

LET EVERYBODY LEARN THE DIFFICULTY

Seattle Has No Advantage in Distance to Alaska, Says T. G. Poston.

BETTER CONDITIONS NOW THAN DURING GOLD RUSH

Bar Which Then Was Serious Menace No Longer an Obstacle—Conceded the Portland Wholesalers Houses Are Able to Handle Trade.

T. G. Poston, representing the coal department of the Pacific Coast Steamship company, is in Portland, after an absence of three years. Mr. Poston was 11 years ago one of the company in Portland, and is familiar with early conditions here, and with the operation of steamship lines both from this port and the Sound. He believes the Pacific coast company will not again undertake to operate Alaska boats from Portland.

There is no material advantage in the route between Kvak, Valdez, Seward, Nome and Seattle over the same run to Portland, so far as distance is concerned. The round trip from Seattle would be made in nine days. From Portland it would be made in 10 days, counting a day for the run between Portland and the mouth of the Columbia. "During the Klondike rush we operated boats between Portland and Skagway. Some of the trips were profitable, others lost money. The difficulties were in lost time at the bar and indifference of some of the merchants. Coal was in short supply. Increased business would have made the boats pay, despite any other obstacle. At the end of one year, a boat's business figured up a total result of \$37 lost on the whole season's run, so close were the lines of profit and loss.

It is said conditions have changed for the better in Portland since that time. There is vastly more business, mercantile firms are stronger and more numerous, and also more actively bustling for extension of their business. The troubles formerly encountered at the bar have been reduced to a minimum. Steamships operating between Portland and San Francisco seldom have delays at the bar. The same sized craft would be amply large enough for the Alaska trade, and it is said a steamship line now starting on the Portland-Seward run would have little or none of the difficulties encountered by the earlier lines. Portland's merchants are ready now to give a line the most substantial support.

It is conceded by every Alaska man who has discussed the subject of trade that Portland is in the largest and most desirable wholesale market in the Pacific northwest. Portland merchants, while perhaps more conservative in credits, carry much the largest stocks. In every line of merchandise dealt with in the Alaska trade this is true. The result is that Alaska merchants prefer to trade with Portland. The only serious handicap, it is said, will be the frequency of delays. There are 31 or 35 boats leaving Seattle weekly for Alaska ports in the busy season. The fast steamships now en route around the Horn for Seattle are to enter the Valdez run. It is claimed they will make the round trip to Valdez in five days. With boats like those on the run from Portland to the Seward peninsula there would be no question about Portland merchants being able to hold their own in the Alaska trade.

ACCUSED MAN APPEARS AS ATTORNEY FOR SELF

"Might just as well try my own case, and then if I do have to pay a fine I will not have any attorney's fees to put up with."

This is the policy of E. F. Giblin, tried before Judge George this morning on the charge of having sold tobacco to minors. The complaining witness, Arthur Nelson, aged 14 years, and Joseph Schnell, aged 15 years. Giblin's store is at 529 Union avenue, and Deputy District Attorney Galloway says that minors often have secured tobacco there. Giblin strongly desires that Nelson and Schnell be placed on the witness stand Giblin asked him: "Arthur, do you ever tell lies?" "Once in a while," was the quick reply.

In making his closing argument before Judge George, Giblin said: "A good boy is about the noblest thing God has ever put on the earth, but bad boys should be put in barrels and fed through a bung hole until they learn to behave."

ACCUSED MAN TURNS TABLES ON WITNESS

Thomas Dixon, charged with the theft of a watch and chain from A. L. Lewis, 23 North Fifth street, September 27, was discharged by Deputy District Attorney Mower in order that he might testify against Richard Bullock, arrested with him. Dixon testified that he had been given the watch to pawn and that Bullock asked him not to say anything about it. The witness accused Bullock of having stolen other watches.

