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ANNUAL REPORT SECY. DUNBAR

Would Pay Long List of Expenditures From the General Fund of the State.

PLAN WOULD SIMPLIFY THE STATE'S ACCOUNTS.

Probability That the Revenue for All Purposes Needed by the State During 1905 Will Exceed $1,000,000—Recommends the Removal of the Mute School—Commends the Inheritance Tax Law and Recommends a Gross Earnings Tax on Quasi-Public Business — Would Amend the Census Law.

Salem, Dec. 15.—In his annual report, Secretary of State Dunbar suggests the abolishment of the agricultural college and various other funds, and that the amounts be arranged so that they can be paid out of the general fund at any time. He finds objection in that these funds have to be always on hand while other funds are out of money.

"A multiplicity of funds" he says, "is a source of extra work frequently holding up money needed for other purposes, and when disbursed through other channels than this office, as other expenses of the state government, they are not always accounted for."

Among his estimates for the expenses of the state government during the coming two years there appears $20,000 for state fair premium list, and all the general expenses as provided by law, and he says, "while the estimated amount of revenue required for state purposes for the year 1905 to be apportioned January next cannot be foretold with any absolute certainty, the probabilities are that it will exceed $1,000,000, due principally to the necessity of providing for the remainder of the appropriation for the Lewis and Clark centennial exposition and to deficiencies in the appropriation for expenses of the asylum and penitentiary, and for public grinting for the year 1903 and 1904, and to a smaller amount of receipts from miscellaneous sources."

Mr. Dunbar says:

"The removal of the mute school from its present location to the corporate limits of the city has been urged, the estimated expenses of which, for new buildings and furnishings, is $70,000, and it is proposed that the buildings now used by the school will be converted to an institution for the care of feebleminded children, or a reformatory for female juvenile offenders."

In a discussion of the Eddy corporation law which Secretary Dunbar commends, he suggests a law providing for the dissolution of corporations that have ceased doing business, by proclamation of the governor.

Dunbar commends the inheritance tax law, and says that it is working satisfactorily. Of insurance laws he says:

"I respectfully invite your attention to section 3724 of our statutes, which provides that 'All orders or secret societies and other benevolent, fraternal, co-operative societies, associated or incorporated for the sole purpose of mutual protection and relief of members only, and for the payment of stipulated sums of money to the families of deceased members, or for property of its members only, destroyed by fire, and not for profit, are hereby declared not to be fire or life insurance companies in the sense and meaning of the insurance laws of the state, and are exempt from the provisions of all insurance laws.' This is a cloak which is being used to cover impracticable schemes and foist upon our citizens fake societies organized solely for the benefit of those formulating the plan. Many inquiries are received for information in regard to the standing of this class of companies, which the department is unable to furnish."

Secretary Dunbar renews his recommendations for the enactment of a franchise or gross earnings tax on quasi-public corporations. In this connection he says:

"A study of the question has led me to the conclusion, however, that the method adopted by other states requiring such companies to pay a tax upon their gross earnings, the same as insurance companies are now required under our statiutes, would be a much more simple and better plan and more readily understood and easily complied with.

"It is proper, also, in this connection, that attention should be called to the fact that companies owning and operating dining and buffet cars and steamboats, while engaged in carrying passengers within the state, sell liquor without obtaining a county or state license. As a measure for increasing the state's revenue, I respectfully suggest that this matter be inquired into."

The attention of the legislature is called to the fact that the law requires that a census be taken in 1905, and that if the statute referred to is adhered to strictly there will be much information left out of the census that should be gathered for the benefit of the state.

NO LODGE DOCTORS.

Unprecedented Action by Sonoma County Doctors.

Santa Rosa, Cal., Dec. 15.—Sonoma County Medical Society has decided there shall be no more lodge doctors i nthe county. The resolution as adopted takes effect January 5. The members will suffer expulsion to do lodge work any more.

This will probably have the effect of raising sick benefits in many lodges which are now in the habit of furnishing medical services to members free. The matter has created a sensation in lodge circles.

DENVER SPRINGS NEW SENSATION

Charges of Rank and Vicious Partisanship Against United States Senators.

PATTERSON AND TELLER ARE THICK IN THE FRAY.

