FIGHT STILL IN HIM

Claus Spreckels Getting Ready for a Gas War.

WILL BROOK NO OPPOSITION

Aged Millionaire Notifies the Rockefeller-Addicks Combination That He Will Give Them the Battle of Their Lives.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 15.—(Special.)—Claus Spreckels has told the Rockefeller-Addicks people, who are putting in the new gas plant, that he intends giving them "the fight of their lives."

As a preliminary step, the old gentleman has purchased 1700 shares of the San Francisco Gas & Electric Company's stock, all the way from $52 to $60 a share, and the community may be certain that there shortly will be a gas war of stupendous proportions. About six months ago, he met one of the principal stockholders in the San Francisco Coke & Gas Company and showed, in his conversation, that he was much incensed at the idea of a new gas company being formed.

"You will have a fight to the finish," said the old gentleman.

"Ah," said the other, "you're getting too old to fight, Mr. Spreckels."

"I am, am I?" he returned. "Well, you will see, and I will give you the battle of your life. I have enough strength for one more fight, and I am going to make that fight."

It is the opinion of the street that when Mr. Spreckels returns from his holiday in Hawaii, whither he will go soon, he will inaugurate the war by making a terrific cut in rates.

PEDDLERS REQUIRE NO LICENSE

Except Those That Sell Stoves, Vehicles and Tanning Machines.

SALEM, Or., April 15.—(Special.)—The Legislature of 1905 seems to have removed all restrictions from the peddling of all kinds of articles except stoves, vehicles and fanning mills. Though this was far from being the original intention of the bill (S. B. 170, by Rand), the language of the act after the bill had been amended in both houses, leaves it apparently applicable to this class of peddlers alone.

The purpose of the bill was to amend the act of 1903, which required that a license fee of $10 to $50 per quarter be charged peddlers of goods, wares or merchandise. As Senator Rand introduced his bill it proposed to amend the law by raising the fee to $300 to $1000 per quarter, leaving the act to apply to all classes of peddlers. After being amended, the act, as it appears in the session laws, requires that "the County Court of each county in this state shall at the first term thereof held in each year fix and determine the amount of the license fee which shall thereafter be paid by peddlers, hawkers and itinerant vendors who may desire to peddle, hawk, vend or sell any stoves, ranges, wagons, carriages, buggies, carts, surreys or other kinds of four-wheeled or two-wheeled vehicles or fanning mills, or similar goods, wares or merchandise, within such county, which fee shall be so fixed at not less than $200 nor more than $500 per calendar year. Provided, however, that the license fee to be paid by such peddlers, hawkers and itinerant vendors shall be $200 per calendar year in each county in this state from and after this date, when this act takes effect, until otherwise fixed and determined by the County Court of such county. No license shall issue for a shorter or other period than a calendar year."

The other two sections of the act relate to the manner of procuring a license and fix the penalty for violation of the act.

The act does not apply to any incorporated town whose charter invests it with power to license peddlers.

The act of 1905 is an amendment of the act of 1903, and therefore supplants it. Under the law as it now stands peddlers of jewelry, dry goods, merchandise, sewing machines and all articles except the few mentioned can operate without a license.

AMENDS A REPEALED LAW.

Why a Road Act Passed by the Last Session Is Void.

SALEM, April 15.—(Special.)—Attorney-General Crawford rendered an opinion today holding that the act of 1905, known as House Bill 259, is void and of no effect because it attempted to amend a law which had been repealed in 1903. The act in question purports to amend section 4820 of the code. That section provides that the right of the public to the use of city streets and county roads shall not be extinguished by adverse possession. This section was expressly repealed by the act of 1903, embodying a new road law, but the terms of the section repealed were incorporated in that act. The Legislature of 1905 sought to amend the section by adding this proviso: "That the County Court of the proper county may order the vacation of any road or part thereof in such county upon the application of any person over whose lands such road may have been located, when it shall be made to appear from such application that such road has not been used for vehicles for a period of five years."

The Attorney-General holds that the act of 1905 cannot be construed to be a new act so far as this additional proviso is concerned, for the title of the act merely refers to the amendment of section 4820, and there being no such section, the whole act fails for want of a proper title.