Bullock was under the impression that he had been held as a witness against Dixon. Bullock denied ever having seen the watch offered in evidence. He said that he came to Portland last summer from Butte, Montana, and had more than \$500 when he reached this city. He said that he took Dixon to San Francisco with him to see the Britt-Nelson fight and that while they were in the Bay City Dixon stole a \$200 and \$125 from him.

LOYAL TROOPS CONTROL MUTINIOUS SAILORS

Journal Special Service. St. Petersburg, Nov. 10.—Seven thousand loyal troops now control Kronstadt, having caught the mutineers and surrounded them.

To Talk on New Zealand.

Alfred Foster, traveler and lecturer from Australia, will give a lecture tonight at the Men's resort and People's club, corner Fourth and Burnside streets, on New Zealand. The lecture will be illustrated with 130 beautifully hand-colored stereoscopic views. Admission is free.

The extent of the calamity which has befallen the Jews in Russia, where thousands have been slain and many other thousands rendered homeless and destitute, raises it far and away beyond any event that appeals simply to a sect or creed. It becomes indeed a matter that engages the startled attention of humanity the world over.

The Jews of Portland have been appealed to through Ben Selling for contributions which will be forwarded through channels which will quickly and surely reach the destitute, and they are nobly responding. As, indeed, they always do to such appeals. But in such an awful emergency as this they should not be permitted to bear the whole burden.

The cry for help appeals not alone to the Jewish citizens but to all humanity. Therefore, men of all creeds and no creed, men who have a feeling of compassion for the suffering and destitute and who would do what they can to relieve them, should come voluntarily forward and contribute what they can to a good cause.

A week ago there came to Portland a solicitor for the National Jewish hospital in Denver. He made no effort to engage the interest of any but Portland's Jewish citizens and they responded liberally. Yet that hospital receives within its doors people of all nationalities without discrimination and treats all precisely alike and without cost.

In their own charitable enterprises the Jews never ask outside contributions. No matter how heavy the undertaking they meet it and meet it in a way to evoke the admiration of all classes of citizens. They do not ask aid now. The suggestion of help comes from other creeds. The calamity is so stupendous and far-reaching that it should engage the attention of all classes and each should do its little part in a cause that so loudly appeals to all humanity.

As an evidence of its own good-faith The Journal heads this particular list with \$25. Any contributions that are sent into it will be acknowledged through the paper and the amount turned over to Mr. Selling, through whom it will be forwarded where it will do the most good.

Let all the people of Portland respond to the call of humanity.

SIX DIVORCES GRANTED IN A MORNING TWO CONCERNS INCORPORATE WITH BIG CAPITAL

Judge George Allows Petitions of Five Wives and One Husband.

Anna Wick, on the witness stand in Judge George's court this morning, told of the cruel way in which her husband, John Wick, had treated her, alleging that he had "destroyed her health and happiness." She said that during December, 1904, Wick unmercifully beat her about the face and body and during the following February he once knocked her down. She now resides in a home and now resides at Fairbanks, Alaska.

Glodion from H. H. Wendling. They were married in this city in 1885, and it was alleged that in April, 1905, the defendant deserted his home and now resides at Fairbanks, Alaska.

Mary Sprague from Don. Married in Portland on October 22, 1894, the plaintiff averred that six months afterward she was forced to go to work. She also said that her husband was an habitual drunkard. She was restored to her maiden name of Mary Rankin.

Elizabeth Jane Roberts said that her husband, George, came home one night during August, 1904, and told her that he was going to pack up his clothes and leave. He kept his word. They were married July 12, 1884.

Annie L. Hatcher was married to James Q. Hatcher on Albany, Oregon, Dec. 18, 1878. She testified that her husband deserted her two years ago, but before that he had often beat her. John E. Young was granted a divorce from Maud E. Young.

PREPARING ORDINANCE FOR GARBAGE SYSTEM

Councilman Shepherd is preparing an ordinance providing for the installation of a municipal garbage system which may be introduced at the next meeting of the city council. He proposes that the city shall assume entire charge of the collection and consumption of garbage.