They Are Accused of Neglecting Official Duties to "Fight for Democratic Crooks Now on Trial"—They Come Back With a Stiff Defense of Their Action and With Retaliatory Charges Against the Republican Manipulators—Supreme Court in Session.

Denver, Dec. 15.—A political sensation is caused by the flooding of the city with circulars charging Senators Patterson and Teller with "neglecting their duties in Washington in order to remain in Denver and fight for the democratic crooks now on trial in the supreme court," and calling upon them to resign because of frauds in the elections at which the legislature which sent them to Washington was chosen.

In a signed statement this morning Patterson says: "Teller is here because of the illness of Mr. Teller, Jr." He charges the republicans with conspiracy to rob Governor-elect Adams of his seat, steal the senate and pack the supreme court for corporation purposes.

He concluded he could do more good in Denver than in Washington, by aiding to defeat the conspiracy.

Supreme Court Hears Contempt Cases

Denver, Dec. 15.—The supreme court this morning resumed the hearing of the contempt cases against election officials. Police Captain Lee, charged with fraud in precinct 2, was discharged because of lack of evidence.

IDENTIFIED.

Witnesses Recognize Mrs. Chadwick as an Ex-convict.

Cleveland, Dec. 15.—Mrs. F. M. Kissinger, of Columbus, formerly an employe of the woman's department of the penitentiary, called at the jail today and recognized Mrs. Chadwick as Lydia Devere, who served a term in the prison. Mrs. Kissinger's mother-in-law, who was formerly matron in the prison, also identified the prisoner as Mme. Devere.

Will Issue a Statement.

Cleveland, Dec. 15.—Mrs. Chadwick spent a restful night in jail. She slept from 1 until after 8, consulted her lawyers this morning and continued the declaration she will soon issue a statement that will startle the city.

Chadwick Is in Paris.

Paris, Dec. 15.—Despite the statement of Mrs. Chadwick that her husband had sailed for America, Dr. Chadwick is still here. He said, however, it was his intention to return home.

SEVASTOPOL IS AFLOAT.

Japanese Torpedo Boat Attacking Her Is Missing.

Tokio, Dec. 15.—Further details of the torpedo attacks upon the battleship Sevastopol are received:

"One torpedo boat is still missing, the remainder returned in safety. The Sevastopol's bow yesterday had sunk three feet from 11:30, December 14, to 3 o'clock this morning. The torpedo boats kept up an incessant attack on the Sevastopol, the torpedo boat Orvazny and the commissary ship. Details are not yet reported, but at 9 this morning the observation station reports the Sevastopol's bow has further sunk and the torpedo tube is submerged completely."

Sevastopol Afloat.

Tokio, Dec. 15.—A dispatch from Port Arthur announces definitely that the Sevastopol has been damaged, but is still afloat.

Japanese Cruiser Ashore.

Chefoo, Dec. 15.—It is reported a Japanese cruiser is ashore in Yungching Bay, 63 miles southeast of Chefoo.

WANTS PART OF ARIZONA.

Kearns Introduces Bill for Annexation to Utah.

Washington, Dec. 15.—Senator Kerns today introduced a bill providing for the annexation to Utah of all that portion of Arizona lying north of the Colorado river.

The portion of Arizona affected is about 80 square miles in area. It is north of the Grand Canyon, and on that account inaccessible to authorities of Arizona. It is said it now forms a haven for criminals.

BATTLESHIP EXPLOSION.

Four Men Killed by Blowing Out of a Manhole.

Philadelphia, Dec. 15.—Three workmen were blown to death by an explosion on the battleship Massachusetts off League Island this afternoon.

Later—Four were killed and two probably fatally injured. They were making repairs in the engine room when a manhole blew out.

New Spanish Cabinet.

Madrid, Dec. 15.—General Azcarraga today confirmed the report that he had been asked to form a new cabinet. Senor Maura, the retiring premier, has promised him his support.

GOV. FERGUSON THROWS LIGHT ON PROPOSITION.

That Commonwealth Has Experienced an Almost Unprecedented Growth in Population and Wealth—During the Past Year Over a Million and a Half Acres of Land Have Been Taken by Homesteaders—Six Hundred and Eighty-nine Miles of Railroad Built During Past Year.

