

### SALARY MATTER ONE FOR COURTS

Washington's Attorney-General Declines to Utter Definitive Opinion.

### PRIVATE ADVICE IN REPLY TO AUDITOR

Casual Investigation Reveals Apparent Support for Act, but it Must Be Brought to Court for Settlement.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Olympia, Wash., April 4.—State Auditor C. W. Clausen has submitted to Attorney General Atkinson the question of the payment of increased salaries to various state officials. In the following letter to the auditor: "The last legislature made raises in salaries of the following officers: "First—In an elective state office, to-wit: commissioner of public lands. "Second—In appointive offices for fixed terms, to-wit: members of the board of control and others. "Third—In the matter of employees who are not appointed for any fixed term, to-wit: deputy superintendent of public instruction and others. "Will you kindly advise me whether the said above acts are constitutional or not, and if I am justified in auditing and allowing said increased salaries?"

Act Has Considerable Support. Attorney General Atkinson has not given the auditor a formal opinion and probably will not do so. He today advised the auditor informally that he had made a casual investigation of the decisions of the courts in various states as to what constitutes a public office, and who are public officers; that numerous states hold that even secretaries of boards and commissions appointed by the governor and public officers are such; that in most of the states having constitutional provisions similar to those of Washington, practically all appointive officers are held to be public officers; the attorney general considers that in most of the states having constitutional provisions similar to those of Washington, practically all appointive officers are held to be public officers; the attorney general considers that in most of the states having constitutional provisions similar to those of Washington, practically all appointive officers are held to be public officers; the attorney general considers that in most of the states having constitutional provisions similar to those of Washington, practically all appointive officers are held to be public officers.

### OPEN BIDS TODAY FOR LEVEES ON RED RIVER

(Journal Special Service.) Shreveport, La., April 4.—Bids for the construction of the Thompson levee, 40 miles above this city, on the Red river, and for the construction of the levee near Ficket station, 18 miles above, will be opened here tomorrow. The Thompson levee will contain about 32,000 cubic yards of earth, and the other levee about 35,000 yards.

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### RUSH ORDERS TO FINALLY LOCATE

Five Crews Eastern Oregon Engineers in Lake County on Third Survey.

### DESCRIPTION OF RICH VALLEY IT WILL OPEN

Lake County, Despite Altitude, a Most Favored Region, Its March Being the May of Others in Same Latitude—Inducements to Settle.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Silver Lake, Or., April 4.—The eastern Oregon railroad surveyors are again in evidence. After making two preliminary surveys they are now on the third, with five crews having rush orders for final location from the summit of the Cascade range eastward to Vale. The low desert of northern Lake county appears to be an ancient lake bed, filled with volcanic ash and washed from the surrounding hills. It is about 50 miles long and from five to 30 miles wide, with ground water at about 25 feet of depth. It is covered with sagebrush, with juniper in plenty on the surrounding hills. The altitude of the valley is 4,600 feet, or about the same as the Salt Lake valley in Utah, with much the same character of soil and climate. The Oregon Eastern railroad is projected and will be built the entire length of the valley, probably this year. It is an ideal stock, grain and alfalfa country, with room for hundreds of settlers.

### Immigrants Show a Paradise.

Lake county is beginning to realize on the spring immigrants, the white tops of covered wagons being seen, in procession and singly, on the main roads, almost daily. Sucker flat ranchers, near Christmas lake, in the desert that was, report crops of wheat, oats, rye and barley looking well. This is the second year from the sagebrush.

### The Central Oregonian, published in Silver Lake, is authority for the report that green onions and dandelion greens are in the market while snow squalls are yet frequent over the country and spring is only manifest in favored spots.

Bunchgrass on the desert is three inches high and the stock is doing well where the snow is off. Mineral Beds Exploited. The Christmas lake alkali beds in northern Lake county are being exploited for borax, saldsoda, saltpetre and other minerals which recent analysis show to be present in paying quantities. The Fort Rock section of the low desert is now being settled up, since the best of the land eastward of Christmas lake is taken.

### Fine Weather For Ranching.

Northern Lake county has had its share of rough weather in the nature of much snowfall, interspersed with chinooks, high waters and blustery March weather, but compared with the manifold weather troubles both north and south, which have been apparent here only through delay of mails for nearly a month, it is felt that this is a haven of peace and quiet. All stock has wintered well and since February 1 farm work and seeding have been possible almost every day.

### GRAND TRUNK SURVEYORS ON TWO YEARS' CAMPAIGN

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Vancouver, B. C., April 4.—A large survey force which will work from Fort George on the Cariboo road to the coast at the Squamish, at the head of Howe sound, in laying out the route of the Grand Trunk Pacific railway, left Ashcroft en route to Fort George this week. At the same time another large force that will work eastward from Fort George left Ashcroft. The members of the parties expect to be in the field off and on for the next two years.

### GRAFT IS FOUND ON THE ISTHMUS

Commissary Department of Panama Canal Construction Charges High Prices.

### COMPLETE BIG DITCH WITHIN FIVE YEARS

Three Dollar Shoes Cost Eight Dollars at Panama—Men Complain of Bad Meat—Visitors Get Better Food Than Men Do.