There is a difference of opinion about the necessity of having to submit the proposition to a vote of the people before taking definite action for acquiring property necessary to operate such a department and a friendly suit will be brought against the council in the circuit court to decide the matter. Members of the council are determined to place the garbage plant under municipal control. It is claimed that scavengers are making a fortune collecting garbage.

ELECTION COMMISSIONER DENIES FRAUD CHARGES

Journal Special Service. New York, Nov. 10.—Election Commissioner Voorheis this afternoon, in discussing the reports that ballot boxes had been dumped into the river, said:

"There is nothing to this talk about missing ballot boxes. The board of election knows exactly how many boxes it gave out and how many were returned. The city council this afternoon, Thomas B. Sheridan, the promoter of the road, and his attorneys and a large number of people opposed to the granting of the franchise in Front street are before the city council this afternoon. It will take weeks before the ordinance is ready to be presented to the city executive board to have a valuation fixed on the franchise."

RAILWAY COMPANY PAVES BAD STRETCH OF STREET

The Portland Consolidated Railway company has a large force of men repairing First street between Madison and Jefferson streets, where the rails stood several inches above the pavement. Belgian blocks are being laid where the company refuses to put them in last winter and the remainder of the street south is being repaired between the tracks.

The thoroughfare will be dressed with crushed rock or gravel in order that travel may be continued over it until a new hard surface pavement is laid. It is said the property owners are going to ask for a bitulthite pavement.

Hurt by Live Wire.

A. E. Nevert, employed at the plant of the Portland General Electric company, narrowly escaped serious injuries this morning while working at the company's plant at Seaside. An Allen street, accidentally in his hand came in contact with the wire and a heavy voltage of electricity passed through his body. He was removed to Good Samaritan hospital, where it is said he will soon recover.

One Company to Build Railway and Other to Control Water and Light Plants.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Salem, Or., Nov. 10.—The Willamette Valley Traction company and Willamette Valley company were incorporated this morning with a combined capital of \$3,050,000. The former is to build a railway and the latter to control and operate water and light plants in different parts of the state.

James A. Pershing, a prominent Chicago capitalist; I. W. Anderson, western representative of Rhodes, Sinkler & Butcher, Philadelphia bankers; A. Welch of Salem, manager of the Citizens' Light & Traction company; F. E. Sheridan, a Roseburg banker; F. W. Walters, mayor of Salem, and John H. McNary of Salem are the incorporators of the first named company.

A. Welch, C. B. Rhodes, representing a Philadelphia banking firm, and F. E. McNary are the incorporators of the second company.

MOTOR SERVICE MAY BE PUT ON BY NEW ROAD

Portland and Seattle Road May Install Cars Between Vancouver and Metropolis.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Vancouver, Wash., Nov. 10.—In connection with the recent announcement that the Portland Railway company would not use the proposed Columbia river railroad bridge rumors of a suburban gasoline motor service on the new Portland & Seattle road between Portland and this city are afoot. It is said that a frequent service will be established over this line, gasoline motor cars being used. The fare to be charged, it is semi-officially stated, will be low enough so that passengers may pay \$1.00 for a ride and from the Union depot and still ride as cheap as by the trolley fare.

The preparations of the Portland railway indicate that the next year will see a new ferry in service between Vancouver and the Oregon shore. With this improvement and the new treaty, the time between Vancouver and the Oregon metropolis will be cut down quite materially, probably to 25 minutes.

With competing lines, it is probable that Vancouver people would see a slight reduction in the fare.

FRONT STREET FRANCHISE QUESTION IS DISCUSSED

The franchise for the proposed Front street electric railway is under consideration of the city council this afternoon. Thomas B. Sheridan, the promoter of the road, and his attorneys and a large number of people opposed to the granting of the franchise in Front street are before the city council this afternoon.

It will take weeks before the ordinance is ready to be presented to the city executive board to have a valuation fixed on the franchise.