As the matter now stands, the law declaring that the right of the public to the use of streets and roads shall not be extinguished by adverse possession remains in force as enacted in 1903, but the only law for the vacation of roads is the general provision regarding the establishment, alteration or vacation of roads upon the petition of 12 freeholders. For the information of the public Secretary Dunbar will include the void act in the pamphlet copy of the road laws and append a note explaining why it is void.

BOOM IN RAPID RIVER.

Big Mill and a Railway Are Among Developments Promised.

WEISER, Idaho, April 15.—(Special.)—A mining boom is promised for the Rapid River mining district in the northern part of this county. President Nevin, of the Iron Springs Consolidated Mining Company, one of the strongest mining corporations in the state, returned yesterday from the East, where he had been for the past two months purchasing machinery for the mine and mill. A 100-ton cyanide plant and complete electrical plant to operate it was purchased by Mr. Nevin. These are expected to be installed and in operation by next Fall.

The company will also grade a road from the mine to a junction with the line of the proposed extension of the Pacific & Idaho Northern Railway from Council to Meadows. The grade will be used as a wagon road this year, and next year an electric railway line will run from the railroad to the mine, a distance of 20 miles.

The Rankin mill, on Rapid River, which has been idle for the past two years, has been purchased by an association of mining men and will be operated this Summer on Rapid River ores.

ELECTIVE COURSE OF STUDY

President Campbell Explains the Change at the State University.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, April 15.—(Special.)—While discussing the elective course of study, as adopted by the State University a week ago, upon which there has been some comment throughout the state, President P. L. Campbell said in substance today as follows:

"The change recently made in the course of study at the university has been under consideration by the faculty for nearly a year. The group system with about half the work elective has been in use during the past six years. The change is in the direction of greater flexibility, enabling the student to adopt his course more perfectly to his individual needs and capabilities. A sufficient unity is insured by the requirement of a major subject, in which one-third of his work may be demanded by his major professor. The major professor is also the student's adviser, assisting him in making up his general study card. The major subject is selected by the student at entrance, but may be changed by the simple filing of a request at the end of any year. By this arrangement the student is assured of comparative freedom of choice, and is also provided with a competent adviser.

"The average age of students entering is about 20 years, and the entrance requirements call for the completion of a four-year high school course, so there is little risk in allowing students a large degree of freedom in selecting their work when they come to the university. The high school course covers about the same work as had usually been completed at the end of the sophomore year in the New England college of 30 years ago.

"The strong tendency of the present time is to give the student a chance to do intensive work in some one department during his college course. On the other hand, he is to be guarded against too narrow specialization and a safeguard against this danger is provided by limiting his major to a maximum of 40 credits, or one-third of his work. He is also required to take at least two years of language other than English and must satisfy the English department of his ability to write his mother tongue with reasonable fluency and accuracy. A thesis in his major subject completes the requirements. The purpose of the thesis is to compel him to get somewhere definitely in his work.

"A limitation will be placed upon the subjects from which the freshmen may choose, by means of a list prepared by the departments. Most of the departments will offer at last one freshman course, but some will not.

"The University of Oregon has not gone to the extreme of elective work in the new course of study. Harvard, Cornell, the University of Michigan, the University of Missouri, Stanford and perhaps others have less restrictions than are found in Oregon's new courses. A number of the Western and Middle Western universities, as for example, Wisconsin, Iowa, Nebraska, California and Washington, have somewhat larger specific requirements, the number varying in the different universities. Most of these, however, have practically two-thirds of their work elective.

"Oregon does not direct her students into specific subjects, but does provide for a sufficient amount of related work, guards against their specialization, insures a reasonable proficiency in language and keeps a friendly supervision over the work of each student through the offices of major professors acting as advisers."

STRIKE IN THE MONUMENTAL

New Discovery in a Well-Known Old Mine.