Washington, Dec. 15.—"The flag of our republic will not be complete until on its fields of blue is placed the rising start of Oklahoma," says the annual report of Governor T. B. Ferguson, of Oklahoma, made public today. The report adds:

"With 700,000 people, $540,000,000 worth of property, the major portion of our public expenses bestowed upon our schools, unprecedented advancement along all lines of enterprise, it seems that congress should give the authority to exercise in full the rights of American citizens."

Speaking of the growth of the territory, the report says:

"The immigration to Oklahoma during the past year has been quite heavy. Over a million and a half acres of public land has been taken up by the homesteader. This alone means an increase in population of from 40,000 to 50,000 people. The larger portion of the buyers of farm property were homeseekers from other states."

The total immigration is placed at nearly 100,000, made up of "people young and energetic, with some capital to invest, with education, with an appreciation of religious and social advantages, morally and physically equipped to become some of the best citizens of the future state of Oklahoma."

The increase in the assessment value of property in the territory is placed at $6,474,601, and that of the bank deposits at $18,384,318. Six hundred and eighty-nine miles of railroad were built in the territory during the year, and "the only bonded indebtedness ever incurred by the territory ($48,000) has been paid off with accrued interest some 20 years before it was dut."

NATIONAL ISSUE.

Episcopal Opinion of the Negro Question in America.

Chicago, Dec. 15.—American sovereignty and progress of church work in the Philippines were praised, the negro question was declared to have shifted from a Southern to a national one, to be dealt with accordingly, and the good and bad conditions of life in Chicago have been depicted in strong terms by speakers at a great mass meeting of Chicago Episcopalians held at the Auditorium.

Fully 4000 persons, laymen and clergy, attended the meeting, which was held in the interest of Episcopal church extension at home and abroad.

Serious Ohio Drouth.

Columbus, O., Dec. 15.—Drouth has lowered the Scioto river to a low stage, and the river from which Columbus secures its water supply is today frozen solid. The superintendent today issued a warning to the people to hoard their water supply.

Opera House Burned.

Stanford, Conn., Dec. 16.—The Grand Opera House building, containing a theater, offices and several stores, burned this morning. Loss, $100,000.

OIL FIELD IS VOLCANO TORN

AN EXTRAORDINARY AND WASTEFUL PHENOMENON.

Five Wells Explode and Thousands of Acres of Oil Lands Are Torn and Fissured and Abandoned, the Loss Being Total—Piping From a Depth of a Thousand Feet to a Height of a Thousand Feet—The People Are Fleeing.

Houston, Texas, Dec. 15.—The Humble oil fields, 17 miles north of this city, are a total wreck, due to subterranean convulsions, which turned the deep wells into veritable volcanoes. Some of the stones, mud and lava were hurled 1000 feet into the air and fell over a territory of a mile in all directions. The destruction of property is almost total and will reach $50,000.

People fled from the field when the outbreak began, which was preceded by a terrible rumbling, and sought shelter as best they could from the rain of stone and mud. Clouds of phosphorescent vapors enveloped the field, giving it the appearance of a whole town wrapped in flames. Detonations like the roar of cannon could be heard 10 miles away.

Derricks were torn to atoms and machinery shattered. Great fissures opened in the earth and from them mud and vapors issued. Work was in progress at five wells yesterday morning when the upheaval came.

The earth suddenly shook, all the holes seems to turn themselves wrong side out and the deep wells became veritable volcanoes. Pipes that were 1000 feet in the earth were hurled from the ground and twisted to fragments.

FOR TWO NEW STATES.

Senate Committee Recommends Omnibus Measure.

Washington, Dec. 15.—The senate committee has reported favorably the statehood bill admitting Arizona and New Mexico as one state and Oklahoma and Indian Territory as another.

Tannery Burned.

Cincinnati, Dec. 15.—Fire this morning destroyed the plant of the Mamilton County Anchor Tannery. Loss, $100,000.

TWO DEATHS IN CONFLAGRATION

Fireman Falls to Bottom of Elevator Shaft and Burns to Death an Hour Later.

MEMBER OF INSURANCE PATROL IS MISSING.