CONTRACTORS GETTING BUSY ON NORTH BANK

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) White Salmon, Wash., Nov. 10.—Contractors for the new railroad along the north bank are losing no time getting to work. One of the camps will be located at Underwood and another at a point opposite Mosier. Mr. Upright, of the right of way department, has been here for several days trying to adjust claims against the railroad company for the strawberry lands which it desires to acquire in the rear of the city for its roadbed.

Church Women Sew.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Fairview, Or., Nov. 10.—The Ladies society of the Presbyterian church met Thursday at the residence of Mrs. W. E. Ellison. The time was spent in sewing on articles which will be sold for the benefit of the society. Those present were: Mrs. M. C. Cornett, Mrs. E. Smith, Mrs. W. T. Scott, Mrs. George Lee, Mrs. A. L. Stone, Mrs. J. H. Stapleton, Mrs. A. O. Jackson, Mrs. W. W. Ascraft, and Mrs. W. E. Ellison. Refreshments were served while business matters came up for discussion.

TOO LAZY EVEN TO TELL COOK HIS NAME

Ernest Bjorklund is Too Lazy to Talk, and Quite Too Lazy to Work.

Ernest Bjorklund has earned the reputation of being the laziest man that ever appeared before Police Judge Cameron.

He was arrested yesterday by Patrolman Einar Lytle for defrauding a restaurateur and lodging house proprietor and a charge of vagrancy placed against him.

"What is your name?" queried the court.

"Bjorklund yawned. Then he muttered something inarticulate that sounded like the moan of a sleepy dog."

"What's that?" repeated the judge, leaning forward and placing his hand to his ear. The same answer was received. Judge Cameron consulted the complaint.

"Where do you work?" asked the judge.

"Bjorklund yawned again and leaned wearily against the table.

"Don't work," he drawled. "Stand up," ordered the court. The prisoner awoke away from the table and shifted his weight to one foot.

"Why don't you work?" "Can't find any."

"What made you tell these people you were working?" "Don't know."

Bjorklund yawned, but did not lift his weary chin from his chest. Reaching his cell he sank upon a couch. Jailor Branch in disgust gave up the attempt to get him to do any work.

"Life is too short to deal with a fellow like that," said the palmer.

POLICE SKEPTICAL AS TO SULLIVAN'S BANDIT WHEN CRUISING VAUGHN PREFERS A CAR

Investigation by the police has resulted in skepticism as regards the assertion of Ben Sullivan, a bartender at La Tona saloon, Fourth street, near Stark, that he was held up and robbed by a youth at the point of a revolver at Front and Lincoln streets at 10 o'clock last night. The supposed highwayman was seen to enter the saloon with a gun tucked under his arm. He was seen to get out of the saloon with a woman who was with him, and he was seen to get out of the saloon with a woman who was with him, and he was seen to get out of the saloon with a woman who was with him.

Hellyer was standing on the street when the young fellow, holding the revolver in his hand, darted by him, with a crowd in pursuit. He chased the fugitive and called to him to halt. A revolver was pointed at the officer and he stopped after firing two or three shots at the fugitive.

Immediately after the alleged holdup Sullivan informed the officer that he had been robbed of \$1 and a gold locket. A woman who was with him said she would know the robber "among a thousand."

"I reached out my hand and kept Mr. Sullivan's diamond cravat pin covered," she explained. "I could do this because I knew the highwayman would think I was simply clinging to him in fear."

Sullivan denied absolutely that he was walking with a woman when he was taken to police headquarters and protested his inability to give a description of the highwayman. The woman in the meantime disappeared and the police have been unable to locate her.

REPORT THAT PORTLAND WILL HAVE NEW THEATRE

It is announced that Colonel Fay Butler of New York and Baltimore, heading a syndicate representing the Actors' Association of America, will build a seven-story fireproof office building and theatre in Portland. The theatre will be a first-class theatre to represent the anti-trust theatrical people.

Propositions have been submitted for several sites, and Colonel Butler is expected to return to Portland soon and close the purchase of half a block of ground. The theatre will be located centrally with the following offices: President, George Randall, Sr.; vice-president, J. M. Old; secretary and treasurer, George Randall, Jr.; directors, August Staely, Frank Andrews and David Pennington.—The programme will be a distance of about nine miles and will have 50 or 75 subscribers along the route.

