspected at Baker City.

BAKER CITY, Or., May 9.—(Special)—Major E. Chynoweth, of the Twenty-first Infantry, U. S. A., and Colonel James Jackson, Inspector-General, Oregon National Guard, inspected Company A, First Separate Battalion, here this evening. The soldier boys acquitted themselves in a very creditable manner. Captain Samuel White underwent a rigid examination here and came out with flying colors.

Commencement at Drain.

STATE NORMAL SCHOOL, Drain, Or., May 9.—(Special)—Commencement announcements for the normal are out. On

Sunday, June 7, the baccalaureate sermon will be preached by Rev. Mr. Bennett, of Roseburg. Monday evening following will occur the annual concert of the music department. Tuesday is Literary Society day, with an entertainment in the evening by the Zean Zeanian Literary Society. Wednesday is Alumni and Students' Reunion day.

Sweetser Files Insolvency Petition.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 9.—A petition of insolvency was filed in the United States District Court today by John R. Sweetser, a stock-raiser of Novato, Marin County. According to the petition, the liabilities of the petitioner are \$24,211, and the assets amount to \$16,124. Of this amount the petitioner claims \$3845 on account of property exempt.

John R. Sweetser is a partner of the firm of Sweetser Bros. & Pierce, cattle-raiser at Conant, Idaho. On April 15 the company filed a petition in bankruptcy in the United States Court. This was partly a case of voluntary and involuntary bankruptcy, he one of the firm had disappeared and it was impossible for the remaining members of the firm to communicate with him. Today John R. Sweetser filed a petition of voluntary bankruptcy on his own behalf, giving as his liabilities and assets the same amounts set forth in the petition.

Kennewick People Want Bridge.

NORTH YAKIMA, Wash., May 9.—(Special)—The County Commissioners, W. L. Linee, Fran Kandle and L. Pace, are examining into the feasibility and necessity of building a bridge across the Yakima River at Kennewick. A large petition for this bridge has been made. The object of the bridge is to give the people living on the north side of the river an outlet to a market. At present they must use a ferry which is generally very unsatisfactory.

Falouse Not Dependent on Wheat.

GARFIELD, Wash., May 9.—(Special)—For the past 30 years the farmers throughout the Falouse country have raised nothing but wheat. Now they are turning their attention to fine stock, also to horses and hogs, and they are making money at this easier than they did with the large fields of wheat in former years.

Comes to Raise Steak in Klamath.

NORTH YAKIMA, Wash., May 9.—(Special)—A. L. Alkin has resigned as counsellor of this city and will leave here soon with his family for Ashland, Or., to make his home. He intends to go into the cattle business in the Klamath country. He has been succeeded by R. N. Harrison.

Passed a Forged Time Check.

SOUTH BEND, Wash., May 9.—(Special)—Sheriff Reiny left this morning for Hoquiam to secure Frank Benaman, or A. Sutherland, as he seems to have two names, who was arrested there as the complainant of William Mills, of Bay Coo-



"WILFUL WASTE" MAKES "WOEFUL WANT."

That old copybook maxim finds its most forcible application in the waste of vitality, which is called "burning the candle at both ends." A woman is often tempted beyond her strength by domestic or social demands. Some day she awakens from this waste of strength to the woeful want of it. She has become weak, nervous and miserable. For weak, nervous, run-down women, there is no better tonic and nerve than Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. It restores the appetite, quiets the nerves and gives refreshing sleep. It cures local diseases peculiarly womanly which undermine the general health. It makes weak women strong, sick women well.