Several Others Injured and the Financial Loss Will Aggregate $550,000—The Fire Was in the Retail District and for a Time Threatened a Large Area—Man Fell Four Stories and Was Mangled—Department Came From St. Paul to Assist—Much Damage by Smoke and Water.

Minneapolis, Dec. 14.—Jacob Millear and Joseph N. Fellows were killed and two women injured, and a property loss of $550,000 as a result of a fire that threatened the entire retail district at midnight.

Buildings totally destroyed: Boutelle Bros.' furniture house, $200,000; Ohpeck's photo supply house, $50,000; Hiteliff Manufacturing company, art goods, $50,000, and three buildings at Fifth street and First avenue, occupied by small concerns, all owned by Mrs. Irene Hale. Loss, $150,000.

Powers' department store on First avenue was damaged $100,000 by fire, water and smoke.

Saw Him Burn to Death.

The fire, which started in the Peck concern, for a time threatened the entire destruction of the retail district as far north as the West Hotel. At midnight appeals were sent to St. Paul for help and two engines were sent by special train.

At 12:30 the falling walls of the Hale building gave the firemen a better chance to fight the fire, which was shortly under control.

Jacob Miller, of the fire insurance patrol, fell into an open elevator shaft. His comrades could not rescue him and were compelled to witness his death from flames an hour later.

Thousands of spectators saw Tony Wilson fall four stories to almost certain death. Both legs were broken and his condition is critical. He, with Fellows, were on the fifth floor with a line of hose and were driven out by a burst of flames. Fellows was burned to death before reaching the windows. Wilson tumbled headlong to the street.

H. J. Buckley, a member of the insurance patrol, is missing and it is believed has been killed by a falling wall.

WILL BE TRIED IN APRIL.

Land Fraud Cases Postponed on Motion of the Prosecution.

Portland, Dec. 14.—Assistant Attorney General Heney this morning made a motion to postpone the second land fraud case to the April term of court on account of his having to work on the Hyde-Dimond land case which he prosecutes in the Washington courts. It was granted and the court immediately issued a call for another federal grand jury to meet Monday to take up other similar cases.

In his address to the jury in the last case tried, Heney plainly intimated evidence was to be submitted to the grand jury against Loomis, formerly a special agent of the land department, and S. B. Ormsby, formerly superintendent of forest reserves. Heney also declared that George Sorenson had been a party to the Puter conspiracy.

In addition, it is rumored that two members of the state legislature and some other prominent persons will be called upon to explain their apparent complicity in the fraud.

It is probable the reason for reconvening the grand jury is for serving indictments before barred by the statute of limitations. The defendants are jubilant and claim the reason Heney asked for delay was that he realized he will be unable to convict.

Sentence Sustained.

Washington, Dec. 14.—The court of appeals this afternoon handed down an opinion sustaining the verdict in the postoffice conspiracy cases which resulted in the convention in August of W. Machen, Diller B. Groff, Samuel A. Groff and George R. Lorenz, and sentence of two years imprisonment and a fine of $10,000. The only recource now is the supreme court.

SALSBURY HAS DISAPPEARED.

Left Home Last Thursday With a Team and Wagon, Destined for Touchet, Wash.—Has Not Written or Sent Word to His Wife, or Been Seen Since the Following Day—His Wife Is Alarmed and Mystified.

Kissing his wife and babies boodby, J. S. Salsbury drove away from his home in this city a week ago to make a trip to Touchet, Wash., a small station 16 miles west of Walla Walla. The following day, December 9, he was seen in Walla Walla, but since then has not been heard from. His wife fears he has met with some mishap.

Mrs. Salsbury came to Recorder Fitz Gerald's office this morning and told of her husband's disappearance, and declared she knew of no reason why he should desert her, and that he should have returned home by this time if no harm has come to him.

The Salsburys reside at 2150 Webb street. The husband, when he departed, took with him a team and wagon. He was dressed in a dark coat and vest and brown trousers. He had on a light felt hat. Salsbury is 27 years of age, light complexioned, brown hair and blue eyes and is about 5 feet 7 inches tall.

EXPECT TO COUNT IN GOV. PEABODY

Republican Supreme Court of Colorado is Getting in Its Work.