GRANITE, Or., April 15.—(Special.)—A strike has just been made in the old Monumental mine, near here, that bids fair to cause no little excitement and prove of great value to the mining interests of Eastern Oregon. It was made in a winze being sunk from the lower level of the mine. The winze is now down 100 feet and for some time Manager Allen has had a crew drifting from the bottom. The new discovery shows a vein 20 feet wide. On the hanging-wall side of the ledge is two feet of solid quartz, heavily charged with antimonial ruby silver, characteristic of the deposits of silver ore formerly found in this old mine, while on the opposite side of the vein is a strong seam of gold ore carrying three ounces of gold per ton. The silver ore runs not less than 500 ounces per ton. Between these two rich shoots the entire vein is of a good milling grade. This discovery was made at a depth of about 600 feet below the apex of the Monumental ledge.

For the past four years the property has been owned by the Portland Mining & Reduction Company, of which C. J. Allen, of Portland, is manager.

"Borax" Smith a Railway Magnate.

LOS ANGELES, April 15.—(Special.)—"I will build a railway line into Bullfrog and extend it to Tonopah immediately."

This is the declaration of Frank "Borax" Smith, the borax magnate, who made the flat statement to leading mineowners of the district referred to at San Francisco on the 3rd, during a private conference. Today Smith said: "I have secured the franchise and already have sold the bonds necessary to construct the road. The cash for the work is ready. Work will be begun as soon as I have determined the point of connection with overland roads."

Smith started on his trip from Tonopah today in an automobile, accompanied by his engineer and financial manager, to cover the territory toward the Salt Lake road at Las Vegas and also look up the character of the country toward Ivanpah. It is said Smith will complete his investigations within two weeks, when work on the new road will be begun.

Heading Off the Standard Oil.

ASTORIA, Or., April 15.—(Special.)—The City Attorney has been instructed by the public property committee to prepare an ordinance for introduction at the meeting of the Council Monday forbidding the storage of crude oil or other explosives in larger quantities that 100 gallons at any one place inside the city limits. The reason for presenting this ordinance is the announced intention of the Standard Oil Company to erect a large storage tank on its property near the foot of Sixth street.

Logging Engine for Curtiss Road.

ALBANY, Or., April 15.—(Special.)—An immense logging engine for use on the new logging road of the Curtiss Lumber Company, in the Cascade Mountains near Mill City, has arrived in Albany, and will be put in operation on the road this Spring. The engine comes from the Lima Locomotive Works, in Ohio, and is the first of its size and kind to be put into use in the lumber business in Oregon. It is of a type calculated to do very heavy, rather than speedy, work, and marks the beginning of a new epoch in the lumbering industry in Linn County.

Eugene's League Delegates.

EUGENE, Or., April 15.—(Special.)—President S. H. Friendly, of the Eugene Commercial Club, has appointed the following delegates to attend the meeting of the State Development League, which is to be held in Portland on the 28th instant: G. R. Chrisman, F. M. Wilkins, H. E. Ankeny, T. G. Hendricks, G. W. Griffin, J. M. Shelley, F. W. Osburn, H. L. Traver, D. A. Paine, J. W. Hobbs, H. W. Thompson and George E. Houck.

BIDS SHOW VALUE

Major Langfitt on Sand Island Shore Privileges.

BUILDING OF CELILO CANAL

Work Should Begin in July, and by September First Everything Should Be Rushing, He Thinks.

SEATTLE, Wash., April 15.—(Special.)—It means war between the seiners and the lessees if the officials of the War Department approve Major Langfitt's recommendation and lease Sand Island, in the Columbia River, to men who would attempt to prohibit gillnetters and seiners from fishing off that body of sand.

The seiners will take the position, irrespective of the War Department's action, that the land between high and low-water mark is tideland and belongs to the state. They will hold that no lease given on the island can interfere with their seining operations and the question will have to go through the courts before the seiners will give up. In the meantime the temper of the seiners means force, if necessary. This is the interpretation of the seiners' feeling made by C. C. Dalton, attorney for the fishermen and formerly Assistant Attorney-General of this state.