MASS MEETING WILL SWELL RELIEF FUND

The Russian congregation will hold a mass meeting at the synagogue, Sixth and Hall streets, Sunday afternoon at 7 o'clock. It is being held in aid of the relief fund for the benefit of the Jews in Russia. Prominent speakers will address the meeting.

Good Potato Crop.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Fairview, Or., Nov. 10.—The farmers in this vicinity are busily engaged at present in digging and shipping potatoes. Help for digging is very scarce this year and many of the potato-raisers had to hire Chinese for this purpose. Cansions of potatoes are being shipped from here every week and the crop is not near all marketed yet.

Messenger Boys Organize.

The Messenger Boys' Protective union, with a membership of 42 was organized yesterday through the efforts of the following: President, J. Thomas; vice-president, H. L. Leete; secretary, I. Garretson; treasurer, J. Klein; guide, H. Coleman; guardian, C. S. Kirkpatrick.

New Trade Mark.

The New York Central Lines have adopted a new trade mark, in form an oval, with solid green ground and heavy gilt border. It will bear the words "New York Central Lines" in white letters. After visiting Portland, Victoria and the sound cities, W. B. Jerome, general western agent of the lines, departs tonight for San Francisco.

No Hiss For Tavern.

R. L. Sablin, receiver of the late holdings of Augustus Kratz, was this morning ordered by Presiding Judge Frazier to readvertise facades of the holdings. Several bids have been received by Sablin for the Kratz cafe, but none for The Tavern.

BELIEVED O. R. & N. CO. HAS BACK OF BELLS DIBBIT OF THE JOBBER

McCracken Dock and Lot and Building Bring Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars—Willamette Boiler Works Property Also Sold to the Same Purchaser.

The McCracken dock and the lot and building occupied by the Portland River Milling company, 29,000 square feet of water front property, at the foot of Davis street, was sold today for \$75,000 by John C. Alnoworth.

Across the street, the dock and lot of the Willamette Boiler works, of the same dimensions, also was sold; no consideration was given out, but the value is approximately the same as that of the McCracken property.

The deal was made through C. K. Henry, who delivered his personal check for the first payment pending the preparation of the transfer papers, and the names of the purchasers are not obtainable.

There is every reason to believe that the property was bought by the O. R. & N. Co. and, even if not intended for that railroad company would operate to hinder the execution of plans for the belt line along Water street and the water front.

The McCracken property consists of a three-story brick building, 100 feet square, and dockage in connection containing about 10,000 square feet. It was built many years ago by W. S. Ladd and by him sold to the late Captain John H. Alnoworth in 1878. It lately has been rebuilt and is in good condition.

The property sold by the Willamette Boiler works is 100 by 200 feet, and on the lots are several buildings that were erected by the boiler company and which will be removed to another location not selected. The Boiler Works company is a corporation separate from the Willamette Iron works, but the controlling factors are the same.

There has been some conjecture that the two pieces were taken by the Northern Pacific Terminal company for the purpose of extending the yards at the Union station; they are adjacent to the present yards.

Well informed persons, however, said that the O. R. & N. Co. was the purchaser and that the latter's ownership of that property will be a serious obstacle in the way of the belt line plan. Mr. Alnoworth stated that he knew only that the McCracken dock property was sold, for he, of course, attended to the details of the sale from his end of the transaction, but as to who had bought it he was not informed.

Mr. Henry would not discuss the sale in any manner, saying that he was not at liberty to do so.

W. H. Corbett of the Willamette Iron works said that the boiler company's property had been sold to the same parties who bought the McCracken dock and building. He refused to divulge the name.

It is stated that there is keen inquiry for waterfront property owing to the extensive purchases that have been made lately by the Northern Pacific Railway company. The price paid for the tracts bought today is regarded as conservative.