WHOLESALE THROWING OUT OF CITY PRECINCTS.

Believed That the Supreme Court Will Conduct a Complete Reversal of the Results of the November Election in Colorado—The precedent Set by Today's Decision Will Have That Effect if Carried to Its Partisan Conclusion—Grand Jury Returns 24 Indictments at Pueblo.

Pueblo, Dec. 14.—The special grand jury has returned 25 indictments for election frauds.

Counting Out Adams.

Denver, Dec. 14.—Leonard Rogers, the well known democratic leader, Police Captain Lee and four other democratic election officers in precinct 2, ward 7, were placed on trial in the supreme court today, charged with fraud in the recent election. There is a growing belief the court will throw out enough wards in Denver to wipe out Adams' plurality of 5000 and seat Peabody.

Counting in Peabody.

At noon the court decided to throw out all votes in precinct eight, ward seven, establishing a precedent which will probably mean the seating of Peabody. This is one precinct in which fraud is proved. Many others will be scrutinized.

SIX MEN TREED.

Persistence of a Little Dog Results in Their Capture.

Sioux City, Ia., Dec. 14.—After a posse had failed to locate them, a little shaggy yellow dog yesterday stood guard over six bank robbers he had run into a straw stack and by his frantic demonstrations induced the pursuers to dig them out. The yeggmen had blown the safe of the Jolley, Ia., bank, and were traced to the farm of A. Clark, near Yetter. The posse looked over the premises and walked around the very stack where the robbers were concealed.

They gave up the search and returned to Yetter, where they were telephoned by Mrs. Clarke that the dog was barking himself sick at the stack. They returned and watched, and presently a leg was thrust out at the dog. Three burglars were dug out from the bottom of the stack, and taken to Yetter. Again Mrs. Clarke telephoned the dog was frantic about something in the straw.

A third time the posse returned, a farmer climbed the pile of straw and stepped on a burglar the first thing and instantly described a parabolic curve diving off. The other two burglars also showed themselves and announced they would fight. The posse repaired to a barn, from which they besieged the stack.

The men finally surrendered, with their guns, nitro-glycerine and all. Then the dog quit barking.

UMATILLA COUNTY NOT SELLING THE NEXT CROP.

Same Is True of All the Adjoining Counties, and the Whole Tendency Is for an Advance in Wool Prices—125,000 Fewer Sheep in Umatilla and Morrow Counties Than Last Year—2,500,000 Pounds of Wool Last Season.

Not a pound of the 1905 wool clip of the Pendleton district has been contracted for, comes the statement officially from J. H. Gwinn, secretary of the Oregon Wool Growers' association, in the Oregon Daily Journal.

This declaration practically applies to all of Eastern Oregon. There is an upward tendency of the market over last year, but so far as is known no offerings of any kind have been made.

"The outlook for next season's clip," said Gwinn, "is excellent, but there is little likelihood of more wool being produced than last spring. There are about 225,000 sheep on the Umatilla and Morrow county ranges, or 125,000 less than there were earlier in the year. Sales have been heavy thousands of head going to pastures in Nebraska for feeding purposes."

In the Pendleton district last season 2,500,000 pounds of wool were produced. The lowest price paid for this clip was 10½ cents and the highest was 15¾ cents. At Shaniko, the heart of the wool belt of Oregon, where between 8,000,000 and 9,000,000 pounds were grown, 19 cents was paid in one instance. This was the highest price recorded in the state last season.

"I believe," said Gwinn, "that prices throughout Oregon will be much better next year than they were this fall. The heavy selling of sheep to outside buyers will diminish the output, and a condition of general prosperity will have a tendency to increase the demand. When people have they money they would rather pay a little more and take woolen instead of cotton fabrics."

The mills of Pendleton use a great deal of the wool grown in this section; however, coarse wools are imported. For scouring purposes, mills prefer the coarser wools and as a rule Pendleton sheepmen raise the finer grades. Rambouillets and Delaines are the two breeds to be found on most of the ranges. For mutton purposes these are crossed with Cottswolds and Lincolns.

About 20,000,000 pounds of wool were grown in Oregon this year and most of it east of the Cascades.

Spanish Cabinet Resigns.

Madrid, Dec. 14.—The cabinet resigned today.