The Federal courts have already ruled that Sand Island belongs to this state. A Finnish fisherman named Mattson was arrested on Sand Island for fishing on Sunday, contrary to the Oregon laws. On an application for a writ of habeas corpus, Judges Bellinger and Hanford, sitting en banc, decided the island was Washington territory. This is a feature of the Langfitt action lost sight of. All the bidders for the island's fishing rights under his circulars are residents of Oregon, and under the Washington laws cannot fish in this territory. But entirely aside from this question, an appeal has been made to the War Department to set aside the award. Off Sand Island there have been fishing several seiners employing 150 men, beside a large number of horses, boats and other appliances. The land has been used for stables, for drying nets and hauling in the seines.

When Major Langfitt advertised for bids for the island's rights, he received as his highest offer a bid that would amount to $10,000 for three years' rights. The seiners have already expended that much in clearing out the ground so that they could fish. Divers and dynamite have been used for the purpose, and they do not propose to lose this investment without a fight.

PRESIDENT OF WILLAMETTE PRESBYTERIAL SOCIETY.

Mrs. J. B. Horner.

CORVALLIS, Or., April 15.—(Special.)—Mrs. J. B. Horner, of Corvallis, was elected president of the Willamette Presbyterial Society at the annual session, held in Dallas April 12. This association during the past year collected about $1000 for home and foreign missions and the freedmen. The Willamette and Olympia Presbyterial Societies are responsible for the maintenance of Dr. Maude Allen, of Portland, medical missionary in India. The Presbyterial societies, with a membership of 3060 active workers, turn into the treasury of the Presbyterian church $10,000 to $12,000 annually.

MAKE INFANT INCUBATORS.

Object of Company That Has Just Been Incorporated.

SALEM, Or., April 15.—(Special.)—"Infant Incubators" is the name of a new company which filed articles of incorporation in the office of the Secretary of State today. The purpose of this novel concern is to construct and operate incubators for the care of weakly and prematurely born children. The incorporators are: B. B. Beekman, C. C. Egan and S. Shenkein, of Portland. It is understood that the company will exhibit infant incubators at the Lewis and Clark Fair.

Corporations filing articles this week are as follows:

Shipping Company, principal office Portland; capital stock $900; incorporators, R. L. Gilsan, L. E. Crouch and W. B. Beebe.

Woodmere Water Company, Portland, capital stock $10,000; incorporators, Robert A. Taylor, G. C. Purdin and George W. Brown.

Andrew Kan & Co., Portland, capital stock $50,000; incorporators, Andrew Kan, H. H. Parker and J. C. Flanders.

Ontario Snake River Irrigation Company, Ontario, capital stock $25,000; incorporators, G. A. Pogue, J. P. Schail and Kate Fisher.

Roseburg Rochdale Company, Roseburg, capital stock $5000; incorporators, R. Robertson, W. Y. Anderson, F. A. McCall, C. W. Marty and F. E. Cavender.

Hiawatha Mining Company, Portland, capital stock $50,000; incorporators, James E. Walker, J. F. Eshelman and E. B. McFarland.

Enterprise Grain & Mill Company, Portland, capital stock $25,000; incorporators, Charles Wilkins, J. E. Murphy and Dan R. Murphy.

Lee Investment Company, Portland, capital stock $10,000; incorporators, W. L. Wood, G. E. Bruere and A. M. Mackie.

Basin Mining Company, Portland, capital stock $200,000; incorporators, A. H. Tregs, W. J. Lindsey and O. M. Swan.

Pendleton Iron Works, Pendleton, capital stock $20,000; incorporators, Marion Jack, William L. Zeiger and Fremont Arnold.

A. C. Churchill & Co., Inc., Portland, capital stock $5000; incorporators, A. C. Churchill, Elias Brong and Arthur C. Spencer.

The Kramer Gold Mining & Milling Company, Roseburg, capital stock $100,000; incorporators, Willis Kramer, Lulu Kramer, H. L. Marsters, E. C. Flint and J. H. Booth.

The Galveston Flood Company, Portland, capital stock $10,000; incorporators, Robert Wakefield, William Jacobsen, J. J. Tinker and John Adams.

The Fidelity Press, Portland, capital stock $10,000; incorporators, Charles E. Short, G. Leroy De Truax, Cliff Ackley and Robert Jennings.