ONE EXPERIENCE IN A SAILBOAT WITH COUNCILMAN SHEPHERD HAS SATISFIED COUNCILMAN W. T. VAUGHN THAT HE WOULD NOT MAKE A GOOD SKIPPER. LAST MONDAY WHILE ON A TOUR OF INSPECTION OF THE HARBOR WITH COUNCILMAN SHEPHERD AND PRESTON IN THE SLOOP ALBATROSS, THE BOAT EARLY CAPSIZED.

The councilman had started for the Albina waterfront to inspect the location of the proposed oil pipe line and had reached a point in the river off the Ash street wharf when a stiff wind sprang up. Shepherd went out on the jibboom to set the flying jib. Preston was left at the helm.

A sudden squall struck the boat and it heeled over. Vaughn was thrown off his feet by the sudden lurch. The wind sail was within a foot of the water and the boat was standing on edge. A list of three inches more would have caused the boat to capsize. After a few moments the wind subsided and the journey was continued.

When the time to depart came Councilman Vaughn walked half a mile to catch a streetcar.

FARMERS' PHONE COMPANY IS INCORPORATED

One of Purposes is to Arrange for Connections With Long Distance Service.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Oregon City, Nov. 10.—The Farmers' Telephone company was incorporated yesterday with the following officers: President, George Randall, Sr.; vice-president, J. M. Old; secretary and treasurer, George Randall, Jr.; directors, August Staely, Frank Andrews and David Pennington.—The programme will be a distance of about nine miles and will have 50 or 75 subscribers along the route.

G. W. Scramlin, C. I. Miller and S. N. Strubhar yesterday incorporated the Farmers' Home Telephone company, whose new own the independent systems, which have been consolidated with the principal place of business at Canby. There are 200 telephones on Scramlin's line and 150 on Miller's. The company is located in the vicinity of Mackaburg, Hubbard and Aurora.

FRENCH MINISTER RESIGNS AMID TUMULT

(Journal Special Service.) Paris, Nov. 10.—Bertheux, minister of war, resigned today, amid exciting scenes in the Chamber of Deputies. Bertheux and Etienne, minister of the interior, were hissed.

To Meet Portlanders.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Oregon City, Nov. 10.—Mayor Sommer received a letter this morning from Tom Richardson of the Portland Commercial club saying that the Portland business men's excursion through the Willamette valley would be at Oregon City Tuesday, November 15, from 12:40 to 1:10 o'clock p. m., and asking the Oregon City business men to be at the train. Mayor Sommer has issued a card asking all of the business people of the city to be at the Southern Pacific station at that time to give greetings to the Portland people.

Promoter Disappears.

(Journal Special Service.) New York, Nov. 9.—John W. Tisdale, a well known mining promoter and stock broker, has mysteriously disappeared from the Hotel Seville, and the entire police force is searching for him. It is feared that he has been killed and robbed.

Auto Motor Explodes.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Oregon City, Nov. 10.—The motor of Joe Goodfellow's automobile exploded yesterday while the owner was spinning along Main street. Joe was thrown out of the car, but neither he nor the machine suffered any considerable damage.

J. N. TEAL EXPLAINS WHY WHOLESALERS THINK ASSESSMENT TOO MUCH.

ARE RATED HIGHER THAN FIRMS IN SAN FRANCISCO

Attorney Also Points Out That Contributions for Public Improvements Amount Annually to More Than Taxes and Thinks This a Feature.

Arguments were advanced this morning before the county court sitting as a board of equalization, for the relief of some of the heavy wholesale and retail institutions of the city who complained that their taxes were assessed too high. Joseph N. Teal appeared for several of the jobbers, and made an elaborate statement on the case, which embraced a large amount of information regarding the assessments on like property in other cities, and the indirect burdens such business in this city is compelled to undergo for the general public.