DOUBLE SUICIDE.

Seattle Man Makes a Sure Thing of Self-Murder.

Seattle, Dec. 14.—The unmistakable odor of gas emanating from the room of Dan Gallagher, in the A. B. C. block, 1323 Third avenue, yesterday afternoon, led to the discovery of his body bathed in blood. The man had committed suicide after a drunken debauch, the cause of which is supposed to be divorce from his wife. A tell-tale razor, smeared with blood, lay upon the floor. The throat had been cut from ear to ear and the arteries in both wrists severed. His second attempt had been successful.

A few days ago the landlady had foiled his first attempt to take his life and at that time Gallagher passed the circumstances up lightly, saying that he had just neglected to turn off the gas.

Suspecting something wrong, the landlady called in Patrolman Ribbach who forced the door. Deputy Coroner Arnold investigated the case. No inquest will be held, as the coroner says that it is a plain case of suicide. The remains were removed to the Bonney-Watson morgue. The suicide was formerly a butcher and lived in South Seattle. He has been unemployed for some time. He was about 35 years of age. A father, Pat Gallagher, lives at Renton. The dead man leaves a wife and three children.

APPEAL FROM COURT-MARTIAL.

Regular Army Man Seeks to Escape From Five-Year Sentence.

Seattle, Dec. 14.—Private Stubbs, of Co. K, Nineteenth infantry, has entered an appeal to the federal court from the courtmartial, which sentenced him to five years in a military prison for an alleged shooting at American lake last summer. Stubbs was arrested shortly after the affair and tried at Tacoma. He was acquitted.

Later he was tried by courtmartial and convicted. A five-year sentence was imposed, and he now claims that it was illegal, as he had once been in jeopardy. He arrived at Fort Lawton Saturday night and will be given a trial this week.

The shooting was the result of a quarrel and the victim died.

GREEN THREATENS LAWSON.

Afterwards Concludes That He Better Hadn't.

New York, Dec. 14.—In reply to a message from Colonel Green to Lawson that Green would be in Lawson's office in Boston at 3:30 this afternoon to denounce him, the Boston broker changed the place of meeting to the front of the old Plate house, on State street, adding: "I herewith notify you I will do all the denouncing that will be done."

Colonel Greene did not go to Boston as advertised. He announced this afternoon he had declined to make a fool of himself and be egged on to an encounter with Lawson. "I was hot when I said it," he admitted, "and the episode is closed."

Lawson Creates a Furore.

New York, Dec. 14.—The Lawson advertisement appeared in the London papers this morning and created a considerable furore. The market fell one-half to one per cent. London sold here on a fairly heavy scale.

Treaty Signed.

Washington, Dec. 14.—The arbitration treaty between the United States and Italy was signed at the state department this morning.

WALLA WALLA HAS SORE HEAD

COUNTY DIVISION STORY CONCOCTED OVER THERE.

Denied in Fractions and in Toto by Residents of the East End—Animus of the Idle Tale is to Stir Up Bad Feeling Between Pendleton and East End to Neutralize Popularity of Pendleton as a Trading Point.

A special from Athena to the Walla Walla Statesman, concerning the alleged effort to divide Umatilla county, at the coming session of the legislature, says:

"A story comes from Athena that the people residing in the eastern portion of Umatilla county will make another effort to divide that county. It is said that a number of the leading farmers and business men of that end of the county are now at work on the proposition and that they will send a large delegation of influential citizens to Salem this winter to lobby for the measure. Several attempts have been made before to divide the county, but the legislature has failed to act."

Residents of Athena, who were seen today, declare the story is an idle tale told on the streets of Walla Walla, in hopes of stirring up the people of the east end of Umatilla county to take such action.

There is no foundation for the story and people who live in the vicinity of Athena say nothing would induce them to ask for a division of the county and that the subject has been brought up by Walla Walla merchants in order to make Pendleton "feel bad."

Walla Walla merchants are disturbed over the energetic effort of Pendleton to direct Umatilla county trade this way, instead of sitting idly by and allowing it to go to a Washington town, and it is alleged, are ready for almost any emergency act, to head off the good feeling now existing between Pendleton and the other towns in Umatilla county.