Farmers' & Mechanics' State Bank, North Powder, capital stock $25,000; incorporators, H. O. Gorham, N. B. Bowman, S. M. Mann, W. J. Cavender and Chris Johnson.

Infant Incubators, Portland, capital stock $5000; incorporators, S. Schenkein, C. C. Egan and B. B. Beekman.

The Water Chutes Company, Portland, capital stock $10,000; incorporators, J. J. Tinker, William Jacobsen and A. C. U. Berry.

OREGON SYSTEM IS BETTER

State Uniformity in Books Improvement Over Washington Method.

SALEM, Or., April 15.—(Special.)—"In my opinion the Oregon system of state uniformity in the adoption of public school text-books is better than the Washington system of county uniformity," said Superintendent of Public Instruction J. H. Ackerman, today. Superintendent Ackerman has just returned from Walla Walla, where he attended a county teachers' institute, and where he had an opportunity to discuss educational subjects with prominent educational workers of the sister state.

"There are three reasons why the system of state uniformity is better," continued Superintendent Ackerman.

"First, the adoption of a list of text-books to be used throughout the state makes possible a course of study which shall be exactly the same in every county. If different text-books are used, the courses of study must be different in many particulars, though prepared upon one general plan. Under our system of state uniformity, a pupil may go from a public school in one county to a public school in any other county and his work has been such that he easily continues his studies in the new school.

"Second, a pupil removing from one county to another need not buy new books, for he finds the same books in use wherever he goes.

"Third, a teacher removing from one county to another not only finds her new school pursuing the same course of study to which she has been accustomed, but she finds them using books with which she is familiar. There is no confusion or loss of time. The system of state uniformity is more economical than that of county uniformity."

Superintendent Ackerman has been invited to address the King County teachers' institute, which will be held at Seattle during the coming week, and has accepted the invitation.

GRIDIRONING UPPER MONTANA

Franchise Granted for Electric Lines in Cascade Country.

GREAT FALLS, Mont., April 15.—The Cascade County Commissioners today granted to Dr. Ernest Crutcher, of this city, and his associates a franchise for the construction of electric railway lines on all of the highways of the county. It is the purpose of Crutcher to apply for similar franchises in Teton, Fergus and Lewis and Clark Counties, and he announces that his project contemplates the gridironing of Northern Montana with electric lines. He states that he has financial backing from California and Chicago men to the amount of $3,000,000.

The franchise provides that the construction of the lines authorized shall be begun within one year.

Dr. Crutcher contemplates, among the first projects to be undertaken, lines to Lewiston and Chouteau, with a branch from the latter to Augusta.

Serves Restraining Order on Company

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., April 14.—Deputy United States Marshal Jacob Proebatel arrived here last night and served the complaint and order restraining the Klamath Canal Company from diverting water from Upper Klamath Lake.

C. N. Hawkins, president of the Klamath Canal Company, refused the offer of the Klamath Water-Users' Association of approximately $100,000 for the Klamath Canal Company's property at a conference held yesterday afternoon between the consulting board of Government engineers of the Reclamation Service and representatives from the two associations mentioned.

President Hawkins offered the entire canal property to the Government for $250,000. The water-users would allow only actual cost of construction and what they consider a reasonable bonus. This leaves the Government and the Klamath Canal Company apparently as far apart as ever on the question of rights in the Klamath Government irrigation project.

Increasing Asylum Accommodations.

OLYMPIA, Wash., April 15.—(Special.)—The $101,000 appropriated by the last Legislature for buildings at the Western Washington Hospital for the Insane will be used by the Board of Control in erecting and equipping two detached ward buildings. The buildings will be duplicates in outward appearance, but one will be designed on an arrangement particularly for the care of tuberculosis patients. Each building will accommodate about 120 patients. They will be constructed of brick and reinforced concrete. The calls for sealed proposals for construction of buildings and for plumbing and steam heating were mailed to contractors today. The proposals will be opened May 1.

Tried Suicide in Smoking-Car.