(Journal Special Service.) New York, April 4.—Congressman Rainey of Illinois, who spent eight days on the Isthmus of Panama has reached here on the steamship Colon with a very favorable opinion of the progress of the canal work, but a poor one of the commissary department. He said he had refused the courtesies offered him by the officials of the canal, as he did not want the cut and dried reception, such as he believed had been extended to the president and congressmen whose visits were announced long before they arrived. "I went through all the cuts," said Rainey, "and ate meals at the dining halls provided for the white employees and ordinary laborers. I found the best class of American mechanics there and the utmost enthusiasm exists among them. The rate at which the work is going on indicates that the canal will be dug and the locks completed within five years.

"There is no doubt of grafting on the Isthmus. For instance shoes for \$3 a pair can be bought in the United States for \$4 a pair. Freight down there has been made small, especially so that the employees might buy necessary articles at reasonable prices. They ought to be able to get shoes on the Isthmus almost as cheaply as in the United States. "When supplies are taken to the Isthmus at a moderate charge in steamships practically owned by the government, and bring such very high prices down there, it seems to me that there must be something wrong somewhere. The commissary department is entirely different from the commissary. Sanitation has been made practically perfect." Rainey said the men generally complained of the food, particularly of the meat. The meals served to congressional and other visitors are not the same as are served to the men, although the visitors are told so.

### NATIVE COPPER FOUND ON UPPER STATE CREEK

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Grants Pass, Or., April 4.—One of the richest strikes in copper ever made in southern Oregon was that of a few days ago on a claim owned by R. E. Hendricks of this city, located on upper State creek, 15 miles from Grants Pass. One huge chunk of quartz from the ledge, taken from the outcrop, has been brought to Grants Pass and is on display at the minerals exhibit room. The chunk is nearly half copper, the metal occurring in pure native state, warped and threaded through the rock as if newly melted and poured into porous quartz. The ledge is several feet wide and has been traced by the outcrop alone for a distance of nearly 1,000 feet. The exhibit from the strike has attracted much attention here, and has resulted in the property being investigated by mining men of means. R. E. Doan, an eastern capitalist and miner, has already secured an option on the property and expects to have it fully financed and adequately developed. Numerous strikes in copper have been made on the rugged mountains of upper State creek during the past three years, proving the existence of immense copper bodies in that district. Several claims are under development, and one group of claims is being opened up by the Buckeyes Mining company, an eastern corporation.

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### BIG ELECTRIC PROJECT IN CENTRAL MONTANA

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Helena, Mont., April 4.—The building of an electric line between Helena and Butte, besides the delivery of cheap power from the new dam on the Missouri river near here, signifies a great deal to the mining industry of central Montana between the two cities. An electric line will be built and will cost \$2,000,000. More than one half of the capital was subscribed in a single day in Helena and Butte. The line will tap several thoroughly developed districts, including Dry Gulch, Unionville, Rimini, where the Heine-Breen gold properties are situated; Basin and a score or more of others heretofore retarded by lack of power and cheap transportation. The new dam generates 25,000 horsepower and very cheap rates have been announced. There is a down-grade haul from the Rocky mountains to smelters in either Helena or Butte. There is a report in circulation that Helena will build a mill and smelter on the Missouri river for the treatment of his ores, and thus avoid all litigation, such as the Amalgamated is experiencing in Deer Lodge valley. Heine is one of the heaviest stockholders in the electric company.

### IMPORTS FRENCH RAMS FOR OREGON RANCH

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Shaniko, Or., April 4.—J. G. Edwards, proprietor of the Baldwin Land & Sheep company, located at Hay Creek, Oregon, has returned from his annual trip to North Wales, England and France, where he has passed the winter purchasing stock. The Baldwin Land & Sheep company ranch is conceded to be one of the largest and best equipped ranches of its kind in the world and is devoted to the breeding and raising of blooded sheep and horses. On his return from France last season Mr. Edwards brought a carload of registered Clydesdale sires and sows of the purest strain for breeding purposes. This season he brought over a consignment of Rambouillet rams direct from the government stock farm of France, which he purchased there for \$1,500 each.

### NEEDLE FOUND TO BE CAUSE OF PARALYSIS

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Weston, Or., April 4.—A most interesting and remarkable surgical operation occurred in Pendleton yesterday, when Dr. J. A. Best of that place discovered and removed a needle from the spine of a little boy from Weston, the 3-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Phillips. The child had been suffering from paralysis for some time, and after being examined by an X-ray the doctor concluded that the needle was the cause of the trouble, and immediately after it was removed the child recovered from his paralytic stroke.

### Aberdeen Boosters Elect.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Aberdeen, Wash., April 4.—At a large and enthusiastic meeting of the chamber of commerce the following officers were elected by acclamation: President, E. C. Finch; first vice president, J. D. Cray; second vice president, W. C. Harding; treasurer, E. C. Farth; W. L. Crissey, secretary. A new constitution was adopted, and the executive committee was given great power. The officers hold for a term of one year and meetings are to be held on the third Monday of each month. A number of new members were received.

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