Walla Walla recognizes the fact that without Milton fruits and other products, there would be little to back up Walla Walla's boasted fruit crop, and it is feared if Milton directs her trade and products to this city instead of to Walla Walla, it will be a death blow to the far-famed "Garden City."

WESTON NORMAL NEEDS $25,000

The $16,000 of Two Years Ago Was Entirely Inadequate.

REGENTS RECOMMEND THE LARGER AMOUNT.

Several Members of the Legislature Attended the Meeting of the Board, and All Are Agreed That the Institution is Meagerly Supported in Proportion to its High Character and its Needs, and Those of the Eastern Part of the State—Professor French Considered the Man for the Place.

Twenty-five thousand dollars is the amount of money that the regents of the Eastern Oregon State Normal school estimate is required to run the institution during the next two years. The board met at Weston yesterday and conferred with President R. C. French regarding the work of the present year and concerning future plans.

The regents present at the meeting were Chairman R. Alexander of Pendleton, Representative William Blakely of Pendleton, P. A. Worthington of Portland, J. W. Scriber of La Grande, H. M. Sexton of Baker City, and G. W. Proebstel of Weston. Col. J. H. Raley of this city, was the only member of the board not present. Mr. French, Representative W. D. Chamberlain and State Senator N. Whealdon of Wasco county, were also in attendance.

"The last appropriation," said Mr. Alexander, "was but $16,000, and it was inadequate. It meant the employment of cheaper help, and in an educational institution this does not pay. Mr. French has done some very good work, and is to be commended. He is undoubtedly the man for the place." All the regents and the legislators present were highly pleased with the condition of the school.

AGAINST THE PORTAGE.

Union County Grange Asks for the Repeal of the Portage Bill.

La Grande, Dec. 12.—At a meeting of Blue Mountain Grange, held in Grange hall, near this city, on last Saturday evening, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, by Blue Mountain Grange No. 545, Union county, Oregon, That we are opposed to the state of Oregon incurring the expense of building the portage railroad at the dalles of the Columbia river for the reason that we do not believe that the benefits to be derived by such building will justify the heavy expenditure necessary to build the same.

In fact, we entertain very grave doubts whether said road will be of any practical benefit to the region of country which it is expected to serve. We believe that the ship canal which the federal government proposes to build is the only means of material improvement in transportation facilities for the country interested in said improvement.

Therefore we recommend that the Oregon legislature, at its next session, repeal the act appropriating $165,000 for said portage railway.

MITA RUDOLPH MARRIED.

Her Husband a San Francisco Millionaire.

San Francisco, Dec. 14.—A dispatch was received here this afternoon announcing the marriage of Mita Rudolph, the Sacramento actress recently injured in an automobile accident at Los Angeles, in which a millionaire named Praed was killed, to Jefferson Graves, of Fresno, Cal., only heir of the late millionaire Jefferson James, of San Francisco.

Mrs. Butler Was Approached.

Chicago, Dec. 13.—Mrs. H. W. Butler, wife of Alderman Butler, was today before the council committee investigating the charges of alleged bribery made by Butler in connection with the Northwestern Elevated extension. She said she was approached and sounded as to her husband's attitude toward the ordinance. The committee will report to the council tonight.

County Treasurer Short.

Logansport, Ind., Dec. 13.—The county commissioners today announced that Treasurer Obenchain, of Cass county, missing since December 1, is $50,000 short in his accounts. Further investigation may show a shortage of $200,000.

Case Was Dismissed.

San Francisco, Dec. 14.—The charge of felony and embezzlement against Lena Walton, so called "Queen of the Klondike," was dismissed today. She was accused by Max Cutter of selling him interest in a mine to which she had no legal right.

Impeachment Proceedings.

Washington, Dec. 13.—The Swayne impeachment resolutions were placed before the house today. The report of Chairman Palmer, of Pennsylvania, went into an extended explanation of the charges.

Steamer Shoaled.

Woods Hole, Mass., Dec. 13.—A large schooner caught on Hedge Shoal in Vineyard sound last night, but cannot be seen this morning on account of the snowstorm. It is impossible to send assistance to the distressed vessel.

Fushima at Chicago.