HAVRE, Mont., April 15.—Mike Rossa, an Italian laborer on his way to Rome, cut his throat in the smoking-car of the Great Northern flyer near Cut Bank today, jumped out of the window and disappeared. A few hours later he walked into town with blood still flowing from the gash and fainted. When searched $2000 was found on him. His wound was sewed up, and he may recover. He would give no reason for the act.

Shot From Behind.

GLASGOW, Mont., April 15.—The body of the unknown man found on the banks of the Missouri, near here, has been identified as that of John Ehlars, who lived on a ranch across the river from where the body was found. The man had been dead for at least three weeks. Apparently he had been on his way home and was shot from behind.

New Postmaster at Astoria.

ASTORIA, Or., April 15.—(Special.)—Captain Grenville Reed's term as Postmaster in this city expired with the close of official business hours this evening. He was succeeded by Hon. John Hahn. O. F. Hellborn has been reappointed as assistant postmaster, and it is understood no changes will be made in the employes of the department.

Hiddleson Accidentally Shot.

OREGON CITY, Or., April 15.—(Special.)—A further investigation into the circumstances of the finding the dead body of Hugh Hiddleson near this city Thursday entirely disproves the suicide theory and confirms the verdict of the Coroner's jury, which was death by accidental shooting.

California's Orange Crop.

LOS ANGELES, April 15.—Railway authorities estimate the new orange crop at between 30,000 and 35,000 cars. The present crop now being marketed will exceed 30,000 cars, as against 26,000 cars, the advance figures issued by the shippers while the fruit was still in bud.

Accidents at Logging Camp.

SPOKANE, Wash., April 15.—C. Lenegar, of Spokane, was today killed by a falling tree, and a Mr. Hill was seriously injured by being crushed between logs on a skidway at the Spirit Valley Lumber Mills, near Newport, Wash.

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SEATTLE IS BETTER

J. Wilbur Chapman Compares That City With Portland.

ON BASIS OF DANCE HALLS

Found This Place Morally and Spiritually Deficient — Evangelists Making Greater Progress in the Sound City.

SEATTLE, Wash., April 15.—(Special.)—Evangelist J. Wilbur Chapman said in an interview tonight that Seattle dance halls are more moral than those of Portland. This was his view from trips taken through the slums of both cities.

"In Seattle the dance halls only sell soft drinks," he declared. "In Portland they sell beer and other intoxicants."

It was suggested to Dr. Chapman that he had neglected to make an examination of the boxes where the soft-drink emporiums retail beer when the police are not about.

"Well," he retorted, "in Portland they sell beer on the floors and make a public display of liquor dispensing. The whole tone of the dance halls in Portland is worse than in Seattle.

"But there is coming a change in Portland. The people there are waking up and they are demanding a cleaner government. I believe they are going to get it. The Sheriff of Multnomah County is a strong man. I have been told that he spurned an offer of $5000, made by certain interests to allow them to continue uninterrupted and later, when another offer of $50,000 was made, he turned that down, too. He has done a great deal toward cleaning up the town, but it is not nearly so clean as Seattle.

"Morally and spiritually, Seattle is ahead of Portland. I think, too, we have made greater progress here than we did within the same length of time at Portland."

FIRE DEPARTMENT IS PROMPT

Saves San Francisco From an Expensive Blaze.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 15.—(Special.)—What might have been a disastrous fire, had it not been for the prompt and effective work of the Fire Department, was discovered in the immense five-story brick building at the corner of Pacific and Front streets at 6:45 o'clock this morning.

The fire started in some mysterious manner on the fourth floor of the structure, just above 705-707 Front street, which is occupied by the Crown Paper Company, and spread rapidly to the third and second floors, where the same corporation has immense stocks of paper and paper bags stored. The flames were issuing from all the windows when the first division of the department arrived, and a second alarm was promptly turned in from box 354. The burning paper was deluged with tons of water, and it is estimated that damage to this stock alone will reach something like $20,000.

A. Zellebach & Sons also lose heavily by the fire. They carry a $20,000 paper stock and the basement is flooded by the water that was used to deluge the burning stock on the floors above. In the basement, on the corner of Front and Pacific streets, occupied by the Standard Biscuit Company, it will require $2000 to cover the damage done by the water.