On the percentage basis of the assessment, the question was precipitated. Assessor Sigler had made it a rule to assess all unbroken packages and what he calls staples at 75 per cent of their cost value, plus freight, while for broken packages the rate of assessment has been 45 per cent of the same valuation. Under this rule of assessment it is found that the Fleischner, Mayer & Co. establishment on the waterfront, valued at about \$70,000, while the Allen & Lewis company pays on a valuation of \$200,000. Mr. Teal showed that in San Francisco the largest institutions which could be located in Fleischner, Mayer & Co. was assessed at only \$40,000, while a wholesale grocery establishment that is much larger than that of Allen & Lewis is assessed at but \$150,000.

Taking these figures as a basis, many others, as the exemplar for his argument, Mr. Teal asked the board to consider the broad field of the southern concerns, their favored conditions, and contrast them with the more limited scope of operation opening to the local jobber, and not fix local rates that would add further handicaps to the Portland wholesaler.

In the course of the argument, attention was directed also to the fact that the big wholesalers and retailers of Portland are called upon time after time each year to make a contribution to some public movement. It is conceded by those informed on the subject that the big merchants who were indirectly discussed paid much more, indirectly, each year for work that accrued to the public than their taxes amounted to. Such indirect burdens as the open operation of the waterfront, and the like were cited.

The commissioners and Judge Webster agreed that these men did heavy duty for the city, and that the assessment of the waterfront was a heavy burden. The county court will not pass on the matter until late this afternoon or tomorrow, when the percentage taken by the assessor will be affirmed or modified. It is admitted that the actual value of the stocks carried by the merchants has been arrived at correctly, the only question being the percentage of valuation to be taken.

MANY HOMESTEAD ENTRIES IN UMATILLA CANCELED

Government Inspectors Find Numerous Squatters Fail to Comply With Law.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Pendleton, Or., Nov. 10.—According to reports, a number of homestead entries taken up a short time ago in this county have been cancelled as a result of an investigation by government inspectors. The homesteads are located in the Camas Prairie country, where many squatters, it is said, have failed to comply with the law. Some of the entries of the land have been appropriated by stockmen, the inspectors allege, without having taken the first steps to acquire the lands in a legal manner. This land is for a short time ago in this county. Some of the entries were cancelled as a result of an investigation by government inspectors. The homesteads are located in the Camas Prairie country, where many squatters, it is said, have failed to comply with the law. Some of the entries of the land have been appropriated by stockmen, the inspectors allege, without having taken the first steps to acquire the lands in a legal manner. This land is for a short time ago in this county. Some of the entries were cancelled as a result of an investigation by government inspectors.

ELECTION BY DAUGHTERS OF THE CONFEDERACY

At a meeting of the Daughters of the Confederacy last night at the residence of Mrs. Frances J. Kirby, 2 Fourteenth street, officers were elected for the ensuing year. They are: Miss Elizabeth Craig, president; Mrs. S. Jarred, vice-president; Miss Jennie Ainsley, corresponding secretary; Miss Hortense Craig, recording secretary; Mrs. A. M. Lee, treasurer; Mrs. W. H. Hamilton, historian; and Mrs. H. H. Duff, Mrs. Frances Kirby and Mrs. M. Lee, trustees.

It was decided to procure appropriate badges which will be worn by members in good standing. The next meeting will be held November 23 at the residence of Mrs. W. B. Hamilton, 430 Williams avenue.

TRUSTY DROPS RAKE AND SILENTLY STEALS AWAY

While cleaning the courthouse yard last Wednesday, George Loffel, a trusty, dropped his rake and walked away. Neither Sheriff Word nor Jailor Grafton has heard from him since. The escaped prisoner was convicted of larceny of June 12, and was sentenced to three months in the county jail. At the time of his arrest he gave the name of George Spoon, Loffel was 28 years of age, 5 feet 10 1/2 inches tall, has light eyes and dark hair. Sheriff Word has offered a reward of \$20 for his return.

SPECIAL GRAND JURY SWORN IN BURTON CASE

(Journal Special Service.) St. Louis, Mo., Nov. 10.—A special grand jury was sworn in today to investigate the government charges against Senator Burton of Kansas.