Chicago, Dec. 14.—Prince Fushima, the Japanese, arived from the east this morning. He will be entertained here until Saturday, when he will leave for the coast.

NINE GAMBLERS UNDER ARREST

All But One Are Accused of Playing Poker or Allowing the Same to Be Played.

MAIN STREET IS NOW A "CLOSED SHOP" INDEED.

Some of the Defendants Are Proprietors, While Others Are Gamesters for the House—Several Banking Games Were Running When the Raid Was Made—Defendants Are All Released Under Bonds of $100 Each, and it Is Believed Each Will Forfeit—First Complaints in Several Months.

Nine men were placed under arrest last night by Marshal M. J. Carney and ordered to appear in the recorder's court this morning to answer to charges of gambling. Those arrested are:

"Tex" Langiver, proprietor of the Red Front saloon.

Charles Morrison, employed at Baker & Garrison's saloon.

Joe Anderson, of the Columbia Bar.

J. N. Robinson, of Bacon's saloon.

S. Letherman, of Billy and Gene's.

W. H. George, of the Mint saloon.

George Hayes, of the Merchant's Cafe.

Sam Miller and "Dutch Charley," of Baker & Ogg's saloon.

The men arrested, with the exception of Morrison, are alleged to have been playing poker, or allowing the games to be conducted in their places of business. In Baker & Garrison's saloon, a notorious Main street resort, several banking games were in operation last night. Roulette, craps and "21" games were also running.

The men arrested were released on bonds in the sum of $100 each which it is understood will be forfeited in each instance.

Gambling was running wide open in Pendleton during the summer months until one day when District Attorney G. W. Phelps happened into town and ordered all games closed. The gamblers, so far as banking games were concerned, obeyed the orders. A short time later the chief of police stopped poker playing, and no more complaints were heard until after election.

SHOT FROM LEFT TO RIGHT.

This Is a Police Surgeon's Testimony in Patterson Case.

New York, Dec. 14.—In the Patterson trial the judge ruled out all reference to the missing witness, J. Morgan Smith. William Luce, brother-in-law of Young, testified the couple quarreled the night before the death of Young. He denied that Young struck her. Young told her he was going to Europe and she declared he should not go.

Dr. Charles Phelps, the police physician, testified that as expert on gunshot wounds he made many experiments with a revolver and Young's clothing. He said the fatal shot was fired from left to right, at a distance of four inches. A lay figure was then introduced dressed with the dead man's clothes, beginning with the bloody undershirt. Miss Patterson recoiled from the sight. The witness explained his reasons for the opinion as to the way the shot was fired, using the figure to illustrate.

TURBINES INJURED.

Electric Power System Having Some Trouble.

Reports have been received in this city from the power station of the Northwestern Gas & Electric company on the Little Walla Walla, that the turbines have been injured, and it will be several days before repairs can be made. It is understood that when the water was turned on the force was so strong that the buckets were torn from the turbines.

Removed Unconscious.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 13.—Webster Hall, a building in East Boston, was burned this morning. Thirteen firemen were caught by a falling roof, and removed in an unconscious condition. Loss, $100,000.

LEAPED INTO WEALTH.

Penniless Prospector Offered $40,000 for His Interests.

Penniless five years ago, after failing in the general merchandise business in Waterville, William H. Hilscher, commonly known as "Captain" Hilscher, has just refused an offer of $40,000 for a practically undeveloped prospect in the Seven Devils mining district of Idaho, says the Sumpter Miner.

Furthermore, the former poverty-stricken man declares that $60,000 would not tempt him to sell his newly discovered property, which he believes will net him several times the sum offered. Five years ago Captain Hilscher left Waterville a bankrupt and started out to seek fortune anew. He drifted from one mining camp to another, and after prospecting through several districts in Idaho, located a claim in the Seven Devils, which he calls the Soldier Boy.

The discovery was made about three months ago. According to General Manager Adams, of the Ladd Metals company, which operates the smelter at Landore, the ore shows values of $100 a ton with 40 per cent copper, 12 per cent gold and seven per cent silver.

Captain Hilscher says the Ladd Metals company made him an offer of $40,000 for his claim, on which the only development is a shaft 15 feet in depth and some stripping of the ledge. He says the ledge is five feet in width and widens with depth.