Henry Miller opened the store at 6:35 o'clock, and at that time there was a great volume of smoke on every floor. He made his way to the fourth floor, where the fire was burning fiercely, but there was nothing to show how it started. He at once turned in a second alarm and telephoned to Manager L. Schwabacher. When the manager reached the scene he superintended the covering of the stock to save it from further damage. He insisted that it will take about $2000 to repair the damage done the building.

MEMORIAL TO HALL M'ALLISTER

Statue of California Jurist Unveiled at San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 15.—(Special.)—There was a christening by the rain as well as an unveiling in the ceremonies which attended the dedication of the statue of Hall McAllister this morning in front of the Hall of Records. The heroic figure of the dead jurist was swathed in white canvas and the speakers' platform, back of it, was decorated with bunting. On the platform were Hall McAllister, the son of the well-known lawyer, who is visiting San Francisco with Margaret Anglin's Company; Otis McAllister and others.

Hall McAllister, one of California's most famous jurists, died in 1888. A year ago a movement was inaugurated to gather funds for the erection of a monument to the eminent counsellor.

SPRING FISHING SEASON OPENS

Deliveries at Astoria Salmon Canneries Are Unusually Light.

ASTORIA, Or., April 15.—(Special.)—The Spring fishing season opened at noon today, but as there was very little illegal fishing during the closed season, the deliveries at the canneries this evening were unusually light. The fish delivered were of excellent quality, but average small. The prices paid were 5 and 6 cents per pound.

Many Fishermen Take Out Licenses.

ASTORIA, Or., April 15.—(Special.)—Up to today 608 gillnet fishing licenses for the year 1905 have been issued by Fish Warden Van Dusen, whereas on the corresponding date of last year only 294 had been issued. The increase is due in a great degree to the fact that a patrol boat has been out every day during the closed season and has visited all sections of the river. Another cause is that many of the fishermen will begin fishing much earlier than last year, and in addition to this the license fee is now only $2.50, but when the new law goes into effect on May 18 the license fee will be advanced to $5, and many of the gillnetters are taking advantage of the lower rate. Eight licenses for seines have also been issued and all were taken by the Tallant-Grant Packing Company.

Success of the Fish Ladder.

OREGON CITY, Or., April 15.—(Special.)—The success of the fish-ladder, installed at Willamette Falls in this city last Summer, finds proof in the presence of a great many salmon in the Molalla River. Dee Wright, of Liberal, reports that he recently saw a single school consisting of a score of full-grown salmon in the Upper Molalla River, near Liberal. Mr. Wright says that this is the greatest number of salmon that has been seen in that stream since before the paper mills were constructed in this city, shutting off the only natural means the salmon had for reaching the Upper Willamette and its tributaries.

Good Run at Warrendale.

WARRENDALE, Or., April 15.—(Special.)—The salmon season opened here today with the fish of good size and quality. There were few steelheads, the run being almost entirely chinooks.

At the McGowan cannery here 6½ cents a pound was paid for fish, both for canning and cold storage. At the McGowan canneries, on the lower river, 6 cents was paid. Cannerymen say the run today was better than on the opening day in 1904.

Two Gillnets Seized.

ASTORIA, Or., April 15.—(Special.)—Deputy Fish Commissioner Burton and Deputy Fish Warden Webster, who have been patrolling the river during the closed season, captured two gillnets near Maygers yesterday. The officers have seized about a dozen nets this season, and condemnation proceedings are to be commenced at once so that the nets can be sold.

MINERS RAN OUT THE JAPS

Brown's Valley Men Wouldn't Let Them Work Ten Minutes.

MARYSVILLE, Cal., April 15.—(Special.)—Some time ago three Japanese who went from this city to Brown's Valley to work upon an old dump there for a new mining company, were advised to leave after they had worked about ten minutes. It seems that the men of Brown's Valley do not believe in allowing the Japanese to take their places, so about a dozen of them swooped down upon the three Japanese and ordered them to leave in double-quick time. They took the hint and returned to Marysville with all possible speed.

Word was received here today that they have reported the incident to the Japanese Minister, and that official has notified the United States Government that the treaty between the nations has been violated. It is reported an investigation will be made by the United States authorities.

Gambler Gets One Year.

SPOKANE, Wash., April 15.—Del Stimson, convicted of conducting a gambling game, was sentenced to one year in the State Penitentiary by Judge Carey this morning. Stimson has given notice of appeal to the Supreme Court. His appeal bond is fixed at $1000, which he has not yet given.

Well-Known Montana Indian Killed.

DEER LODGE, Mont., April 15.—The dead body of George Payne, a Cherokee Indian, was found on the railroad track near this place this morning by section men. The cause of death is unknown. Payne was one of the leading members of his tribe and a well-known character in the Northwest, having participated in nearly every mining rush in the West since 1852. He was a friend of Senator Heyburn, of Idaho, and during late years had been befriended by him.

Treatment Groves Complains Of.

OREGON CITY, Or., April 15.—(Special.)—Being assaulted with a chair and chased about the house with a broom is treatment to which H. T. Groves, of Portland, seriously objects, and as a result he today filed suit for divorce from Della L. Groves, whom he charges with this unnatural conduct. The parties were married at Vancouver, Wash., in 1886, and the mistreatment complained of was perpetrated in Portland during the years 1903 and 1904, terminating in abandonment of the plaintiff by the defendant in November of 1904.

Ione Will Own Its Light.

IONE, Or., April 15.—(Special.)—At a special election held here yesterday it was decided by an overwhelming majority to issue bonds to cover the cost of a municipal electric lighting plant, which will be installed immediately. The city has just put in a public water system costing about $11,000 and at the same time installed enough power to run the lights, so that now the generators, etc., will cost the city only about $4000.

DAILY METEOROLOGICAL REPORT.

PORTLAND, April 15.—Maximum temperature, 57 deg.; minimum, 48 deg. River reading at 11 A. M., 42 feet; change in past 24 hours, rise, 0.2 feet. Total precipitation, 5 P. M. to 5 P. M., 0.22 inch; total since September 1, 1904, 27.87 inches; normal since September 1, 1904, 40.01 inches; deficiency, 12.14 inches. Total sunshine April 14, 1905, 5 hours and 47 minutes; possible, 13 hours and 30 minutes. Barometer (reduced to sea level) at 5 P. M., 29.88.

PACIFIC COAST WEATHER.

STATIONS.	Maximum temp.	Precipitation past 12 hours.	Wind. Velocity.	Wind. Direction.	State of weather.
Baker City	58	0.00	8	SW	Cloudy
Bismarck	32	T	14	NW	Cloudy
Boise	66	T	10	W	Cloudy
Helena	44	0.01	8	N	Cloudy
Kamloops, B. C.	58	0.00	6	E	Cloudy
North Head	56	0.18	26	SE	Clear
Pocatello	64	0.00	8	SE	Pt. Cldy.
Portland	57	0.22	8	E	Cloudy
Red Bluff	56	0.62	16	SE	Cloudy
Roseburg	60	0.24	4	SW	Pt. Cldy.
Sacramento	56	0.62	10	SE	Cloudy
Salt Lake City	66	0.00	6	SE	Cloudy
San Francisco	62	0.36	8	W	Cloudy
Spokane	60	0.01	4	SW	Rain
Seattle	52	0.12	4	NW	Cloudy
Tatoosh Island	50	0.12	18	E	Cloudy
Walla Walla	58	T	4	W	Cloudy

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WEATHER CONDITIONS.

During the last 12 hours general rains have occurred in Northern California, Western Oregon and Western Washington, and the weather is cloudy and threatening in the eastern portions of these states and in Idaho.

It is much cooler in Northern California, but elsewhere the changes in temperature have been small and unimportant.

The indications are for showers in this district Sunday.

WEATHER FORECASTS.

Forecasts made at Portland for the 28 hours ending at midnight, April 16.

Portland and vicinity—Showers. Southwesterly winds.

Oregon and Washington—Showers. Southwesterly winds.

Idaho—Showers.

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